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SUNDAY 20% Chance of Rain





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Summer bluets in full flower on the way down to Bolin Creek.

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FLORA BY KEN MOORE

A moment in time at a Carrboro special place

hat a surprise this past weekend to discover that the vast white penstemon fields of Mason Farm Biological Reserve came in second place to the mountain-like qualities of the Adams Tract section of Bolin Creek.

I had been looking forward to nature artist Robert Johnson's Nature Notes Workshop at the N.C. Botanical Garden because it was scheduled to take place during the peak flowering of the tall white beardtongue, Penstemon digitalis. The flowers were on schedule and the fields were spectacular.

In my estimation, those penstemon fields, in full flower, are as dramatic as any wildflower display anywhere, anytime, in the state of North Carolina. If you have not ventured out there for a viewing, you can catch the taleend of their flowering. Perhaps a tardy visit will make you mark your calendar to see them at peak next year!

The 14 students, ranging from a high school junior and two university students to retired folks, keen on the outdoors, all enjoyed learning Robert Johnson's ways of "being and seeing in nature" at both sites. It was Bolin Creek that really captured them.

The moss and lichen covered boulders and the melodic gurgling of the stream made it all worth the uneven walk up through the pine forest and down through the oakhickory forest to the edge of the creek. The setting charmed even Robert himself, who seemed transferred back to his mountain home at the base of Mount Mitchell.

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Atwater pleads guilty in state court

Sentenced to life in prison

BY SUSAN DICKSON Staff Writer

HILLSBOROUGH — Demario Atwater pleaded guilty on Monday in state court to first-degree mur-

der in connection with the death

of former UNC Student Body

President Eve Carson. Under the plea agreement, District Attorney Jim Woodall agreed to drop the death penalty in exchange for a guilty plea carrying a sentence of life without parole. Carson, an Athens, Ga. native who came to UNC as a Morehead-Cain scholar, was shot and killed in

hours of March 5, 2008.

Atwater, 23, one of two suspects in the slaying of Carson, pleaded guilty to first-degree murder, robbery with a dangerous weapon, first-degree kidnapping, possession of a firearm by a felon, felonious larceny and possession of a weapon of mass destruction.

Atwater said little during the hearing except to answer "yes" or "no" to questions from Judge Allen Baddour. Atwater did not address Carson's parents, Bob Carson and Teresa Bethke, or her

a robbery during the early-morning younger brother, Andrew Carson, who sat together in the front row.

Atwater's mother, Peggy Maybrey, sat opposite the Carson family and began to cry as Woodall discussed the details surrounding Carson's death.

During the hearing, Woodall explained how officers were able to arrest Atwater based on statements made to police by individuals who came forward with information about the case, including Atwater's girlfriend at the time, Shanita Love.

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laylor Boone (#10) of East Chapel Hill High School and Sarah Floyd of Leesville Road High battle for the ball last Saturday night during a fourth-round game of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association 4A East playoffs at East Chapel Hill High. Leesville Road won, I-0, to advance to the regional championship game, where they lost to PHOTO BY TED SPAULDING

Homestead Road development approved

BY KIRK ROSS

Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — After a lengthy discussion on the impact to nearby neighborhoods, the Chapel Hill Town Council voted 7-2 at its meeting Monday night at Town Hall to approve a development for the corner of Homestead Road and Weaver Dairy Road Extension.

Jack Smyre of the Design Response Group, who is representing the property's owners, convinced a majority of council members that a two-building commercial center planned for part of the Bridgepoint development would be used mainly by people already using Weaver Dairy Road Extension and would not add to traffic in the area.

In addition to the 24,700 square feet of commercial space, the plans were a good opportu-

Bridgepoint also would include a cluster of 23 townhomes on the

9.2-acre site. Council member Laurin Easthom, who lives near the proposed development, objected strongly to the project, saying she had concerns about increasing traffic on Weaver Dairy Road Extension and that the commercial space envisioned might not be viable. Easthom said Weaver Dairy Road Extension is considered by many

to be a neighborhood street. Smyre countered that the density around the development would be enough to support the commercial space and that most of those using the center would come from close by.

Several council members spoke in favor of the project, saying a greenway connection and traffic improvements agreed to in nity for the town.

Bridgepoint will contribute \$24,000 toward a traffic signal at Homestead Road and Weaver Dairy Road Extension. Those funds will be combined with \$39,000 in funds previously collected from Larkspur and Vineyard Square for the intersection improvement.

Eastom and council member Gene Pease voted against approving the project.

Also on Monday night, the council approved plans for a \$554,900 U.S. Department of Energy grant that will support the Chapel Hill Energy Strategy, a plan to upgrade public facilities and create a program to help residents make energy-conservation improvements.

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School advocates call for tax increase

BY SUSAN DICKSON

Staff Writer

More than 40 people voiced their opinions on the county manager's proposed 2010-11 budget at a public hearing before the Orange County Board of Commissioners in Chapel Hill on Tuesday, many of them in favor of raising taxes to fully fund the school boards' requests.

County Manager Frank Clifton's \$174.9 million budget includes no increase in the property-tax rate and across-theboard cuts to allocations to county departments and services, nonprofit agencies and both school districts.

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Carrboro town budget cleared for final approval

BY KIRK ROSS

Staff Writer

CARRBORO — The Carrboro Board of Aldermen agreed Tuesday night to a change in its living wage and plans for a review of pay policies, clearing the way for approval of the town's \$18,525,685 fiscal year 2010-11 budget.

At a public hearing on the budget at Town Hall, the board members heard from Allison de Marco of Orange County Justice United, a coalition of Orange County churches and nonprofits that has made raising local governments' wages for its lowest-paid workers a top priority. The group had asked for the town to consider a jump to \$13 per hour from its current base wage of \$10.12 per hour.

De Marco said the group appreciated the difficult circumstances local governments were faced with this year

and could accept Town Manager Steve Stewart's proposal to raise the base wage to \$11.78. She asked that the town find a way to index the livingwage rate so that it is not eroded over time by increases in the cost of living.

Later, during a work session on the budget, board member Sammy Slade agreed that the town needed to find some way of making sure wages kept up with the cost of living. "We can't have this be piecemeal," he said.

The board approved a motion by Dan Coleman setting the \$11.78 rate and for a comprehensive review of the town's wage policies.

For the past two budget cycles, the slumping economy and the cost of adding and staffing a second fire station has led Stewart to not allocate funds for an already approved pay-forperformance plan. The budget does include a one-time bonus of \$455 for each full-time employee and a bonus for part-time employees pro-rated for hours worked.

The budget keeps the town's tax rate at 58.94 cents per \$100 valuation. The board is scheduled to vote on the budget at its June 15 meeting. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at Carrboro Town Hall.

Also on Tuesday night, the board held a public hearing on the proposed Litchfield subdivision off of Homestead Road.

The development, located west of the Claremont subdivision and east of Lake Hogan Farms, would include 34 homes on 13.9 acres. The main access on Homestead Road would be located directly across from the Wexford subdivision. Lucas Lane, the proposed neighborhood's main street would also connect to the existing stub out at Cla-

Several board members objected to a part of the plan showing two recreation fields with Lucan Lane routed between then. Randee Haven-O'Donnell said one large area rather two with a road in the middle made more sense.

Architect Phil Post, who represents developers Homestead Partners LLC, said changing the configuration around might compromise some of the other town priorities such as protection of hardwood stands and stream buffers.

The board is scheduled to review the project again on June 22.

Also at Tuesday's meeting, the board continued a public hearing on stream-buffer requirements and another public hearing on revisions to the town's affordable-housing ordinance.

Community

Calendar

THURSDAY, MAY 27 Elaine O'Neal to speak at FRANK Gallery — The topic will be "A Color Embellishment with Stitches."

5-8pm. Free. www.frankisart.com Improvisation Class at ArtsCenter — For 6th-12th graders. www. ArtsCenterLive.Org

Friends of the Downtown — Aaron Nelson, director of the Chamber of Commerce, will discuss the economy of the region, Chapel Hill, and the downtown. Great Room above Walgreens. 9:30am

FRIDAY, MAY 28 **Acting Class at ArtsCenter** – For K-3rd graders. 4-5pm. www.

ArtsCenterLive.Org Hillsborough Gallery of Arts Opening Reception — "The Secret Life of Trees" turned wood by Pat Lloyd, paintings by Kim Wheaton and quilts by Katherine Nelson. Show runs

through June 19th. Opening reception

6-9pm. www.hillsboroughgallery.com Last Fridays Arts Walk in Hill**sborough** — Hillsborough Artists Co-op - Skylight Gallery. Landscapes by TW Johnson. Reception 6-10pm

Yellow Brick Road - An Evening at the Library — An open house at the Orange County Main Library will be held to promote awareness of the paver campaign. A "Find the Paver" contest, refreshments and an old-time Appalachian band mark the festivities. 6-8pm Info: 929-245-2525

SATURDAY, MAY 29 Walk With Purpose For Josh's

Hope — The three-mile fundraising walk begins and ends at Orange United Methodist Church in Chapel Hill The three-mile fundraising walk begins and ends at Orange United Methodist Church in Chapel Hill. Josh's Hope Foundation was established in memory of Joshua McCabe Bailey, a 20-year-old Chapel Hill resident who was murdered July 29, 2008. Josh's Hope Foundation raises funds for probrams that provide treatment services and supports for transitioning young adults, ages 18 to 24, who struggle with mental illness or dual diagnoses of mental illness with substance abuse issues. Info: www.joshshopefoundation. org. 8am

TUESDAY, JUNE I Movie Nite at Chapel Hill Li-

brary — "Mad Hot Ballroom" to be shown in the Meeting Room. 6:45pm. Free. Info: 968-2780

Lecture at Central North Carolina Mineral Club — David Duddles will lecture on "Gems and Minerals From California" and display specimens from his collection. Seymour Center: 7:30pm. Free

THURSDAY, JUNE 3 No Permission Slip Required

— A private coach bus trip to the newly re-opened North Carolina Museum of Art will leave from the Chapel Hill Museum. Lunch will be served. 10:30am-4pm. \$100/person. www.chapelhillmuseum.org/Events/ PartyWithAPurpose/

"The Art of Beekeeping" — Local beekeeper Jack Tapp will speak on the

art of beekeeping. Come taste different local honeys and meade. FRANK Gallery. 6pm. www.frankisart.com

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

"Bee, I'm Expecting You" — Features works dedicated to the beauty of bees. There will be photographs, painting, pottery, sculptures and jewelry inspired by bees. FRANK Gallery. 10am-6pm. www.frankisart.com

Teen Opera on Female Bullying "One False Move" by Susan kander will be presented by local middle and high school students June 4-June 6, Elizabeth Kenan Theatre. 7:30pm. \$15 adults/\$10 students. www.longleafop-

SATURDAY, JUNE 5 Susan Soleil at OC Main Library

Master Bookbinder Susan Soleil will be at the Meeting Room of the Orange County Main Library, Hillsborough, to speak and take book restoration orders. 20% of the proceeds will be donated to the Friends of the Orange County Public Library. 10am. Info: call 919-245-2525

Hootenanny — To Benefit the Haw River Learning Celebration. Live music with Jimmy Magoo, String Peddlers, Good Rocking Sam and Down River. Live art auction on the lawn at Chatham Mills. 5-8pm. Suggested donation \$5-15. www.hawriver.org

Chapel Hill/Carrboro Mothers Club Fundraiser — The club will be holding a Trike-A-Thon to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Bring your kids and their trikes and helmets to the FPG Child Development Institute, 105 Smith Level Road, to trike around the track for a great cause. contact Jill at jillhadden@gmail. com for the waiver and sponsorship forms. 9-11am. Raindate 6/6

Sex and the Single Plant:

Pollination — A 4-week class on Saturdays at the North Carolina Botanical Gardens which studies the relationship between flowering plants and the mechanisms that attract pollinators. I-4pm. Registration: www. ncbg.unc.edu

Native Plant Propagation Workshop — North Carolina Botanical Garden. Llearn basic techniques for seed and vegetative propagation. I-4:30pm. www.ncbg.unc.edu for fees

Celebrate National Trails Day at **Battle Park** — Join the trail building efforts of the North Carolina Botanical Garden by taking a short trail tour and orientation to Battle Park, led by Curator Stephen Keith. A trail building work session will follow, with all tools and equipment provided. 9:30am-noon. Pre-registration required: 962-0522. Info: www.ncbg.unc.edu

Local businesswomen honored

Hargraves Community Center on Saturday.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority honored five black women

who have maintained businesses in Chapel Hill at a reception at the

The program recognized Norma Bell, Little Teddies Daycare;

Eva Barnett, Eva's Beauty Shop; Ethel Carver, EB's Restaurant and

Jenkins, Bettye's Flower Designs. The women's businesses have been

Catering; Sarah Carter, Airport and In-Town Taxi; and Bettye

Dance - Participatory

Ballroom— Fourth and fifth Thursdays, 7-9:30pm. Seymour Senior Center, 2551 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill. \$2, 968-2070.

Carrboro DanceJam — Free-style dance. First Fridays, 8pm, Balanced Movement Studio, 304 W. Weaver St., upstairs. 968-8776.

Ballroom Dance — Second Saturday of every month, recorded music Triangle Stardusters, 8-11pm, \$7 StarDusters members and students, \$12 others. Couples and singles are welcome, Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 4702 Garrett Road, Durham. 942-7232

Square Dance — NC Squares presents a square dance with live music by fiddlerWayne Martin and the Happy Valley Pals, caller Aaron Ratcliffe.. May 8, Pleasant Green Community Center, \$8/\$6 student, ncsquares.com.

Shag Dancing — Every Monday. Beginner class at 7pm, dance at 9pm. Free lesson first Monday of the month, 6pm. General Store Cafe.

Tango — Learn and practice Tango with the Triangle Tango Society. Open Eye Cafe. 8pm

Ongoing

Cancer Support — Support groups for cancer patients and their families. cornucopiahouse.org

Carrboro Chess Club — A casual meeting for people who like to play chess. All skill levels are welcome. Every Saturday. Jessee's Coffee and

Compassionate Friends —

Free self-help support for all adults grieving the loss of a child or sibling. Third Mondays, 7-8:30pm, Evergreen United Methodist Church. 967-3221,

Yoga for Everyone — UNC Comprehensive Cancer Support Program presents Yoga for Everyone. Each class will include a full yoga practice as well as exploration of physical movement, meditation, breathing techniques, and relaxation. All levels are welcome. Classes will be held on Mondays from IIam - I2:30pm. Carolina Pointe II, 6013 Farrington Road, Suite 101 in Chapel Hill. 966-3494

Walking Group — The Chapel Hill Area Women's Walking Group meets every Wednesday at Weaver St Market in Carrboro. 9:15am. Information: Julie (967-3221) or Marilyn (932-1411)

Saludamos Group Walks — Every Saturday. Front of El Futuro. 9am

Job Search Meeting — A networking and support group for job hunters. Wednesdays at Binkley Baptist Church. 9:30-11am

ext 26 to register

Needed — Make-A-Wish Foundation of Eastern North Carolina needs Wish Granters to visit the family and help determine the wish of the child while explaining wish procedures and using their creative side to make the wish truly magical. Wish Granters see first-hand the impact a wish can make on a child with a life-threatening medical condition. For more information, contact Lisa at 919-821-7111 or lbrinkerhoff@eastncwish.org

Breastfeeding Cafe — An informal

moms will be held every Monday from

representative will provide information

drop-in gathering of breastfeeding

I-2pm at The Red Hen. A La Leche

Tutoring — Hillsborough Police

Department and UNC Habitat for

Humanity offer tutoring sessions for

students in Orange County School's

Station, 501 Rainey Ave. Tutors are

students from UNC. Call 732-2441,

Wish Granting Volunteers

K-5 classes at the Community Policing

and answer questions.

Carrboro Branch Library — Storytime, Saturdays at 10:30am; Introductory Computer Classes for adults, Saturdays, 10am. Registration:

Chapel Hill Public Library -

Story Time, for ages 3-6; Junior Book Club, for readers grades I-3; Time for Toddlers, for stories, songs and activities; Baby Time, for children between 6 and 18 months; Teen Book Club, for teens in grades 6 and up; Bookworms Club, for grades 3-6, each month children in this program read and discuss different novels from a list of titles nominated for the N.C. Children's Book Award. Dates and times vary

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance Support Group — meets on tuesdays at Binkley Baptist Church. 7:30-9pm. Free. DBSAChapelHill@

Orange County Main Library

Brick Paver — Phase two of the popular brick paver campaign has begun. Pavers ordered before July I, 2010 will be added to those already in place at the main entrance. Proceeds will enahnce the new factility and its programs. Pavers are \$100 each and tax-deductible as allowed by law. Info: email bricksforbooks@gmail.com

Hillsborough Arts Council Seeks Submissions — For a Miniature Art Exhibition. Artists living in or who have studios in Orange, Alamance, Chatham, Durham or Wake counties are eligible to submit original works of art, any media. Work should be received by Saturday, June 19. The show will run June 23-July 23. Info: www. hillboroughartscouncil.org

Water Your Mind-Read —

'Water Your Mind—READ'' is this summer's theme at the Chapel Hill Public Library for adults ages 18 and older. The program runs from June 11-August 13. www.chapelhillpubliclibrary.org

Send your submissions to calendar@ carrborocitizen.com

Briefs

IFC receives gift from Food Lion

The Inter-Faith Council for Social Service recently received \$5,000 from the Food Lion Charitable Foundation to support the Smith/Monk Food Pantry Fund.

The fund is used to purchase essential food items when food donations are in short supply, helping to provide groceries on a monthly basis to local households in need.

The Food Lion Charitable Foundation provides financial support for programs and organizations dedicated to feeding the hungry in the communities it serves.

Chapel Hill issues services guide

The Town of Chapel Hill has issued a new and expanded 2010-11 Guide to Services. The guide is a comprehensive list of town services to help residents find the services they need in one publication.

The guide is available at the Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department, Chapel Hill Community Center, Hargraves Community Center, Chapel Hill Library, Chapel Hill Town Hall, Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, Chapel Hill Housing Department and Orange County/Chapel Hill Visitors

NAACP banquet on Saturday

The NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet will be held Saturday at 5:30 p.m. at the William and Ida Friday Center.

Rev. William Barber and Busta Brown will preside over the annual banquet, which is a fundraiser to support scholarships for local high school students. The fee is \$50.

For more information, call 475-6388 or 923-8479 or visit chapelhill-carrboro-naacp.org

Jabberwock Pageant on Saturday

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta will host the 2010 Jabberwock Pageant on Saturday at 6 p.m. at A.L. Stanback Middle School in Hillsborough.

The pageant is a fundraiser for scholarships and other publicservice projects for the chapter. Contestants are Vanessa Anderson, Northwood High School; Kourtney Barnes, Hillside High; Chanelle Clayton, Southeast Regional Magnet High; Ashley McLeod, Central Carolina Community College; and Della Purefoy, East Chapel Hill High.

Jabberwock Princess Court contestants are Cha'Quoyia Maria Dickerson, Morris Grove Elementary School, and Imaria Sanai Simmons, Glenwood Elementary.

The event is free and open to the public.

Race to benefit Children's Hospital library

Lending Legs for Learning will hold its first annual 5K fun run and walk-a-thon at the Bolin Creek Greenway on June 5.

Lending Legs for Learning was formed to raise money to purchase books for the Lending Library at UNC Children's Hospital. The books collected will benefit the parents, clinical teams and more than 70,000 children served by UNC Children's Hospital

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. on the day of the event at the Bolin Creek trailhead at the Chapel Hill Community Center off Estes Drive. The event will begin at 10 a.m. Registration is \$25 with a t-shirt or \$15 for adults and \$10 for children without a t-shirt. Donations of new or lightly used children's books (for children up to 18 years) will be accepted. Parking will be available at 104 S. Estes Drive or in the Wachovia parking spaces located in the Southwest parking lot at University Mall. Participants should not park at the Community Center.

Botanical Garden events

The N.C. Botanical Garden will hold several workshops and events in June. They include:

• Native Plant Propagation: Learn basic techniques employed in seed and vegetative propagation of Southeastern native plant species. June 5, 1 to 4:30 p.m., Botanical Garden;

• National Trails Day celebration: Join the trail-building efforts of the Botanical Garden. June 5, 9:30 a.m. to noon, Battle Park; and

• Sex and the Single Plant: Pollination: Explore the dynamic relationship between flowering plants and their pollinators. Saturdays in June, 1 to 4 p.m., Botanical Garden.

For more information or to register, call 962-0522 or visit ncbg.unc.edu

Exhibit features Chapel Hill police

The Chapel Hill Museum will feature an exhibit of the multifaceted history of the Chapel Hill Police Department in the museum's east gallery until Oct. 31.

The exhibit presents a story of caring for a town rife with youthful antics and educated, though often outspoken, adult citizenry, and includes information about the moonshining and prostitution of the late 19th century, as well as Chapel Hill's aging cold-case file. Community programs in late summer and early fall will ac-

company the collection of historical artifacts and documents.

in operation more than 50 years combined.

MOVIES We suggest you call for exact show times

CAROLINA THEATRE OF DURHAM

309 W Morgan St., 560-3030 Friday only, The Dark Crystal, 7 p.m.; Army of Darkness, 9:30 p.m.: The Secret in Their Eyes, nightly at 7 p.m. & 9:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.; Survival of the Dead, nightly at 7:10 p.m. & 9:10 p.m.; The Most Dangerous Man in America, Saturday at 2:20, 4:20, 7:20 and 9:20 p.m., Monday through Thursday at 7:20 p.m. & 9:20 p.m.



CHELSEA THEATER Timberlyne, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, 968-3005

City of your Final Destination; Babies; City Island

THE LUMINA

Southern Village, 932-9000 Robin Hood; Iron Man 2; Date Night; Letters to Juliet; Shrek Forever After

REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6 120 Banks Drive, 933-8600

Robin Hood; Shrek Forever After; MacGruber; Letters to Juliet; How to Train Your Dragon; Iron Man 2

THE VARSITY 123 East Franklin St., 967-8865

Alice in Wonderland; Slap Shot

Film Schedule Friday, May 28 - Thursday, June 3 Friday, May 28 only! Free Screenings! The Dark Crystal 7pm & Army Of Darkness 9:30pm The Secret In Their Eyes Nightly at 7 & 9:30pm Sat & Sun Matinees at 2 & 4:30pm George Romero's *Survival of the Dead* Nightly at 7:10 & 9:10pm Sat/Sun Matinees at 2:10 & 4:10pm The Most Dangerous Man in America
Sat at 2:20, 4:20, 7:20 & 9:20pm Mon-Thu at 7:20 & 9:20PM **September 1:20 & 9:20PM **September 2:20 & 9:2

Durham's Historic Movie Palace





Briefs

Memorial Day closings

The following local government offices will be closed or have schedule changes over the Memorial Day weekend:

- Carrboro Town offices will be closed on Monday with trash collection scheduled for Monday delayed until Tuesday;
- Chapel Hill Most town offices, including the Chapel Hill Public Library will be closed. Residential trash pickup scheduled for Monday will be picked up on Wednesday. Commercial service scheduled for Monday will be picked up on Tuesday and Wednesday. On-street parking meters, town-owned lots and the Wallace Deck will be free on Monday.
- Hillsborough Town offices will be closed Monday and trash pickup scheduled for Monday will be delayed
- Transit Chapel Hill Transit will not operate on Monday.
- Landfill and Solid Waste Convenience Centers Closed on Monday.
 - Curbside recycling No change.

Smith Level Road hearing on **Tuesday**

A public hearing on the latest state Department of Transportation plan for Smith Level Road resumes Tuesday night.

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen is scheduled to resume the hearing during their regularly scheduled meeting at Town Hall. The meeting begins at 7 p.m.

The new plan for the road calls for a two-lane divided road with a median from the Morgan Creek Bridge to BPW Club Road; a three-lane section from BPW Club road to Rock Haven Road and a roundabout at the intersection of Rock Haven Road. Bike lanes and sidewalks, a long-sought goal of the town, are included in the plan.

Waldrop named provost

Tony Waldrop, a researcher and former UNC track star who returned to his alma mater in 2001 to lead development efforts, has been named provost of the University of

Waldrop, the university's vice chancellor for research and economic development, will take his new position in Orlando Aug. 1.

Hearing on sales tax

The Orange County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Tuesday on a possible referendum on a one-quarter-cent sales-tax hike. The hearing will be held during the board's regularly scheduled meeting at the Department of Social Services Office, 113 Mayo St. in Hillsborough. The meeting starts at 7 p.m.

The public is asked to comment on a potential Nov. 2 referendum on an additional sales tax in Orange County. In 2007, the General Assembly granted county boards of commissioners the authority to levy, subject to voter approval, an additional one-quarter-cent county sales and

The additional tax would generate approximately \$2.3 million for Orange County on an annual basis. If approved by voters, the tax would take effect on April

County receives energy grants

Orange County will receive \$225,675 in energyefficiency grants recently named by the state as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The county plans to use the stimulus funds to install a ground-source heat pump, solar hot-water system and high-efficiency hand dryer at its Emergency Services facility; improve lighting, install a solar water heater and make other improvements at the Triangle Sportsplex; and improve lighting, upgrade heating and air conditioning, install a solar hot-water heater and other energy-saving improvements at the Piedmont Food & Agriculture Center. The total cost of the projects is estimated at \$451,350.

Chatham County budget hearing

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on June 1 to receive comments from residents on the county's proposed budget.

The hearing will begin at 6 p.m. in the multipurpose room at Central Carolina Community College.

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COUNTY

FROM PAGE I

The proposed budget represents a \$2.7 million decrease from the \$177.6 million 2009-10 budget and an \$8.9 million decrease from the 2009-10 amended budget. The budget maintains the

current ad valorem tax rate of 85.8 cents per \$100 of valuation. The proposal also recommends no increase in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools special district-tax rate.

Parents, teachers and other school advocates wore red in support of fully funding the schools.

Recommended funding for both school districts totals about \$84.1 million, or 48.1 percent of the general fund budget, and represents a \$1.3 million decrease from 2009-10 funding. However, the funding maintains the perpupil allocation of \$3,096, with most of the cuts to long-range and pay-as-you-go capital. Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools had requested a \$62 per-pupil increase, while Orange County Schools requested no increase to the per-pupil rate.

Several speakers asked the board not to reduce the school's capital budget, saying that older schools have pressing capital needs that would have to be funded regardless of the capital budget.

"We need the capital budget to keep our children safe and healthy while at school," said Elizabeth Welsby, the parent co-chair of the

Several parents spoke regarding specific programs that could be cut if the schools did not receive full funding, including the middle school dual-language program.

"Dual language is one of the reasons why we moved here to Chapel Hill," said Matt Zemon, the father of a first-grader and a kindergartner in the dual-lan-

tion that helps match families with "I would welcome and support any tax increase. The schools are really the engine of the growth in the county, and we need to do everything we can to maintain funding

Estes Hills Elementary School Improvement Team. She pointed out that older schools, such as Estes Hills, have leaky roofs, parking lots that flood and bathroom stalls without doors.

"I would welcome and support any tax increase," said Catharine Cummer, the mother of a thirdgrader and a rising kindergartner at Estes Hills. "The schools are really the engine of the growth in the county, and we need to do everything we can to maintain funding to allow schools to do their jobs."

guage program. "Unlike other proposed cuts, if the middle school program is taken away, they're going to lose their fluency."

Morgan Alderman, a seventh-

grader in the Chinese-English dual-

language program, spoke to the board in both English and Chinese. "If I didn't continue in middle school, I think I would've forgotten all of my Chinese," she said. "I think if we keep funding for dual language, kids will get better jobs

Representatives from Triangle get approval by June 15.

because they'll be more diverse, and

it sets us apart."

Land Conservancy, county libraries, the Board of Health, the Arts Commission and other organizations also plead with the commis-

sioners to fund their organizations. Several county residents spoke regarding the elimination of funding for the Child Care Services Association, a nonprofit organiza-

> child-care providers. The county provided CCSA with \$36,571 for 2009-10, and the organization requested \$40,675 for 2010-11. The county manager's recommended budget includes no funding for CCSA.

Linda Chappel, chair of CCSA's board

of directors, said the organization was told that it did not receive funding because it duplicated services provided by the county's Department of Social Services.

However, Chappel said the organization provided services for 675 families with 691 children last year. and more than 100 of those families said they were referred to CCSA by

The board is scheduled to review the proposed budget at a number of work sessions over the next month, with final bud-

Pedestrian operations net 47 citations

to allow schools to do their jobs."

BY SUSAN DICKSON

Staff Writer

— Crossing the CARRBORO street in downtown Carrboro can be tricky, with pedestrians having to wait seemingly long periods of time before motorists will stop to allow them to cross.

That issue inspired the Carrboro Police Department's pedestrian decoy operations May 10-14, in which officers issued 47 citations for failure to yield to a pedestrian. By educating the community, the department hopes to make getting across the street a little easier.

During the operations, plain-

clothes police officers in highly visible clothing entered crosswalks on foot as other officers monitored the crosswalks for violations. The decoy pedestrians entered crosswalks when an approaching vehicle in the opposite lane reached a location on the roadway determined by the total stopping distance for a car traveling the speed limit plus 10 miles per hour. That ensured that every driver had ample time to see the pedestrian and safely come to a stop before reaching the crosswalk.

Under the law, motorists have to yield to a pedestrian once he or she has entered a crosswalk, Capt. J.G. Booker said.

The police set up operations at crosswalks near South Greensboro and Carr streets, North Greensboro and Shelton streets and Hillsborough Road and Parkview Avenue, according to Booker. "It was more successful than we thought it would be as far as

citing violators, which is a little bit discouraging, because it really puts an emphasis on how big and consistent the problem is," he said. However, Booker said that

since the operations he had noticed more vehicles stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks, especially on the outskirts of town.

"I do think it's helped a little bit and I think we need to do it of in their own world."

again," he said.

Booker pointed out that bicycles also have to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, adding that officers had issued citations to bicyclists as well as drivers of cars and motorcycles.

"Anything that applies to a vehicle ... is relevant to a bicycle, because a bicycle is described in the statute as a vehicle," he said. "They have to follow all the same rules of

Booker said he hopes that the operations will educate the public about the law, adding, "I don't think most people want to violate that. I just think they're driving and they're sort

Trustees review Carolina North law school site

The UNC board of trustees al Assembly in this year's budget. American Reinvestment and Reare scheduled to review and pos-School of Law at a meeting today (Thursday) on campus.

The site for a proposed 287,000-square-foot facility is to the south and west of a site across from Piney Mountain Road for the university's Innovation Center. The law school site would anchor the first section of the main road through Carolina North.

The project is estimated to cost \$153 million and the university has requested advanceplanning funds from the Gener-

sibly approve a site at Carolina ering the next steps for a \$37.5 expand the facility. North for construction of a new million project at its Bingham Facility, an animal-testing center off N.C. 54 that has been a focus of concern for its neighbors and members of Preserve Rural Orange.

The facility has been repeatedly cited by the state over runoff and wastewater issues and last week the university was fined \$15,000 in civil penalties and \$1,612.48 for investigative costs over wastewater spills.

The university recently received a \$14 million grant from

The trustees are also consid- covery Act funds to improve and

Other projects up for review by the trustees Thursday are a

proposed \$7.5 million renovation for the Frank Porter Graham Student Union and a \$5 million upfit to Lenior Hall.

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Memorial Day Schedule **NO CHANGE in Curbside Recycling Services**

Solid Waste Services





The Orange County Landfill

will be CLOSED on Monday, May 31. All other landfill services including hazardous waste collection and mulch sales will be closed.

The landfill and all other services will reopen Tuesday, June 1.

Orange County Solid Waste Convenience Centers will be CLOSED May 31. Normal operating hours: 7:00 am-6:00 pm

will resume Tuesday, June 1. The Solid Waste Administrative Office, 1207 Eubanks Rd. will be closed on May 31.

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ATWATER

FROM PAGE

"He had told her everything about what had happened that day," Woodall said, adding that Love knew details about the case that had not been released to the public, including the types of weapons used – a sawed-off Harrington and Richardson 12-gauge shotgun and a 25-calliber handgun.

Woodall also described in detail what he believed happened the night Carson was murdered. She had stayed home to work on a paper at her Friendly Lane house while her roommates went out and was kidnapped by Atwater and suspect Laurence Alvin Lovette either from inside or just outside her home around 3:30 a.m.

"They were essentially in Chapel Hill looking for people to rob," Woodall said.

Woodall said they took Carson to two ATMs in her Toyota Highlander, where they withdrew \$1,400 from her bank accounts. Atwater and Lovette drove her car back toward downtown Chapel Hill, then turned into a quiet residential neighborhood, he told the court.

It is unclear how Carson ended up outside of the car, in the intersection of Hillcrest Drive and Hillcrest Circle. Woodall said Lovette shot Carson four times with a handgun, but the medical examiner believed she would have still been alive and able to communicate at that point. According to Woodall, Atwater then shot Carson in the head, a wound that was immediately fatal. She also had a wound to her right hand, which medical examiners believe came from the shotgun as she was trying to shield her face.

During sentencing, both Woodall and Baddour became emotional.

"This is indeed a sad day," Baddour said. "Things that we do in court are not statements. They're not meant to be a statement. What we do instead is seek some measure of justice, and while we strive to achieve perfect justice, we're usually forced to accept something less than that.

"Mr. Atwater, what you have admitted to doing was senseless," he said. "It does require that you spend the rest of your life in prison, and that is some measure of justice."

Carson's attorney, Wade Smith, gave a statement on behalf of the Carson family.

"We won't be talking to the court about how our lives are diminished without Eve," he read from their statement. "The effects of her death are both obvious and personal. We choose not to confront Demario Atwater. The selfishness of taking another's life is incomprehensible.... Today's outcome is neither adequate nor good, but the court's acceptance of the guilty plea with a sentence of life in prison honors our wishes."

Woodall said the family's wishes were a major factor in his decision to accept Atwater's plea.

"They needed to have closure," he said.

In addition, Woodall said it was his understanding that Carson would have been opposed to the death penalty.

The plea comes a little more than a month after a similar deal for Atwater in federal court, in which officials agreed to take the death penalty off the table in exchange for a guilty plea with a sentence of life without parole. Atwater is scheduled for sentencing in federal court on Sept. 23.

The state cannot seek the death penalty against Lovette because he was 17 at the time of the murder. Woodall said he would know more about the timeline for Lovette's trial by the end of June



An exhibit of posters created by children and adults to promote animal welfare is on display at the Carrboro Branch Library at McDougle Schools until June 5. Participants include Karen Current, Nelson Herrera, Katalina Herrera, Ismail Suayah, Aliya Suayah and Khilil Suayah. They created the art in a workshop led by artist Kathryn DeMarco in conjunction with the exhibit "Artists to the Rescue" on display at the library. The artwork will eventually be part of the "Painted Chair and More" auction to benefit the Independent Animal Rescue. For more information, visit AnimalRescue.com

55 Not so hot

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HOUSE Calls

Physicians from the UNC Department of Family Medicine's YOUR HEALTH™ media bring you weekly information in response to your questions about health and medicine. Send your questions or comments to YOURHEALTH@unc.edu



This week in HOUSE *Calls*, we respond to questions about lumps under the skin and a common skin condition called rosacea.

Dear HOUSE Calls,

I have a lump on my arm. It has always been there, just under my skin. It doesn't hurt. Should I be worried about it?

That's a really good question. No one likes the word "lump," as it is kind of a scary word. It really just describes something you can feel. We wonder about the exact location and size of the lump. You tell us some things about it that sound reassuring, such as it's been there for a long time. Assuming it's not growing or changing, these lumps are usually benign or non-cancerous. Also, we want to know if it is firm or soft. Of course, we would want to feel the lump to give our best opinion. If it's right under the skin as you say, it's more likely benign and something simple like a cyst. It could be a fatty cell tumor, known as a

lipoma, that is also benign but can grow to larger sizes. Finally, it can, unfortunately, still be something more serious, like a lymph node from a related cancer. It is the kind of thing that you should get checked out the next time you're in your doctor's office. People like to describe their rashes and lumps to their doctors, but the reality is that seeing and feeling a lump is worth a thousand words.

Dear HOUSE Calls, My sister has developed really red cheeks. She has been using lotion and washing her face a lot but it isn't getting better. Someone told

using lotion and washing her face a lot but it isn't getting better. Someone told her she might have rosacea. Is this something that she needs to see the doctor about, and is it dangerous?

Speaking of rashes, it's difficult because many things can cause red cheeks, including dry skin, medications and infections. A visit with your sister's doctor could help her clarify the diagnosis pretty quickly. Rosacea is one of the most common such rashes on the cheeks

of adults between ages 30 and 60, though it also occurs in younger people. It can cause the blood vessels of the skin to become larger, which makes your cheeks or face look flush. Rosacea can also cause red streaks where you see the blood vessels close to the skin. Rosacea frequently gets worse when you eat spicy foods, if you go from a cold environment to a hot environment or if you drink alcohol. Look for a rash too around the nose, cheeks, chin and forehead. with bumps similar to acne. Rosacea is not, however, dangerous. Your sister probably should go to her doctor, because many effective treatments exist. It is a chronic condition with the goal of control, not cure.

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.

COUNCIL

FROM PAGE I

The improvements include upgrades to lighting, heating and air-conditioning, weatherization and more-efficient equipment at public facilities. The town will also offer residential financing and incentives for

energy-efficiency improvements to homes and small businesses. In other action the council:

• heard a report on discussions between representatives of St. Thomas Moore Church and the St. James Place neighborhood on buffer requirements as part of the church's expansion project;

• continued a public hearing Fordham Boulevard.

on the town's tree protection ordinance until September 27;

• Authorized \$8,000 in matching funds for a \$32,000 grant from the Metropolitan Planning Organization for a traffic study as part of a longrange look at the impact of redevelopment in the area around Ephesus Church Road and Fordham Boulevard.

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Citizen Cryptoquote By Martin Brody For example, YAPHCYAPLM is WORDSWORTH. One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the two O's, Y for the two W's, etc.. Apostrophes, punctuation, the length and formation of the words are all hints.

"Dangerous Words?"

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Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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PETS OF THE WEEK

PAWS4EVER — **Wendy**

is a 7-year-old grey-and-orange domestic medium-hair mix. After being a good, loyal kitty for seven years, Wendy was dumped at the county shelter because her owners got a dog that didn't like cats. When we transferred her to our facility, she was covered in fleas and had a horrible flea allergy. Her beautiful coat is starting to grow out and her skin is feeling much



better. She tends to sit by herself in a soft cubby hole away from everyone. When you sit on the floor next to her, she looks at you with her big eyes and starts rolling around and letting you pet her, even her belly. She is a tiny girl that will always look like a kitten. Like our girl Theia, she has had unfortunate dealings with humans but is still forgiving, just a little wary. Come on in and visit with little Wendy. The future looks much brighter for her. And who knows, maybe you're the one that is foreseen in it. Contact Paws4Ever, 6311 Nicks Road, Mebane, or call 304-2300. You can also go online at paws4ever.org

ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES —

When it comes to this duo, two heads really are better than one! **Reagan** and **Kaley** are a pair of 8-week-old brown tabby kittens that are adorable and super sweet! They love people and will crawl right up in your lap for some loving as soon as you stop by



to visit. Once there, they're happy to plop down for some cuddle time and ear rubs. You won't find a sister pair this cute and sweet many places. Don't let them pass you by! Visit them at Orange County's Animal Services Center, 1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill or call 942-PETS (7387). You can also see them and other adoptable animals online at co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/adoption.asp

Briefs

District honors teachers, principals, staff

Takiyah Baptist, a kindergarten teacher at Ephesus Elementary School, was named Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School's Teacher of the Year for the 2010-11 school year at the district's annual award reception on last Friday.

Baptist, who has been teaching for seven years, received a \$1,000 check from Harrington Bank and gifts from local businesses. Baptist holds degrees from NC A&T University in elementary education and professional English.

Denise Shaw of Frank Porter Graham Elementary School and Hans Hiemstra of East Chapel Hill High School were selected as honor teachers. They both received checks for \$500 from Harrington Bank and gifts from local businesses.

Emily Bivins of Carrboro Elementary School was honored as the district Principal of the Year, while Culbreth Middle School's Lynne Goodhand was named Assistant Principal of the Year.

A number of other teachers and staff members were honored for achievement, years of service and retirement. A full list of those recognized can be found at the district website at chccs.k12.nc.us

International Educator of the Year

Carrboro Elementary School teacher Luz Mery Suarez has been named one of five 2010 International Educators of the Year by the Visiting International Faculty (VIF) program.

Suarez, a native of Bogota, Columbia, teaches first grade in Carrboro's Spanish dual-language program. She has been teaching in the VIF program for two years and was selected for innovation and initiative in the classroom. In addition to helping her students master new languages, she has created opportunities for her students to broaden their perspectives by exploring other cultures and countries.

This is the second time a Carrboro Elementary teacher has received the honor in the past two years. Helen Crompton of the United Kingdom received the award last year.

Middle school students recognized by TIP

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools have 15 seventh-graders who qualified for Grand Recognition in the Duke Talent Identification Program (TIP) this year.

The Duke TIP program is a nonprofit organization dedicated to being a national leader in identifying academically talented students and providing innovative programs to support their educational development.

To qualify for Grand Recognition, students must exceed a score of 670 in math or 650 in critical reading or writing on the SAT or exceed a total score of 1850 on the SAT. Students may also qualify by taking the ACT and earning a score in science more than 26, an English or math score more than 28, a reading score of more than 30 or exceed a total score of 26.

Students who qualified are: Sarah Frank, Samuel Kennedy and Evan Scope Crafts from McDougle Middle School; Alexander Chang, Grace Gelpi, Vinay Kshirsagar, Irene Wallen and Blaise Whitesell from Phillips Middle School; Grace Gollmar, Daniel Lee, Addy Liu, Rohan Reddy, Lauren Su and Katherine Wang from Smith Middle School; and Hans Singh from Culbreth Middle School.

The district had a total of 135 seventh-graders who took the SAT or ACT, and of those 89 qualified for state recognition in the Duke TIP program. To qualify at the state level, students must earn either a 500 in writing, a 510 in critical reading or a 520 in math on the SAT.

National Merit Semifinalists

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools have 29 students selected as 2010 National Merit Scholarship Finalists.

From Carrboro High School, the following seniors were selected: Jesse Holloway, Sam LeBlanc, Alec Mercolino, Tess Micheli and Andrea Stein.

From Chapel Hill High School: Jacob Hoerger, Ji Yoon Lee, Eliza Longnecker, Ronald Mann, Alexander Smith, Madeleine Williams and Lucy Yin.

From East Chapel Hill High School: Nikolaus Axmann, Aman Bali, Joanna Barnett, Gabriel Blanchard, Adam Edelman-Munoz, Marisa Iritani, Kiron Lebeck, Neil Lebeck, Haoru Liu, Camille Mathey-Andrews, Elliott Schwartz, Nicholas Smith, David Tyson, Kening Wang, Lydia Wang, Nancy Wang and Bruce Wei.

The National Merit Scholarship Program is a privately financed academic competition that began in 1955. High school students are eligible for the Merit Program by taking the PSAT/NMSQT, a test taken by more than a million entrants each year.

Volunteers needed for Project Graduation

Preparation is underway for the 17th annual Project Graduation, an alcohol-free and drug-free celebration for seniors from Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools to safely celebrate their graduation night.

Project Graduation will be held on June 12 from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. at the UNC Student Union. Only graduating seniors and their invited guests will be able to attend this free all-night celebration, which features food, music, games, shows, prizes and college scholarships.

Project Graduation is funded entirely by donations from area businesses and residents. Sponsors for donations and food, volunteers for the night of the event and financial contributions are greatly needed. Visit the website at projectgraduationchccs.org for more information and opportunities for volunteering and donating.

Students speak up at first annual youth summit



Chapel Hill Youth Council member Daniel Woldorff leads a discussion about improving environmentalism in area schools as part of the CHYC's youth summit "Speak up! Speak out!"

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BY KATE GRIESMANN

Staff Writer

CARRBORO - "SMART Boards are cool and all, but you don't *need* to have them." "They are no better than projectors."

These were just some of the comments on the device that is becoming a popular feature in classrooms these days, made by students gathered for the "Keeping it Green/Environment" breakout session offered at the Chapel Hill Youth Council's summit, "Speak up! Speak out!" on May 22.

Session facilitator and Chapel Hill Youth Council member Clara Casabo added SMART Boards to a list of subjects the school system could investigate in order to save money and be more environmentally conscious. Also on the list: air conditioning and heating that can't be controlled by teachers, lights left on overnight, saving paper and greening up cafeterias.

When Casabo's co-facilitator Daniel Woldorff asked how many people thought SMART Boards were a waste use of school funds, a flood of hands flew up. Only two students thought SMART Boards were a good use of money.

Conversation then turned to how the group of 30 rising eighth-to-11th-graders could make their opinions and concerns known to school, county and state decision makers. That question, in essence, was what 'Speak Up! Speak Out!" - the first summit of its kind spon-

cil, made up of area high school students, is dedicated to promoting activities, services and projects that benefit area youth. Members, who can attend public, private, home or charter schools, are given opportunities like the youth summit to practice leadership and democracy skills that will help them become involved citizens.

"Speak up! Speak out!" was created to let students explore ways to have a positive impact on their community by learning ways to act on their interests and concerns, and be heard.

Other topics covered in breakout groups included sexuality and relationships and teen roles in government. There was a writing workshop, and the summit also included musical performances, poetry readings and a gallery walk.

An adult session, titled "Allies in Action" was offered for parents and community members.

Down the hall from Casabo and Woldorff's session, a large group of students loudly debated ways to reduce racial profiling at school. Next door, three sex educators answered student questions ranging from HIV and STD transmission to ways to discuss safe sex with peers and partners.

A smaller group of students discussed the implications of teaching to the test and responsibility for student apathy: whether it's that teachers don't inspire, or that students just don't care. "There is responsibility that falls on us as students," one particisored by CHYC – was all about. pant said, summing up the theme The Chapel Hill Youth Coun- of the summit.

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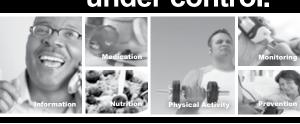
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FROM THE EDITOR

At our core

Over the next few weeks, the local governments in our area will make their final calls on how to best confront what is universally a time of constraints.

It's pretty simple to just say that government, like the rest of us, has to cut back. For starters, the rest of us aren't mandated to provide for the health, welfare and safety of all of our neighbors. And considering the slashing of local budgets in the past two years, there are places where the budget knife is poised perilously close to bone.

The outlook ahead is still not good. There may be some bright spots on the horizon, but blue skies? Not for a while, not even in Carolina.

This will be a tough year. Most of them are for one reason or another. But this is the kind of year that is the measure of a community, its heart and soul, a time when our collective compassion is challenged.

Not long ago, we were a prosperous place, or at least it appeared that way. Orange County has always seemed a wealthy county, but although we are near the top of the state in terms of per capita income, we're about even with the state average in the percent of our citizens living in poverty.

In truth, we have long been among the most stratified counties in North Carolina. Part of that is because we are also one of the more expensive places to live.

For the poor and those struggling to keep up, the recession has drained savings and strained resources. Contributions to service and support organizations are way down as well, while demand increases.

We may have touched bottom, but it's still a long swim back up. There are many things that can wait until next year. Compassion is not one of them.

Kudos

Congratulations to Norma Bell, Eva Barnett, Ethel Carver, Sarah E Carter and Bettye Jenkins, who were honored at a ceremony at the Hargraves Center last weekend by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority of Chapel Hill, Mu Omega Chapter, for their leadership in business and their tenacity in keeping their enterprises thriving. Until now, these women were unsung heroes in our community. We applaud them and the sorority for recognizing their efforts.

Clarification

Last week in the paper, we had board of aldermen member Dan Coleman expressing disagreement with the countv's economic development policy. Coleman points out that he was specifically concerned about plans for an economic-development district near Mebane and not a similar district in Hillsborough.

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A matter of life and death

IAN PALMQUIST

For years, North Carolina's AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) had the most restrictive eligibility level in the nation. This critical program is designed to make sure that low-income people living with HIV get the medicine they need to stay healthy and significantly reduce the risk of transmission.

A few years ago, the state was actually telling people who made \$14,000 a year that they should buy their own AIDS medicines, which

cost \$12,000 or more every year. People were literally choosing between rent, food and medicine.

Fortunately, the legislature took action in 2006 and 2008 to increase the eligibility level to the national

standard of 300 percent of the federal poverty level. Since that time, the program has served hundreds of people and has been something our state can be proud of.

This program isn't something that folks stay on forever. When people are on today's AIDS drugs, they can live healthy and productive lives. They often get jobs with insurance that allow them to get off the program.

When people aren't able to get these medicines, the outcomes are very different. Their viral loads are much higher, making the risk of transmission much greater. Often, they're too sick to work, driving them deeper into poverty. And people die unnecessarily.

ADAP has been working and preventing those deaths, but in February the program closed to new enrollment due to increased enrollment and lack of funding.

In just three months since the program closed, 481 eligible people have been put on a waiting list and turned away from the program. That's by far the largest waiting list of any state in the country, and there are more people added every week.

What does that mean? It means a young person who just tested positive can't access the program.

The state cannot continue to risk the lives and health of its citizens by turning people away from this critical program.

> Testing programs lose their impact if clinics can't connect their lowincome patients with care.

> It means that a worker who lost her job – and her health insurance - due to the economic downturn may have to go off of the medicines that have been keeping her healthy. That doesn't just put her health at risk, it can create drug-resistant strains of the virus that add to the public-health crisis in our state.

> It means that a kid who was born with HIV loses access to the drugs that have kept him alive his entire life the day he becomes an adult and ages out of Medicaid.

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by turning people away from this critical program.

Fortunately, Gov. Perdue took an important step by seeking an additional \$14 million in state funds to re-open ADAP to the lowest-income patients. That's movement in the right direction, but it's not enough to keep the program open throughout the upcoming fiscal year.

The legislature must take the governor's proposal and increase it to at least \$17.7 million to allow the program to reopen and

> remain open to serve low-income North Carolinians who need access to these drugs. Even with such a boost, ADAP's eligibility level would fall back to the shockingly low level it was a few years ago: 125 percent

of the federal poverty level. Budget writers face tough decisions this year, and many valuable programs that make our state a better place will be on the chopping block. None of us want to take away from other important efforts to fund this or that. But when legislators are weighing how to allocate health and human services funding, fully funding programs like ADAP that are literally a matter of life and death should

Ian Palmquist is co-chair of the North Carolina AIDS Action Network and executive director of Equality North Carolina.

be their first priority.

LETTERS

Reflections on the year from a thankful teacher

Recently, schools around the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School district are winding down the school year, preparing for final exams and reflecting on lessons learned from the past year. This past year, I learned a great deal. The greatest personal lesson from this past school year is the fact that the Chapel Hill-Carrboro communities are true communities, helping those in their greatest time of need.

Currently, I teach government and economics at Chapel Hill High School and reside in Chapel Hill, calling Sunstone Apartments off of East Franklin Street home. As I prepared my students to take the North Carolina End-of-Course Civics and Economics exam, I began reflecting on this past school year. Thinking back over the year, I began to remember all the good times I had with my students, truly connecting and engaging them in the political and economic processes of our local, state and national levels. After remembering the good memories from the 2009-10 school year, I began to reflect on one of the most difficult times in my life: the day my apartment (207 Conner Drive, Apt. 13) burned down.

It was a cool morning (October 22), when at 4:30 a.m. I was awaken by shouts instructing me to exit my apartment and the apartment building due to a fire. After watching my apartment burn down, along with all my belongings, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro communities began to mobilize to collect money and materials: starting with the students, teachers, staff, parents and friends at Chapel Hill High School. I

cannot thank everyone enough for their generous gifts, love and support given in the following days and months of rebuilding my life. This letter is written to thank everyone for their assistance. I am forever thankful and indebted to this community.

I look forward to the upcoming year with optimism and hope, where my strength is sustained due to the support of my community.

Thank you.

TOM GREENE Chapel Hill

Fund the libraries

I write, once again, to discuss library funding in Orange County. I have worked at the Carrboro Branch Library, the Cedar Grove Branch Library and the main library in Hillsborough.

It's all about the economy. The Orange County Board of Commissioners knows this and they face tough decisions. We are suffering an unprecedented economic crisis. And that is precisely why we need increased, or at the very least the same, funding for our libraries.

It's not just about books; it's about technology. There are many who cannot afford a computer or Internet access. A public library is the only place these people can go to look for and apply for work, the only place their children can research and type their papers and one of the few places a family can go for free entertainment and culture.

Yes, the Cedar Grove Branch is small and its patronage has not grown much. But to the families who use this library, it is essential. When I worked there, many, if not most, of our patrons came on foot. Even if they do have transportation, they can't afford

to pay to park to use the library in Hillsborough. If it's really necessary, hours could be cut, but I ask that the BOCC please not take this valuable and necessary resource away from these taxpayers entirely.

With regard to the Cybrary: Decreasing its hours will put an added burden on Carrboro Branch Library staff, and perhaps more importantly, on all the computers that belong to Mc-Dougle Schools and not to the county.

With regard to funding for Chapel Hill Public Library: If there were a full service library in southwest Orange County, the burden would be off Chapel Hill. They would not need to expand. And should they reject the \$250, 000 the county manager has proposed, I would hope the BOCC would promise to use those funds for libraries in the Orange County system.

I also hope that the BOCC will honor the promise they made to designate the \$166,000 in proceeds from the sale of county buildings to libraries and education.

Last summer, the BOCC said that their goal was to increase per capita spending on libraries. I hope they will remember this when they make the difficult choices ahead of them. Orange County is currently somewhere between 60th and 70th in a state that's 44th in the nation for library services. It's shameful. The proposed cuts will drop us even further on the list.

In these difficult times, we cannot afford to underfund our libraries.

> ALEXANDRA BROWN Treasurer, Friends of the Carrboro Branch Library White Cross

Forward thinking on transportation

RANDOLPH VOLLER

I was dismayed to learn that the recent North Carolina State Senate budget failed to include the proposed policy from Gov. Bev Perdue to fund a N.C. Mobility Fund.

As the chair of the Triangle Area Rural Planning Organization (TARPO), which advises the N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) on transportation planning and related issues outside of the Metropolitan Planning Organizations in Orange, Chatham, Lee and Moore counties, I have seen first-hand some of the challenges inherent to the current system we operate under in North Carolina.

Long ago, our leaders set policy and encouraged transportation investments that we benefit from today. Legendary Gov. Kerr Scott made it a point in the late 1940s to address rural areas with poor-quality dirt roads in the Tar Heel State. Decades later, Gov. Jim Martin

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pushed forward the idea that no North Carolinian should live farther than 10 miles from a four-lane highway and championed a 5.25 cent per-gallon motor fuels tax hike to help step up road construction. These were bold policy positions that responded to the needs of the people and moved North Carolina ahead.

And although we can occasionally become myopic about the needs of our fellow North Carolinians, this is not an area where we can stick our heads in the sand. Transportation networks are linked, and, by their nature, cross political, regional and NCDOT district boundaries. For instance, transportation projects in District 8 logically connect to those in District 7, which means sidewalks and bike lanes on U.S. 15-501 in Chatham County need to cross district lines and connect to sidewalks and bike lanes in Orange County. Transportation networks leaving Chatham County need to connect to similar and high-quality contiguous networks in the eight surrounding counties and not become influenced by, nor mired down with, petty politics and pork-barrel projects. The governor's proposal will address some of these issues by requiring that a new open and transparent prioritization model be created and developed in collaboration with local governments, stakeholders and the public.

It is 2010 and North Carolina needs to support policies that will provide the flexibility to address the changing demography and transportation requirements of the Tar Heel State. A good idea would be a fresh look at the current equity formula for the allocation of transportation funding in our state as well as the implementation of Gov. Perdue's plan.

Gov. Perdue's Mobility Fund could generate revenue for transportation and economic-development projects of all shapes and sizes throughout North Carolina regardless of whether they are rural or urban and will create opportunity, logistical consistency and, most importantly, jobs.

I have spoken to my fellow mayors in Chatham County, Goldston Mayor Tim Cunnup and Siler City Mayor Charles Johnson, and they also support the forward thinking of Gov. Perdue and NCDOT Sec. Gen Conti. As a team, we all strongly urge other leaders to support this new program too.

Randolph Voller is mayor of

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OBITUARY

JeremyAlexander Bland

Jeremy Alexander Bland, age 43, a resident of Carrboro, N.C., died Friday, May 21 at his home.

Born February 23, 1967 in New York City, Jeremy had been a resident of North Carolina since 1973, first living in Durham, N.C., then growing up in Chapel Hill, N.C. He graduated from Chapel Hill High School in 1985, then moved to Israel, where he lived for eight years. Jeremy served in the Israel Defense Forces for two years and also was a member of the Kibbutz Chanaton in the Galilee.

He attended Catawba Community College and had lived in Carrboro for 15 years. Jeremy had been employed as a landscaper at the University of North Carolina for the past 11 years. A member of Beth-El Synagogue, he was active in Young Judea.

Surviving are his children, Amichai Bland and Maayan Bland, both of Jerusalem, and Jonah Barosh of State College Pa.; his sister, Tamar Adinah Bland of Petaluma, Calif.; his father. Dr. Kalman P. Bland of Durham; his mother, Dr. Alice Engel Levinson, and his stepfather, Dr. Sidney Engel Levinson, both of Hillsborough, N.C.

Memorials may be made to the N.C. Botanical Garden, The University of North Carolina, CB 3375, Chapel, NC 27599.

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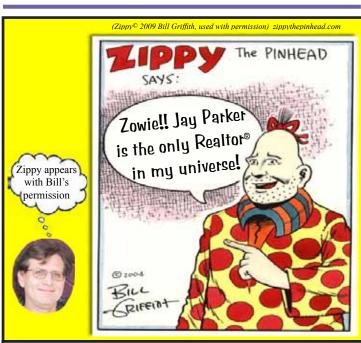
August Powell Reinhardt

August "Sonny" Powell Reinhardt, 79, passed away at Britthaven of Chapel Hill, N.C. on Saturday, May 22, 2010 after a lengthy illness.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the Korean War, and was a retired mechanic with McFarling's Exxon Service Station that was formally in Chapel Hill for 32 years.

Surviving are his daughter, Cindy Carpenter (Johnny) of Pittsboro, N.C.; grandsons, Britt Carpenter of Pittsboro and Randy Lee Reinhardt of Portland, Ore.; and sister, Suzanne Miller of Seattle, Wash.

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RIES, broccoli, summer squash, shiitake mushrooms, leeks, strawberries, sugar snaps, swiss chard, green garlic, potted herbs and veggie starters, spinach, red cabbage, tulips, hoophouse and greenhouse tomatoes, radishes, eggs, parsley, sun-dried tomatoes, cornmeal, green onions, mustard greens, rutabagas, creasy greens, totsoi, dill, cilantro, turnips, beets, carrots, cauliflower, broccoli, lettuce, turnip greens, sorrel, arugula, onions, wheat flour, garlic, salad mixes (spicy and non), collards, fresh herbs, kale, pecans, meats like goat, beef, pork, lamb, chicken, buffalo, and various specialty meats like liverwurst, bologna, hotdogs, etc, cow's and goat's milk cheeses,breads, doughnuts, tortes, pies, cakes, jams, and relishes.

Lime Radishes with salt, pepper and melted butter

Recipe provided by Leah Cook, owner of Wild Hare Farm and Market President

Ingredients

I bunch of radishes
2 tablespoons melted butter
1/4 cup fresh squeezed lime juice
Salt and pepper to taste

Procedure

Wash radishes and remove greens and root tail. Thinly slice radishes. Dip radishes in melted butter, sprinkle with salt and pepper, and top with a few drops of lime juice. This makes for a refreshing spicy treat!



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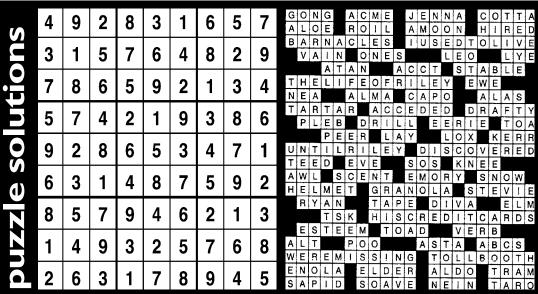
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CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: Dangerous Words

If I could write words like leaves on an autumn forest floor, what a bonfire my letters would make. If I could speak words of water, you would drown when I said "I love you". - Spike Milligan

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2010 THE CARRBORO CITIZEN



Robert Johnson instructs students along Bolin Creek.

FLORA

FROM PAGE I

Beginning at Wilson Park's Adams Tract trailhead, the group stopped frequently to note characteristics of forest types, with eyes focused on little details like the common wild ginger, Hexastylis virginica; obscure, easy-to-miss Virginia snakeroot, Aristolochia serpentaria; and dozens of summer bluets, Houstonia purpurea, the many-flowered cousin to the single-flowered bluet or Quaker lady, Houstonia caerulea.

Robert had us all settle down along the creek, where we sat, eyes closed, for a good 10 minutes, with all our senses keenly focused on sounds, feelings and even the tastes of the air.

Then without a word, each student ventured off to find a spot from which to make a simple pencil sketch of the scene with a detail or two in a 6-by-8-inch pad. With reference to a small color chart based on 12 water colors, students made abbreviated color notes on their sketches.

Then back indoors at the Botanical Garden, under Robert's guidance, students settled in to complete their sketches and details, adding color from their notes and keen memories of the place. While some returned to their penstemon field experience from the day before, most focused on the mountain-like ex-

Bolin Creek. The results were as spectacular as the outdoor scenes themselves. Some students were accomplished botanical illustrators, enthusiastic to discover a new way of viewing the outdoors; other students had never put pencil or brush to paper. Each set of images was beautiful and unique to the separate

experiences of

each beholder.

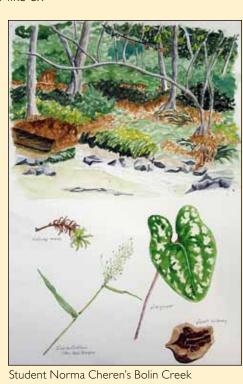
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landscape with details.

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Memorial Day, 2010

any is the day I have strolled unseeing past the UNC alumni war memorial walkway between Memorial and Phillips halls. But not this day – when the tassels and the pollen of the nearby black walnut tree highlighted Elmo Zumwalt's poignant quotation etched there in the granite, describing the desolation wrought on South Vietnam by Agent Orange. Zumwalt, UNC '68, survived the war but not the chemical agent. It is thought that his terminal cancer was attributable to his exposure to Agent Orange. During this Memorial Day week, it seemed fitting to honor the dead with an image of remembrance – and hope.



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BY JOCK LAUTERER

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