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The Union Grove Road mulberry is one mighty big tree. PHOTO BY BRIAN STOKES

Transit tax to appear on Nov. ballot

BY ROSE LAUDICINA
Staff Writer

HILLSBOROUGH — In a move that will let voters decide the future of transit in Orange County, the Orange County Board of Commissioners voted 5-2 to approve putting a transit-tax referendum on the November ballot.

"I'm very glad we have passed it," board Chair Bernadette Pelissier said. "We owe it to the public to let them vote on it."

By putting the half-percent sales-tax referendum for public transportation on the ballot, the commissioners are leaving it up to voters to decide if the county will have some of the

funds needed to proceed with the Orange County Transit Plan, which was also approved 5-2 at the Tuesday night meeting.

In both instances commissioners Earl McKee and Steve Yuhasz cast the two dissenting votes.

"We are putting all of our transit eggs in this basket that is really so heavily weighted to a light-rail plan that provides just scraps of the real kind of transit that we are most likely to need in the foreseeable future," Yuhasz said.

The Orange County Transit Plan includes expanded bus hours and service provided by Chapel Hill Transit, TTA and Orange County; route enhancements along Martin Luther

King Jr. Boulevard; an Amtrak station in Hillsborough; and light rail that would connect UNC Hospitals to Alston Avenue in Durham.

"We have now approved a transit plan, but there are no monies in the general fund to do this," Commissioner Pam Hemminger said. "In order to have this plan we have to pass this referendum."

Triangle Transit Authority estimates that if the half-percent sales tax is passed in Orange County it will generate approximately \$5 million in 2013 if active for the full year.

In November 2011, voters in Durham passed a similar half-percent sales tax, which will allow Durham to expand their public transit and

help fund their portion of the light-rail system.

The issue of transit has become a contentious one for the county commissioners over the past few months, as some residents say the plan disproportionately benefits the municipalities, most notably Chapel Hill, and gives very little to the rural community.

"This is a great design for one particular portion of the county at significant expenditure," Chris Weaver, a candidate for commissioner in District 2, told the board. "District 2 pays half the fees, but receives token increase in bus services. Why should

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FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Mulberry names go round and round

Citizen reader Mary Ayers recently suggested that I might enjoy seeing a beautiful red-fruited mulberry tree out on Union Grove Road at the edge of a farm field. She wondered if it could be one of the kind imported for silk production years ago.

Well now, thank you, Mary Ayers, for setting me off on quite an adventure — mostly trying to determine what kind of mulberry you have out there in your beautiful countryside.

With fellow nature adventurers Brian and Tony, I went to visit that mulberry last week.

Numerous red and black mulberries were still hanging on a particularly large specimen tree. Smaller trees are easy to view in town hanging over the Frances Shetley bikeway behind Carrboro Elementary School, and it's not unusual to find walkers competing with the birds for the tasty, low-hanging fruit.

Beneath the Union Grove Road tree I referred to *Trees of the Carolinas* (Stan Tekiela) and confidently announced to Brian and Tony that we were looking at the native red mulberry, *Morus rubra*. The description of shiny smooth leaves and black fruit definitely fit our tree. A second reference, *Native Trees of the Southeast* (Kirkman, Brown and Leopold), also described the white mulberry, *Morus alba*, which was long ago imported to feed silkworms.

The exotic species is easily distinguished from the native because white mulberry has mature fruit, pink to white. But the description of shiny smooth leaves of white mulberry and rough-to-touch (scabrous) leaves of red mulberry began to confuse me.

Back home I pulled out the current authority, Alan Weakley's *Flora of the Carolinas, Virginia and*

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About 250 Frank Porter Graham Elementary School students and their family members walked to school last Thursday to protest the proposal to convert FPG into a Spanish dual-language magnet school. The group also hoped to raise awareness about an upcoming project that will add sidewalks along Smith Level Road. From left: Cain Pickles, Katie Irvin, Sarah Watson, John Blobe and Bryce Goodnight show their opposition to the proposal to make FPG a magnet school.

PHOTO BY DAVID JESSEE

Board set to vote on dual-language magnet

BY ROSE LAUDICINA
Staff Writer

With five options on the table, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education has to choose which one will determine the future of the district's Spanish Dual Language Program.

Earlier this year, the district's dual-language administrative team, comprised of school principals and district administrators, released a report recommending the expansion of the

Spanish Dual Language Program by creating a dual-language magnet school at Frank Porter Graham Elementary School (FPG) while maintaining two Spanish dual-language classes at Carrboro Elementary School.

On May 17, board Chair Mia Burroughs indicated to staff that a majority of the board supported recommendations to turn FPG into a Spanish dual-language magnet school.

Soon after that meeting, the board scheduled

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FPG students and families walk along Smith Level Road, where sidewalks will be added as part of the Smith Level Road improvement project, set to go under construction early next year.

PHOTO BY DAVID JESSEE

Council weighs budget options

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — Taking a step back from Town Manager Roger Stancil's recommended 2012-13 budget, the Chapel Hill Town Council hashed out several budget approaches on Monday, including options ranging from no tax increase to a larger-than-proposed tax hike.

Stancil has proposed a half-cent property-tax increase as part of his recommended budget, which would represent the town's first property-tax increase in three years, bringing the rate to 49.9 cents per \$100 of property valuation. The proposed increase stems from increasing Chapel Hill Transit costs, of which Chapel Hill is responsible for 31 percent.

The projected shortfall for the budget is about \$350,000 — about half a cent on the tax rate. As an alternative to raising

the tax rate, Stancil said, the council could choose to shift funds from the general-fund balance (the town's savings account), make cuts to transit or make cuts in the town's general-fund budget. However, Stancil said he did not recommend making cuts to transit, since service was cut substantially last year, and, because Chapel Hill's share of transit funding is 31 percent, the cuts to service would need to be substantially higher than \$350,000.

According to Stancil, transit expenditures are up 6.4 percent, from \$18 million to \$19.1 million, attributable to increasing fuel costs and a reduction in state funding.

Council member Matt Czajkowski said he felt the council should not consider transit separately from the general fund and should look for other areas to cut to make up for the shortfall.

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Town, DOT offer plan for safer Jones Ferry

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

CARRBORO — Jones Ferry Road could become safer for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists if the N.C. Department of Transportation moves forward with a plan to improve the corridor endorsed by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen on Tuesday.

"We do have a safety problem in this corridor, as we all know," town transportation planner Jeff Brubaker said. "This is a real opportunity to improve what is one of the least-safe corridors in the town."

Brubaker said town staff has been working with NCDOT to develop a concept plan to improve the corridor, which they will use to apply for Spot Safety Program funding for the project. At its widest section, Jones Ferry has six lanes, including turning lanes and channelized right-turn lanes. In addition, a number of pedestrians

cross Jones Ferry to access the bus stop in front of Abbey Court or to patronize the convenience store and gas station on the corner of Davie Road, but there is no crosswalk. The Abbey Court bus stop has the highest ridership of any stop in Carrboro, with 660 daily riders.

According to Brubaker, there were 20 reported crashes and two serious injuries at the intersection of Jones Ferry and Davie roads over a five-year period from 2006 to 2011.

The plan proposes reducing the number of through vehicle lanes and adding medians, crosswalks and bike lanes. It also would replace the center turn lanes at Davie Road, Alabama Avenue and the N.C. 54 bypass with left-turn bays.

In addition, the plan proposes adding sidewalks along Jones Ferry, but the funding would likely need to be

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ONLINE

Family Dollar decision

Following two nearly four-hour meetings dedicated to a Family Dollar store proposed for the corner of Alabama Avenue and Jones Ferry Road, the Carrboro Board of Adjustment was again set to make a decision on the proposal on Wednesday night after *The Citizen* went to press. The proposal includes an 8,000-square-foot store and 26 parking spaces on a 1-acre parcel. Check carrborocitizen.com for a full report on Wednesday night's decision.

MUSIC CALENDAR



DEXTER ROMWEBER AND JENNIFER CURTIS
Sunday June 10
The Kraken

THURSDAY JUNE 7

ArtsCenter: Jake Shimabukuro. 8pm
The Cave: EARLY: Jay Manley LATE: Crystal Bright and the Silver Hands, Birds Eat Babies, Hellblink. \$5
City Tap: Gabe Smiley and Friends. 8pm
The Depot: Critical JUNKtion. 8am
Linda's Bar and Grill: Robert Griffen. 7:30pm
Local 506: Electric Soul Pandemic. 9:30pm. \$5
Nightlight: Goat and Faun, Joe Blossom, Johnny Staxx and the Dirty Boyz. 9:30pm. \$5
Southern Rail: Doug Largent Trio, Chalkies. 6:30pm
University Mall: North Tower. 6pm
Weaver St Market (Carr): Diferent Drum. 6pm. Free
Weaver St Market (Hills): Small Ponds. 6:30pm. Free
FRIDAY JUNE 8
ArtsCenter: Lise Uyanik and The Mobile City Band. 8pm. \$14/16
Bynum Front Porch: Onward, Soldiers. 7pm
Coffee Driade: Loose Mood. 8pm
Carolina Inn: The Gravy Boys. 5pm
Cat's Cradle: Paul Thorn. 8pm. \$15
The Cave: EARLY: Rocket Biscuit LATE: Sea Flower
City Tap: And Coats and The BankWalkers. 8pm. India Cain and

Keith Allen. 10pm
The Depot: Leah Wilkes, Stephen Smith, Mike Bisdee. 8:30pm
Local 506: The Clean, Times New Viking. 9pm. \$12
Nightlight: Some Army, Calico Haunts, Sean Thomas Gerard. 9:30pm. \$5
Open Eye Cafe: Matt Phillips. 8pm
Southern Rail: Alex Bowers and Friends. 7:30pm
Southern Village: Cool John Ferguson, Captain Luke, John Dee Holeman. 6pm
SATURDAY JUNE 9
Coffee Driade: HWYL. 8pm
Carolina Brewery (Pitts): Joe Bell and jThe Stinging Blades. 7pm
The Cave: EARLY: The Carrbros LATE: T Bird and The Breaks, Carl Anderson
City Tap: Con Acento. 8pm
The Depot: SheBop. 8:30pm
Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Knives of Spain. 8pm
Local 506: Thee Dirtybeats, Jeff Hart and the Ruins, The Othermothers. 9pm. \$7
Open Eye Cafe: Emerson Waldorf School Jazz Band. 8pm
Southern Rail: Randy Whitt. 7pm
SUNDAY JUNE 10
Cat's Cradle: Battles, Fin Fang Foom. 9pm. \$15/17
The Cave: LATE: Sea Flower, Bamboo Forest
The Kraken: Dexter Romweber and Jennifer Curtis. 9pm.
Local 506: The Ayr Mountain-

eers, Puritan Rodeo, Be The Moon. 9pm. \$5
Southern Rail: The Brad Maiani Tio. 7pm
Southern Village: The Old North State Brass Band, Mahalo Jazz. 6pm. Free
Weaver St. Market (Carr): The Jeff Brown Quartet. 11am
MONDAY JUNE 11
Cat's Cradle: Two Door Cinema Club, Clap Your Hands Say Yeah, Bad Veins. 8pm
Nightlight: Father Murphy. 11pm. \$3
TUESDAY JUNE 12
Cat's Cradle: The Real McKenzies, Gaddamn Gallows. 9pm. \$10/13
The Cave: EARLY: Boxwood LATE: Turchi, Dead Leaves
Nightlight: High School Band Night. 7pm. \$5
Southern Rail: Henbrain, Parafilm. 9pm
WEDNESDAY JUNE 13
Cat's Cradle: The Bouncing Souls, Menzingers, Luther. 8pm. \$16/18
Local 506: Gary Jules, Mike Bram. 8:30pm \$13/15
THURSDAY JUNE 14
Cat's Cradle: Dawes, Sara Watkins. 8pm. \$17/20
The Cave: EARLY: Michael Rank, Marc E. Smith, Stella Lively LATE: Hendecatope, Tesla Recoils, Orgavin, Kuski Zoupa. \$5
City Tap: Gmish. 8pm
The Depot: Lise Uyanik's Jazz Quartet. 8pm

SPOTLIGHT: THE CLEAN



PHOTO BY TIM SOTER

Long-time New Zealand rockers The Clean will perform at Local 506 on Friday, June 8.

The Clean was started in 1978 by brothers Hamish and David Kilgour. In 1981 the band gave the Flying Nun label it's first hit single, "Tally Ho!" The label went on to become New Zealand's biggest independent record company, with The Clean as a vanguard. Their quirky and unique style is grounded in heavy organ melodies and simple chord progressions. Come out for this performance to catch one of the most influential indie bands. The doors open at 8 p.m. and show kicks off at 9. Tickets are \$12.

MOVIE LISTINGS

We suggest you call for exact show times. All listings start Friday.

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309 W. Morgan St., 560-3030
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THE LUMINA

Southern Village, 932-9000
 Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted; Snow White and the Huntsman; Marvel's The Avengers; Men in Black 3; Prometheus

REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6

120 Banks Drive, 933-8600
 Crooked Arrows; Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted 3D; Marvel's The Avengers 3D; Men in Black 3 3D; Snow White and the Huntsman; Prometheus

THE VARSITY

123 E. Franklin St., 967-8665
 21 Jump Street; Mirror Mirror; The Lucky One



WE 6/13 GARY JULES LOCAL 506

FR 6/8 PAUL THORN

TH 6/14 BRAVE COMBO THE CASBAH (DURHAM)

FR 6/8 PAUL THORN W/ LERA LYNN(\$15)**
SA 6/8 L. IN JAPANESE DANCE PARTY(\$10) NO ALCOHOL SERVED**
SU 6/10(\$15/\$17) BATTLES W/FIN FANG FOOM**
MO 6/11 TWO DOOR CINEMA CLUB W/CLAP YOUR HANDS SAY YEAH AND BAD VEINS
TU 6/12 THE REAL MCKENZIES W/THE GODDAMN GALLOWNS(\$10/\$13)**
WE 6/13 THE BOUNCING SOULS W/MENZINGERS, LUTHER(\$17/\$20)**
TH 6/14 DAWES W/SPECIAL GUEST SARA WATKINS(\$17/\$20)**
FR 6/15 8PM SHOW ABBEY ROAD LIVE! PRESENTS: SGT PEPPER 45TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT(\$14/\$16)**
SA 6/16 11AM SHOW ABBEY ROAD LIVE! ALL AGES MATINEE
SA 6/16 THE CONNELLS AND DRIVIN' N CRYIN' W/CHRIS HENDRICKS(\$17/\$20)**
WE 6/20(\$15/\$18) LUCERO W/ROBERT ELLIS**
SA 6/23 BROTHER ESAU / SOUTH WING(\$6/8)**
WE 6/27(\$15) LOS CAMPESINOS! W/YELLOW OSTRICH**
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SA 7/7 "WHAT DID YOU EXPECT" ARCHERS OF LOAF DOCUMENTARY NORTH CAROLINA PREMIERE!(56/\$9)**
FR 7/13 BEST COAST W/THOSE DARLINS(\$17/\$19)**
MO 7/16(\$10/\$12) CROCODILES**
TH 7/19(\$20) THE GASLIGHT ANTHEM W/DAVE HAUSE**

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FR 7/27 CD RELEASE PARTY! DELTA RAE(\$12) W/A CITY ON A LAKE AND CHRIS HENDRICKS**
SU 7/29(\$32/\$35) THE ZOMBIES**
WE 8/1(\$20) JOSH RITTER**
SA 8/4 LITTLE FEAT(\$30) W/THE VILLIANS**
FR 8/11 SEBADOH(\$15)**
SU 8/12 MEWITHOUTYOU W/BURIED BEDS AND KEVIN DEVINE(\$15)**
TU 8/21(\$17/\$20) THE BRIAN JONESTOWN MASSACRE W/MAGIC CASTLES**
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TU 9/11(\$15) ON SALE FRI JUNE 8 ARIEL PINK'S HAUNTED GRAFFITI W/FERRARO AND MOON DIAGRAMS**
SU 9/12(\$12/\$15) SUPERSUCKERS**
SA 9/15 THE FEELIES(\$18/\$20)**
TU 9/18 THE ADICTS(\$17/\$20)**
SU 9/23(\$15/\$18) TWIN SHADOW W/NIKI AND THE DOVE**
MO 9/24 MARGARET CHO "MOTHER"*(\$25)**
MO 10/1 POLICA(\$12/\$14)**
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FR 6/8 THE CLEAN LOCAL 506 (CH)

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ALSO PRESENTING LOCAL 506 (CHAPEL HILL)
FR 6/8 THE CLEAN W/TIMES NEW VIKING
WE 6/13 GARY JULES W/MIKE BRAM
TU 6/19 K. FLAY W/COLIN MUNROE
TH 6/28 MOONFACE W/LA BIG VIC
TH 7/19 HANK & CUPCAKES AND THE BROADCAST
SA 7/21 TIM BARRY
THE CASBAH (DURHAM)
TH 6/14 BRAVE COMBO
SA 7/7 SHAWN MULLINS W/CALLAGHAN
MOTORCO (DURHAM)
FR 6/8 THE CRIBS W/DEVIN
SA 6/9 dB'S ALBUM RELEASE SHOW
W/THE STARS EXPLODE
FR 7/20 MC CHRIS W/POWERGLOVE AND RICHIE BRANSON
HAW RIVER BALLROOM (SAXAPAWHAW)
WE 7/25 THE TALLEST MAN ON EARTH
NC MUSEUM OF ART (RAL)
TU 7/10 ANDREW BIRD W/SPECIAL GUEST MAVIS STAPLES
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Briefs

UNC gives Garden 107 acres

More than 107 acres of environmentally sensitive land has been allocated by UNC to the N.C. Botanical Garden as part of the Mason Farm Biological Reserve.

The undeveloped land adjoins the west side of the reserve and is part of the Parker Property, which was conveyed to UNC by William and Athena Parker in 1976.

To gain access to the reserve, members of the public can get a special permit from the N.C. Botanical Garden.

Police to hold community meetings

In coordination with the Town of Chapel Hill's Justice in Action Committee, the Chapel Hill Police Department is presenting a series of community meetings to highlight CHPD initiatives that resulted from citizen suggestions during the 2010 Community Conversation series.

The police department wants to provide the community with an update on these initiatives and solicit feedback on areas for future improvements.

The meetings will be held on Tuesday at Grace Church from 6 to 8 p.m., June 14 at the Hargraves Community Center from 6 to 8 p.m., June 19 at the United Church of Chapel Hill from 6 to 8 p.m. and on June 23 from 10 a.m. to noon at St. Thomas More Catholic Church.

Fleet Feet shake-up

On June 1 the management team of Fleet Feet Inc. partnered with Raleigh-based Investors Management Corporation (IMC) to acquire Fleet Feet Sports from former CEO Tom Raynor and the Specialty Retail Development Company, which operates 17 franchise stores around the country.

The Fleet Feet Inc. management team will run the company under Jeff Phillips, newly appointed president and CEO of the combined companies, CFO Joey Pointer and Luke Rowe, who will continue his role as vice president of business development while also overseeing new franchise development.

IMC will support the management team both financially and professionally.

Police seek purse-snatcher

The Hillsborough Police Department is seeking information about the location of Tisha Marie Childress, who is currently believed to be in the Durham area.

Childress is wanted for stealing purses from women while they shopped at the Walmart Supercenter in Hillsborough.

Anyone with information should contact Sgt. Scott Nicolaysen of Criminal Investigations at (919) 732-9381, ext. 30.



Tisha Marie Childress

New Weaver Dairy traffic pattern

NCDOT is implementing a new traffic pattern on Weaver Dairy Road between Perkins Drive and Kingston Road to increase safety and mobility around the Timberlyne Shopping Center.

The Weaver Dairy Road intersections with Banks Drive and Old University Station Road will become right-in, right-out intersections with no left-turn movements permitted. The Weaver Dairy Road and Perkins Drive intersection will be unchanged, with left-turn movements allowed.

Arrest made in Suntrust Bank robbery

The suspect in the robbery of the Chapel Hill North Suntrust Bank was arrested on May 25.

Gordon Goodwin was arrested by FBI Task Force members in Wake County and has been charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon. He is currently being held in Wake County under a \$200,000 bond.



VENABLE ROTISSERIE BISTRO OPEN IN CARR MILL – Venable Rotisserie Bistro opened late last month in Carr Mill Mall in the old Fleet Feet Sports space. The restaurant, open for lunch, brunch and dinner with a late-night bar menu, serves elevated comfort food including dishes cooked in its rotisserie oven. Chef/owner Drew Moore has cooked at Il Palio and Tyler's Taproom and was the first chef at The Federal in Durham. PHOTO BY DUNCAN HOGE

CH BUDGET

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"I'm not a fan of pulling money out of the general fund, but there are clearly places where we're increasing expenses this year where we perhaps don't have to increase them as much," he said.

The proposed budget includes a 3 percent raise for town employees, who have not received a salary increase since 2008-09, and several council members said they would like to consider a smaller raise, while others said they strongly supported the 3 percent raise.

Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt said he felt that making a one-time transfer from the general-fund balance would be a good solution and buy the council and transit partners some time to look at the sustainability of the transit system

and find efficiencies. The transit system, which went fare-free 10 years ago, has seen its budget increase by 52 percent since 2006.

Council member Gene Pease said a long-term plan for sustaining the transit system is crucial.

"If we're going to sustain it, there has to be a financial plan, and we can't keep borrowing from other funds, which is probably going to be infrastructure and town facilities, to pay for it," he said.

Stancil also outlined the projected 2013-14 budget, which includes an estimated \$3.2 million in increased costs.

Council member Donna Bell said she would consider raising taxes by a full cent instead of the half-cent this year in order to lessen the blow next year.

"To maintain those things that we value, we have to pay for them," she said. "Right now we are creating a budget that main-

tains the things that are important to us."

The council also reviewed a plan that would restore some of the daytime hours at the Community Center Pool that were cut in last year's budget. The increase in hours would cost the town about \$38,000, and council members said they would like to look at a fee structure that could cover some of those costs.

The council had been scheduled to vote on the 2012-13 budget on Monday, but Stancil said he likely would need extra time to find \$350,000 in savings in the general-fund budget to present to the council as a budget option with no tax increase.

TRANSIT TAX

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the rural area pay half?" Commissioner Barry Jacobs addressed the question of service disparity.

"I want to address this whole issue of who gets what," Jacobs said. "I won't say I'm really tired of it; I will say it is a constant refrain."

"Everyone gets served by Orange County government. You are all getting treated to the best of our ability, by the board of county commissioners and our staff, to be equitable and progressive."

Members of the Chapel Hill Town Council – including Jim Ward, Ed Harrison, Penny Rich and Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt – were present at the meeting to show their support for both the transit plan and putting the tax on the November ballot.

In approving the tax, the commissioners added into the motion that the tax not be levied until an implementation agreement with Triangle Transit has been finalized.

Staff will work on the implementation agreement over the summer and bring it back in August for final approval.

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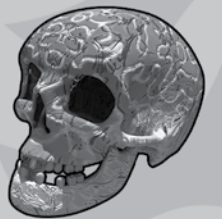
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2012 CHCCS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

This weekend marks graduation for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools district high schools' 2012 senior class.

All three high schools will be holding commencement at the Dean Smith Center on the UNC campus on Saturday, June 9. Seniors must attend their school's graduation rehearsal at the Dean Smith Center in order to participate in the commencement ceremony.

Carrboro High School's graduation rehearsal is today (Thursday) at 1 p.m. and commencement starts at 5 p.m. on June 9. Graduates should be there by 4 p.m.

Chapel Hill High School's graduation rehearsal is on Friday at 8:30 a.m. CHHS commencement is at 1 p.m. on June 9, but graduates need to be there at noon.

East Chapel Hill High School's graduation rehearsal is on Friday at 11:30 a.m., and commencement is at 9 a.m. on June 9. Graduates should be at Smith Center by 8 a.m.

JONES FERRY

FROM PAGE 1

provided by the town, since Spot Safety funding is capped at \$250,000, Brubaker said.

The board first reviewed the plan in March. Alabama Avenue residents had questioned whether the addition of the medians would create turnaround traffic on Alabama Avenue from motorists exiting the gas station

at Davie Road onto Jones Ferry to travel east. However, Brubaker said that because motorists can use the gas station's Davie Road exit to make a left turn and travel east on Jones Ferry, they would be unlikely to use Alabama Avenue as a turnaround, since that would be more time consuming.

Board member Lydia Lavelle suggested that signage be added within the gas station parking lot to direct drivers traveling east on Jones Ferry to exit via Davie

Road. NCDOT has indicated they will apply for Spot Safety funds for the project this month.

In other business on Tuesday, Carrboro Public Works Director George Seiz told the board that the health of a mature post oak on Greensboro Street across from the Carrboro Century Center has deteriorated such that the tree must be removed. Testing on the tree found that it is mostly hollow and unsafe, Seiz said.

DUAL LANGUAGE

FROM PAGE 1

a special meeting on May 29 to further discuss the magnet-school concept and ended up directing administration to return on June 7 with five options for Spanish dual-language expansion.

Those five options are: having four schools with two Spanish dual-language classes each; making FPG a Spanish dual-language magnet school (with program preference given to students in the FPG walk zone), plus two Spanish dual-language classes at Carrboro Elementary; placing the magnet school at Carrboro (with walk-zone preference given to students in the Carrboro walk zone), plus two classes at FPG and two at Scroggs; a Carrboro magnet school without walk-zone preference plus two additional classes at FPG and Scroggs; and an FPG magnet without walk-zone preference, plus two classes at Carrboro.

About three years ago Carrboro Elementary approached the school board about becoming a dual language-only school, but had concerns about attendance zones, not having enough Spanish speakers to support the program and where to send children who did not want to be enrolled in dual-language programs.

"Over the last three years and including this year's kindergarten

class, the demand for spaces in the dual-language program has been around 90 to 95 percent [of Carrboro students]," Carrboro Elementary Principal Emily Bivins said, "but less than half of them get a seat."

Todd LoFrese, assistant superintendent for support services, said while the dual-language administrative team considered Carrboro as a magnet, one of the main issues was disrupting the school's large walk zone and the logistical difficulties in busing students from the walk zone to other schools.

"The board had previously seen a proposal from Carrboro and had chosen not to do it," LoFrese said. "The feedback we have gotten in the past and with this process is that the board wasn't willing to consider disrupting a larger walk zone."

Bivins said Carrboro Elementary teachers and families are divided on what they want to happen. While some agree having a magnet school would make it easier for teacher collaboration, others value having a truly com-

munity-based school and want to see it kept intact.

LoFrese said the dual-language administrative team still supports its original recommendations of turning FPG into the magnet school by the 2013-14 school year.

"Whatever the board of education does I hope everyone in the district continues to focus on what is right for all children," Bivins said. "Some students are currently being denied access to dual language, particularly Spanish-speaking students that right now don't have the choice to enroll because of the school they are in."

The school board is scheduled to vote tonight (Thursday) at a meeting at Chapel Hill Town Hall at 7 p.m. However, if the board postpones the vote tonight, LoFrese said it needs to decide by June 21 to allow enough time to implement the plan.

"Following that we then get into July, which I think is probably too late," LoFrese said. "I think the 21st of June is probably the furthest we can take this out."

"Whatever the board of education does I hope everyone in the district continues to focus on what is right for all children." — Emily Bivins

School Briefs



SECU Carrboro Advisory Board Chair Daniel Lehman and scholarship recipient Lyndsey Peterson. PHOTO COURTESY OF SECU

CHS senior earns SECU scholarship

Lyndsey Peterson, a senior at Carrboro High School, has won a \$10,000 four-year college scholarship from the State Employees' Credit Union Foundation.

The "People Helping People" scholarship is given to an individual who demonstrates community involvement, leadership skills, character and integrity, as well as scholastic achievement.

Peterson will be attending UNC-Greensboro and will use the scholarship for tuition and other approved educational expenses.

BRMA graduation

Six high school seniors from the Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate (BRMA) Program graduated on June 3 at Carrboro High School.

The graduates, Oscar Romero Sanchez and Samantha Salazar from Carrboro High, Chloe Raines and Jordan Williams from Chapel Hill High and Netasha Herron and Jasmine Shelton from East Chapel Hill High, have all been involved in the BRMA since fourth grade.

Next year the six graduates will be attending post-secondary schools to continue their education.

Phoenix Academy graduation

Phoenix Academy High School will hold its graduation ceremony on Friday at 5:30 p.m. in the Carrboro High School auditorium.

Eight students will be graduating from Phoenix Academy: Asia Ashley, Amanda Bynum, Peter Dreher, Michael Gatewood, Kevin Griffith, Ca-

leb Irving, Jassiel Salazar-Salcedo and Daquwan Sharp.

Hospital School principal to retire

Flicka Bateman, principal of the UNC Hospital School, will retire on June 30.

A reception was held on May 30, where school, hospital and district staff along with community members honored Bateman.

The UNC Hospital School, founded in 1965, is part of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools district and serves more than 2,000 patients annually. The school provides year-round educational services to children and adolescents in the hospital so they can continue their studies while in a medical setting.

CHHS, CHS honored

On June 16 the North Carolina Association for Scholastic Activities (NCASA) will honor Chapel Hill High and Carrboro High schools for placing in the top 10 schools in the state in this year's academic competitions.

More than 700 high schools from North Carolina enter the academic competitions each year. Chapel Hill High tied for sixth place with Early College at Guilford, while Carrboro High finished in ninth place.

The schools will be recognized at the NCASA annual meeting at the N.C. School of Science and Math.

CHCCS finance recognized

The Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) International has awarded the CHCCS Finance Department a Certificate of Excellence for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.

This award has been given by ASBO since 1971 and is considered the "gold standard" for superior accounting practices.

CTE teacher of the year

Alvinia Boyd, the career and technical education teacher at Phillips Middle School, was recently recognized as the Career and Technical Education Teacher of the Year by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools district.

Boyd has been working at Phillips for the past three years. In addition to being recognized by the district, three students from Boyd's Exploring Business Technology course have placed second in the state at the N.C. Stock Market Game. These three students - C.J. Welch, Daniel Kaminsky and Eli Ojo - were recognized at a luncheon hosted by Fidelity Financial in RTP.

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Community Briefs

Fourth of July celebration

Fireworks are returning to Kenan Stadium this July 4.

Due to budget constraints, the event was canceled last year. This year, WCHL and Chapelboro.com are teaming up with the town to raise funds by soliciting business and community sponsorships, but more funds are needed to defray the costs of the \$42,000-plus event. To help offset the costs, the town will accept voluntary contributions of \$1 per person or \$5 per family of five or more at the entrance gates to Kenan Stadium.

Gates open at 7 p.m. Fireworks will start at 9:30 p.m., and activities are planned throughout the entire evening.

For more details, visit townofchapelhill.org/july4

Renowned sand mandala

The monks of the Drepung Gomang Monastery, a Tibetan refugee monastery in southern India, will be creating a special sand mandala, *The Medicine Buddha*, at Unity Center of Peace in Chapel Hill, 8800 Seawell School Road, June 11-16.

The word mandala means "world in harmony." When finished, to symbolize the impermanence of all that exists, the colored sands are poured into a nearby stream. The deconstruction ceremony will be held at Unity Center of Peace and along nearby trails on June 16 at 2 p.m. The pillows the monks sit on while creating the man-

dala will be raffled off at 11 that morning, with all proceeds going to the refugee monks living in the monastery.

The event is free of charge. For more information on the tour, visit monkstourinfo.com

Cornucopia receives grant

The Home Health Foundation of Chapel Hill Endowment Fund of the Triangle Community Foundation has given an \$11,000 grant to the Cornucopia Cancer Support Center for its Peer Connect Program.

This gift will help ensure that Cornucopia can continue a program that connects anyone touched by any type of cancer with another person whose experiences are similar. The program involves cancer patients and survivors as well as family and caregivers. The Endowment Fund also supports Cornucopia's in-home services for those who are not able to visit Cornucopia.

For more information about these programs, go to cancersupport4u.org or call (919) 401-9333.

Volunteers needed July 4

The Carrboro Recreation & Parks Department is seeking volunteers for its upcoming July 4 celebration.

Volunteers are needed for children's activities, the information table, stage assistance, recycling/litter patrol and as runners. Every effort is made to allow volunteers to choose where they want to volunteer. This work will qualify for service-learning hours.

For more information, call (919) 918-7364.



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HOUSE Calls

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



This week we respond to questions about caffeine and complications of diabetes.

Dear HOUSE Calls, How much caffeine is safe to consume in a typical day?

There is not a right answer to this for everyone. We really like our coffee, so we are not likely to err on the low side here. There are a few important side effects of caffeine, and by and large we recommend listening to your body. Caffeine can cause or contribute to reflux, heart rhythm abnormalities, high blood pressure, irritable bowel syndrome, bladder spasm, anxiety and insomnia. Most of these problems can be identified pretty easily. If you drink two cups of coffee and feel fine but drink four cups of coffee and have heartburn or diarrhea, you should take the hint. Insomnia is one of the tougher symptoms to deal with. People feel tired, so they have a cup of coffee in the afternoon, and six hours later they have trouble sleeping. Caffeine has a long half-life, which means it stays in your body for a long time. We recommend that people

who are having trouble sleeping try to eliminate caffeine after lunch. Regarding hypertension, research has shown that if your levels of caffeine intake are relatively even day to day, it won't have much effect on blood pressure. Sorry for the long answer. Here's the short version: About two to three 8-ounce cups of coffee are fine for most people.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I have type 2 diabetes. I have heard it can cause people to go blind or lose a limb. How can it cause this type of thing?

That is a great question without a short answer. High blood sugar causes blockage and inflammation of small blood vessels throughout the body, including the blood vessels to the heart, eyes, kidneys, feet and muscles. High blood sugar also directly damages nerves, especially those in the feet and hands. The damage to the blood vessels is the common reason that diabetes is the leading cause of adult blindness and kidney failure in the U.S. as well as one of the leading causes of heart conditions. The issue with amputations

is a little more complicated. As people with diabetes lose sensation in their feet, they are more likely to get sores that go undetected and get infected. Poor circulation caused by blood-vessel damage contributes to this problem, making healing less likely and more difficult. Wounds that get too deep, especially when they involve the bones, are more likely to result in amputation to avoid widespread and life-threatening infection. While all of this is quite scary, when you take good care of your diabetes with help from your family doctor, the chance of these complications is drastically reduced.

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

Community Calendar

THURSDAY JUNE 7

Michael Twitty — To speak on "Them Old Slavery Foods: Liberating a Cuisine in Chains in Antebellum North Carolina." Flyleaf Books, 6:30pm. Free

FRIDAY JUNE 8

Outdoor Movie — *The Hunger Games*. Southern Village, dusk \$4

Economic Development Breakfast

— New Carrboro Town Manager David Andrews will be introduced with an update on economic development in Carrboro. RSVP to Holland@townofcarrboro.org

SATURDAY JUNE 9

Craft Market — In front of The Station and Southern Rail. 11am-5pm

Vimala Rajendran — Of Vimala's Curryblossom Cafe to be at Carrboro Farmers' Market cooking locally raised pork. 9am-noon

Art Show — Opening night for the Penland Artists Summer Show. The exhibit continues through Sept. 1. LIGHT Art and Design, 601 W. Rosemary St., 6-9pm

Outdoor Movie — *The Hunger Games*. Southern Village, dusk \$4

SUNDAY JUNE 10

Sacred Arts Tour — The Art of Compassion, presented by the monks of Drepung Gomang Monastery in South India. Proceeds from merchandise and ticket sales go to the monastery. The Arts Center, 5:30pm \$10/15

MONDAY JUNE 11

Sacred Arts Tour — The monks

of Drepung Gomang Monastery to create the Medicine Buddha Sacred Sand Mandala. The exhibit continues through June 16. Opening ceremony, Unity Center of Peace, 8800 Seawell School Road, 10am monkstour.info

Stamp Club — Triangle Stamp Club to meet with Susanne Vergara speaking about Postcrossings. Church of the Holy Family, 200 Hayes Road, 7:30pm nanandrayburby@earthlink.net

Time Out — With host Bill Hendrickson and guest Professor Lewis Margolis talking about college sports and the NCAA. WCOM 103.5FM, 5pm

TUESDAY JUNE 12

ArtsCenter Fundraiser — At Southern Season, with door prizes, giveaways and an evening of private shopping. 100 percent of ticket sales and 10 percent of purchases will benefit The ArtsCenter. 7-9pm \$25/\$20 ArtsCenter Friends (919) 929-2787, ext. 201

THURSDAY JUNE 14

Art Reception — For a new exhibit by potter Joseph Sand and textile artist Sondra Dorn. The exhibit continues through Aug. 4. Ackland Museum Store, 6:30-8:30pm (919) 962-0216

FRIDAY JUNE 15

Book Sale — For Friends of Chapel Hill Public Library members only from 3-5pm. The sale will continue on Saturday, 9am-5pm and Sunday 1-4pm. University Mall, next to Southern Season

SATURDAY JUNE 16

Transactors Improv — The Invitation. The ArtsCenter, 8pm artscenterlive.org

Fish Fry — To benefit Project 2012 Building Fund for St Paul Village. St. Paul A.M.E. Church, 101 N. Merritt Mill Road, 11:30am-3:30pm \$9 (919) 967-3961

Book Signing — With Carla Shuford and Rita Berman signing copies of Rita's book, "Still Hopping, Still Hoping." Carrboro Farmers' Market, 9-11am

Low-Cost Rabies Clinic — Animal Services Center, 1601 Eubanks Road, 10am-noon \$10 co.orange. nc.us/animalservices

ONGOING

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tax cut

CHRIS FITZSIMON

The recent report in the *News & Observer* about the \$336 million tax break for business owners passed by state lawmakers last year is one of the most telling stories about the current leadership of the General Assembly since they assumed control after the 2010 election.

It's not just that the massive cut came as lawmakers were firing teachers and teacher assistants, locking thousands of at-risk 4-year-olds out of pre-k programs, even cutting services for victims in the criminal justice system.

It's because legislative leaders were either less than honest about the tax break, how much it would cost and who would receive it, or they simply didn't want to know – and it's hard to say which is worse.

The *News & Observer* story recounts how at the time both House Speaker Thom Tillis and Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger trumpeted the tax change as a break only for small businesses, a claim Tillis repeated to the paper recently.

The plan was to allow the owners of companies with up to \$825,000 in annual revenue a break from paying taxes on their first \$50,000 of income. But as the *N&O* reports, that cap was dropped as the tax break made its way through the legislative process and was not included in the budget bill when it finally passed.

That meant that the break will not go to just small mom-and-pop operations, but to more than 400,000 business and equity partners, and as the paper detailed, they include the partners in some of the state's biggest law firms and medical practices.

And the \$336 million price tag is staggering, amounting to 20 percent of all the budget cuts made last year and more than enough to replace federal education funding that is expiring this year that has allowed roughly 5,000 teachers to keep their jobs.

That massive price tag didn't come up during last year's legislative debate. You'd think lawmakers would want to know how much something cost before they passed it.

And as for the claims that legislative leaders didn't realize that wealthy lawyers and other professionals would receive the tax break – that is simply absurd.

Democratic Sen. Dan Clodfelter, a partner at a prominent Charlotte law firm, pointed out in the debate on the Senate floor that he and other partners at his firm would receive the break the way the legislation was written.

Clodfelter made the remarks in his efforts to convince his fellow senators to rethink the tax windfall, especially at a time when they were making deep cuts to education and human services.

Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger runs the Senate and surely heard Clodfelter's remarks that he would receive the tax break too.

It must have not bothered Berger too much. He and his Republican colleagues plowed on and the tax break is now on the books, and the state is facing a loss of \$336 million while public school students sit in overcrowded classes using out-of-date textbooks.

Maybe more bizarre is that Berger's Republican colleague, Sen. Bob Rucho, admits he knows that the tax break will go to wealthy lawyers as well as small businesses, and he doesn't care.

In fact, he's happy about it, and misrepresents a UNC study to claim it will create jobs.

Apparently we are supposed to believe that Berger didn't understand the tax cut as well as Rucho, who answers to Berger in the Republican hierarchy in the Senate.

The bottom line is that legislative leaders misled the public about a major change in the state's tax code that will cost the state \$336 million as schools and human services are reeling from budget cuts.

And they are still misleading the public today. Their only defense is that they didn't understand what they enacted and that they didn't bother to ask how much it would cost.

Please. They knew. They just didn't want us to know.

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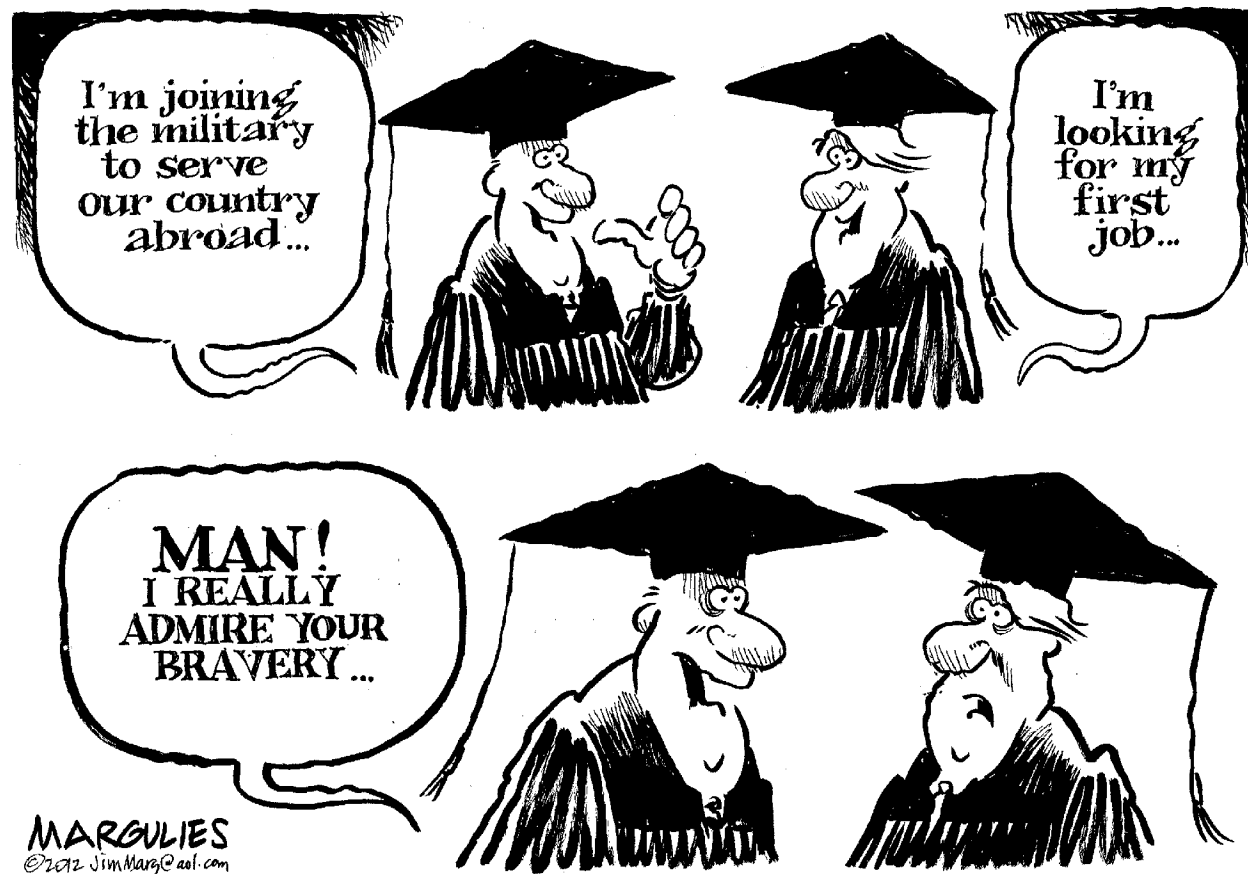
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Government in denial

Having recently followed yet another epic budget debate in the North Carolina General Assembly, let me assure you that you are not alone if some of what you might have heard transpired has left you scratching your head. There is, indeed, a lot going on. And a bunch of it doesn't make sense, no matter how hard you look at it.

The amount of flux in the state budget seems to be at an all-time high, with almost all of the change focused on the spending side of the equation. One feature of the short session's budget adjustment that heightened the uncertainty was a shift in the designation of funding for scores of programs from recurring or one-time. That means that long-running, effective programs like the state's Clean Water Management Trust Fund, already hard hit by budget cuts, will have to go hat in hand each legislative cycle to get any funding at all. That is a terribly inefficient way to run a government and one of dozens of examples of the law of unintended consequences poised to wreak havoc. You can't just knock the legs out from under something like, say, one of the main ways the state improves water quality without seeing a serious downside.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the balance sheet, GOP leaders are so determined to buck any attempt to raise revenues or even amend the tax code in a way not strictly revenue neutral that they've boxed themselves into a corner. (Somehow fee hikes and tuition increases don't figure in to the anti-tax rhetoric, yet they are every bit as much a hit on the wallet.) For a group that likes to compare family budgets to state budgets, they sure don't get the idea that you can't always cut your way out of a jam. Sometimes you need more income.

Like every year, the budget is about tradeoffs.

The afternoon and evening budget debate that took place last Wednesday night featured a cascade of amendments that underline some of the tradeoffs we're making.

The budget bill had some language tucked away in it



that offered a break to corporations that want to donate scholarships to private schools, an unvetted piece of legislation that went straight to the head of the class. It was essentially a big payout by the taxpayers to private schools and their corporate supporters, and it never got a committee hearing.

Balance that with several amendments to preserve programs and institutions throughout the state that were shot down along mostly party lines. The programs on the chopping block were small relative to the overall size of the budget, but made a big difference in their respective locales. Each time they came up, the majority pulled out its pockets, said there's just nothing left and called the question.

In the middle of it all they stopped for a special reception held just across Jones Street at the new museum. After some crab cakes and chardonnay they got back to picking the budget winners and losers.

What lost out were the kinds of things that pay off in the long run – services to help the elderly stay in their homes, to feed hungry children, to battle drug addiction and so on. Setting aside the future for short-term gains is one of the realities of the budget process, but this year it was taken to astounding levels. There was also plenty of politics behind the numbers and the special provisions. The state is shutting down a juvenile facility it spent millions to build and open in 2008 in order to keep open an antiquated one in the district of a member of the House leadership.

You can certainly complain that much of what is going on in Raleigh is the result of ideology, but don't count out petty politics, provincial infighting and just plain boneheadedness as major factors.

There are times when it appears that the people drafting these pieces of legislation seem to know what they're doing and other times when they don't.

Not sure what scares me most.

Amendment One redux:
discrimination, exclusion and equalityMARK DOROSIN
AND ELIZABETH HADDIX

On May 8, North Carolina reached a historic but sadly familiar milestone with the passage of Amendment One: historic, because we have typically amended our constitution to expand and protect, not take away rights, and familiar, because until 1971, Article XIV, Section 8 of our state constitution established that "All marriages between a white person and a Negro, or between a white person and a person of Negro descent to the third generation, inclusive, are hereby forever prohibited."

When Richard and Mildred Loving challenged Virginia's prohibition on interracial marriage in the U.S. Supreme Court, North Carolina filed a "friend of the court" brief defending such racist marriage laws. Our attorney general referred to biology, anthropology and genetics as "so-called sciences" and insisted that the state has the absolute right to maintain "a policy of racial integrity." Anticipating the modern backlash against civil rights, the brief argued that concluding otherwise would mean that minorities are entitled to "preferential constitutional privilege contrary to the judgment of the majority."

The Supreme Court disagreed, ruling that such statutes violate the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. "[T]here is patently no legitimate overriding purpose independent of invidious racial discrimination which justifies this classification." The court's core holding bears repeating as discrimination has again been enshrined in our foundational document:

"Marriage is 'one of the basic civil rights of man,' fundamental to our very existence and survival. ... To deny this fundamental freedom on so unsupportable a basis as the racial classifications embodied in these statutes, classifications so directly subversive of the principle of equality at the heart of the Fourteenth Amendment, is surely to deprive all the State's citizens of liberty without due process of law."

The political philosopher Michal Walzer said that the primary good that we distribute to one another is membership in the human community. Evidence has shown that one of the biggest factors in eliminating homophobia and sexual-orientation prejudice is people's experience meeting, knowing and interacting with gays and lesbians. Such interactions demonstrate the fundamental

humanity of our gay and lesbian friends and neighbors, which in turn makes it harder to withhold or justify denying their full inclusion in the broader community.

At its core, Amendment One is designed to thwart this broadening of our human community and prop up the crumbling legacy of exclusion, and reflects that the only way to do that is divide, stigmatize and ultimately dehumanize the disfavored group. There is simply no other way to justify depriving our fellow citizens the full measure of equality, and no more fundamental element of that equality than personal and familial relationships. The racists that included the prohibition against interracial marriage in our state constitution knew this; the Nazis that drafted the Nuremberg Laws, the first section of which prohibited marriage between Jews and Germans, knew it too.

Amendment supporters insist their motivation was the historic and religious nature of marriage, and not homophobia or discrimination (they discount that North Carolina law already prohibits same-sex marriage). And while those who opposed the Amendment will continue to engage on this issue, it is also time to make its proponents defend their claims of non-discrimination.

The powerful organizing and energy dedicated to fighting Amendment One should now be channeled into a frontal attack on every aspect of sexual-orientation discrimination in our state, including employment, fair housing, parental rights and hate crimes. In each of these core aspects of our human community, intentional discrimination based on sexual orientation is not against the law in North Carolina.

Inspiration for this broader struggle can again be drawn from the Court's opinion in *Loving* and its reminder that there is "no legitimate overriding purpose" independent of invidious discrimination to justify denying gays and lesbians the equal protection of law.

It is past time that we fairly and broadly distribute our primary good – full legal and social inclusion – for the sake of our future as a whole human community.

Mark Dorosin and Elizabeth Haddix are attorneys with the UNC Center for Civil Rights.

LETTERS

Dual language
should exist within
community schools

Why not community school based dual language instruction?

The CHCCS Board of Education is considering a proposal to shut down the Spanish Dual Language Program at Scroggs Elementary and transition Frank Porter Graham Elementary into a dual-language magnet school, displacing the traditional track students as well as the dedicated faculty and staff of this elementary school. Why take these drastic steps?

The committee that generated this proposal suggests the current "school within a school"-based dual-language programs are too difficult to manage and can't effectively deliver these programs, so we need drastic action.

The committee also suggests we need to provide equitable access to the Spanish Dual Language Program to all students across our district, and a magnet school solves both of these issues.

HOLD ON and read the fine print!

The committee also recommends the Spanish Dual Language Program at Carrboro Elementary remain intact, running in parallel to the magnet school, with students admitted to Carrboro's dual-language program through a system-wide lottery in the same way as they are for the magnet school. So the committee acknowledges the district CAN provide dual-language education to students across the district using a "school within a school" approach. The committee and board still, however, suggest that a magnet school is a superior method of delivery of this educational program. How then is this plan equitable?

If a magnet school is superior to community school-based "school within a school" programs, then who decides which students go to the superior program at the new magnet and which students go to the inferior program at Carrboro Elementary? If the magnet school isn't really superior, then why are we even considering dismantling ANY school in this district to start one instead of fixing and expanding the programs we already have?

BETH DUNCAN
EPG parent

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Thank you for a tremendous victory on May 8, 2012. With your support and your vote, we won the Democratic Primary and we are one step closer to my election as a District 2 representative on the Orange County Board of Commissioners.

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While on the campaign trail, I made many new friends, re-established old acquaintances, connected with informative people and had many enlightening conversations. We must continue that momentum so that we can raise awareness of my campaign throughout Orange County and get out the vote in the fall election.

I truly appreciate each and every one of you, and when elected to the board of county commissioners, I will work to ensure that your views are heard, and that our community develops in ways that respect our values.

Thank you and on to victory.

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Storm rains down on Tar Heels

BY EDDY LANDRETH
Staff Writer

What occurred at Boshamer Stadium on the Carolina campus this past weekend is no great mystery.

Rankings and seeds did not matter. As shocking as it may be for Carolina fans or for followers of collegiate baseball, the best team won the regional.

St. John's defeated UNC, 9-5, on Sunday evening to advance to this week's Super Regionals. Carolina defeated East Carolina, 5-3, earlier on Sunday to eliminate the Pirates and earn another shot at St. John's.

Carolina had gone 16-0 in the previous opening regionals in which UNC was a host. But St. John's came to Chapel Hill as the third seed in a four-team field and left as the clear-cut champion this time.

The players on that team really did take this regional by

storm.

"I think St. John's just outplayed us," UNC coach Mike Fox said.



Eddy Landreth

The Red Storm did not just outplay the Tar Heels. By the end of the regional, St. John's led all four teams in hitting (.345), pitching (4.00 ERA) and fielding (.981) for the weekend.

Carolina finished fourth in team batting (.235), third in pitching (4.58 ERA) and third in fielding (.968).

Think about that for a moment. The tournament's number-one seed came in third or worse in all the main team statistics, and the third seed finished first in all three.

St. John's played with a ros-

ter of juniors and seniors. Carolina played mostly freshmen and sophomores. The experience and toughness showed in all three of the Storm's games, especially in the two against Carolina.

UNC fought hard, as it has all season in going 46-16 and earning a sixth-seed nationally in the overall NCAA baseball tournament. St. John's (40-21) needed a bottom-of-the-ninth three-run home run to turn this tournament on its head Saturday night and defeat Carolina - which they did.

That was one of the most shocking outcomes against a Carolina team during the Fox era.

Had the Tar Heels held the lead on Saturday, St. John's would have had to play earlier on Sunday, and UNC starting pitcher Benton Moss would have pitched the 6 p.m. championship game, instead of beating

East Carolina at 1 p.m. in the elimination game.

"Sometimes it's just destiny," St. John's coach Ed Blankmeyer said. "The ball bounced our way this weekend."

For one of the few times this season, it did not bounce right for the Tar Heels. Fox says that the fact Carolina accomplished all that it did this season should be the surprise, not that St. John's won this weekend.

"I'm amazed we won 46 games," Fox said. "And I'll go in there and tell our team that. Nobody knows ... of everything that goes on during a season with a team, coming and going, injuries and this and that."

"We had to change short-stops in the middle of the year. We had to change third basemen in the middle of the year. I'm really proud of how those guys all fought together and got us to this point."

If one takes a broader view of this Carolina team, the disappointment of this weekend will lessen some. Carolina's youth speaks to a bright future for the next two seasons.

Most of the players who clung together to earn 46 wins will return, some for two more years, some for one.

"Every coach will tell you that you cannot coach or teach experience," Fox said. "You just have to get it. It's part of it. I think [pitcher] Luis Paula kind of grew up. If he's in another one next year, it will not be new to him."

"We hope the big games we've been in and playing in front of a lot of people and in a regional will help us down the road and help our young guys."

Where this team needs the most help is offensively. The Tar Heels somehow managed to score enough runs to win 46 games, but this weekend was

a good example of how hard it was for this team to score against good pitching.

"You have to have one good at-bat followed by another one," Fox said. "You can't just rely on the other team to walk you or make a mistake, make an errant throw to give you opportunities."

"It gets harder," Fox said. "The teams are better, and they play at a higher level. We had some guys who didn't have as good a year as they had in the past. It's part of baseball. As the season goes along, they start pressing. They realize they're not hitting as well as they did last year."

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Recipe provided by Il Palio

Ingredients

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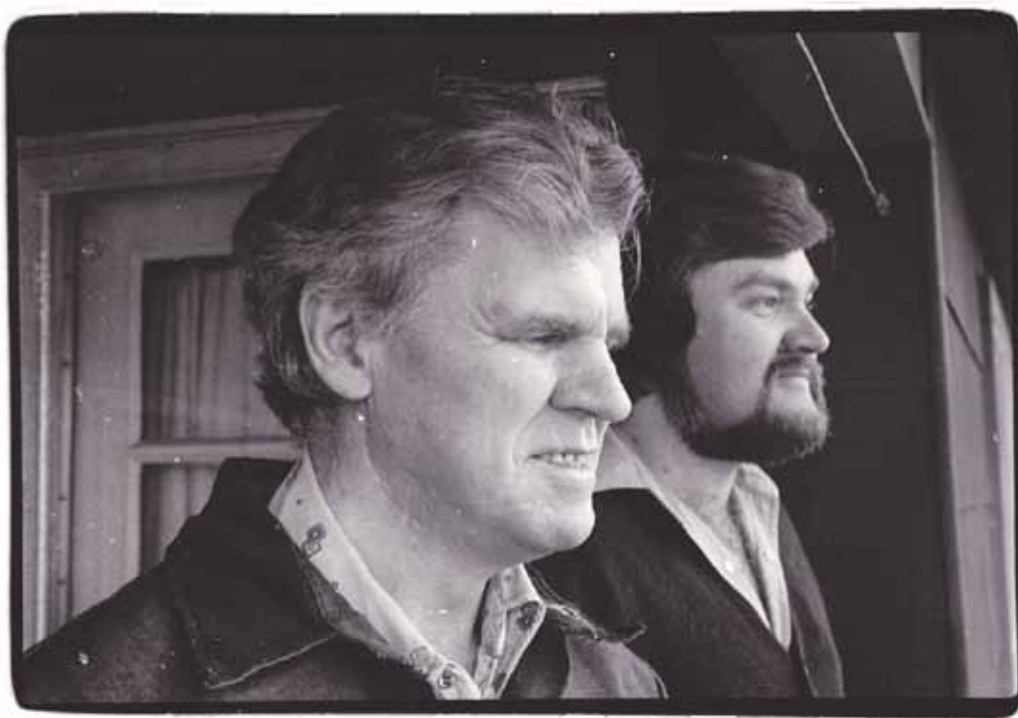
PET OF THE WEEK



ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES — If you love cuddly kitties, happy endings and unbeatable deals, this pair of handsome ladies is definitely for you! Misty and Layla are a pair of 1-year-old sisters who are full of love for all people and for each other! These girls have grown up together and their bond has won the hearts of staff and volunteers so much so that someone stepped up to pay one of the adoption fees if they can be adopted together. In addition, June is also Cat Adoption Month, and that means select cats are being featured for half off the regular adoption fee! These lovely ladies are among those chosen for the occasion, which means if they are adopted together during the month of June, the total adoption fee will only be \$50! That's an unbeatable deal on any pair of kitties, but the easygoing nature, calming energy and immense amount of love these girls have to give makes this an even better package. Visit them today at Orange County Animal Services, 1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill. You can also see them and other adoptable animals online at www.co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/adoption.asp

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Doc and Merle, 1983

How do you honor the guitar player who single-handedly changed the face of American folk and roots music? The photographer goes to his vaults and pulls out a haunting image made back in 1983 during a pilgrimage to Doc Watson's home in Deep Gap, where the humble wizard of the six-string shared not only his music but also his wisdom. Doc Watson talked like he played the guitar – bass string ringing lickety-split in an arpeggio of notes too fast for any normal mortal to put down. He flared a sentence devoid of commas: "Well I'll tell you what buddy I cut stovewood tuned pianos took a little charity from the state like most blind folks and did a whole lotta walking and didn't have no car either," rest, a breath, and then: "Back in the '50s son I played with a country swing group – well it put biscuits on the table and overalls on little Merle!" Doc also allowed me to make this image, shot on a foggy Blue Ridge morning, with his son, Merle, at his side. Two years later, Merle would be lost to a tractor accident – and likewise, the negative to this photo, never printed, was lost, only to be discovered 20 years later in a forgotten dark-room drawer. Doc Watson was an American original; we will not see his likes come this way again. (The entire interview with Doc can be found in my anthology of Appalachian portraits, *Runnin' On Rims*, published in 1986 by Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill.)



A THOUSAND WORDS

BY JOCK LAUTERER

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FLORA
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Georgia, for confirmation that black-fruited red mulberry has scabrous leaves and white mulberry sports the shiny, smooth leaves but has fruit that may be white, pink, red, purple and black. Now more confused, I studied all my other references; I found no consistency.

I was relieved to discover the response of my medicinal and edible plants guru, Dr. James Duke, to finding similar inconsistencies: "Authors who seem sure they know the differences between the species have not convinced me."

I'm curious about what mulberries we do have growing all about us. Among horticultural varieties of white mulberry, *Morus alba*, var. *multicaulis*, is described as the silkworm mulberry. Mulberry species and varieties freely hybridize and bird-dispersed seeds produce even more varieties of mulberry. So, while botanists continue to sort all this out, I'm content that the tree out there on Union Grove Road is, indeed, one mighty big mulberry!

When I mentioned mulberry to Tom Marriott, another *Citizen* reader, he responded: "You're going to mention Silk Hope, aren't you?"

Obviously I can go round and round about naming mulberries, but I don't know the story of Silk Hope. Though planting white mulberries and keeping silkworms content to produce silk must have been too labor intensive to compete with tobacco growing, I can imagine there's a good story there.

I suspect that a few *Citizen* readers know the Silk Hope story and hopefully will share it with us.

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Hanging high above the ground, ripe mulberries are more accessible to birds than to humans.

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