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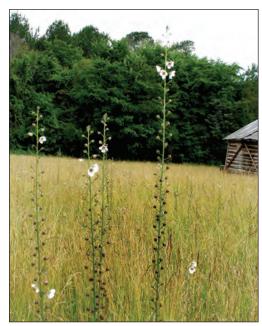


PHOTO BY KEN MOORE Moth mullein flowers hover above the tall grasses in a field near Carrboro.

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may spot some distinc-

roadside fields.

white flowers hovering just

During the past week, I've

been catching glimpses of little

above the tops of grasses in rural

areas outside Carrboro. These

white flowers also hover midair-

like along some of the unmowed

roadside edges closer into town.

showing off in my wild yard just

now. I remember being pleased

mullein, Verbascum blattaria, in

my infrequently mowed yard.

flowers of moth mullein begin

opening in the evenings and re-

main fully open until late morn-

they linger a bit longer on cloudy days, you're not likely to notice

Each flower opens for only a single day's length. Moth species

are likely pollinators of this night-

opening flower. The descriptive

species name, blattaria, "moth-

like," is attributed to the Roman

naturalist Pliny the elder describ-

ing the similarity of the flower's

Definitely worth "a closer

your trusty hand-lens to see the

beautiful purple-haired stamens

anthers. You can almost imagine

some amorous moth approach-

The plant and its pollinators must be an effective match,

because the stems are loaded

with round pea-like capsules,

each holding numerous matur-

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ing seeds for dispersal later in

ing one of these flowers in the

evening dim, with more than

look," you don't even need

crowned with vivid orange

heads of moths.

food on its mind.

the season.

frilly stamens to antennae on the

ing the following day. Though

them past late morning.

some years ago to discover moth

The white, sometimes yellow,

because I have a few quietly

I'm particularly aware of them

more miles per hour, you

tive plants standing out in

Out standing

in the fields

BY KEN MOORE

Libraries win support in budget talks County commissioners prepare to vote next week on funding plan

BY KIRK ROSS

Staff Writer

HILLSBOROUGH — The Orange County Board of Commissioners agreed Tuesday night to find a way to keep the Carrboro Branch Library and Cedar Grove Library open.

During a budget workshop in Hillsborough, the commissioners reviewed alternatives to a proposed reduction in library services, including the closing of the two branches. County Manager Laura Blackmon's

ing the two branches and moving employees to Hillsborough to staff the county's new main library.

The alternative plan would shift money from reserve funds to keep the branches open. In addition, commissioners agreed on a plan to raise the county's per capita spending on library services to the state average.

At the Carrboro Branch, librarian Anne Pusey said she was delighted.

"I am incredibly pleased with the decision and the commitment to pro-

proposed budget recommended clos- vide for a quality library service for residents," she said, adding that the library had been braced for a cutback. "We knew this was a tough budget year, so we were prepared for the possibility that we wouldn't be able to be around, but we were hopeful that we would be able to find a way to fund all the libraries."

County board chair Valerie Foushee said the decision shouldn't be seen as a turnaround, since the board had never agreed to make the proposed cuts in the first place.

The proposal was not popular with board members, she said, but they decided to wait and look at solid alternatives before ruling them out.

Commissioners Bernadette Pelissier and Mike Nelson said they were pleased that the branch closings were off the table.

"It's one thing to reduce services, but to close an entire library is a very different thing," Pelissier said.

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Carrboro seniors in a class all their own

BY BETH MECHUM

Staff Writer

Many of the seniors at Carrboro High School have a bet on how long it will take guidance counselor Mary Gratch to cry at graduation.

If any among them wagered on a week before, it's time to cash in.

When asked to think of stories about her "babies," the class of 2009, there were no actual teardrops, but the tears welling up more than clouded Gratch's vision.

She then composed herself long enough to talk about what the firstever graduating class of Carrboro High School means to her, to the school, to each other and to the town of Carrboro.

From protestors to leaders

All involved admit the first year, 2007-08, wasn't an easy one for Carrboro High, and the word most commonly used is "tough." Students were moved from Chapel Hill and East Chapel Hill High School, and not all of them were pleased about it.

Gratch said all the logistics of registering and transferring credits were handled with ease, but there were parts of the move that administrators couldn't prepare for.



"We didn't fully predict the emotional component of switching and this being a much smaller school," Gratch said. "The students arrived and they reacted to things; they said it was more like a middle school."

around the school, turning and watching the students' every move. Such hats were forbidden inside the school.

technology will be installed in all new schools, for safety purposes, but the students weren't happy with what they perceived as a Big Brother effect.

Class sizes were smaller and rules more rigid than those to which the Seventy cameras were placed transferred students were accustomed, and the biggest issue of all was that

"The first principal established a rule of not wearing hats, which became emblematic of the oppression of this new school," Gratch said. "We really started in a tough way, and the kids said they hated it and wanted to

SEE **SENIORS** PAGE 8

School's out

The last week of school was a whirlwind from one end of the district to the other as fifthgraders spruced up for their first graduation and high schoolers prepared for this weekend's commencements.

The end of the classes came shortly after noon on Wednesday. At Carrboro Elementary

School that was immediately apparent to anyone within shouting distance. Students rushed to their buses and screams of "Hallelujah" and "I'll miss you" were heard above the roar of general excitement from the last day of school.

They stopped long enough to hug their teachers one last time before shrieking as the bus engines started.

The teachers were concerned the students wouldn't be able to hear them break into song as the buses took off, but all around the area enjoyed their rendition of "Na Na Hey Hey Goodbye" as a farewell to the school year. (see photo at right)

As high schools wound down this week classrooms became barer each day with students finishing up their final exams while seniors roamed the halls for the last time.

Graduation exercises take place at the Dean E. Smith Student Activities Center on Saturday. East Chapel Hill starts of the day at 9 a.m. followed by Chapel Hill High at 1 p.m. The first graduating class at Carrboro High School will make it official at 5 p.m.



Council urges OWASA to set date for odor elimination

BY KIRK ROSS

Staff Writer

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CHAPEL HILL — The Chapel Hill Town Council asked officials from the Orange Water and Sewer Authority for a solid commitment on when the final phase of a project to eliminate odors from the utility's wastewater-treatment plant will be completed.

The discussion came Monday night at Town Hall as the council reviewed OWASA's plans and heard from neighbors of the plant who are demanding to know when the work will be done.

Odors from the plant on Mason Farm Road near Finley Golf Course have been a long-running issue for residents. At their urging, the council sought a firm commitment for the project when it approved an expansion of the plant

OWASA has already spent roughly \$4 million on the problem, but wants to delay the third phase of the plan for another year because of slowing revenues.

At Monday's meeting, several residents told the council that they're concerned the work might not be accomplished soon and that if left undone a future council or OWASA board may decide not to finish the project.

Highland Woods resident Frank Rexford said neighbors of the plant have tried to get the problem fixed since the 1950s. Rexford, who moved to the neighborhood in 2004, said he understood that the project would be completed fairly soon. He said at the time, he did not expect to be urging its completion at a meeting in 2009.

Rex Butler, also a Highland Woods resident, said coming to the council about the plant has become an annual exercise for him and his neighbors.

We're just looking for a commitment and a date to fix this," he said.

Council member Jim Ward said he was particularly concerned about comments from the OWASA finance board that he said indicate a less than solid commitment to the project.

SEE COUNCIL PAGE 7

Town Council passes budget

The Chapel Hill Town Council passed an \$85.2 million budget for fiscal year 2009-10, which starts July 1.

The council, at its meeting Monday night at Town Hall, decided on a tax rate of 49.4 cents per \$100 assed valuation, down from the previous tax rate of 58.1 cents.

The reduction takes into account recent property revaluations. Although the rate is revenue neutral in that the town is taking in the same amount of property tax revenue as last year, most residents will see a rise in their tax bills. Even with a drop projected in automobile property tax revenue, the tax rate for real property was reduced by about 14 percent. Most Chapel Hill homeowners saw a rise in assessments higher than that.

Town Manager Roger Stancil said he balanced the budget by shifting money from the town's fund balances and a savings plan started last fall in anticipation of a reduction in sales tax and other revenues. A hiring freeze, no pay increases for town workers and a delay in some construction projects, including a proposed expansion of the Chapel Hill Public Library, were also part of the saving effort. — Staff reports

MUSIC CALENDAR



THURSDAY JUNE II

Blue Bayou: Jo Gore and the Alternative. 9:30pm

Cat's Cradle: Grizzly Bear, Here We Go Magic. 9pm. Sold out.

The Cave: EARLY: Greg Koons. LATE: The Shakedown, Ailyne. \$5

General Store Cafe: Funkuponya. 7-9pm

Local 506: Hey Euphony, Vega Under Fire, Seven Story Fall. 9pm. \$5 **Nightlight:** Swan Quarter, Due Panic, Sleep Control. 10pm

Weaver Street Market: Charles Pettee and Friends. 6-8pm

FRIDAY JUNE 12

Blue Bayou: Steady Rollin' Bob Margolin. 9:30pm. \$10/12

Cat's Cradle: Jenny Lewis, Deer Tick, Farmer Dave. 9pm. Sold out.

The Cave: EARLY: Joltwagon. \$5 LATE: Firehouse Rhythm Kings **City Tap:** The Swang Brothers.

5-7pm. Andrew Marlin. 7-10pm **General Store Cafe:** Rewind.

Harry's Market: Jay Manley and Chris Johnson. 7-9pm

Local 506: Black Dice, Awesome

SATURDAY JUNE 13

Color. 10pm. \$10/12

Blue Bayou: Rebecca and the Hitones. 9:30pm. \$8/10

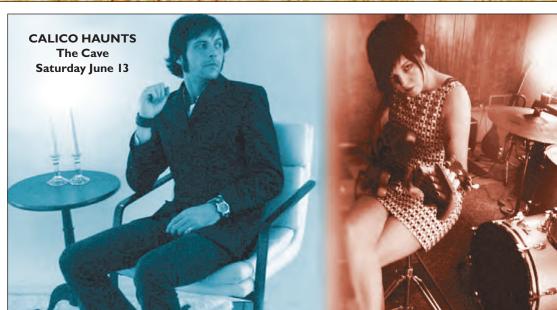
Caffe Driade: Loose Mood. 8pm
The Cave: EARLY: Judy Woodall
and Her Distinguised Gentlemen.

Haunts, Gambling the Muse

City Tap: Joe Romeo. 8-10pm

\$5 LATE: Raised By Wolves, Calico

General Store Cafe: Donald Underwood Thompson Band. 8:30-Hpm



Local 506: Dark Meat, Birds of Avalon, One Man Machine. 9:30pm

Nightlight: Fever and the Fallin' Rain, Son Cats, Cabinet of Natural Curiousities

Open Eye Cafe: Lee and Susan. 8pm

SUNDAY JUNE 14 Cat's Cradle: Meat Puppets,

Rebribution Gospel Choir. 8:45pm. \$14/16

The Cave: Paul Sigimond

Koka Booth Amphitheatre: Elvis Costello and the Sugarcanes

Local 506: Ryan Gustafson, Josh Moore, Twelve Thousand Armies. 9:30pm. Free

MONDAY JUNE 15 Cat's Cradle: Portugal, The Man.

9:30pm. \$6

The Cave: LATE: The Dig **Local 506:** Sunset Rubdown, Elfin Saddle, Witchies. 9pm. \$10/12



Nightlight: Zee Avi,I Matt Hires. 9pm. \$10

The Resevoir: The Ruining, Social Life, The Great Explainer.

TUESDAY JUNE 16 Cat's Cradle: Peaches, Drums of

Death. 9pm. \$18/20

The Cave: LATE: Eula Local 506: Cotton Jones, The

Antlers. 9:30pm. \$8

Nightlight: Bronzed Chorus, Unit Breed, Gray Young. 9:30pm

WEDNESDAY JUNE 17 Caffe Driade: Chris Chappell and Arielle Bryant. 8pm

The Cave: LATE: Enigmatic Foe Local 506: John Vanderslice and The Tallest Man on Earth. 9:30pm. \$10

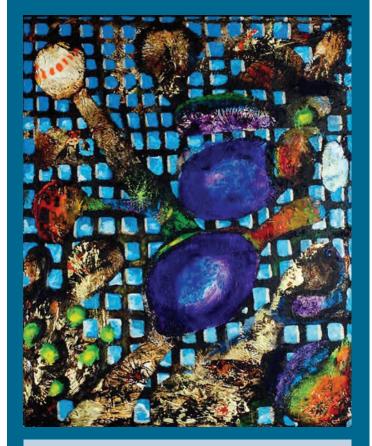
Nightlight: Caltrop, Pontiak, In The Year of The Pig 9:30pm. \$5

THURSDAY JUNE 18

Reynolds Swing "n" Jazz Trio

Blue Bayou: Jaafar. 9pm Ci Captain John's Dockside: Chris Ge

SPOTLIGHT: ARTWALK



2ND FRIDAY ARTWALK

The next 2ndFriday Artwalk will be tomorrow (June 12) from 6 to 9 p.m. showcasing art galleries in Carrboro and Chapel Hill. The event is free and will feature live music and other entertainment. This walk will include two special temporary venues, the Art Therapy Institute and Scrapel Hill Art, both at University Mall. Visit 2ndfridayartwalk.com to get a map of all the participating galleries and businesses.

If you only have time to hit a few spots, make sure to include newly reopened Beehive Salon on Weaver St. The salon is newly renovated and will display artwork from employees, music by the New Town Drunks, and some lucky artswalkers will even

Pictured above: Manifestations from Latticeland, by **Alan Botifoll**, whose work is featured this month at Caffe Driade.

The Cave: EARLY: Both LATE: Eric

General Store Cafe: Tony Galiani Band. 7-9pm

Local 506: Telekinesis, An Horse.

9:30pm. \$8/10 **Nightlight:** Impossible Arms, Qua-

sar Abode, Insepctor 22. 9:30pm

FRIDAY JUNE 19

Blue Bayou: Marla Vickers Band. Caffe Driade: Calahoney. 8pm Cat's Cradle: The Connells, Mayflies. 9pm. \$15

The Cave: EARLY: Left on Franklin LATE: Keep Off the Grass, Town Mountain

City Tap: EARLY: Butter

General Store Cafe: Sunny Marie and Her Blues Train. 8:30-11pm

Harry's Market: Raymond Ward. 7-9pm

Local 506: House of Fools, Lonnie Walker, Motel Motel. 10pm. \$8

SATURDAY JUNE 20

Blue Bayou: Spoonful of Soul. 9:30pm

Caffe Driade: Michael Troy. 8pm-Cat's Cradle: Camera Obscura, Anni Rossi. 9:15pm. \$15

The Cave: EARLY: The K-Macks. \$5 LATE: Mystery Road, Birds and

General Store Cafe: Nu-Blu. 8:30-IIpm

Local 506: Tripp, Josh Roberts and the Hinges, The Pneurtotics. 9:30pm. \$7

Open Eye Cafe: The Whisker Smugglers



THE MAN**(\$5)
TU 6/16 PEACHES
W/DRUMS OF DEATH**(\$18/20)
FR 6/19 THE
CONNELLS

SA 6/20**(\$15)
CAMERA
OBSCURA

FR 6/26**(\$15) NYLON SUMMER

MUSIC TOUR FEATURING

PATRICK WOLF, LIVING

THINGS, PLASTICINES,

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SA 6/27 HOLSAPPLE
& STAMEY
W/AMERICAN AQUARIUM AND LUEGO

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FR 7/10 ROMBADIL HAS CANCELLED

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FR 7/10 BOMBADIL HAS CANCELLED
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OLIVER, THE FUTURE

WE 7/22 - SA 7/25 XX MERGE

SU 7/26 DREDG, RX BANDITS

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SU 8/16 THE SCRIPT

W/PARACHUTE**(\$12/\$15)

TU 9/1 HOT TUNA
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W/OLD SCHOOL FREIGHT TRAIN
FR 9/11 OWL CITY
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WE 9/15 JOHN "JOJO"



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TH 11/5 THE JESUS LIZARD

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M0 6/15 WOODEN
BIRDS
W/OTHER LIVES

LOCAL 506 (CHAPEL HILL)

M0 7/13 HANDSOME FURS
TH 7/16 REEVES GABRELS
W/BENJOMATIC

M0 8/17 THE WARLOCKS

M0 9/28 SCHOOL OF
SEVEN BELLS

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News Briefs

Wilner retires from ArtsCenter

Don Boulton, interim board chair, and Jon Wilner, executive director of The ArtsCenter in Carrboro, today announced Wilner's retirement. Wilner has held the position for six years.

"Having had open-heart surgery this past year has given me a new lease on life," Wilner said. "I am very proud of what we have accomplished at The ArtsCenter during my time here. My desire to live a more stress-free life has made it clear to me that The ArtsCenter, which I love dearly, would benefit from new leadership. It is the right time for me to leave."

Wilner will stay on through September as interim executive director to help facilitate a smooth transition. After that, he will remain with The ArtsCenter to assist with community relations.

Stevens to run for re-election

Incumbent Tom Stevens will seek a third term as mayor of

He addressed his decision on his website, tomstevensformayor. com in an open letter to the community.

Stevens said he wanted to "continue to be a passionate spokesperson for our town and community, and offer seasoned leadership aimed at bringing the efforts of many people together."

'Mayors across the Triangle are letting their citizens know whether they are running again," said Stevens. "I wanted to let people in Hillsborough know I am ready to stay on the job."

Hillsborough Parks interest meeting

A group of Hillsborough citizens will meet tonight (Thursday) in the Town Barn located on the Town Hall campus at 101 E. Orange St. to discuss interest in the creation of a Friends of Hillsborough Parks organization. The organization would be a citizen group to provide additional support for town recreational facilities that the town government can't provide on its own. As a government entity, the town does not accept donations from community members toward parks and recreation facilities. For questions or information, please contact FOHP@nc.rr.com

OWASA budget meeting

On June 11, the Orange County Water and Sewer Authority board of directors will consider the proposed budget for June '09

The proposed budget includes \$18.5 million for operating costs, \$9.7 million for debt payments on bonds issued to help pay for capital projects and \$5.7 million for capital improvements such as replacement and renovation of water and sewer lines.

A 9.75 percent increase in monthly water and sewer charges is proposed. For a typical residential customer using 5,000 gallons per month, the bill would increase \$6.68, from \$68.24 to \$74.92. The budget does not include pay increases for OWASA employees.

For more information, contact Kevin Ray at 537-4236.

Carolina North meeting

The Town of Chapel Hill will hold another community update on Carolina North. The meeting will be held tonight (Thursday) from 7 to 9 p.m. in the council chambers at Chapel Hill Town Hall.

The town and university are working on an extensive development agreement that will guide the build of the first phase of the project and lay out the ground rules for further expansion.

At Monday's town council meeting, traffic concerns were again a key point of concern. Council members said they were worried about the impact of a projected 5,000 additional parking spaces.

Council member Bill Strom said he would like to see more done to make the new research campus more accessible by means other than automobiles.

"I guess I'm underwhelmed," he said of the transportation

Council member Jim Ward said he wants to make sure there is a commitment to long-term conservation for roughly 300 acres of the property.

If the land protection "goes in the tank," he said, "all bets are off."

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Mental health cuts to take their toll

BY TAYLOR SISK

Staff Writer

"It's almost like a bad tsunami blowing our way," said Thava Mahadevan, executive director of XDS Inc., a Chapel Hill-based mental health provider, "and you don't know which way to run. There's no high ground."

Mahadevan was referring to plans to largely do away with community support services in the impending state budget, with the intent of eliminating them the following year.

"Like everyone else, we're quite shell shocked," Mahadevan said.

XDS provides a comprehensive suite of outpatient services with a team of professionals assigned to each client, available on an around-the-clock basis. These evidence-based assertive community treatment services, including community support services, for people with severe most particularly designed for those with dual disorders.

Plans to cut community support services will have a dramatic impact on a number of XDS clients, Mahadevan said, citing the cases of several of those clients in Orange and Chatham counties:

J.P. has been diagnosed with several mental health disorders and has a history of sexually assaultive and violent behavior. He lives with his elderly mother and stepfather. XDS meets with him for an hour each week. He's held a job for two years now and has had no brushes with the law in that period. Mahadevan fears that without supervision, J.P. will suffer.

R.L. has been diagnosed with schizoaffective disorder, cognitive deficits and ADHD. He has a history of violent behavior, setting fires and property destruction, and has had multiple hospital stays.

and persistent mental histories, XDS has assisted him in working toward his GED and in finding a job. After a recent attempt at reducing his support services, R.L. stole his grandmother's car, wrecked it and made homicidal

threats to a neighbor. M.B. has a diagnosed bi-polar disorder and a history of violent behavior that's led to multiple incarcerations. He's been hospitalized up to 12 times a year, but in working with XDS on managing his symptoms his hospital visits have been dramatically reduced.

D.S. was diagnosed in adolescence with a bi-polar disorder and was frequently hospitalized for extended stays. With XDS's help, he's graduated from UNC, is gainfully employed and has no hospital admissions in several years. XDS's community services team delivers his medication, monitors his compliance and charts any symptoms for his psychiatrist. The XDS team fears what may happen if D.S.'s services are discontinued.

Mahadevan acknowledges that some providers were misusing funds allocated for community services, but doesn't believe that justifies discontinuing all such services. His clients will suffer, he said, as will taxpayers.

"For the taxpayer, this is a bad deal, because when you don't provide the services it ends up costing you a lot more." When fundamental preventative services such as providing meds and monitoring their use are no longer provided, he asks, what then happens?

Mahadevan says that he's been hoping "that this is just a bad dream," that maybe when the budget is finalized the cuts won't be nearly so severe.

"But it's sure not looking like it," he allowed.

Aldermen encouraged to join community read

BY BETH MECHUM

Staff Writer

Carrboro and the extended Orange County community are invited to join in on a countywide reading project of *The Solo*ist during the summer of 2009.

The Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness presented the project to the Carrboro Board of Aldermen Tuesday night as part of its annual report on Orange County's 10-year plan to end chronic homelessness.

Jamie Rohe, interim coordinator of the project, expressed her desire to involve the community in a project intended to enlighten all to the struggles of the homeless while continuing the discussion of how to help.

The plan is to get copies of the book to pass around and then share thoughts and comments on

In other action, the board gave feedback on the Rogers Road Small Area Plan Task Force, per a request from the Town of Chapel Hill.

Mayor Mark Chilton expressed particular concern that the proposed sewer systems would be too expensive for the residents of Rogers Road.

Board members also discussed plans for an elementary school in the Rogers Road area. Jacquie Gist questioned the need for another school in the area, but other members said they believe a school would be a positive use of government money for the community.

David Bonk, Chapel Hill's representative at the meeting, will report those concerns to the task force to discuss at their September meeting.

The board also approved the human services commission report for the 2009-10 budget, adding another \$500 to the money allotted for Planned Parenthood.

Alderman Dan Coleman said he thought that in the wake of the Dr. George Tiller murder in Kansas, Planned Parenthood could use the money to ensure the building is secure.

Intrepid Media, Lulu partner BY MARGOT LESTER

Staff Writer

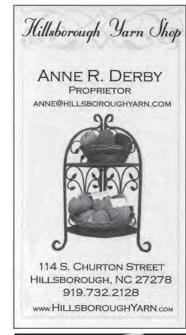
Chapel Hill-based Intrepid Media, a creative network and promotional site for writers, today announced a partnership with Lulu.com that expands resources for writers.

The partnership will provide creative assistance, publishing services and promotional tools. Intrepid Media (intrepidmedia. com) serves as an incubator for writers - a place to workshop their writing with feedback from other writers and readers. When ready to publish, Intrepid will walk writers through Lulu's nocost print and electronic book publishing services. Lulu will handle the production, storefront and distribution of the print and electronic books. Once published, authors return to Intrepid Media to promote their books via posts to the community that link to their books' storefronts.

"Lulu helps us remove a barrier to entry for Intrepid Media members to publish books by reducing up-front costs to zero and marketing costs to close to zero," explains Joe Procopio, Intrepid's founder and CEO. "It provides an 'end-goal' for our members in the form of physical published books. Many of our writers have enough content on Intrepid Media to create a book, which is something we explored last year and that turned into our best-of collections and eventually our own publishing imprint. We all know that very few writers will get published in the traditional manner, so we think this is another extension of helping writers get read."

From a business standpoint, the partnership allows each company to build its customer base with compelling services. "We provide a start-to-finish relationship with authors," Procopio continues, "from conceptualizing their book through writing, publishing, marketing and sales."

Procopio is excited about the deal. "We've known the folks at Lulu for years and love what they do, not just the books-ondemand and DIY publishing model, but the way they do it stands out above the rest."





Crook's Corner

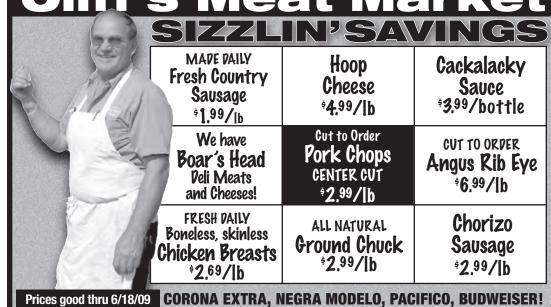
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Community

Community Briefs

Chapel Hill Comics book signing

Chapel Hill Comics will have a signing for Ursula Vernon's new book, *Dragonbreath*, June 27 from 1 to 3 p.m. In Dragonbreath, Vernon uses both comic panels and text to tell the story of Danny Dragonbreath, the only mythical dragon in a school for reptiles and amphibians.



Oprah's Book Club included Vernon's previous book, Nurk: The Strange, Surprising Adventures of a (Somewhat) Brave Shrew, on its Kids Reading List for kids 10 to 12 years old.

Ursula will sign copies of *Dragonbreath* and *Nurk* at Chapel Hill Comics at 316 W. Franklin St.

luneteenth

The Preservation Society of Chapel Hill will host a lecture honoring Juneteenth on June 17 in the Horace Williams House at 610 E. Franklin St.

Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. Preservation Society director Ernest Dollar will discuss the end of slavery in Orange County and profile slaves who in 1865 were freed.

Recent projects exploring the historically African-American neighborhoods of Northside and Rogers Road in Chapel Hill provided the inspiration for this talk. There will also be a showing of the 1939 H. Lee Waters film shot in Chapel Hill's black

The lecture starts at noon and a \$5 donation is suggested. For more information, contact the Preservation Society at 942-7818 or chpreservation@mindspring.com

Rooftop movies and music

The Town of Chapel Hill and the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership in cooperation with 1360 WCHL will present the Locally Grown Rooftop Music and Movies Series in downtown Chapel Hill every Thursday night from June 18 to Aug. 20. This nine-week outdoor entertainment series will showcase local musicians and movies on the Wallace Plaza, an urban park in downtown Chapel Hill located atop the Wallace Parking Deck at 150 East Rosemary St. All events are free of charge and discounted parking will be provided. Remember to bring enough chairs and blankets for the entire family.

Local organizations will host a total of three concerts, one per month, each running from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. The concert series begins on June 18 with a Locally Grown showcase featuring Big Mama E and the Cool with Will McFarlane. For a complete listing of each event and the entertainment line-up, visit townofchapelhill.org/locallygrown

Volunteers needed for July 4

The Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department seeks volunteers to assist with its July 4 celebration.

Volunteers are needed to help with tasks that include children's activities, T-shirt and raffle ticket sales, providing information to festival goers, loading and unloading equipment at the stage, litter pick-up and recycling and hospitality.

The event will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, contact Carrboro Recreation and Parks at 918-7364.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

Movie Showing— The Seymour Center Cinema will present "Now, Voyager" at the Seymour Center, I pm Free admission and popcorn. 968-2070.

Estate Planning Workshop— Orange County Center of NC Cooperative Extension and the Orange County Department on Aging will present a workshop on estate planning. 2-5 pm, Food Lab of the Planning and Agricultural Building, 306 Revere Road, Hilssborough. Registration deadline is June 8.

WEDNESDAY. JUNE 10 Walking Tour—The Preservation Society of Chapel Hill offers guided walking tours of Franklin Street,

Wednesdays at 2pm. Tickets are \$5.

942-7818, chapelhillpreservation.com

THURSDAY, JUNE II **Documentary Screening**

— Ipas will present a free public screening of its documentary, "Not Yet Rain," about abortion in Ethiopia. 7-8:30 pm, Durham Arts Council, notyetrain@ipas.org

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

E-mail class — A free class in e-mail basics will be held June 12 at the Chapel Hill Public Library. 8:30-9:30am, basic computer skills required. 968-2780.

Community Art Project

- "Our Stores, In Focus," an art project featuring more than 1,000 images depicting the lives of people in the Chapel Hill and Carrboro communities. 6 pm, University Mall. Reception at 7:30 pm.

Contra Dance — Triangle Country Dancers will present a contra dance at the Carrboro Century Center. Please bring soft-sioled shoes. Lesson at 7:30 pm, dance from 8 to 11. \$9 general public, \$7 members. www.TCDancers.org

Community Reception —Our Voices reception and hanging of a community banner. University Mall, 6:30 pm. www.universitymallnc.com

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

Family Fun Day — The Alliance for Historic Hillsborough will hold a family fun day throughout Hillsborough. 732-7741, www.historichillsborough.org

SUNDAY, JUNE 14 A panel discussion— on

"Hamas/Gaza" will be held at the Church of Reconciliation, 2-4 pm. 490-5546, www.peace-with-justice.

Pet Event—Independent Animal Rescue will hold a puppy/kitten shower at Petco at South Square. 2-4 pm. www.animalrescue.net

MONDAY, JUNE 15

Greenway Meeting — The first of two meetings on the Morgan Creek Greenway project. Talk to town staff and consultants and give your opinion on the project. 4:30-7pm in the Media Center at Frank Porter Graham Elementary, townofcarrboro.org/AdvBoards/ Greenways/ResourceInfo.htm

TUESDAY, JUNE 16 James Joyce Talk — Join cura-

tors for tours of the Rare Book Collection exhibition "Joycean Generosity, Joycean Books." June 16th is Bloomsday, the day in 1904 on which all the action of Joyce's "Ulysses" occurs. Free and open to the public at Wilson Library, 3:30 to 4:30pm, 962-1143.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17 **Integrative Health Info**

— Learn about the integrative

approach to healthcare. During the seminar, you will explore the Duke Integrative Medicine facility and their practices. 6:30-8pm, 681-2958 to reserve a seat.

African-American History— Ernest Dollar will present a lecture on "Juneteenth: Celebrating the End of Slavery in Orange County'' at the Horace Williams House. \$5 suggested donation. chpreservation@ mindspring.com

THURSDAY, JUNE 18 Senior Driving Seminar — The

Alert Driver Senior Program will present a free seminar on senior driving, Seymour Center, 10am - Ipm. Call to sign up, 968-2070.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

Contra Dance — The Carolina Song and Dance Association will present a contra dance at the Carrboro Century Center. Live music by the Donnybrook Lads. Bring clean, smooth-soled shoes. Workshop at 7:30pm, dance at 8. \$8 donation requested, 967-9948

Hog Day — Hillsborough Hog Day, Cameron Park, 6-10 pm. Free admission June 19th, \$5 June 20th.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20 Juneteenth Celebration — The

Orange County Juneteenth Planning Committee will hold its Third Annual Juneteenth CElebration at the Hargraves Recreation Center in Chapel Hill. Noon. 593-1478.

Do you have anything for one of our calendars? Send your submissions to calendar@carrborocitizen.com

Ongoing



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

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

DivorceCare — Support group for those separated or divorced. Mondays, 7pm, Orange United Methodist Church. 942-2825, connect2orange.org

Garden Tour — Free tour of the N.C. Botanical Garden's display gardens. Saturdays, 10am, in front of the Totten Center at the garden.

Garden Walk — Niche Gardens hosts guided garden walks with discussions on spring planting, garden maintenance, design and gardening for wildlife. Saturdays, 10am, 1111 Dawson Road, Chapel Hill. Free. 967-0078, nichegardens.com

962-0522, ncbg.unc.edu

Job Search Meeting — A networking and support group for job hunters. Wednesdays, 9:30-11am, Binkley Baptist Church, 1712 Willow Drive. 942-4964

Open-Mike Poetry — Tuesdays except first Tuesday, 7-9pm, Looking Glass Cafe & Boutique, 601 W. Main St. 636-5809

Computer Classes — Free computer classes: Computer and Web Basics, Intro to Email, MS Word, Powerpoint, Excel, and an Open Project Workshop. Wednesdays

through June 24, 7pm, Carrboro Cybrary, 100 N. Greensboro St. Registration required. 918-7387, cybrary@co.orange.nc.us, co.orange. nc.us/library/cybrary

Computer Classes — A free series of introductory computer classes with topics including Introduction to Microsoft Word, Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint and Buying and Selling on Craig's List. Saturdays June 6-July 25, 9-10am, Carrboro Branch Library at McDougle School. Advance registration required. 969-3006, lib.unc.edu/cws

Kids

Toddler Time — Thursdays, 4pm, Carrboro Branch Library. 969-3006

Preschool Story Time — Saturdays, 10:30am, Carrboro Branch Library. 969-3006

Express Yourself! — Art program for ages 3-8 and their caregivers. Saturdays, 10:45-11:15am, 11:30am-noon, Kidzu Children's Museum, 105 E. Franklin St. \$2. 933-1455, kidzuchildrensmuseum.org

Garden Story Time — Children ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers are invited to come read themebased nature tales and participate in activities in the garden. Thursdays through Aug. 27, 10-11am, N.C. Botanical Garden. \$5 per family. Preregister 962-0522, ncbg.unc.edu

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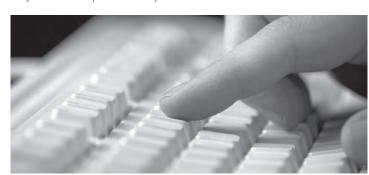
— Seeks volunteers at least 55

years of age and older who would like assistance in finding an opportunity that matches their interests. 968-2056, co.orange.nc.us/aging/ RSVPindex.asp

Meals on Wheels — Seeks volunteers to deliver meals and/or bake simple desserts for recipients in the Chapel Hill/Carrboro area. 942-2948

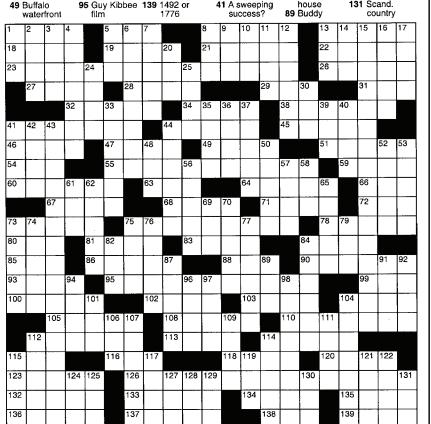
Orange County Literacy

— Seeks volunteers to help with adult literacy, basic math and English language tutoring, creative writing workshops at local homeless shelters and family literacy workshops. New tutor training workshops every month. Skills Development Center, 503 W. Franklin St. 933-2151



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Citizen **Cryptoquote** By Martin Brody

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Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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PETS OF THE WEEK

PAWS4EVER - Meet Darryl! This

handsome gray tabby I-yr-old guy was in foster care because he has bad food allergies. When not fed the right food, his stomach gets very angry! Darryl is a very sweet guy who would do well in almost any home. He gets along great with other cats, dogs & even many farm animals. His foster mom described



him as nothing but a blessing and was sad when he was ready to go back to the adoption center. Darryl loves ear rubs and grooming. His fluffy hair definitely calls for it every now and then! Please show Darryl the love and attention he's deserving of and let him enter a loving home. Please come by the shelter and take a look, at Paws4Ever, 6311 Nicks Road, Mebane, or call 304-2300. You can also go online at paws4ever.org

ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES — Meet Desmond and Morley! These handsome boys are around 2 years old and

have gorgeous black medium-length hair with subtle white whisps in their ears! It gives them a distinguished look that matches their laid-back, super-easy personalities. These two know how to take it all in stride and do their own thing, but still love and enjoy the company of humans too! They would love to find a home where they can both go, as they're very attached! Visit Orange County's Animal Services Center, 1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill or call 942-PETS (7387). You can also see them online at co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/adoption.asp.



Land & Table

IN SEASON



Briefs

See where milk comes from

In honor of June being dairy month, Marti Day, our local dairy agriculture extension agent, will bring a live calf to the Southern Village Farmers' Market today (Thursday) from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. to show kids and parents alike where milk comes from. Day will provide worksheets and dairy facts.

2009 Farm to Fork Picnic

This year's Farm to Fork Picnic will be this Sunday from 4 to 7 p.m. at 4909 Walnut Grove Church Road in Hurdle Mills. The region's most acclaimed

cooks will pair with Piedmont farmers to prepare a picnic-style feast that celebrates local foods and the people who grow and make them.

Farm food available will include the season's first field-ripened tomatoes; head-to-tail heritage pork; a shrimp boil; grass-fed beef; a tasting tent filled with handmade craft food, including farmstead cheese, pickles, preserves, breads and cured meat; all-local sno cones; spit-roasted lamb; grilled pizzas made from Triangle-grown wheat and produce grown in the field next door; and the season's last strawberries. For more information, visit farmtoforknc.com

FARMERS' MARKET

Sat: 7am-Noon • Wed: Now open 3:30-6:30pm Thurs at Southern Village starts May 7 @ 3:30-6:30pm

What's at Market?



Check out what's at the Year-Round Farmers' Market:

PEACHES, blueberries, strawberries, celery, fava beans, sugar snaps, zucchini, cucumbers, summer squash, new potatoes, greenhouse tomatoes, leeks, cauliflower, lettuce, chard, spring onions, pac choy, flour, onions, garlic, arugula, beets, broccoli, watercrest, cabbage, radishes, winter squashes, collards, fresh herbs, kale, leeks, mustard greens, salad greens, spinach, sweet potatoes, turnips, turnip greens, winter squashes, pecans, herb and vegetable starters, flowers such as anemones, sweet Williams, ranunculus, tulips, poppies, bachelor buttons, snap dragons, agrostema, freesia, pussy willows, ranunculus chicken-sausage, maple sausage, smoked ham, smoked ham hocks, liverwurst, lamb, bacon, chicken, eggs, cow's milk cheeses, breads, doughnuts, tortes, pies, cakes, jams, and relishes

4th of July

The Carrboro Farmers' Market will hold a special 4th of July market in front of Town Hall on W. Main St., NOT THE TOWN COMMONS, during the shortened market hours of 7-10am. The Town Commons will be occupied that day due to 4th of July festivities, so come visit the Carrboro Farmers' Market at its new location on your way to the holiday fun. W. Main Street will be blocked off during the hours to allow customer traffic for the 4th of July Carrboro Farmers' Market. We're excited to celebrate the holiday with our customers in the middle of the streets of Carrboro! Stay tuned for more detailed information closer to the date.

Pasta with Peas, Parmesan, and Bacon From Sheri Castle of Creative Cooking

There are peas a plenty in the market right now. Although it's hard to resist simply eating them raw to savor their crunchy sweetness, it's good to cook a few also. This dish (inspired by a photograph in a recent foodie magazine) combines up to three types of peas: sugar snaps, garden peas and pea tendrils. The tendrils of a pea plant taste like a cross between peas and spinach. If you can't find any, substitute another leafy green, such as spinach, arugula, watercress or Romaine (yes, lettuce — Europeans cook lettuce and peas together all the time).

- I (16 ounce) box short pasta, such as Orecchiette or Bowties
- 12 slices bacon, chopped
- 8 shallots, halved and sliced 2 1/2 cups (about 10 ounces) sugar snap peas (about 10 ounces)
- 6 cups (about 6 ounces) pea tendrils or other spring green
- 1 1/2 cups (about 8 ounces) shelled petite peas
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced fresh mint
- I teaspoon salt
- I/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- I 1/2 cups shaved Parmesan cheese, plus more for passing
 I. Cook the pasta in a large pot of boiling salted water according to
 package directions. Drain, but reserve I cup of the cooking liquid. Transfer the pasta to a large bowl. While the pasta cooks, cook the bacon in
 a large, heavy skillet over high heat until crisp, about 5 minutes. Transfer
 the bacon to paper towels to drain.
- 2. Add the shallots to the skillet. Reduce the heat to medium and cook until they are golden brown, about 5 minutes.
- 3. Add the snap peas and cook, stirring constantly, until the pods are bright green and crisp-tender, about 1 minute.
- 4. Add the pea tendrils and petite peas, stirring just until tendrils wilt, about 1 minute. (By now, the pasta should be done.)
- 5. Add the pea mixture, bacon and mint to the pasta. Drizzle in just enough cooking liquid to moisten pasta, if needed. Stir in the Parmesan.
 - 6. Season to taste with salt and pepper



Ride for the Land 2009

Triangle Land Conservancy will host Ride for the Land 2009: Freewheeling Farmland Frolic, its fourth annual bike tour, on July 11, starting at 8 a.m. on Central Carolina Community

College's Pittsboro campus. The tour is meant to bring attention to the conservancy's work



to protect the farms and forests of Chatham County. Register online by June 15 for the early registration fee of \$25. Online registration from June 15 to July 9 is \$30 and day-of-the event registration is \$35 (if available). For more information, visit triangleland.org/rfl

Biofuels merger

The Piedmont Biofuels Coop board has voted to go forward with a merger of Piedmont Biofuels Co-op and Piedmont Biofuels Industrial. More information can be found on the Energy Blog at biofuels.coop. Members are invited to use this space for public comment.

Cheese lady

This one is a little bit of a drive, but we couldn't resist sharing. Sarah Kaufmann, the "Cheese Lady," will carve works of art into a 500-lb "slice" of Wisconsin cheddar at Sam's Club in Morrisville, June 11 to 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you can't make it to the event, at least check out sarahcheese-lady.com. You won't be disappointed.

www.hogdays.com 919-732-8156 Friday, June 19
6pm to 9pm

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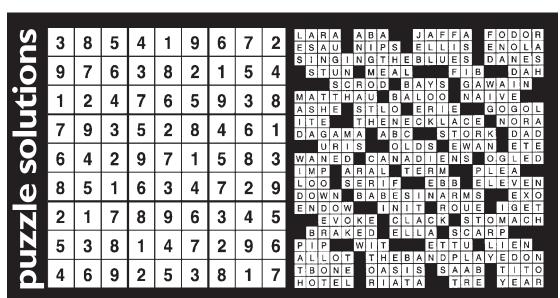






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CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER:

If the people don't want the project, you have to listen to them. - Brenda L. Moore, a DOT roadway design engineer, after Carrboro rejected a state plan to widen Smith Level Road.

FOR THE RECORD

Cool water

Like many other local agencies, the Orange Water and Sewer Authority is trying to figure out just how to tighten its belt and still fulfill its obligations to its customers.

The utility is poised to increase rates, and board members predict rate increases in the years ahead as well.

OWASA has sought to trim the size of the increases by holding down capital costs, a move that is not always popular, as witnessed Monday night at the Chapel Hill Town Council meeting.

There, council members, OWASA board members and neighbors of the utility's wastewater treatment plant debated how to finish a long-awaited odor-abatement project.

Strong voices were heard on all sides, including Braxton Foushee, Carrboro's representative on the OWASA board, who said he could not support millions more for the project knowing that many residents were struggling or unable to pay their water bills.

This example of yet another difficult tradeoff is atypical, however, because there is a way for each of us to address the problem that worries Foushee and so many others.

It's called Taste of Hope.

If you're an OWASA customer, there's a box on your water bill that allows you to contribute to a fund to help people unable to pay their bills. It's one of the easiest and most economical ways to make a difference.

With all that going for it, and with the need for neighbors to help neighbors even more important than ever, you'd think Taste of Hope would be seeing a surge of enrollment.

Stubbornly, and sadly, only about 10 percent of the customers in this mostly affluent, well-watered community have bothered to sign

This is a call to the other 90 percent to take a moment and step up. Check the box and support Taste of Hope.

If you need more information, please visit owasa.org/right/TasteOfHope.aspx

School's out

That cheering and shouting you may have heard around noon Wednesday was the collective expression of joy of tens of thousands of school children turned loose for the summer.

If you were near Carrboro Elementary School shortly after that, the soft serenade that followed was the faculty bidding their charges

The schools were this week buzzing with end-of-year activities and festivities, with the biggest of them all this weekend, when three senior classes trundle across the stage at the Smith Center in pursuit of their walking

We trust that all involved will try to enjoy themselves in a responsible fashion befitting of their new station as graduates.

The rest of us should pay attention too, and remember that many more bikers, strollers and somewhat-wound-up youngsters will be on the street. A little extra looking both ways is in

Some budging on taxes

Some members of the North Carolina House have apparently gotten a grip on their senses and are crafting a revenue package to try to lessen what is shaping up to be a devastating array of cuts.

Even if it passes, the extra \$784 million raised by the combination of sales taxes, hikes in income tax rates for individuals making more than \$200,000 and taxes on services and tobacco will only mitigate the impact of the cuts, not eliminate them.

The sanity found on Jones Street was in the realization that what was proposed so far asked the most of those who could afford it the least and put already fragile lives deeper into jeopardy. The new plan is not perfect, but the distribution of misery is at least slightly more

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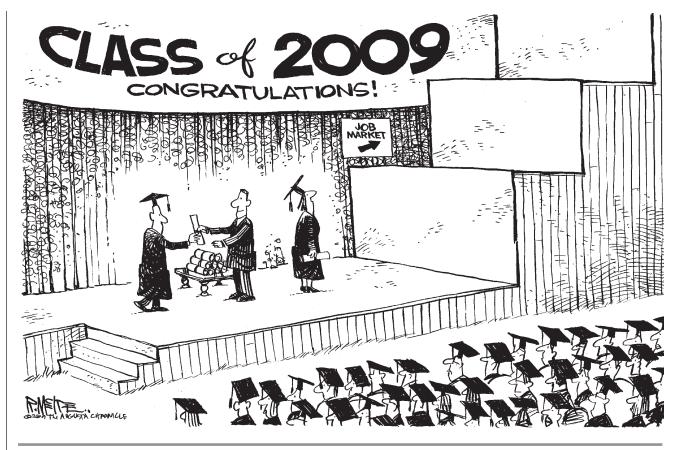
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Harvesting the facts in Carrboro

MARK CHILTON

Residents keep asking me: Could it be true? Could the home of the area's best farmers' market be out to destroy the few remaining farms in its jurisdiction? Of course, the answer is a resounding "No!" As mayor, I am highly committed to local farming and, as I told a group of farmers last month, my door is open to them any time.

The board of aldermen and I have helped the farmers' market expand, worked with Agricultural Extension to be more responsive to farmers and helped create the Carrboro Commu-

nity Garden. I have also implemented a program for kids to learn healthy eating habits by growing their own vegetables. Currently, I am working to make in-town farming easier and advocating to conserve farms in the Northern Transition Area. I've never publicized these

things, but a politically motivated disinformation campaign compels me to speak up.

This all started with Ms. Marilyn Kille, who presented town inspectors with plans for a workshop, but instead surreptitiously built a rental apartment. Most folks who want to build an apartment would get the proper building permit, get the appropriate land-use permit, have the residence inspected, pay the school impact fee and pay the proper tax bill. But Ms. Kille did none of that; instead, she built a workshop and covertly converted it into an apartment.

A while back, the town received a complaint about Ms. Kille's property and began enforcement proceedings to have the property brought into compliance. But Ms. Kille refused to comply. Eventually, the Orange County

courts found Ms. Kille in violation of the Carrboro Land Use Ordinance and ordered her to come into compliance. But she defies the court order. Worse yet, Ms. Kille recently came to the Carrboro Planning Department and allegedly altered documents in her file, attempting to fabricate evidence. So she now faces criminal charges for altering public documents as well.

Ms. Kille's explanation for her behavior is to attack the town as purportedly "anti-farm." Her cause has been taken up by Sharon Cook, an unsuccessful alderman candidate from 2007. The two of them have succeeded in making a lot of sound and fury.

Let's be clear: This campaign has been fabricated to justify Ms. Kille's actions and to provide Ms. Cook with campaign fodder for her next campaign.

> You may have seen Ms. Kille collecting petition signatures in front of the farmers' market. She will tell you all about the importance of caretaker apartments on farms, but she won't tell you that her apartment was built illegally in the University Lake watershed. She won't tell you that her apartment is an investment, not a "caretaker" apartment. She won't tell you that her proposal is to allow even more new apartments in the watershed — resulting in more septic systems, automobiles and parking lots draining into your water supply. She won't tell you that any farm in Carrboro's jurisdiction can build a caretaker apartment — as long as it doesn't drain into University Lake.

Ms. Cook and Ms. Kille continually disparage the town in the newspapers, claiming Carrboro is "anti-farm."

Let's be clear: This campaign has been fabricated to justify Ms. Kille's actions and to provide Ms. Cook with campaign fodder for her next campaign. It weaves together half-truths, omissions and disinformation to confuse the people of Carrboro. Cook's recent quotes and letter to the editor had so many errors of fact and implication that it warranted correction by the town attorney. And Ms. Kille's fabrications have gotten to the point of her having to face the district attorney.

I want you to know the truth. Having grown up on my family's farm, I am 100 percent pro-farm. The board of aldermen and I have worked on lots

> • changing the animal-control ordinance to make farming in town easier;

• conserving farmland in the Northern Transition Area; extending hours and parking for the Carrboro Farmers'

Market; • allowing the Carrboro Community Garden to use MLK park;

• partnering with Cooperative Extension to get farmer input and;

• teaching kids healthy eating through growing their own vegetables

Let me close by saying to the farmers in and near Carrboro: The board of aldermen and I appreciate and value your work. If you have a problem, please call me on my cell phone at 636-0371. The aldermen will be meeting June 16 at 7:30 at Town Hall to discuss farming issues further. Let us know your needs and concerns. We'll do our best to support your farms.

Mark Chilton is mayor of the Town of Carrboro.

of pro-farming issues:

a global warming. When we're campaigning, we local elected officials make all sorts of promises about the need to address global

No action

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MIKE NELSON

Board of Commissioners had

we be interested in banning

an opportunity to prohibit new

drive-thru windows. Why would

drive-thru windows? Many folks view them as a necessary conve-

nience of early 21st century life.

There are two reasons to con-

sider prohibiting them (an action,

by the way, that Carrboro took

over a decade ago). First, we talk

a good game about walkability;

the county's new comprehensive

plan calls for building a more

walkable, pedestrian-friendly

community. Yet, our planning

regulations all too often create

the exact opposite. Drive-thru

definition, do not promote the

pedestrian-friendly development

our comprehensive plan calls for.

But the even more important

windows, by any reasonable

reason to prohibit drive-thru

windows is to reduce air pollu-

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... would be one small

but important step

toward reducing our

contribution to global

warming.

Last week the Orange County

warming and how we'll do our part. But for the most part the rhetoric hasn't been followed up with action.

Here's a fact I stumbled across when doing some research in the subject of idling cars. When a car idles for an hour, it emits nearly 4 lbs of CO2. Of course, we don't idle our cars for an hour at any one time. But add up how many cars are idling in line at a fastfood restaurant the next time you drive past, or at the bank. It all adds up, my friends, and it adds up quickly.

Prohibiting new drive-thru windows (existing ones are grandfathered in and will not be closed down) would be one small but important step toward reducing our contribution to global

Unfortunately, the motion to ban them failed at last week's county commisioner meeting on a 3-4 vote. Bernadette Pellisier, Alice Gordon and I all voted for the ordinance. After the vote failed, Commissioner Jacobs moved to discuss the matter again in the fall and requested additional information. He may eventually vote for a ban, so the battle is not yet lost.

I fully realize that prohibiting new drive-thru windows will be controversial with many of our constituents. And it may not be a politically easy step to take. But if we are serious about addressing global warming, if our campaign rhetoric means anything, then act we must. Agreed, this is small step that will have only an incremental effect. But it would

Let's get started and stop

Mike Nelson is a member of the Orange County Board of Commissioners who lives in Hillsborough.

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Caught between revenue and a hard place

CHRIS FITZSIMON

When the long-awaited House revenue package was unveiled Tuesday morning in the Finance Committee, it was significantly more progressive than expected. That was evident from both the tax provisions in the package and the spirited opposition it sparked from Republicans and a handful of conservative Democrats.

The plan would end a long-standing tax break for banks, close a loophole that allows multistate corporations to shift profits to avoid paying state taxes and expand the sales tax to warranties, home repairs and online purchases.

That's in addition to a one-fourth percent increase in the overall sales tax, higher income tax brackets for the wealthy and increases in the taxes on alcohol and cigarettes. The plan raises \$940 million, or used to.

Not long after the package was explained, Democrat Van Braxton offered an amendment to remove the 25 cent increase in the cigarette tax, and it passed 22-7. That reduced the amount the plan would raise to just over \$800 million.

While the House Finance members were debating the tax plan, the House budget committee was meeting one floor above, reviewing the draconian House spending proposal that now includes a provision spelling out what cuts would be restored if the revenue package was approved.

Even before the \$125 million raised by the tobacco tax was eliminated, the revenue would not spare education and human services from damaging cuts.

Education would have received \$352 million of the new revenue, but that would still mean more than \$1.5 billion would be cut from public schools, community colleges and universities

Health and human services would have received \$288 million, but \$1.7 billion would still be cut from mental health, children's health care, Medicaid services for seniors and people with disabilities, etc.

Some of the worst cuts would be avoided, but not all of them. And it is far from a foregone conclusion that the House will pass the revenue package, even with the tobacco tax no longer part of it.

House Republicans are holding firm to their no-new-tax mantra, defending it by challenging the size of the shortfall, the use of federal stimulus funds, and citing misleading economic theories about how to respond to a recession. Last session's General Assembly ap-

proved a budget of \$21.35 billion. Services and staffing were based on that number. The projected revenue for the fiscal year that begins July 1 is \$17.6 billion.

Add inflation, increased enrollment in schools and more people eligible for Medicaid because of the economic downturn, and you have the shortfall. It's not that hard to understand.

Opponents of the plan also claim that raising the income tax on the wealthiest taxpayers will drive the rich out of the state. That's the claim that's always made about raising taxes on the wealthy.

It was made in 2001 when the tax rate on the richest taxpayers was increased. The N.C Budget and Tax Center says that the state not only gained residents after 2001, but taxable income has more than doubled since then.

And it is not just misleading rhetoric about taxes that House leaders have to worry about. Reportedly, several members of the Legislative Black Caucus don't think the revenue package is big enough and may not vote for it unless it raises at least \$2 billion, more than twice as much as the current

That prompted a House Democratic Caucus late in the afternoon before the Finance Committee reconvened to consider amendments by Democrats and Republicans opposed to the House leaders are on the right track

with their revenue proposals, one of the most progressive in several years. That's the good news. It won't prevent all the damaging cuts by any means, but it will prevent some of them.

The challenge now is to convince reluctant House Democrats to support the revenue plan so the folks who are against everything don't prevail.

That ought to be one thing all reasonable lawmakers can agree on, that refusing to raise any revenue and choosing to do nothing is simply not an option.

Chris Fitzsimon is executive director of NC Policy Watch.

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Record number of appeals filed

BY RICH FOWLER

Staff Writer

Orange County's property revaluation has led to an unprecedented number of appeals, county officials say.

The Orange County Tax Assessor's Office has processed more than 5,000 informal appeals, according to Orange County assessor John Smith That's four times more than they've ever had to handle before.

"We've never had over 1,200," Smith said.

The assessor's office sent out the first batch of 4,724 notices on May 29, with the rest expected to be sent out by late June.

By the time they're done, Smith estimates the county will have sent out 7,000 to 8,000 notices. Besides appeals, 500 to 600 of the notices are for last year's new construction and the rest come from other reviews.

"We also review numerous areas and reviewed areas that weren't appealed," he said.

Smith said that approximately 50 percent of the appealed valuations had been

"I think the quality of the appeals has been much higher than what we've seen in previous years," he said. "Instead of it being just somebody writing in or coming in and just saying, 'It's too high,' most appeals have had some good documentation."

Residents who still want to appeal after getting their notice from the assessor's office can appeal to the Orange County Board of Equalization and Review.

'We'll make sure that every person has at least a minimum of 30 days to get that appeal in,"

Those who missed the March 31 deadline to file an informal appeal to have their revaluation reviewed can still file an appeal with the board until July 23.

For the first time, residents can choose between appearing in person before the board and filing their appeal on paper. The idea was to make the appeals process more accessible for people with busy schedules.

"The good thing about people being there is that if the board has questions, they can ask them right then; but the flip side of that is that if the board has questions, we can always call and ask."

Smith says he thinks the large number of appeals will help the revaluation be more accurate.

'We appreciate the input. I think that ultimately the revaluation is going to be 5,000 appeals better than it would have been. Whether we made an adjustment or not on an individual appeal, I think that the overall effort is going to be much better. The results are going to be much better than they would have been if we hadn't had the input from the individuals that we have had."

Forms to file an appeal with the board are available at the Orange County Tax Assessor's website, co.orange.nc.us/assessor

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COUNCIL

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Ward said the utility firmly committed to the project when the council agreed on the plant's expansion.

OWASA board members told the council that OWASA remains committed to the project, but that in light of the current economic situation the board did not think it was prudent to commit to a specific date.

Braxton Foushee, who represents Carrboro on the OWASA board, said he was responsible for the comments Ward cited and reiterated his personal view that he could not vote for a project while the utility was raising rates. Many OWASA customers cannot afford their water bills now, he said.

Council member Laurin Easthom said her reading of the town's permit for the construction of the plant would require that work be completed on the project, including the final phase of the odor elimination, by 2013.

Mayor Kevin Foy suggested that OWASA consider dedicating a portion of the rate increases to the project and include at least some money for it in this year's budget to help assure residents that they remain committed.

"The best guarantee," he said, "is cash." The council, OWASA officials and representatives of the plant's neighbors agreed to try to hammer out an agreement on the

LIBRARY

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Nelson said the threat of losing the libraries was a "kick in the butt" that got commissioners to reconsider how it funds library services. The county, he said, spends only about \$15 per capita on library services, well under the state average

Nelson said the plan adopted Tuesday night raises funding to \$19.8 per capita this year and up to the state average next year.

of \$22.

That should help the county in discussions with Chapel Hill, Nelson said. Chapel Hill officials have complained for years that its library gets heavy use from non-residents and that that's not reflected in the county's level of support. Town and county discussions on

the issue are expected to continue this summer and fall.

"That's been a valid criticism," Nelson said. "This year's budget and next year's help relieve some of that tension and hopefully the town and the county can have more fruitful conversations."

In other action at the work session, the board agreed to move ahead with funding for the Carrboro High School arts wing.

Last month, dozens of supporters of the school urged that the project should move forward in light of the school board's decision to delay the Northside elementary school project for another year.

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The commissioners are scheduled to

meet again today (Thursday) to hammer out fur-

ther details on the budget. A vote is expected at the next commissioners meeting, Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Southern Human Services Center.

Foushee said she was trying to be realistic about the budget.

"Despite what some people think," she said, "Orange County is a microcosm of the rest of the country." Job losses and cuts in benefits are being felt here as well, she said.

"We want to make sure we provide the ser-

vices that are necessary, but we can't do that beyond what the taxpayers can af-

Foushee said she is concerned about the impact of state budget cuts in education, mental health, children's health insurance and Medicaid.

OBITUARIES

Paul Graham Kemp

Paul Graham Kemp, 1958-2009, passed away last week. He was predeceased by his wife, Carol, and his daughter, Makayla. A man among great men, may he rest in peace.

Patricia Ann Riley Temple

Mrs. Patricia Ann Riley Temple, 68, of 1417 Carolina Loop, died Tuesday, June 9, 2009.

She was born in Durham County, where she graduated from Durham County Schools. She received her bachelor's degree in music education at Elon University and her master's degree from UNC-Greensboro, where she also earned a Certificate of Advanced Study in music. She was a professional musician who played the pipe organ and piano, and she also served as minister of music in several area churches.

She taught band at A. L. Stanback Elementary School. She was also principal of Grady A. Brown Elementary School. She was a gardener and loved to travel.

Surviving are her husband of 49 years, Tommy S. Temple; two sons, David Brian Temple, Hillsborough, and Daniel Thomas Temple, Gibsonville; her brother, Edwin M. Riley, Hillsborough; three grandchildren, Matthew Temple, Jennifer Temple and Mollile Lolling; and pets Bo and Pookie.

Thomas Vernon Wheeley Sr.

Mr. Thomas Vernon Wheeley Sr. died Friday, June 5, 2009 in UNC Hospitals.

He was a native of Orange County and graduated from Chapel Hill High School.

he was a painter.

Surviving are his wife, Annette Kirby Wheeley; two daughters, Teresa Roberts (David), Caswell County, and Debbie Riley, Mebane; one son, Thomas V. Wheeley II (Vickie), Salisbury; nine grandchildren, four great grandchildren; his sister, Sondra Myers, Durham; and his brother, James Wheeley, Cary.

Lewis Roberson Cheek

Lewis Roberson Cheek, 82, of Dairyland Road in Chapel Hill died Saturday, June 6, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, of the home; two daughters, Katrina Wright and her husband, Kurt, of Charlotte, and Diane Alridge and husband, Scott, of Holly Springs; and by a son, Kevin Cheek, of Hillsborough.

Lewis also leaves behind a sister, Nancy Gaines, and brother, Larry Cheek, both of Chapel Hill. Surviving as well are grandchildren Cassie Wright and Adam Wright of Charlotte and Brandon Alridge and Ryan Alridge of Holly Springs.

He was predeceased by his parents, Lemuel and Ola Cheek of Chapel Hill, who died in 1987, and his older brother and lifelong dairy farm partner, Everett Cheek, who died in January of 2009.

Lewis was born in 1927. He grew up on Lemola Farm and lived there all his life. He, Everett and their father owned purebred Ayrshire dairy cattle. They took great pride in breeding and showing their cows and Lewis was honored late in his career by being named to the North Carolina State Fair Livestock Hall of Fame.

served as Sunday school superintendent and deacon at Bethel Baptist Church. He was close

to God, to his friends and especially to his family, for whom he was a constant source of goodnatured wit and humor.

Lewis loved the North Carolina Tar Heels. This spring, he had the immense pleasure of watching them win one more national basketball championship.

Judith L. Wilner

Judith L. Wilner, cracking jokes up until the end, passed away at her home at the Cedars of Chapel Hill on May 20, 2009, with her son and daughter holding her hands. Judie, who lived most of her life in Roslyn, N.Y. and Boca Raton, Fla., was born in New York City on January 5, 1922 to Louis and Beatrice Simkin, who predeceased her, as did her brothers, Robert (Olga) and Gilbert Simkin. She had a wonderful, loving 45-year marriage to Dr. Julian P. Wilner, also deceased.

Judie loved to play canasta with her women friends; donated her time supporting the charitable work of ORT; had a great appreciation for art, theatre, dance and music; and traveled the world.

Judie is survived by her son, Jonathan Wilner of Carrboro, N.C., and by her daughter, Diane (Robert) Tucker of Marietta, Ga. She will be missed by the three loving grandchildren she adored, Lauren, Evan and Brandon Tucker. She enjoyed special relationships with her niece, Sandy Rogers, and with her daughter-in-law, Margaret Wilner, both of whom appreciated her unconditional love and friendship. She is also survived by her nephews, Paul (Bryna) Simkin and Dr. Larry (Hannah) Wilner, and by her niece, Lori (Dr. Arnold) Mishcon, as well as several great and greatgreat nieces and nephews.

The family sincerely thanks the wonderful companions who assisted Judie over the past year, especially Frances Cagle, Elizabeth Adjei and Stella Joseph. Their expressions of love and compassion will not be forgotten. She received wonderful support from UNC Hospice during her final weeks.

In lieu of flowers, if you wish, donations may be made to The ArtsCenter Scholarship Fund, 300-G East Main St Carrboro, NC 27510, or to the American Cancer Society.

Memorial service and burial were held on Sunday, May 24 in Hollywood, Fla.

Judie's love, generosity and humor will be missed by all







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SENIORS

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Kelly Batten replaced Jeff Thomas as principal in April 2008, and the students were treated with a more relaxed atmosphere, one in which they felt they had a say in what happened at the school.

"It was definitely a tough transition coming from an established school that had all these traditions and legacies," senior Kristina Witcher said. But she said she was given leadership opportunities that she felt she wouldn't have gotten at CHHS, her former school.

"It's been a unique opportunity and its going to be fun to come back in a few years to see the things that we've started from scratch because there was nothing before us," she said.

Some of those traditions include those in athletics, where Witcher was a star cross country runner and was a big part of helping the team grow in its first two years.

Senior Nick Swartzwelder was another leader in the athletic arena as goalie of the lacrosse team. There weren't even enough people to form a lacrosse team in the beginning $and \, Swartz welder \, had \, to \, beg \, his$ athletically inclined friends to come out for the team. Gratch laughed when she remembered watching some of the guys toss the ball around during lunch and thinking they had a long way to go before they could truly compete.

But the players supported each other and, after what Swartzwelder called a particularly stressful first season for him, the Jaguars made the playoffs this year.

Gratch and Batten both also commented on all the leadership roles available for students, especially for those in the graduating class, who were the oldest kids in school as juniors.

"It was really unique for that group to be able to do it two years in a row like that," Batten said. And he said those leadership opportunities really helped the students when it came to applying for colleges.

Identity

As the first class to ever graduate from CHS, the class of 2009 has been able to set its mark and contribute to the identity of the school. It's hard to peg down just what that identity is, but it's clear the students feel like they've been a big part of shaping a purpleand-white tradition.

Batten sees the identity not only in what students have accomplished in school, but in what sort of things the students will accomplish when they leave.

He loves reading the bulletin board that says where each person will be after they graduate, and is especially excited that they will tell those they meet that they graduated from

The seniors do appreciate the responsibilities they've been given, but their eyes really light up when talking about Senior Week and the traditions they've started, and how jealous the juniors seem to be.

Senior Week involved school-sponsored events such as a Senior Breakfast and an awards ceremony. The seniors organized a beach day, filling the common area with sand and playing beach music at lunchtime, to the surprise of the other students. They filled the school with 2,009 balloons, started a rave in all the classrooms and created a wheels day where seniors wore roller blades, rode scooters and biked around the school.

The juniors are already talking about how to top them, but the seniors are skeptical it can be done.

The town

Gratch and Batten both say they feel like Carrboro has welcomed the town's first high school with open arms and they look forward to reciprocating that hospitality.

'We're starting to strike that balance between things we need to do as a school in terms of what the school board wants of us and the school system wants of us, but then to say we are part of the fabric of the town of Carrboro, and trying to really capitalize on that more and more as we go along," Batten said.

Carrboro High purple can be seen in many local businesses and the board of alderman is so pleased with the first graduating class, they proclaimed June 7-13 "Class of 2009 Week."

After the senior breakfast, the Carrboro police department blocked off roads so the seniors could ride their decorated cars back to school on time. and the students were amazed at all the cheering from folks in town during what they deemed their "parade."

Gratch said she can already tell the difference CHS has made:

"I think with Carrboro, it's a community where people choose to be here because they want neighborhoods and relationships and the sense of community, and our students are now a big part of that."



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Peggy Camp, a senior at Carrboro High School, relaxes in the hallway after presenting her A.P. literature project on the last Monday of classes. Beside her is Blake Ramsey, a junior.

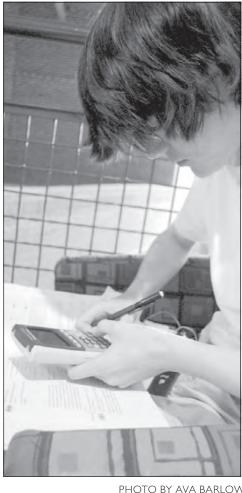


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CHS Senior Michael Jenkins studies for an A.P. statistics final exam on Monday.

School Briefs



Students honored

Six students in the district's Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate (BRMA) Program were honored at a reception on Sunday, June 7, at the Carrboro Century Center.

They are: Jameisha Alexander, Latina Brooks, Berenice Cadena, Latesha Farrington, Josh Morrison and Racheal Ray. Each student received a plaque and a \$3,500 scholarship.

Younger students who made strong academic gains and who appeared on the honor roll this year also were recognized. Retiring Phoenix Academy Director Burmadeane George was the keynote speaker. This was the seventh annual Graduation Celebration for BRMA.

Seawell principal named

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Schools Board of Education named Marny Ruben the new principal of Seawell Elementary. Ruben replaces Susan Pegg, who is retiring.

Ruben has been the assistant principal of Seawell since 2002 and before that she had an administrative internship at Estes Hill Elementary. She has seven years of teaching experience with Durham Public Schools and Pitt County schools.

Ruben holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from East Carolina University and a master's degree in educational leadership from the University of North at Chapel Hill.

Choir wins again

For the thirteenth consecutive year, Glenwood Elementary's Gator Show Choir placed "superior" overall winner in the elementary division at the Carowinds Choral Festival. This year's festival was held on Saturday, May 30. The Show Choir performed "Dancin' Out the Door," "Hot Chocolate" and "Rock and Roll is Here to Stay." Choral adjudicators included choral professors from Western Carolina and Western Kentucky Universities. Gator Show

Choir's general music director is Dr. Carole Christoff Dolber, a National Board Certified Teacher. Their choreographer is Annette Layman.

Local students compete in national math contest

Thirty-four of North Carolina's sharpest high school mathematics students recently competed in the 31st annual American Regions Mathematics League (ARML) Meet in Athens, GA. It included 148 teams from 47 states in the US and 17 international teams. Teams from Canada, Columbia, the Phillipines and Macaw competed on-site, while teams from China, Germany, Russia, Taiwan and Turkey participated via the internet.

The North Carolina A-1 Team took first place at their site and placed seventh in the nation. Gray Symon and Andrew Hertzog, both of Chapel Hill High, were on this team. Three other CHCCS students served on the A-2 team or were alternates. They are Zijing Goa

of Smith Middle School, Yu Want of Phillips Middle and Tianyi Wei of East Chapel Hill High School.

The North Carolina Teams are sponsored by the North Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics with generous help from the Duke Energy Foundation.

Essay contest for high school students

The First Freedom Student Competition is a national essay contest offering high school students an opportunity to compete for \$3,000, \$1,500 and \$750 awards as they examine religious freedom, its history, current importance and relevance in today's world. Competition details including submission guidelines, student flyer and classroom poster can be found online at www.firstfreedom.org. The competition is open to all high school students. The online student registration deadline is Monday, November 23. The postmark deadline for mailing the essay and its accompanying materials is Saturday, November 28. Winners will be announced April 13, 2010.





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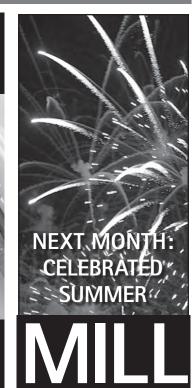
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Pittsboro Family Medicine

CHATHAM CROSSING Torrero's Restaurant **Chatham Crossing Medical**

Center Lowes Foods / outside box

Rock-'n'-roll parking deck

Around the time the Wallace Parking Deck was dedicated, a Chapel Hill official was quoted as saying it wasn't just another "plain vanilla" parking deck. The original plan for the plaza was that it would be a cultural haven with vendors and buskers and so on. That didn't exactly pan out.

Nowadays, there's still not much action up there and it's turned out mainly to be a quiet spot to have lunch, although the seating isn't entirely comfy.

Occasionally, some brave souls make use of the place by showing movies or putting on a concert.

This Friday (June 12) is one such occasion, with a rock and hip hop show presented by Boomtown, an organization that sponsors a showcase of local bands.

Boomtown Live 2009 features Pink Flag, Fever and the Fallin' Rain, The Crap Rock All Stars, Don Wilson is Dead, The Shakedown, Eagle Down, Kaustic and Ease. The show runs from 9 p.m. to midnight and costs \$7, with proceeds going to Equality NC, Lambda Legal and Amnesty International.

Everyone's a critic

Mixed reviews are in over the carving by Chapel Hill economic-development director Dwight Bassett in front of Spanky's. As you may recall, the crown of the green ash that is now sculpture was snapped by basketball revelers.

Some folks have said it's a little hard to tell that it's a hand holding a basketball. Others have applauded a cool use for a dead tree. Several have said they're waiting for the day it comes down.

Anyone want to start a pool?

Art for dance

If you haven't taken a stroll through downtown to check out how local shops responded to the call to spruce up a bit for the Bolshoi Ballet, you ought to. Toots and Magoo went all



PHOTO BY LUCY BUTCHER

David James, a local musician, takes his act to the lawn of Weaver Street Market on Monday afternoon, playing his stand-up bass to appreciative passers-by and other listeners who were out enjoying the weather.



PHOTO BY AVA BARLOW

Toots and Magoo proudly displays a creative window display in its store on Franklin St., Chapel Hill as a means of welcoming Russia's Bolshoi Ballet company. The ballet will make Chapel Hill one of three stops in a U.S. tour and will perform in Memorial Hall June 10 to 14. Elizabeth Jernigan of Toots and Magoo is the creator of this display. Photo by Ava Barlow

Seen:

Exene Cervenka visited Local 506 the night before the X show at Cat's Cradle. Dexter Romweber, on stage at the time, dedicated a song to her. . . . David Cook, an actual American Idol, chilled out at OCSC after his show at the Cradle, reportedly having a nice quiet time until the twitters started and the fans streamed in.

Correction

We misplaced last week's cryptoquote answer.

Here it is:

"My administration is the only thing between you and the pitchforks. - President Obama, speaking to the CEO's of 13 of the nation's largest banks."

Sorry about that.

Bloggy stuff A reminder that Big City is also one of The Citizen's newest blogs. Visit www.carrborocitizen.com/BigCity if you're interested or bored or something like that. There's a lovely post up with a short video of a Norfolk Southern engine lumbering through town. Kids seem to dig it.





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To some observers, the hairy stamens in the center of a moth mullein flower resemble the head of a moth.

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FROM PAGE I

In contrast to the common woolly mullein, Verbascum thapsus, with its noticeable woolly leaved, cabbage-like, basal rosette, the moth mullein goes unnoticed. The basal leaf cluster of moth mullein hunkers flat on the ground like a pancakesized, shiny dark-green doily. You may notice the flat-leaf rosettes in late fall and winter when the ground is more exposed to view. If you are lucky enough to spot some in your yard, mow around them to watch them flower next season. You can make your own "Moth

Garden' sign for display to curious neighbors.

Both mulleins are naturalized in open, sunny sites, having made their way across the Atlantic long ago with the settlers from Europe.

While you're out scanning roadsides and fields for moth mulleins, keep an eye out for two other "out standing in the fields" plants: Indian hemp, Apocynun cannabinum, (see carrborocitizen.com/flora/ and search for "Indian hemp") and common milkweed, Asclepias syriaca, (search for "common milkweed" and refer to articles "Art of Nature," 7/10/08 and "Observing the common

milkweed," 8/16/07). These two plants are true natives.

You will be mesmerized by colorful butterflies and other pollinators visiting Indian hemp stands in some of the fields of Mason Farm Biological Reserve. Common milkweeds with round clusters of purple-pink flowers are evident on the high berm bordering Finley Golf course on Mason Farm Road. In Carrboro, viewing butterflies on milkweeds is easy along the Frances Shetley Bikeway wild garden behind Carrboro Elementary School.

Plan a walk soon to discover more plants "out standing in the fields."



Shooters of a kinder sort

s a Chapel Hill native, I took the murder of Eve Carson personally. Though I never met her, the way she died and who has been charged with that heinous crime served as a call to arms. Only my armament is that of the journalist, the pen and especially the camera. If we can put a camera in the hands of one young black man before his fingers ever meet a trigger, then wouldn't that make a difference? What if we could help mold shooters of a kinder sort? To that end, we have started photo lessons this summer for kids at various inner-city youth development agencies in Northeast Central Durham (with the end goal of launching a teen-run community web and print newspaper). The student sparkplug for these workshops has been Charlotte junior journalism major Carly Brantmeyer, photographed by recent UNC journalism grad Kafi Robinson of Oxford, as she shows a boy named D-Wade how to use a simple pointand-shoot camera. These lessons at the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club on Alston Ave. culminated yesterday with a photo exhibit by our new "shooters." And the fact that Carly looks strikingly like Eve Carson has not been lost on anyone.



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BY JOCK LAUTERER

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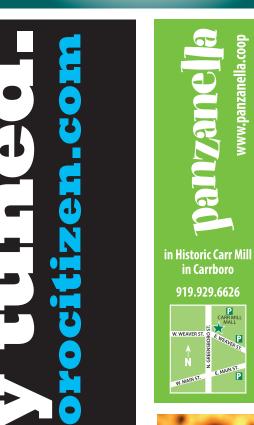
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