



PHOTO BY KEN MOORE
Water droplets like jewels on an Indian Hemp leaf

FLORA By Ken Moore

Beauty and drama is where you find it!

Another reflection on catalpas! Remember the Northern and Southern Catalpas? The taller, northern one flowers earlier than the broader, southern one. Last week, some of you may have inspected the southern one finishing its flowering, overhanging Weaver Street in Carrboro. Now the bigger, broader specimen set back on the cool green yard on the east side of MLK Blvd. near Timberlyne Shopping Center is just beginning to burst into flower. It's possibly the grandest specimen in Orange County, worth a drive-by this weekend to see.

Why is it flowering later than its fellow trees on the downtown streets? Think about micro climates. It is impressive how just a few feet's distance from the warming hard surfaces of roadways and other urban structures can alter the flowering patterns of plants. Be appreciative that here in our community two species of catalpa and fluctuations in microclimates give us almost two months of continuous catalpa flowering. Of course, you have to know where all these variables are growing to enjoy the full benefits; hopefully, you've been making mental notes of their locations during the last several weeks.

A common native weed worth a closer look!

During one of those gray, rainy days last week, I was mesmerized by the jeweled beauty of rain droplets on the surfaces of Indian Hemp leaves along my driveway. Some years ago, I was pleased to have a few plants volunteer in my side yard, around which I deliberately mowed, having learned that *Apocynum cannabinum*, also called dogbane, is a host plant

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'The Butler' waits on town

by Kirk Ross
Staff Writer

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen have set a public hearing for June 24 to review a plan for a five-story condominium and office complex on the site of Butler's Garage, behind The ArtsCenter and Cat's Cradle.

The proposal for the project — dubbed 'The Butler' — includes 57 condominiums and 22,170 square feet of office space with two decks of parking. Nine of the condominium units would be designated as affordable.

The official address of the site is 120 Brewer Lane but it is most commonly viewed these days from the Elizabeth Cotton Bikeway. It was for years mainly a salvage yard full of cars and trucks in various states of assemblage, but has been mostly cleared of late to get ready for sale. The new project also includes plans for additional parking and some stormwater infrastructure to the property next door at 110 Brewer Lane.

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PHOTO BY JORDAN TIMPY
The land currently occupied by Butler's Garage is a mostly overgrown field located behind the ArtsCenter and adjacent to the bike path leading into Chapel Hill, but a new development proposal calls for the construction of a five-story condominium and office building with two decks of parking.

Running with a story

RECENTLY . . .

By Valarie Schwartz

After writing a story yesterday about Scott Adams' quest to run across North Carolina, I hardly slept last night. Phantom aches in my lower torso kept waking me up, making me wonder if I shouldn't be encouraging him in my writing to just run as far as Chapel Hill and the arms of his loving wife and son and call it a day, then spend the next year raising money and awareness about cancer before finishing the run to the coast.

He's been running across the mountains since May 27, when he left Murphy on Bike Route 2, running 40-plus miles per day, with the plan of reaching Manteo 18 days and 740 or so miles and four pairs of shoes later.

That's three weeks of running six days and resting one while receiving fortifying food, water and support from family and friends who have scheduled Scott-time into their lives.

What makes Scott run? "I've been running all my life," he said from the terrace of the sweet Dogwood Acres cottage he and Mindy and Tyler, 9, so peacefully share. It started with cross-country in high school, and since college he has run at least two marathons (up to six) a year.

With this wild run he's hoping to raise \$25,000 for the American Cancer Society.

"One in four people in the U.S. is affected with cancer at some point in



PHOTO BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ
Scott Adams, with his son Tyler in Chapel Hill, before beginning his uber-thon

their life," said Adams, 40, IT director for the School of Information and Library Science at UNC.

Cancer has kept its distance from Adams and his family, but his heart has not been protected from the pain felt by other loved ones. In July 2005, he and his best friend, Les Chapin paid

homage to Chapin's since-childhood-friend, Jay Clark, who died of bladder cancer, with a 200-mile run/bike ride (Adams running, Chapin pedaling) along the Blue Ridge Parkway that raised \$8,000 for the cancer society.

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School board to site new elementary

Staff recommends Northside locale

by Susan Dickson
Staff Writer

For the first time since the 1960s, elementary school students could return to class at the site of the segregated Northside Elementary School in downtown Chapel Hill.

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education will consider two sites — one in the Northside neighborhood and the other on the Greene Tract — for the district's 11th elementary school in a work session tonight (Thursday).

School officials have recommended that the board approve the Northside site, between Caldwell and McMasters streets, for the 11th elementary school. The site was the location of the Orange County Training School, a school for black students that later became Northside Elementary School. The school opened in 1924 and closed its doors after schools were desegregated in the 1960s.

The Greene Tract site, located at the end of Purefoy Road, is jointly owned by Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Orange County.

"This is kind of a unique juncture for the school district," said Lisa

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F&F Auto planning to reopen

by Jack Carley
Staff Writer

After a fire shut down the business last November, F&F Automotive is on its way to a reopening. Owner Cleveland "Cleve" Fogleman said there is a lot of work to be done, but hopes to reopen in September.

"It's been a big nightmare," he said, "but the worst part is over."

"I want to say I've been working almost 24/7, except I've been sleeping. And sometimes I get up in the middle of the night."

"This week, they are taking the roof off, and they'll put the new roof on with the skylights," wife Carol Fogleman explained as a construction crew crawled over the roof supports of the big blue building on Weaver Street. "I'm hoping 90 days, but that may be optimistic."

"The whole building is basically going to be brand new," Cleve said. "More windows in the front. It's going to be pretty nice."

On November 8, a gasoline fire destroyed most of the building and damaged four cars, causing an ini-



PHOTO BY JORDAN TIMPY
The F & F Automotive Inc. building on Weaver Street is undergoing extensive repairs to fix the damage caused by a fire on November 8, 2007. F&F has been a Weaver Street staple since 1972 and hopes to reopen for business by late 2008.

tially estimated \$350,000 in damages. Cleve now guesses that total losses are closer to \$1 million.

"People around Carrboro have been real nice, pulling for F&F," Cleve said. "Ultra-nice. Super-nice. That part's been a real blessing."

He said people have sent donations and offered to help clear out the charred shop.

"Some I can't let help for insurance means."

Meanwhile, Cleve repairs cars on the side, getting help from friends at Lloyd Tire and elsewhere.

"I don't think the town would have been as responsive if it wasn't for people asking," Cleve said, explaining that people have written letters of support to the town government. "Some

of our best customers, I think. We did a lot of student work. We try to keep the prices down for people without a lot of money."

Fogleman opened his first shop in Carrboro in 1962. F&F has been on Weaver Street since 1972.

"It's almost grown up around," he said of Carrboro. "You've got to accept [that] things have changed."

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Chris Fitzsimon on campaign contributions

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MUSIC CALENDAR



Pieta Brown performs at the ArtsCenter on Friday, June 13.

THURSDAY JUNE 5

Blue Bayou Club: Lisa Kyle 8:30pm
Cat's Cradle: Adrian Belew 7:30pm \$20
The Cave: Early: Songslinger showcase with John Howie Jr. Late: Mikal Evans, Tain Collins Band
General Store Café: Jazz w/ Bernie Petaway Trio 8pm
Local 506: Jeremy Enigk, Damien Jurado 8:45pm \$16
Nightlight: Embarrassing Fruits, Prabir & The Substitutes, Nightstick 9:30pm
Reservoir: Lollipop Factory, The Virgo 9 10pm
Weaver Street Market: After hours 6pm
FRIDAY JUNE 6
Blue Horn Lounge: David Spencer Band 10pm
Cat's Cradle: Swervedriver, Terra Diablo, The Nein 8:30pm \$17

The Cave: Early: Mary Johnson, Gillian Grassie, Scott Pryor
General Store Café: Alex Caton, Pat Egan, Sabra Guzman 8:30pm
Local 506: New Frontiers, Denison Witmer 9pm \$8
Nightlight: The Curtains of Night, Screaming Females, Cheeky 10pm
Open Eye Café: Hanna Miller 8pm
SATURDAY JUNE 7
Blue Bayou Club: John Cleary & the Absolute Monster Gentlemen 9:30pm
Blue Horn Lounge: Tennessee Jed 10pm
The Cave: Late: Luego, Paleface
General Store Café: Brenda Linton & Friends 8:30pm
Local 506: Schooner, Hundred Aid, Malt Swagger 10pm
Open Eye Café: Bob Funck 8pm
Reservoir: The Travesties, The Dirt 10pm

SUNDAY JUNE 8

Local 506: Gorilla Productions Battle of the Bands
Reservoir: Rat Jackson, Jews and Catholics 10pm
MONDAY JUNE 9
Blue Horn Lounge: Open mic 9pm
The Cave: Stu Cole & Taz Halloween
TUESDAY JUNE 10
Blue Bayou Club: Open Mic with Gregory Blaine 8pm
Cat's Cradle: Mudhoney, Birds of Avalon 8:30pm \$15
Local 506: Hayden, Haley Bonar 9:30pm \$14
WEDNESDAY JUNE 11
Local 506: Howlin' Rain, Transportation 10pm \$8
Reservoir: Echoes from the Vaults, 10pm
THURSDAY JUNE 12
Blue Bayou Club: 8 Eyes 8:30pm
Blue Horn Lounge: Tain Collins 9pm
General Store Café: Jazz with Club Boheme 8:30pm
Local 506: Samantha Crain & The Midnight Shivers, Kennebec 9:30pm \$8
FRIDAY JUNE 13
ArtsCenter: Pieta Brown with Bo Ramsey 8:30pm \$17
Blue Horn Lounge: Troy Smith & Jeremy Blackford 10pm
Cat's Cradle: Paul Thorn, Jule Brown 8pm \$20
General Store Café: Tommy Edwards & Carolina Lightning 8:30pm
Local 506: Killer Filler, the Weistro-nauts, Dom Casual 10pm \$6
Open Eye Café: Zach Pekar 8pm
SATURDAY JUNE 14
Blue Horn Lounge: Blue Diablo 10pm
The Cave: Nikki Meets the Hibachi, Matthew Brookshire
Local 506: Shearwater, Dawn Chorus, Wembley 9pm
Open Eye Café: Loose Mood 8pm

ARTS CALENDAR

CARRBORO

THE ARTSCENTER
Center Gallery: Mexico Lindo—painting and collage by Sarah Dougherty
East End Gallery: Bone Dry—photography by Geneva Sophia
THE BEEHIVE SALON
Figurative and abstract works—watercolors and acrylics by C. David Cabrera
CAFFE DRIADE
Collage by Elizabeth Bunch—using found objects, images and sounds from local and global explorations
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Works by Sarah Faulkner are on display at the NC Crafts Gallery.

DEWITT LAW, PLLC
Figurative dreamscapes—of love and life by Eireann Leigh

FLEET FEET GALLERY
Larger than Life—expressive flowers and faces by Barbara Keighton and commissioned watercolor portraits

NC CRAFTS GALLERY
 Front Gallery: **Chicken Bridge Pottery** by Rusty Sieck
 Back Gallery: New paintings by **Sarah Faulkner**

NESTED
Screen prints—by Joseph Beery through July

OPEN EYE CAFÉ
Dynamic and richly-colored paintings—by Trish Sheff

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WEAVER STREET REALTY
Acrylic on canvas—with images that overlay and entwine organic and abstract by Perry Arnesons

WOOTINI
 New works by Atlanta's **ArtDorks**.

CHAPEL HILL

ACKLAND ART MUSEUM
In and Around the Garden: Perspectives East and West—garden-centered themes, from scientific to spiritual, in a variety of media through Aug 31
Contemporary Drawings—from the Ackland Collection through Aug 17
The Art of Love—through Sep 7

ANIMATION AND FINE ART
A Flower Garden—lithographs, serigraphs and stained glass by Lowell Nesbit through July 10

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF CHAPEL HILL
The Face of the Earth—watercolor mixed media by Nerys Levy through June 29

TOWN & CAMPUS REALTY
The Paris Collection—photography by Tim Vanderhort

TURNING POINT GALLERY
This Side of Abstract—15 original acrylics by Wilfred Lang

SOUTHERN VILLAGE

BAGWELL, HOLT, SMITH, TILLMAN & JONES, PA
The Color in No Color—paintings exploring the expressive capacity of "neutral" materials by Amy White

BLOOM
Landscape oils on canvas—by Roanoke Rapids, N.C. artist Sam Shelby through July

HILLSBOROUGH

HILLSBOROUGH GALLERY OF ARTS
Birds and Bloomers—new work by Howard Schroeder and Katherine Nelson through June 21. Opening reception with refreshments Friday, May 30, from 6-9pm

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FR 6/6(\$15/\$17)**
SWERVEDRIVER
 W/TERRA DIABLO, THE NEIN
TU 6/10 MUDHONEY
 W/BIRDS OF AVALON**(\$15)
FR 6/13 PAUL THORN
 W/JULE BROWN**(\$15/\$20)
MO 6/16(\$8/\$10)**
MARIA TAYLOR/JOHNATHAN RICE
 W/NIK FREITAS
WE 6/18(\$15/\$17)**
INGRID MICHAELSON
 W/GREG LASWELL
FR 6/20 BOXBOMB,
 W/MAX INDIAN, OSO OPTIMO, WILLIE BREEDING**(\$1)
SA 6/21 ROONEY
 W/LOCKSLEY, THE BRIDGES**(\$13/\$15)
WE 6/25(\$15/\$17)**
DEMON HUNTER
 W/LIVING SACRIFICE + MORE
TH 6/26(\$12/\$14)**
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 W/MAPS & ATLASES, GASOLINE HEART
FR 6/27 SUMMER REGGAE JAM(\$6/\$8)**
SA 6/28(\$28/\$30)**
IRIS DEMENT
 W/JASON WILBER
SU 6/29 FLICKER
 ATTACK OF THE 50' REELS
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SA 7/5 DIRTY SOUTH FEST: LOWER CLASS BRATS, MURPHYS LAW PATRIOT + MORE(\$18/\$22)**
SU 7/6 BORIS
 W/TORCHE and CLOUDS**

SA 6/28
IRIS DEMENT

SA 7/12 THE CLUB IS OPEN LOCAL MUSIC FESTIVAL: RED COLLAR, LUD, AMERICAN AQUARIUM, FUTURE KINGS OF NOWHERE\$7**

SU 7/13 THE CLUB IS OPEN LOCAL MUSIC FESTIVAL: I WAS TOTALLY DESTROYING IT, SHAKERMAKER, SALVO HUNTER\$7**

FR 7/18 DUBCONSCIOUS**

SA 7/19 NC GIRLS ROCK CAMP SHOWCASE (AGES 10-17)\$5 OR DONATION**

TH 7/24 HIEROGLYPHICS (SOULS OF MISCHIEF, PEP LOVE & CASUAL)
 W/BLUE SCHOLARS, KNOWBODY, MUSAB, PRINCE ALI**(\$15)

FR 7/25 TILLY AND THE WALL
 W/RUBY SUNS**

MO 7/28 SHE & HIM
 FEATURING ZOOEY DESCHANEL & M. WARD**(\$16/\$18)

TU 7/29 IMMORTAL TECHNIQUE (HIP HOP)(\$12/\$15)**

FR 8/8 SARA LEE GUTHRIE AND JOHNNY IRION(\$10/\$12)**

TU 8/12(\$15/\$17) THE HOLD STEADY** W/LOVED ONES
FR 8/15(\$20/\$22) THE FAINT**

SA 8/16 THE MELVINS
 W/BIG BUSINESS**(\$16/\$18)

SA 8/23(\$16/\$18) ARROGANCE**
MO 9/29 STEREO LAB(\$17)**
FR 10/17(\$12/\$15) CHATHAM COUNTY LINE**
TU 11/13 BADFISH
 W/SCOTTY DON'T**(\$16/\$18)

MO 6/16
MARIA TAYLOR

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LOCAL 506 (CH):
TH 6/5 JEREMY ENIGK W/DAMIEN JURADO
FR 6/6 NEW FRONTIERS W/DENISON WITMER
TU 6/10 HAYDEN W/HALEY BONAR
TU 8/12 CASS MCCOMBS
FR 8/22 ONEIDA W/DIRTY FACES

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 W/WINTERSLEEP
SU 10/5 - ON SALE 6/13 THE BLACK KEYS

LINCOLN THEATRE (RALEIGH):
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June 14, 2008

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News Briefs

Rock against cancer

Young cancer patients in N.C. Children's Hospital's School of Rock will soon be jamming after the presentation of a generous \$20,000 check from Rock Against Cancer, a national non-profit organization that uses music to empower young cancer patients, on Thursday, June 5 at 10 a.m.

The School of Rock opened in February 2006 to incorporate music therapy in the N.C. Children's Hospital's cancer treatment.

The presentation will be in the Sigma Sigma Sigma Foundation's Robbie Page Play Atrium and Charles Goren Music Room at N.C. Children's Hospital.

Fiesta Latina cancelled

This year's Fiesta Latina scheduled for June 21 at Shakori Hills has been cancelled. According to a Hispanic Liaison press release, "the decision was made in large part due to the difficult financial situation that is affecting consumers and businesses nationwide."

Fiesta Latina is rescheduled for June 20, 2009 at Shakori Hills. Fiesta Latina is sponsored by Hispanic Liaison, a non-profit advocating for Latinos in Chatham County.

Dog tethering decision delayed again

The Board of County Commissioners postponed a decision on proposed dog tethering restrictions on Tuesday after nearly 60 people signed up to speak at the meeting about the restrictions. Commissioners said they needed more time to consider the restrictions and public comments. The board previously delayed a decision on the restrictions on May 20.

Under the proposed restrictions, dogs could be tethered for a total of no more than three hours during a 24-hour period using a tethering device at least 10 feet in length and attached to prevent strangulation or other injury to the dog. In addition, the tethering device could not exceed 10 percent of the dog's body weight and dogs must have access to food, water and shelter while tethered. They also include a minimum requirement for kennel size, depending on the size of the dog.

Certain organized animal functions, such as hunting events, would be exempt from the proposed restrictions.

Opponents of the restrictions argue that tethering should be considered on a case-by-case basis and that animal neglect can occur under any circumstance. Supporters maintain restrictions would improve animal quality of life and welfare.

Buckhorn vote delayed

The Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday voted to postpone a decision regarding the special-use permit application for Buckhorn Village until September 2.

The Orange County Planning Board had requested more time to make a recommendation regarding the proposed 1.1 million square foot development off Buckhorn Road, near I-85/I-40 in the western part of Orange County. Developers and county officials have said the development could bring in sales tax revenue and curb property tax increases.

The project is being developed by Buckhorn Road Associates. The group submitted their plan for the development to the county in December.

The county planning board is scheduled to make a recommendation to the commissioners regarding the development no later than September 2.

Chapel Hill taxes to rise, accounting to change

by Rich Fowler
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill residents can expect an 11.3 percent increase in town property taxes should the town council approve the proposed 2008-2009 budget at its meeting Monday. It would be the first increase in property taxes in two years.

Town Manager Roger Stancil's recommended budget contains a 5.9-cent property tax increase mainly to cover increasing debt cost from new facilities including the town operations center, the Homestead Road aquatics center and Southern Community Park.

The taxes a homeowner will pay on a \$200,000 house would go up from \$1,044 to \$1,162 —

an increase of \$118. Homeowners who live in the part of Chapel Hill in Durham County will not see a tax increase this year because Durham County revalued their homes last year. By state law, the town may not raise the tax rate in those areas right after a revaluation.

When property owners get their tax bills in the fall, they will also notice a change in how property taxes are structured. That's because the town is changing how it pays for its debt by restructuring property taxes. Instead of drawing money out of the town's general fund to pay for its debts, it will set aside a certain amount of property taxes to go straight into its debt service fund.

With the new way of account-

ing, the tax rate for the general fund will drop to 42.3 cents, the new debt service fund tax rate will be 11 cents, and the transit fund tax rate will remain 4.8 cents, for a total of 58.1 cents per \$100. In 2007, the tax rate for the general fund was 47.4 cents, with another 4.8 cents for the transit fund, for a total of 52.2 cents. The change in accounting will make sure that the money to pay back debts comes from a stable revenue source.

The town expects to raise around \$24.6 million from property taxes for the general fund, \$6.4 million for the debt service fund and \$2.8 million for the transit fund this year.

Appropriations for the town would be just under \$86.7 million with \$34.1 million to cover

salaries and benefits compared to last year's \$32.3 million, an increase of 5.3 percent.

The budget plan includes a 3 percent raise for employees, a \$363,000 jump in health insurance costs, \$478,000 for staff and other costs at the new aquatics center and \$125,000 for improving the town's website.

Transit expenses are also expected to go up 9.6 percent from last year, to just under \$16.1 million. The increased costs come from rising oil and fuel prices, rising maintenance costs and costs associated with the move to the new town operations center.

You can find a copy of the town manager's proposed budget at the town's website, www.townofchapelhill.org.



PHOTO BY EMILY BURNS
Former Recreation and Parks Commissioner Alfred Montalvo hits tennis balls at Wilson Park. Improving the courts are among the few capital projects on this year's budget.

Town budget passes

by Kirk Ross
Staff Writer

With little fanfare and virtually no discussion, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen unanimously passed the town's fiscal 2008-09 budget Tuesday night.

The final vote came after Town Manager Steve Stewart modified his original proposal to include an additional \$4,000 for the Orange County Land Trust. Stewart had trimmed the Land Trust's request in a fashion similar to other jurisdictions, but was asked by the board of aldermen to fully fund the group's request after a public hearing last week. Land Trust advocates had argued that it needs the additional funds

to help sell a growing inventory of properties.

The change added .03 cents to proposed tax increase of 3.26 cents. The final version approved Tuesday night by the board raises the town's tax rate to 68.63 cents per \$100 valuation. For the owner of a \$200,000 home the increase would be about \$65.

The \$18,480,375 budget reflects concern of a slow growth in the town's tax base and flagging sales tax revenues. It calls for only three major capital projects — \$260,000 for part of the Weaver Street reconstruction project, \$13,230 for tennis court resurfacing at Wilson Park and \$10,500 for dog park fence renovations at Anderson Park.

OBITUARY

Bruce Little Williams

Mrs. Bruce Little Williams, formerly of 409 Patterson Place, Chapel Hill, passed away peacefully at age 97 on May 31, 2008. At the time of her death, she was a resident of Spring Arbor of Durham retirement home.

Mrs. Williams grew up in Ayden, Green County, NC and it was there she met her future husband, James J. Williams while attending a high school football game, where she was a cheerleader and he was a player. They later married and moved to Chapel Hill where they spent a long and happy life together on Patterson Place raising two daughters, Joyce and Mary Lou, and a son, Jimmy.

Bruce Williams was a very loveable person who enjoyed her home and family and was active in many community activities. She also liked to travel and enjoyed her grandchildren and great grandchildren, especially their visits to see her.

She dearly loved her church, the University Baptist Church in Chapel Hill, where she was a member for 78 years. She enjoyed her adult Sunday School Class and music, played the pi-

ano, sang in the choir and was a faithful member of WMU.

Bruce was also a professional and worked in the utilities office of UNC for 25 years. She retired in 1973. She was an avid bridge player and loved reading and was a Charter Member of the Chapel Hill Book Club.

Her survivors include — Daughters: Joyce Williams Hayes and husband, Charles; Mary Lou Pruss and husband, Barry; all of Chapel Hill. Five grandchildren: Greg Hayes of Los Angeles; Jill Hayes Fulton of Wayne, PA; Joy Hayes Pittman of Baltimore; Patricia Pruss of Chapel Hill; and James Pruss of Hammond, IN. Three great grandchildren: Guy Johnson; Kerry Blake Fulton; and Isabella Pittman.

Friends may visit from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3 at Walker's Funeral Home, 120 West Franklin Street, Chapel Hill.

Church services were held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 4, 2008 at University Baptist Church, 100 South Columbia Street, Chapel Hill.

The family will have a private burial service at old Chapel Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Renovating and Renewing program of University Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

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Carrboro Elementary's Corke named teacher of the year

Carrboro Elementary School teacher Briana Corke was named Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Teacher of the Year last week at the district's annual recognition banquet.

Corke teaches the fourth-grade Spanish dual-language class at Carrboro Elementary, where she began her teaching career in 2003. She holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a bachelor's degree in English from UNC. Corke earned her National Board Cer-



Briana Corke

tification as a middle-childhood

generalist in 2007.

In addition, she was a Kenan Fellow from 2006-08 and received the Excellence in Elementary Science Teaching Award from UNC-Greensboro.

At Carrboro Elementary, Corke is involved beyond the classroom level. She is the grade-level chair, serves on the Leadership Committee and is co-chair of the Student Services Team. Corke is also a mentor teacher for novice teachers and organized the school's Hispanic Par-

ent Night in February.

Outside of school, Corke does home visits for struggling students and meets with families to discuss strategies to support students' learning.

"As a teacher, I am wholeheartedly committed to academic excellence and high growth for all my students," Corke said. "To help each of my students to address their individual goals, I need to be willing to accept help in small group lessons, when working with a peer or when

coming to have a 'lunch date' with me to work individually."

Corke will represent the district at the next level in regional competition.

Also at the district's recognition banquet, Karen Galassi-Ferrer of East Chapel Hill High School and Kay Lawson-Demery of Chapel Hill High School were named Honor Teachers.

Gloria Woods-Weeks of East Chapel Hill High was named Assistant Principal of the Year. —Staff Reports

School Briefs

Museum opening

Julie Dermody's fourth-grade class of English Language Learners open their museum, "Our Life," today (Thursday) at Scroggs Elementary School.

For the year-long project, students made multiple trips to the Ackland Art Museum and used resources from UNC's Wilson Library, riding free Chapel Hill buses for the field trips. A local artist assisted students in creating life sculptures and the Public School Foundation provided funding for the project.

The class is a model of the sheltered instruction-observation protocol model.

Coaching award

East Chapel Hill High School forensic coach William Warren recently earned a first diamond from the National Forensic League.

Coaches in the league receive one-tenth of the points earned by their students, and coaches who receive 1,500 points earn first diamonds.

Warren will be recognized at the Lincoln Financial Group/NFL National Tournament in Las Vegas, June 15-20. The National Forensic League is aimed at encouraging and motivating high school students to participate in and become proficient in public speaking and interpretation.

Clown camp

The ArtsCenter Stage and the Youth Performing Arts Conservatory will hold a summer camp for students aged 13 to 18.

The camp, called Comedy, Combat and Clowning, will feature classes in stage combat, improvisation, ensemble work, masks, text work, clowning/comedy and more.

The camp will run July 7-Aug. 3. The first three weeks of the camp will be held at Deep Dish Theater Company at University Mall. Classes and rehearsals at Deep Dish Theater Company will be Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Evening rehearsals will be held July 28-Aug. 1 at the ArtsCenter in preparation of the final performances, to be held Aug. 1, 2

and 3.

Tuition is \$450.

LAX class

Carrboro High School will hold a Men's Lacrosse Academy July 12-18.

The camp is aimed at giving skills instruction during an intensive two hours of play every evening for seven days. The camp will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. each day at the Carrboro High School Practice Field.

Boys aged 12 through rising high school seniors are eligible to participate in the lacrosse academy. Tuition is \$120 and includes a reversible jersey.

To download an application form, visit www2.chccs.k12.nc.us/education/sportszone/sportszone.php?sectionid=4559.

Middle college

The Middle College High School at Durham Technical Community College will hold open houses June 18 and 25 from 3 to 5 p.m.

The Middle College program allows 11th- and 12th-grade students to earn honors-level high school credit while taking college courses. Students con-

sidering enrollment and their parents are encouraged to attend an open-house event.

Middle College had its second commencement ceremony on Saturday at Duke University's Griffith Theater and 46 students received diplomas.

The open houses will be held in Room 49 of the White Building on Lawson Street in Durham. For more information, visit mchs.dpsnc.net.

Kid council

The Town of Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation invites youth in grades 9 through 12 to join the Chapel Hill Youth Council.

The Youth Council provides an opportunity for young people to participate in local government and to learn skills in leadership and responsibility. Members will work with other groups to carry out programs that benefit youth as well as the community and to represent the youth of Chapel Hill in civic matters.

The Youth Council will facilitate communication between youth and local government officials and will sponsor two service projects each year.

The council will hold hour-long biweekly meetings during the school year.

Council members must attend school in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro district, including public, private, home school or charter school. The council will accept applications until June 30. For more information or an application, visit townofchapelhill.org/parks_rec/youth_council/ or contact Liz Carter at 968-2784.

Project grad

The 15th annual Chapel Hill-Carrboro Project Graduation needs volunteers and donations.

Project Graduation, an all-night, alcohol- and drug-free party for graduates, will be held graduation night, June 14, at the UNC Student Union. The event is free of charge to participants to reward seniors for a job well done and to encourage maximum participation.

All costs are covered by donations from parents and businesses in the community. To donate or volunteer, visit www.projectgraduationchccs.com.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro teacher awards announced

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools teachers and staff members were honored last week at the district's annual recognition banquet.

Teachers who received awards include: Rhonda Hairston Turner, Seawell Elementary, Valeria Daniels-Paddock Support Services Award; Terry Richards, Phillips Middle, Exceptional Children's Award for Outstanding Contributions as a Teacher; and Janice Webster, Smith Middle, Wilson and Edwin Caldwell Jr. Minority Student Achievement Award.

Teaching Chairs were also named. These include: Patricia Farrington, Phoenix Academy, Carol Ambrosio Award; Sally Merryman, Smith Middle, Elmo's Award for Excellence in Teaching Foreign Language or ESL; Karoline Mathewson, Ephesus Elementary, Sockwell Chair for Excellence in Teaching the Primary Grades; Heather Taxis, Scroggs Elementary, Neil Pedersen Teacher's First Chair for Excellence in Technology; Ann Collins, Culbreth Middle, Rashkis Chair for Excellence in

Teaching Middle School Language Arts; and Michael Irwin, Chapel Hill High, Sullivan Chair for Excellence in Teaching High School English; Fiona Rae, Culbreth Middle, Glaxo Smith Kline Chair for Excellence in Teaching Middle School Science; Bernadette Woods, Carrboro High, Dean Smith New Teacher Award.

In addition, 33 retirees were honored. Retirees are: Rosanna Barbee, Chapel Hill High; Jeanette Blackwell, Lincoln Center; Rebecca Burke, Smith Middle; Barbara Butler, Chapel Hill High; Barbara Carroll, Carrboro Elementary; Carolyn Carver-Tann, McDougle Elementary; Gloria Davis, Estes Hills Elementary; Paul Fiorentino, Transportation Department; Nancy Fox, Glenwood Elementary; Fredrick, McDougle Middle; Jesse Gibson, Phillips Middle; Maggie Harder, Estes Hills Elementary; Patsy Harrison, McDougle Elementary; Carolyn Hibbard Parker, Phillips Middle; Deborah Hill, Ephesus Elementary; Olivia Ludington, FPG Elementary; Mary Ann

Maney, Smith Middle; Day McLaughlin, McDougle Elementary; Gail Murray, FPG Elementary; Pamela Henry Pate, Chapel Hill High School; William Foster Pegg, UNC Hospital School; Barbara Picornell, Ephesus Elementary; Lesley Pratt, Ephesus Elementary; Peggy Robinson, Transportation Department; Nancy Rodgers, Chapel Hill High; Stephen Scroggs, Lincoln Center; Connie Siewers, McDougle Elementary; William Slade, Chapel Hill High; Jerre Snider, McDougle Middle; Nancy Strunk, McDougle Middle; John Thomas, Chapel Hill High; Laura Walker, FPG Elementary; and Penny Weaver, Glenwood Elementary.

A number of staff members were also recognized for achieving milestones in their years of service to the district. Employees were honored for years of service: one employee for 35 years; five employees for 30 years; 12 employees for 25 years; and 24 employees for 20 years, as well as the 13 teachers who earned their National Board Certification in 2007-08.

Mary Harris, a language arts teacher at Phillips Middle, has 35 years of service.

Employees with 30 years of service include: Rosanna Barbee, Chapel Hill High; Burmadeane George, Phoenix Academy; Stephanie Hebdon, McDougle Elementary; Shirley Jean Hunter, Ephesus Elementary; and John Thomas, Chapel Hill High.

Employees with 25 years of service included: Sarita Allen-Medlin, Seawell Elementary; Karen Bell, Chapel Hill High; Anne Bradshaw, Ephesus Elementary; Lucille Campbell, Rashkis Elementary; Gloria Davis, Estes Hills Elementary; Katharine Everson, McDougle Elementary; Dianne Jackson, Glenwood Elementary; Robert Purdy, East Chapel Hill High; Sandy Sean Rasnake, FPG Elementary; Brenda Ankey Stephans, Carrboro Elementary; Joan Thompson, Transportation Department; and Mary Lin Truelove, Transportation Department.

Employees with 20 years of service include: Diana Barefoot, McDougle Elementary; B.J. Berent, Carrboro High; Gail Boyarsky, East Chapel Hill High; Debby Burns, Rashkis Elementary; Ann Collins, Culbreth Middle; Phylis Cook-Mack, Seawell Elementary; Annie Cramer, Seawell Elementary;

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FOR THE RECORD

Ouch

During this season of budgets there is a lot of concern about what looks like a big year for tax hikes. Many of us as well are already digging deeper to cover fuel costs directly and inflation driven by them indirectly. Then there's the simple fact that the making and selling of housing, now in a serious slump, is a key enterprise around here.

Other costs of operating the public sector are going up as well. This month, the Orange Water and Sewer Authority will be holding a series of public hearings on a rate increase that would raise the average bill by 24 percent.

While we applaud (in a light golf-clap way) the frugality that has kept Carrboro's tax increase a few cents lower than our neighbors next door, the cumulative effect of the privilege of living in southern Orange County has become much more dear this fiscal year.

Going into its meeting tonight (Thursday) Orange County commissioners are considering ways to reduce their budget or face raising the main property tax by 9 cents and the school district tax by more than 2 cents. Along with the municipal tax hike that would mean residents of Carrboro and Chapel Hill face jumps of roughly 15 cents and 18 cents respectively.

For a home valued at \$200,000 that would mean an additional \$300 here and \$360 for living those in the big city next door.

If the family living in that home uses 5,000 gallons of water monthly, the total bill goes up another \$170.

We are far into 'unsustainable' territory when even a family living in a modestly valued home is looking at an additional \$400 to \$500 in costs for government and services. While it is our hope that the economy turns around and that Orange County and its towns can present taxpayers a much different picture next year, there is not a lot on the immediate horizon to indicate that will happen.

The long term solution has long been known: it will take an intense, sustained focus on economic development to turn this around and shift a share of the revenue burden off of homeowners and onto a nascent commercial sector.

The attempts we've seen to improve the local economy and to spur investment have produced a lot of ideas, but as yet not a lot of results — certainly not enough as evidenced by this year's hikes. We hope taxpayers and policy makers alike will take a hard look at their tax bills this year and be inspired to hasten.

55 anyone?

This may sound crazy, but once upon a time, during another oil crisis, a Republican president suggested that this country might want to conserve. In fact, one of the conservation measures he pushed for and won was a reduction in the speed limit to 55 miles per hour.

Sometime later for reasons too many to name — most of which can be simply filed under one or more of the seven deadly sins — the laws changed and we now race around in powerful cars that do 80 just swell. So much for conservation.

Now, with conservation all the rage (witness this week's purported demise of GM's Hummer line) there is serious study afoot to return to those less speedy days of yesteryear.

It's estimated that driving 55 instead of 75 reduces consumption by 25 percent. That's a pretty big positive right off the bat. Considering the safety aspects of the move as well makes it even more tempting.

Gas prices already have more slowing down to conserve. We encourage everyone to consider doing so. And we encourage policy makers to consider again making it policy.

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The money shuffle in Raleigh

CHRIS FITZSIMON

Many of the decisions state lawmakers make this session will be influenced by November's election and legislative leaders in both parties have plenty of people to help them figure out how certain issues will play with the voters. The Democratic Caucus in the House and Senate each has its own political consultants and pollsters, and so do their Republican counterparts. Staffs at both party headquarters are constantly cranking out the partisan propaganda too. As distasteful as it often is, that's the nature of state politics in the 21st century and it is all amplified in the Internet age.

Less discussed is the influence on lawmakers of people who have always influenced them, the folks who bankroll their campaigns with donations and fundraisers. Lobbyists can no longer contribute money to legislators. Individual contributions to a candidate have long been limited to \$4,000. And so have donations from political action committees.

But that doesn't mean the homebuilders and realtors and wealthy UNC supporters can't give money to politicians. They just give it through their PAC. Individual corporate executives can and do give personal money as well.

And the limits don't mean much anyway. Donors determined to support a candidate can simply give money to his or her political party or legislative leaders and the money will eventually wind up with lawmakers in close races.

In the 2006 election cycle, Senate President Pro Tem Marc Basnight gave \$1.1 million to the Democratic Party. Senate Majority Leader Tony

Rand chipped in \$520,000. When you add in the contributions of Sens. Linda Garrou and Kay Hagan, Basnight's leadership team transferred roughly \$2 million to the party that was then redistributed in hundred-thousand chunks to Senate candidates in close races.

That ought to help answer the question of how Basnight has stayed in power so long. The Republicans do it too, they just can't yet raise as much money. Senate Minority Leader Phil Berger sent \$211,000 to the Republican Party in 2006 and the party sent checks on to candidates too.

There is a solution to this legal money laundering that skirts the intent of contribution limits: Simply put a cap on the amount of money a political party can contribute to a candidate.

Legislation by Rep. Bill Current to study limiting party contributions made it through a House committee last summer, but doesn't seem to have much momentum this session. And party contributions aren't the only problem.

Fifty-six members of the General Assembly are unopposed for re-election: 42 in the House and 14 in the Senate. That does not include members with only token opposition.

Many of the 56 unopposed lawmakers have received significant contributions even though they have no one to run against and many of them have thousands of dollars in their campaign accounts.

PACs give liberally to unopposed candidates, including Citizens for Higher Education, the PAC run by wealthy donors to UNC-Chapel Hill. In the first quarter of the year, the Citizens for Higher Education gave almost \$80,000 to lawmakers

who had no primary opponent and face no one on the ballot in November.

The candidates with competition have raised close to \$2 million so far this year and the election is still five months away.

One explanation offered as to why unopposed legislators need big money is to make possible opponents think twice before running, which doesn't exactly add to the openness of the democratic process.

The other reason is that lawmakers contribute to contested campaigns and to their party, which passes the money on. Basnight, who is unopposed himself, had almost a million dollars in the bank at the end of March and you can bet he will raise more of it to pass around to Democratic senators in close races.

And what do the donors get for the checks they write to candidates with no opposition? The recent obituary marking the death of Texas oilman and prominent North Carolina political donor Walter Davis included one clue.

It quoted Davis saying that "a campaign contribution will only get you a returned phone call." He added that "a donation wouldn't guarantee you anything but a chance to be heard."

It is hard not to think there's more to it than that, especially when you can throw money around like the UNC PAC and the realtors and homebuilders, etc. But that insight is useful, especially if you are wondering why you never seem to get your call returned, even from a politician without an opponent in the fall.

Chris Fitzsimon is the director of NC Policy Watch.

'This is our time'

Editor's note: Following is the closing of remarks by Senator Barack Obama of Illinois in St. Paul, Minn. on Tuesday, June 3 upon the conclusion of the Democratic Primary season. The Senator became the party's presumptive nominee for President of the United States after reaching the necessary delegate count to secure the nomination. He is the first African-American in history to do so.

In our country, I have found that this cooperation happens not because we agree on everything, but because behind all the labels and false divisions and categories that define us; beyond all the petty bickering and point-scoring in Washington, Americans are a decent, generous, compassionate people, united by common challenges and common hopes. And every so often, there are moments which call on that fundamental goodness to make this country great again.

So it was for that band of patriots who declared in a Philadelphia hall the formation of a more perfect union; and for all those who gave on the fields of Gettysburg and Antietam their last full measure of devotion to save that same union.

So it was for the Greatest Generation that conquered fear itself and liberated a continent from tyranny, and made this country home to untold opportunity and prosperity.

So it was for the workers who stood out on the picket lines; the women who shattered glass ceilings; the children who braved a Selma bridge for freedom's cause.

So it has been for every generation that faced down the greatest challenges and the most improbable odds to leave their children a world that's better, and kinder, and more just.

And so it must be for us. America, this is our moment. This is our time. Our time to turn the page on the policies of the past. Our time to bring new energy and new ideas to the challenges we face. Our time to offer a new direction for the country we love.

The journey will be difficult. The road will be long. I face this challenge with profound humility, and knowledge of my own limitations. But I also face it with limitless faith in the capacity of the American people. Because if we are willing to work for it, and fight for it, and believe in it, then I am absolutely certain that generations from now, we will be able to look back and tell our children that this was the moment when we began to provide care for the sick and good jobs to the jobless; this was the moment when the rise of the oceans began to slow and our planet began to heal; this was the moment when we ended a war and secured our nation and restored our image as the last, best hope on Earth. This was the moment — this was the time — when we came together to remake this great nation so that it may always reflect our very best selves, and our highest ideals. Thank you, God Bless you, and may God Bless the United States of America.

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Senator Dole: Vulnerable on children's health

ADAM SEARING

Two new statewide polls show a virtual tie in the race for U.S. Senate between incumbent Senator Elizabeth Dole and Democratic challenger Kay Hagan, a state senator from Greensboro. This is obviously sparking some worry over at the Dole campaign, where Dole's name recognition and millions in donations have perhaps made her a little overconfident about victory.

One major worry for Dole is the widespread criticism of her vote last year against more affordable health insurance for children, or S-CHIP. Called "Health Choice" in North Carolina, this is an excellent, affordable health insurance program aimed at children in lower-income working families. It is becoming increasingly important as many in North Carolina are dealing with increasing healthcare costs, especially for family premiums. Additionally, plant closings and tough economic times are putting good jobs with health coverage at risk. In fact, North Carolina has one of the fastest growing rates of people losing health coverage through their employment.

This increasingly dire situation might be expected to prompt Dole to reconsider her opposition to last year's bipartisan effort to lower health costs for kids in NC families. Unfortunately, that is not the case. Recently, Dole introduced a child health bill that actually rolls back coverage in North Carolina, is incapable of drawing the bipartisan support needed for passage, and seems designed simply as a prop for her to mention on the campaign trail.

Dole may argue that her bill funds some expansion of child health insurance and requires poor children to be

funded first. However, last year she voted against bipartisan child health coverage twice — and the second time against a compromise bill that clearly concentrated most of the new money coming to states on lower-income children. There are four major reasons why Dole's bill is a political band-aid in a year when families need real change:

Dole's bill doesn't treat our kids as she treats herself: As a US Senator, Ms. Dole enjoys a wonderful choice of taxpayer-subsidized private health insurance plans for both herself and her family. She can also visit a well-staffed health clinic right in the Capitol building — for free — should she have a headache or otherwise feel ill. An entire floor of a nearby world-class government hospital is set aside for the exclusive use of Senator Dole and other members of Congress. In contrast, Dole's suggestions for how hundreds of thousands of uninsured children in "her" state are to obtain healthcare are inadequate, underfunded and far less than comprehensive. When will Sen. Dole be ready to provide the same healthcare she gets to every child in North Carolina?

Dole's bill doesn't even provide enough money to run the state's current Health Choice program: The nonpartisan Center on Budget and Policy Priorities estimates that we will fall short of federal funding for the program in 2013, meaning North Carolina would have to stop offering child health coverage or come up with millions in state dollars to keep the program open.

Dole's bill blocks the state's new discount child health insurance plan for working families. North Carolina's new proposed discount health insurance plan for working parents

who don't qualify for Health Choice is called NC Kids' Care and was set to go into effect this year. Now it is delayed largely because of the defeat last year of new federal money for expanded health coverage — a defeat Dole enthusiastically participated in. Dole's new face-saving proposal on child health just makes things worse. She sets unreasonable and unrealistic participation requirements in the current NC Health Choice program coupled with inadequate funding for insuring new children, either in NC Health Choice or NC Kids' Care. Dole's Catch 22 is this: To expand child health coverage, the state must enroll more children in Health Choice, but the state is not provided with enough new federal money to enroll more kids in Health Choice.

Dole's bill would mean much less money for North Carolina: Under last year's bipartisan bill, North Carolina would have received hundreds of millions of dollars in new funding to deliver health coverage for kids currently eligible but not enrolled in state child health programs. Dole's bill — even if it passed — would do nothing to change this because the funding levels are so low they don't even keep up with kids who are currently eligible for health coverage.

Instead of a genuine, bipartisan effort to expand health coverage for kids and lower health costs for families, Dole instead delivers a partisan face-saving bill with little or no chance of passage. This certainly isn't the way to tackle one of the most important issues facing families in North Carolina.

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Stuckey, vice chair of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education, adding that the district has typically had to purchase school sites from private owners.

Land costs associated with the new school would be lower because both the Northside and Greene Tract sites are already owned by government bodies.

Officials have considered nearly 30 different sites, but are focusing on the Northside and Greene Tract sites after eliminating others for various reasons. According to district projections, Chapel Hill-Carrboro will need the district's 11th elementary school to open in the fall of 2010. The district's 10th elementary school, Morris Grove, will open on the corner of Dromoland and Eubanks roads in August.

School officials previously considered a site on the Carolina North project, but because the project will be under construction in coming years, the site would not be available in time.

District officials said in order to open a school by 2010, the district must identify a site and begin working with an architect this summer.

"As you know, growth continues in Chapel Hill, and we need a place to build it," retiring Assistant Superintendent Steve Scroggs said.

"Our schools are back to getting overcrowded," he continued. "Growth hasn't stopped in Chapel Hill. It's changed where it goes, but it hasn't stopped."

Scroggs said because the Greene Tract site does not already have water and sewer lines, building a school there would

cost more and take more time than at the Northside site. In addition, a school at the Northside site would be the only school in downtown Chapel Hill.

"Building a school in downtown Chapel Hill excites us," Scroggs said. "I do think this could be a wonderful opportunity to put a school in a neighborhood where kids live."

The district has mailed letters to residents of the communities around both the Northside and Greene Tract sites. In addition, school officials have met with Lincoln High School alumni regarding the historical significance of the Northside site.

Delores Bailey, executive director of Empowerment, Inc., said she thinks the school would be a positive asset to the neighborhood. Empowerment is a community development and housing counseling agency that has conducted community outreach in the Northside neighborhood.

"I think it is a wonderful idea to have a neighborhood school in the Northside neighborhood," Bailey said. "Finally, a school that's within walking distance for people that live in that area."

Bailey said that while the Northside neighborhood has been changing over the last several years, she believes an elementary school would further change the face of the neighborhood.

"I think this is an opportunity for some of the negative stereotypes of our neighborhood to be washed away," she said.

Bailey said that while Empowerment has been successful in organizing the community of the Northside neighborhood, "what we haven't been able to do is change that perception that's existed since the '70s."

"I think a school will round that whole thing out," she added.

The school would also bring an influx of new families to the already diverse neighborhood, Bailey said.

Stuckey said she hoped that the community members would take advantage of the school.

"We want to be an asset to the neighborhood where [the school] is located," Stuckey said. "We would anticipate that folks in the community will use the school."

Scroggs said if the school were located at either site, redistricting could be somewhat challenging, since there are higher numbers of students receiving free or reduced cost lunch in the walk zones around the sites. However, he added that with tight redistricting parameters, he believed the percentages of students receiving free or reduced cost lunch could be balanced across the district.

"It would be very similar to when we build schools near large apartment complexes," Scroggs said.

Although he recommends the Northside site for the 11th elementary school, Scroggs said both the Greene Tract and Carolina North sites could be good sites for the 12th elementary school, which will be needed shortly after the 11th elementary school, according to district projections.

"Where 12 falls really depends on where Carolina North is in [the construction] process," Scroggs said. "[The Carolina North site] has got potential written all over it."

The board is scheduled consider the sites in a work session tonight, then make a final decision by June 19.

Chatham extends building ban

by Catherine Rierson
Staff Writer

Last week the Chatham County Board of Commissioners approved a six-month moratorium to complete several major land use ordinances.

The moratorium expires December 2, and applies only to residential developments with at least 26 residential

lots. The extension allows time for revising the subdivision regulations and environmental review standards.

The Subdivision Subcommittee of the Planning Board will prepare a review process for major subdivisions, incorporating environmental standards, low-impact design standards and requirements for developers to meet with lo-

cal residents before submitting applications.

In January, the board of commissioners established criteria requiring developers to provide environmental assessments.

The effective date of the amendments has been postponed to allow time to develop more detailed standards.

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The developer, Downtown Urban Ventures, LLC, plans to remove any contaminated soil on the .51 acre parcel according to paperwork filed with the town.

The project is one of several multi-story buildings planned for downtown, including a major project planned for the nearby 300 East Main properties. The full 300 East Main project has yet to come before the board of aldermen, but the first part, a five-story, 45,000 square foot office and commercial building was approved last year for the property where Archer Graphics was located at 305 East Main Street.

In other action, the board of

aldermen heard from residents near James Street concerned that the town's sidewalk construction plan would delay a long-sought stretch on the street until next year. Town officials estimate it could be next January before the project gets started.

Former board of aldermen members Allen Spalt and Frances Shetley urged the board to move more quickly.

"I've very disturbed to see this schedule," Spalt said. The neighborhood has had a good deal of turnover recently, he said, with many young families moving in and using James Street for walking.

Spalt said James Street was one of the original projects that led to the sidewalk bond program and, while design issues have caused a lag, needs to get going.

Shetley said she is worried about the mix of traffic and pedestrians, especially given the lack of a shoulder on parts of James Street.

"The troubling thing about it is that [pedestrians] have to walk in the travel lanes," she said, adding that the town has been lucky so far not to have had a major accident as a result.

Also on Tuesday the board:

- appointed Neal McTighe, Carrboro's Poet Laureate, to the Arts Committee;
- approved a plan to replace a failing culvert on Gary Road;
- agreed to issue street closing permits for the annual Four on the Fourth Road Race on July 4, the Carrboro 10K Road Race on October 4 and the Gallop and Gorge 8K Road Race on November 27.

School board to meet on grading system, policy changes

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education meets tonight (Thursday) at 7 at the Chapel Hill Town Hall on Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard.

The board will consider in a work session a proposed change

to student grading that would emphasize consistency and add a floor of 61 to the numeric grading scale. Opponents of the proposed policy change argue that a minimum grade of 61 inflates grades and lowers standards.

Other items on the agenda include:

- Policy changes regarding the special education program/rights of students with disabilities;
- Policy changes regarding disciplinary action for exceptional children/students with disabilities;
- Meal price increases;

- Policy changes regarding discrimination, harassment and bullying;
- Graduation requirements; and
- Site selection for the district's 11th elementary school.

UNC professor to lead community journalism efforts

UNC News Services

The National Newspaper Association (NNA) has named University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill professor Jock Lauterer its point person on community journalism for the trade association's nationwide membership primarily of non-daily newspapers.

Lauterer is a lecturer in community journalism and news writing at the UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication, where he directs the Carolina Community Media Project, the school's outreach program to 192 small North Carolina newspapers.

"I'm delighted to be a part of the NNA," said Lauterer, who's community journalism class helped inspire the creation of *The Carrboro Citizen*. "I believe so strongly in the fundamental importance of great newspapers and their Web sites because they play a critical role in the promotion and maintenance of civic life and high livability in a free democratic society."

The NNA is the nation's

oldest and largest newspaper organization. Its mission is to protect, promote and enhance America's community newspapers through government relation programs, business and educational programs, and its national publication for community newspapers.


Lauterer will specialize in community journalism newsroom issues, complementing the NNA's specialists in postal service, public policy and legal issues.


"Jock has a real cache and expertise in the newsroom," said Brian Steffens, executive director of the NNA. "He will be a great ambassador and resource for the NNA and its members."

Each summer, Lauterer conducts free, on-site journalism workshops at newspaper offices across the state. His "community journalism roadshow" has visited more than 120 newspapers during the last seven summers. Lauterer records his travels in the Blue Highways Journal blog at <http://weblogs.jomc.unc.edu:16080/bluehighways/>



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Lauterer had a long career in journalism before coming to UNC.





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Recipe of the Week

PODS AND SPEARS STEW

From Market Staffer, Kelly Clark Adapted from Yoga and Joyful Living Magazine

This is an amazing combination of vegetables and herbs that brings out the best flavor in each, but is also very flexible if you don't have a certain ingredient on hand. Don't hesitate to substitute or add fresh peas or snow peas.

As for the fava beans - it's so exciting to see this vegetable in our Market, as it is a relative new comer with a few of our farmers growing this Mediterranean crop. Fava beans are a labor of love, but worth the effort.

Ingredients

- 16 asparagus spears
4 scallions
2 pints sugar snap peas
1 pound fava beans
4 tablespoons butter
3-4 tablespoons water
1-2 tablespoons fresh thyme leaves, chopped fine
1-2 tablespoons fresh Italian parsley, chopped fine
2 teaspoons sugar
4-6 ounces fresh goat cheese, crumbled salt and pepper to taste

Procedure

Slice the asparagus spears on the diagonal in 1/4 inch lengths, keeping the tips separate from the stalk. Set both aside. Thinly slice the scallions. Set aside. String the snap peas (removing the membranous string that runs along the top of the pod from base to tip) and slice them on the diagonal in 1/4 inch lengths and set aside. Shell the fava beans. Prepare a small pot of boiling water and blanch the shelled beans for one minute. Remove with a strainer, then with your thumbnail, slit the membrane and squeeze out the inside bean. Do not be concerned if the bean divides in two. Discard the membranes, set the beans aside. In a pan large enough to hold all of the vegetables, melt the butter over low heat. Add the asparagus spears and scallions and stir, add the snap peas and stir, add the fava beans, stir, and cook for 3 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the asparagus tips and the water, stir and cover the pot. Simmer for 2 minutes, shaking the pot occasionally. Add the herbs and sugar; mix well, then season with salt and pepper to taste. Do not let the water cook away completely; you want a little moisture with the vegetables. Spoon the vegetables into a serving dish and add 1/2 of the cheese and toss lightly. Sprinkle the rest of the cheese over the top and serve. Serves 4.

Healthy Kids Campaign plans Saturday celebration

Fresh on the heels of winning kudos Tuesday night from the Town of Carrboro for community gardening, the Orange County Partnership for Young Children plans a celebration of its Healthy Kids Campaign Saturday from 3-5 p.m. at Carrboro Elementary School. The campaign has set up two gardens in Carrboro - one at the school and another at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park - and is looking for a third, possibly in conjunction with a local church.

After a presentation of the efforts before the Carrboro Board of Aldermen Tuesday night at Town Hall, the board, which last year approved use of part of the park for the garden, passed a resolution applauding the work of the program.

Board member Randee Haven O'Donnell said she's been delighted to see the number of families working together at the

gardens each weekend. She suggested that a garden be planned for the new Morris Grove Elementary School as well.

Saturday's event will feature presentations about each of the partnership's new programs, a kids cooking demonstration and a tour of the school's garden.

The campaign's three new programs, funded by grants and contributions, focus on preventing child obesity by increasing opportunities for children to eat smart and move more. They include an effort to aid pre-schools in creating physical activity programs and increasing knowledge and consumption of healthy foods; the community garden program and the Move It! Project, which will help create and fund scholarships for low-income children to attend local physical activity programs and camps. -Staff Reports

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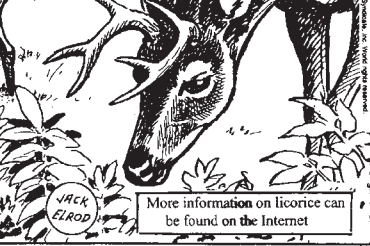
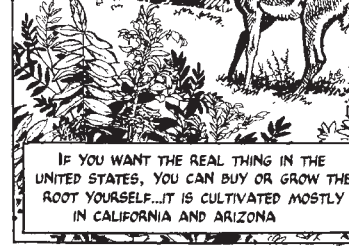
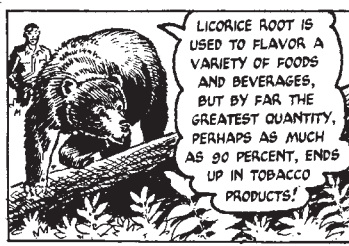
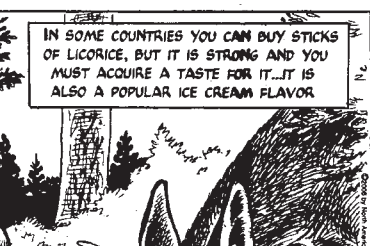
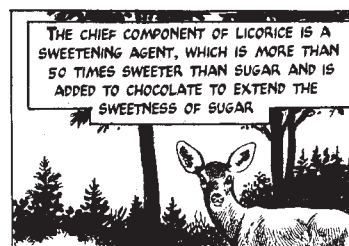
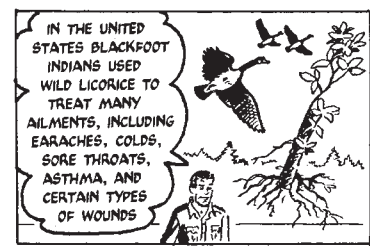
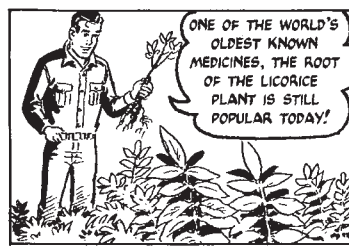
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for the monarch butterflies. The bed that runs the length of the tool shed is now a hedge of volunteer Indian Hemp. I've come to appreciate the architecture of the plant, with straight stems of opposite leaves, alternating at 90 degree angles.

Snap one of those leaves off and you immediately have a bleeding of thick, sticky, milky-white sap. It's glue-like to the touch. Later in the season, you will find long silky fibers inside those stems. Indian Hemp is revered in Native American heritage for its numerous medicinal and utilitarian uses.

One of my favorite references, *Herbal Remedies of the Lumbee Indians* by Boughman and Oxendine describes harvesting the stems in October as a primary source of cordage material. The resulting carefully crafted strong twine and rope



PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

A pollinator captured by a predator on an Indian Hemp flower

was used for fishing lines, deer nets, slings for small-game hunting, quilts, clothing and even moccasins.

I can never resist taking a closer look at the clusters of small white flowers in the top leaf axils of the stems. These flower clusters attract a great variety of insect pollinators. Recently, I noticed a rainbow colored reflection on the wing of a tiny pollinating sweat bee. I pulled out

the camera to attempt a photograph and observed, to my surprise, that the sweat bee had been stunned and was apparently being drained of its insides by a larger and swifter predator. Life on a flower head is never boring! For every flower there is at least one pollinator. For every pollinator, there is at least one predator. Wow! The beauty and drama of life! Be a part of it!!!

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