

Flowering yuccas punctuate Chapel Hill Tire's landscaped corner in Carrboro. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Not just a pretty flower

Now that yuccas are very noticeable as they approach full flowering, I remember a camping trip of a few years ago. It was early spring out in the Southwest, and our campsite was nestled down in desert vegetation, including many of the locally common yucca. The site is memorable; those yuccas were blooming, and the ground was literally carpeted with fallen flowers.

We quickly learned to carefully navigate in and around the campsite to avoid direct contact with the needle-pointed, spear-like foliage. A run-in with a leaf or two makes one appreciate the common name, Spanish bayonet.

I was in charge of hustling up the breakfast, and remembering that yucca flowers, as well as the buds and fruit, are edible, I thought I'd experiment. Having most of the desirable ingredients of primitive camping — olive oil, onions, garlic, peppers and eggs — I thought I'd add some fresh yucca flowers, just to see how edible they might be. Not surprisingly, my camping mates were skeptical, but willing to trust me. The resulting omelet-like concoction was delicious (like anything that includes onions sautéed in olive oil). So, for our several days there, we enjoyed yucca flower omelets as well as yucca flower-enhanced pasta sauces.

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County leaders increase landfill tipping fees

BY JOSHUA LUCAS
Staff Writer

Against the objections of town leaders, the Orange County Board of Commissioners moved forward May 26 with a plan to charge more to dump trash at the county's landfill on Eubanks Road.

Town leaders had said that the plan, which aims to use the increased fees to pay for community improvement projects in the neighborhoods around the landfill, would put undue stress on already tight budgets this year. Carrboro leaders estimated the additional \$5 per ton fee would cost the town about

\$20,000 this year.

"I'm disappointed that they're moving forward," Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt said. "There's concern that's shared about how we can work together to mitigate the issues affecting the Rogers Road neighborhood."

"What I'm disappointed with is that the increase in the fee occurred 20 days before we had to approve a budget."

Commissioners said they felt they had to honor their commitment to the Rogers Road neighborhood.

"I feel like reducing it now would be backpedaling," Commissioner Earl McKee said.

Commissioners Barry Jacobs and Alice Gordon said they were eager to find a compromise. Carrboro and Chapel Hill leaders had proposed a phased increase in the tipping fees, starting at \$2 this year, which Jacobs said he preferred.

"It would just be a more diplomatic and friendly way to do this," Jacobs said. County waste officials say 46 percent of the waste deposited at the landfill comes from Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

In the end, a visibly frustrated Commissioner Valerie Foushee argued that the board was once again threatening to retreat on commitments it had made to the Rogers Road neigh-

borhood — this time, literally, at the eleventh hour, since the discussion was being held at the end of a long evening budget work session.

The Eubanks Road landfill was opened by the town of Chapel Hill in 1972, with ownership taken by the county in 2000. When it opened, then-Chapel Hill Mayor Howard Lee told neighbors the landfill could be closed within a decade. Residents of the Rogers Road neighborhood near the landfill have said that the landfill is responsible for illegal dumping, unpleasant odors and underdevelopment in the area.

Great season, Jags



Carrboro High School's Kylie Tawney rockets the ball past a defender in the state 2A women's soccer championship game last Friday at Wake Med Soccer Park in Cary. After a 1-1 tie at the end of regulation and two overtimes, the Jaguars (17-3-3) lost a hard-fought game against Cuthbertson High School (26-2) on penalty kicks, 5-4.

PHOTO BY TED SPAULDING

Tar Heels headed to NCAA tournament

BY EDDY LANDRETH
Staff Writer



One year after being the last team named to the NCAA baseball tournament field, the Tar Heels once reached the rarefied air they

breathed from 2006 to '09, when they earned their way to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

On Monday, the Tar Heels were named the No. 3 national seed in the tournament. What this means is that Carolina will host an opening-round regional, starting on Friday.

UNC (45-14) will open against Maine (33-22) at 6 p.m. a game preceded by the matchup of No. 2 seed Florida International (40-18) and James Madison (40-17) at 1 p.m.

Game times will be the same on Saturday and Sunday in the double-elimination event. If a Monday game is necessary, it would begin at 6 p.m.

If Carolina wins this weekend, then the winner of the Cal State Fullerton (40-14) regional would come to Chapel Hill for a best-two-of-three series for the right to play in the College World Series.

"It will definitely be exciting," said senior pitcher Patrick Johnson, who is 11-1 with a 2.46 earned run average. "It's one of those things you always dream about when you come here," he said. "You want to host a regional and super-regional and play on your home field in front of your home fans. I can't wait to do it."

Johnson had been to Omaha and the College World Series twice before last year's disappointing season that ended with a loss at the Oklahoma regional, a season in which UNC did not even get to play in the ACC Tournament.

"Last year, we had that feeling it was a let-down year," Johnson said. "We didn't make it to Omaha. The guys who were here before last year, we had all been to Omaha every year. It has been our goal from the start of the season [to return] to Omaha. We have put ourselves in a good position. We just have to go out and play well and take care of business."

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Compromise proposed on pending behavioral health care bill

BY TAYLOR SISK
Staff Writer

As the General Assembly discusses legislation that would once again overhaul the state's mental health, developmental disability and substance abuse services system, a change has been proposed to that legislation that has won the approval of an influential statewide organization that advocates for people with developmental disabilities.

Dave Richard, executive director of The Arc of North Carolina, said that last week's announcement by Rep. Jeff Barnhart and state Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Lanier Cansler that local management entities, or LMEs, could continue to contract with outside agencies to provide certain case management services for those with developmental disabilities means his organization will no longer oppose the House bill.

Barnhart, a Republican of Cabarrus

County, is a primary sponsor of the bill that would grant to providers of mental health, developmental disability and substance abuse services a 1915(b)(c) waiver of the Social Security Act, freeing them from certain Medicaid provisions. The waiver allows states to move agencies that manage services (in North Carolina, LMEs) from a fee-for-service delivery system to one in which LMEs are given a fixed dollar amount.

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SORS: Riding to the rescue for 40 Years

BY MARGOT C. LESTER
Staff Writer

My mother would never call the South Orange Rescue Squad, even when she had chest pains (twice) or a collapsed lung.

"That's for people who are really sick," she'd say later from her bed in the emergency room.

Despite my mother's belief, if you're having chest pains, trouble breathing or are in any other form of medical distress, I know for a fact the members of the South Orange Rescue Squad (SORS) will gladly come tend to you.

But there wasn't always a reliable source of emergency medical assistance in southern Orange County. Prior to

1968, "there were basically no trained personnel to respond to medical or traumatic emergencies," recalls Jeanette Jones, one of the original volunteers and a founding member of SORS.

Back then, if you lived out in the county, you were on your own or had to wait on the sheriff or volunteer fire fighters if you were beset by something. Even folks living in town had to find their own way to the hospital, or rely on one of the local funeral parlors to carry them there. Pretty ironic, huh?

Early days

The first volunteer rescue service was established for the county in 1968. Three years later, the southern part of the

county got its own service: SORS.

"After a particularly bad automobile accident involving a fatality and several seriously injured people, members of the volunteer Carrboro Fire Department along with several Carrboro businessmen — Lloyd Senter of Senter's Drug Store and Grady Sturdivant and Clyde Jones of the Friendly Barber Shop, to name a few — met and decided that something had to be done," Jones explains.

SORS' first ambulance was a gift from Orange County Rescue Squad — a hearse named "Maude." Hospital and state fire insurance personnel provided training for the inaugural class of volunteers.

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Summertime peace and freedom

RECENTLY...
BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

Ah, that lazy, hazy days of summer feeling that sweeps over our towns as we feel the easing-against-the-seams that comes after the student population has greatly diminished. But before succumbing to summer, hold onto your desire to stretch and grow, because some amazing moments await anyone who visits the UNC campus during the first week of June.

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) is holding its national congress there June 1-5. Every three years since the league's inception in 1915, women and men have met to educate, invigorate and rejuvenate the membership and other lovers of peace and freedom through the league's inclusive programs.

The Triangle North Carolina Chapter celebrated its 75th anniversary last December, and is thrilled to be hosting for the first time in Chapel Hill.



Left to right, Jim Igoe, Ann Powers, Jennifer Lewis and Lori Hoyt, following in the long history of WILPF at the Peace and Justice Plaza in Chapel Hill

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Community Calendar

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

WILPF Event — A staged reading of The Prosecution of Judge Waite, or How the Supreme Court helped Corporations Steal Democracy. Hanes Arts Center, UNC, Free 619-6546

FRIDAY JUNE 3

Prime Time Players — Present their second annual play festival consisting of four short plays by local playwrights. The performances will continue on June 4. Seymour Center, 2pm \$7

Kathy Kelly — To speak on Perspectives on Afghanistan, Chase Hall, UNC, noon Free 370-4114

Rev. Dr. William Barber II — To speak on The Long March to Freedom, Equality and Justice: Building the Beloved Community of Faith, Labor and Civil Rights. Hanes Art Center, UNC, 7pm Free 370-4114

SATURDAY JUNE 4

Pottery Show — A Few of My Favorite Things about North Carolina Pottery, presented by Mark Hewitt. Orange County Main Library, 1st floor, 10am

Open House — South Orange Rescue Squad celebrates its 40th year of volunteer service with demonstrations and free ice cream and cookies. 202 Roberson St., 2-4pm southcountyrescue.org

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, 11am-4pm

Golf Clinic — For community youth, sponsored by Volunteers for Youth and UNC Football. UNC Finley Golf Course driving range, 11am-1pm Free volunteers-for-youth.org

National Trail Day — Chapel Hill celebrates with the opening of the Morgan Creek Trail. Shuttles start at 10am from Frank Porter Graham School with the dedication at 11am info@townofchapelhill

Open House — At the Animal Services Center will kick-off Cat Adoption Month. 1601 Eubanks Road, 1-4pm co.orange.nc.us/animal-services/events.asp

SUNDAY JUNE 5

Deep Dish Auditions — Deep Dish Theater Company holds its annual general auditions, continuing June 6 from 12-6pm and June 7, 6-9pm. Auditioners should bring a picture/resume and prepare a two-three minute monologue. University Mall 225-2574

Egypt Talk — Chicle Language Institute, 101 E. Weaver St., 3rd floor over Weaver Street Market, 5pm Free

Time Out — With Bill Hendrickson and guest Michael Patton and Roy Schmidt, discussing the proposed Fair Tax. WCOM 103.5FM, 5pm

TUESDAY JUNE 7

Movie Nite — Showing The Hangover, with Zach Galfianakis, Bradley Cooper and Justin Barth. Chapel Hill Public Library, 6:30pm Free

SSAN Fundraiser — The Orange County Sewage Sludge Actions network will host a Burrito Bash to benefit its education outreach. General Store Cafe, 6pm \$12/15 sewagesludgeaction-network.com

Blood Drive — UNC Dean Dome, 7am-6pm unc.edu/blood

WEDNESDAY JUNE 8



Growing Herbs — Part of the Complete Gardener Classes. Auditorium of the Agriculture Building, 45 South St., Pittsboro, 9:30am Free 542-8202

THURSDAY JUNE 9

2011 ADF Gala — Opening of the 78th season at DPAC, 7pm americandancefestival.org

SATURDAY JUNE 11

Walking Tour — 90-minute guided walking tour of Hillsborough's historic district. Alexander Dickson House, 10am-2pm \$5 732-7741

Keith Henderson — To perform Illusions of the King, half gospel and half Elvis tribute. Proceeds to benefit the Mt. Carmel Building Fund. Mt Carmel Baptist Church, 7:30pm \$5

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

Monks bring community together

BY MADELYN CORY
Staff Writer

Last week, refugee monks from the Drepung Gomang Institute created a mandala — a sand drawing representing the highest form of Buddhist practice — as part of the Sacred Arts Tour that wove through Chapel Hill.

From a Tibetan Cultural Pageant at University Mall and The ArtsCenter to butter sculpture workshops at the Chapel Hill Museum, the tour has left a mark on the town.

Chapel Hill event coordinator Eve Barkley organized all of the events.

“It has been a real community project because of the facilities and organizations that have all helped,” said Barkley. “We’ve had a really good turnout because of that.”

Barkley said the experience has been a rare one for participants. “It has really resonated with the community,” she said.

The creation of the sand mandala began with an opening ceremony on May 22 in which the monks consecrated the old Chapel Hill Museum. Construction started with the drawing of the design on

the base — all done completely from memory and meditation. The sand used was from a previous mandala creation in Newark, N.J., which was blessed by the Dalai Lama.

The Buddhist deity chosen for this mandala was the Green Tara, a female Buddha. Monk Phuntsok, translator for the refugee monks, shared the importance of this particular deity.

“The Green Tara is very special in helping all sentient beings in the practice of compassion, tolerance and well-being,” said Phuntsok. “This sand mandala is offered to the town of Chapel Hill.”

After the mandala was finished, to symbolize the impermanence of all that exists, 5 ounces of the colored sands

were swept up and poured into Bolin Creek where the waters can carry what the monks say are healing energies throughout the community. Some of the remaining sand was given out, and the rest will be used for the next mandala creation in New York City.

To celebrate the mandala and the Sacred Arts Tour, the Ackland Art Museum will host a free event, Out of the Studio: Evening of Tibetan Culture & Performance, today (Thursday) from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Avery Gallery.

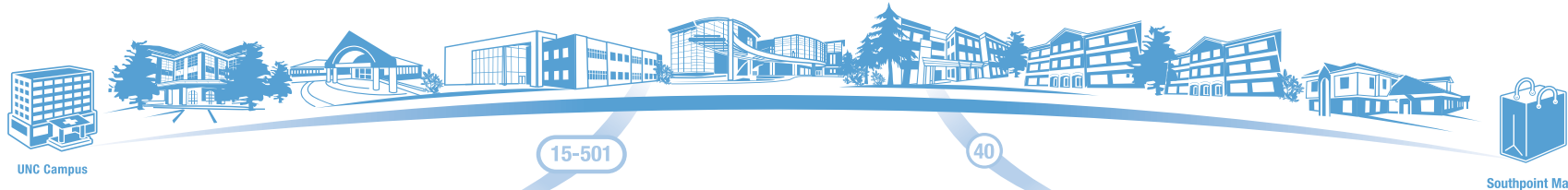
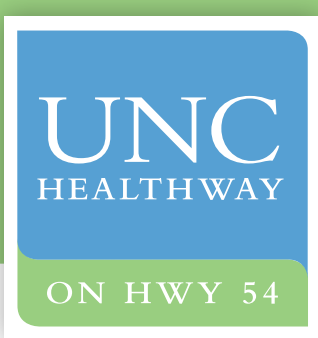
For more information about the Ackland show, contact Emily Bowles at esbowles@email.unc.edu, or for more information about the refugee monks and sand mandala, visit gomang.org.



Monks from the Drepung Gomang Institute create a mandala at the old Chapel Hill Museum. PHOTO BY MADELYN CORY

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A Remix comes to East Main Street

BY BROOKE PARKER
Staff Writer

CARRBORO — “One of a kind, a work of art,” said Jean Marie Griffin of the unique pieces of artwork and clothing that you may find in her new store — A Remix Art Gallery on East Main Street, right in the heart of downtown Carrboro.

Griffin, a Durham resident, has been a seamstress for 25 years. She is a reuse artist, specializing in functional-affordable clothing and other products.

“Remix because I reuse,” Griffin said. Not surprisingly, her store has been instantly welcomed into the community — her

grand opening on May 13 was a “good old-fashioned welcome to the neighborhood,” she said.

Along with many other forms of art, repurposing has long been a passion for Griffin, and recently it became the inspiration for her new store. A Remix Art Gallery is all about reusing with environmentally friendly materials. Griffin considers “green” to be a major element of her artwork.

Her store features hand-made products, such as wine bags, wall hangings and cell phone clutches, all made from repurposed materials, as well as works from four other artists alongside her own.

“I’ve been sewing since I was

8,” Griffin said. Until a year ago, Griffin was a master tailor, working exclusively on wedding dresses. Her new store allows her to work with sewing while exploring her other passions as an accomplished artist, creating everything from portraits to sculptures made from a variety of repurposed pieces.

At A Remix Art Gallery, Griffin allows her customers to get “their hands in it too,” she said. Customers can pick out their own fabrics and Griffin will create repurposed items, like handbags made out of scarves.

Griffin said she also works on “whatever I feel like doing this week.” She’s managed to

combine her natural artistic gifts with her developed talents as a seamstress.

“I have something for everybody,” she said.

Her store is open Wednesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m., but the hours might expand, Griffin said. “People have been knocking on the door even when I’m closed.”

Visitors to the store should remember to ask Griffin about whatever they happen to pick up, since her collection comes from a wide variety of thrift stores and other locations.

“Everything has a story behind it,” she said.



Jean Marie Griffin in her new store, A Remix Art Gallery
PHOTO BY BROOKE PARKER

Briefs



From left: Donate Life North Carolina chair Dawn Hall, examiner Michael Masuga (back row), examiner Wilma Hooker, examiner Barbara Allen (holding plaque), district supervisor Sheila McAdams (back row), examiner Pamela Greene and Donate Life North Carolina executive director Sharon Hirsch
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Carrboro DMV gets donor sign-up award

The Carrboro Driver License Office of the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles was awarded a plaque from Donate Life North Carolina for achieving the highest donor sign-up rate in their district in 2010. The Carrboro office signed up 63 percent of their customers as organ/eye donors in 2010, while the average state sign-up rate was 52.3 percent.

Butcher chain comes to East Franklin Street

Gourmet meat store The Meat House has opened a branch in Chapel Hill at 1508 E. Franklin St. The firm says it aims to fill a niche as a neighborhood butcher that sells meats, marinades, prepared food, produce and other groceries.

The company was founded in New Hampshire in 2003 and has grown to 26 locations.

Business After Hours set for June 16

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce will hold a Business After Hours event from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on June 16 at Courtyard by Marriott.

The networking event will feature EmPOWERment Inc. as its June nonprofit spotlight. Business After Hours is free for chamber members and no registration is required.

Courtyard by Marriott is located at 100 Marriott Way in Chapel Hill.

TLC named finalist in Cars for Good program

Triangle Land Conservancy is one of 500 finalists in Toyota’s 100 Cars for Good program, which will award vehicles to 100 nonprofit organizations based on votes from the public.

Visitors to facebook.com/Toyota can vote once a day for the organization they feel is most deserving of a new vehicle.

Residents are encouraged to support TLC in their quest for a new Toyota hybrid car, which would be used to help TLC reduce its carbon footprint.

Carolina’s funniest comic named

Throughout April and May, DSI Comedy Theater set out to find the funniest comic in North Carolina, with its fourth annual Carolina’s Funniest competition. Last Saturday, the theater found its winner in a stand-up comedy first-timer: Chapel Hill’s Brad Schnurr.

Schnurr won \$1,000 and a slot in the 2012 North Carolina Comedy Arts Festival. An Iowa native, Schnurr moved to Chapel Hill with his wife in 1996.

Local architect named to solar group

Carrboro architect Alicia Ravetto has been named a fellow of the American Solar Energy Society. The award, presented May 17, is intended to honor her work advancing the use of solar energy.

Ravetto lives in rural Chatham County with her husband, builder Paul Konove, but is based in Carrboro. She consults and teaches about green building in North Carolina and throughout the Southeast.

Auto Logic celebrates 25 years of car repair

Carrboro’s Auto Logic celebrated its 25th anniversary of auto repair at a party May 24. In honor of the anniversary, the repair shop has released a new 25th Anniversary Tyrannosaurus Wrench T-Shirt.

Auto Logic, at 200 W. Main St., employs ASE-certified salaried technicians.

Comic impresario headed to Boston

DSI Comedy Theater’s Zach Ward has announced that come June 13, he’ll be moving to Boston to become managing director of ImprovBoston.

Ward has worked for nearly 12 years to bring comedy attractions and tourism to Carrboro. He was instrumental in the creation of the N.C. Comedy Arts Festival and the formation of DSI, which will celebrate its sixth anniversary this fall.

Ward says he’ll retain ownership of DSI and will continue to manage the festival, but is seeking people to help run DSI artistically and fiscally.

Saucy firm to mark 10 years of condiments

Cackalacky Condiment Company will celebrate its 10th anniversary from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday at A Southern Season in University Mall.

The event — “The Cackalacky Cookout” — will feature hats, shirts and bumper stickers honoring the savory-sweet condiment, the N.C. Dept. of Agriculture’s Big Shopping Cart, dark beers from Duck-Rabbit Brewery, The Guilty Pleasures Bluegrass Band, barbecue sandwiches and other N.C. foods. Proceeds from sandwich sales will be donated to The Diabetes Bus Initiative.

Lighting firm tapped for energy grant

Go Green Lighting has received a \$300,000 grant from the N.C. Green Business Fund. The award is for the creation and management of the N.C. Energy Savings Taskforce, which aims to accelerate public adoption of energy-saving technology.

The group is especially focused on helping homes and offices convert to energy-saving lighting systems in advance of the phase out of traditional incandescent bulbs and fluorescent tube bulbs next year.

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FLORA
FROM PAGE 1

I've enjoyed watching a single yucca, *Yucca filamentosa*, just beyond my front porch, send up its giant asparagus-like stem of tightly clustered flower buds. Now the impressive flowering branch, a panicle, sporting buds and flowers, stands 7 feet tall above the basal rosette spear-like leaves.

My single plant is not nearly as spectacular as those so obvious now above the retaining walls along the bypass around Carrboro. Those most likely are volunteers, having found their way there thanks to traveling animals that have eaten the fruit.

More deliberate and quite engaging is the colorful ornamental Chapel Hill Tire landscape opposite the PTA Thrift Shop in Carrboro. Designed by Ginay Gregory of *Beyond the Pail* landscape design and consulting, that always-something-of-interest-to-see busy corner of our town now sports dramatic flowering stems of yucca – in this case, a variegated leaved cultivar.

Yuccas, like the onions and garlic in my camping concoction, are in the lily family, or at least they were until recently. Taxonomists are still working on new classifications within the former lily family. Meanwhile, take a closer look



Yucca flowers are characteristic of the lily family.

PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

at a single yucca flower. It's a perfect lily, characterized by three sepals (the outer set) and three petals (the inner set) appearing alike, thus called tepals. Inside the tepals you'll spot six stamens surrounding a smallish, egg-shaped, superior ovary – superior because it's situated above the stamens and tepals. Those are some of the basic characteristics of the lily family, with which you may impress friends and neighbors.

By the way, just this past Memorial Day morning, I took advantage of my very own yucca flowers and, if I do say so myself, concocted a most

delicious egg dish, including, of course, onions, garlic and olive oil.

Dr. Jim Duke's *Handbook of Edible Weeds* describes other edible qualities of yucca. He also elaborates on the rich Native-American medicinal heritage of yucca root, including a root poultice used to prevent baldness. Well, I'm way too late to try that remedy!

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Pave Paradise, 1968

Back before there was a Bank of America building, the James Wallace Parking Deck, the BB&T branch and Bub O'Malley's, old Rosemary Street was a quiet residential backstreet filled with rambling boarding houses, neat private residences – and yes, this spacious flower and vegetable garden at 141 E. Rosemary St. I do not remember the gardener's name, but her gracious nature and towering hollyhocks are unforgettable. In this scene directly across from the present-day Bank of America building, we are looking toward North Street. As a youth, I delivered her paper, and during the summer of 1968 she granted me this photo for Jim Shumaker's Chapel Hill Weekly. Alas, her garden is now a parking lot, causing those readers of a certain age to perhaps recall Joni Mitchell's 1970 environmental call to arms, "Big Yellow Taxi," with the lyrics: "Don't it always seem to go, that you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone ... They paved paradise and put up a parking lot ..."

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HEALTH CARE
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Piedmont Behavioral Health-care (PBH) – the LME that oversees publicly funded behavioral health care services for four counties immediately east of Charlotte – has been operating under the full 1915(b)(c) waiver model since 2005 as a pilot project.

The pending legislation would roll out the waiver statewide. LMEs would be given all Medicaid, state and local funds in a lump sum – thus producing a managed-care system. Proponents of the waiver say this provides for more accountability and improved efficiencies at the local level.

Last Friday, an action alert was sent to Arc members explaining that the proposed change would allow LMEs to contract with outside agencies to provide targeted case management services to the developmental disability population.

Consumers of behavioral health care services, as well as their families and other advocates, have been concerned that, under the waiver system, case management would no longer be offered as a stand-alone service, but by the LMEs as a component of managed care. Advocates argue that people with developmental disabilities will be hardest hit if case managers familiar with the particular needs of their clients, whose sole responsibility is to advocate for the individual, are eliminated.

For those with developmental disabilities, case management includes client assessment, writing a treatment plan, referral to a provider for service and monitoring the delivery of that service. Under the proposed change, those duties could be shared by the LME and an outside advocate.

"Though this does not replace independent case management as we know it today," the Arc wrote to its members, "it will allow for people with developmental disabilities to

have someone outside of the [LME] writing the plan and assisting with finding appropriate services."

As defined by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, said Rep. Verla Insko of Orange County, another primary sponsor of the bill, "case management is a management function and is appropriately placed within the

LME. I agree with that.

"One of the battles I lost during reform was not leaving case management with the LMEs," or, as they were known prior to reform measures launched in 2001, area programs.

But Insko acknowledges that case management for the developmental disability population is

a bit different than for those with a mental illness or substance abuse issues, in that it includes some direct services.

"I would rather it all stay with the LMEs," Insko said on Wednesday. "But this is a compromise I can live with."

Jennifer Hancock, a case manager and advocate based in Wil-

son, said that many families and providers from across the state are disappointed in The Arc's endorsement, saying the proposed change "does not meet the needs of the families across the state who rely on their case managers for much more than simply writing the annual [person-centered plan] and referring them for services."

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