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Tiny quarter-inch flowers of succulent purslane open for only a couple of hours, in mid-morning. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

## FLORA BY KEN MOORE

### Purslane mulch

Several years ago, purslane, *Portulaca oleracea*, began appearing in my vegetable garden. Just last week, I noticed tiny yellow flowers nestled in amongst all the succulent leaves.

To quote from *Paul Green's Plant Book*: "A curse in many a garden. This much-branched radiating annual is prolific as crabgrass and as common in all of the dry and sandy soils and waste ground of the Cape Fear Valley. It flowers in July and according to a book I read, like many other plants, it is good for nearly everything under the sun medicinally, being 'emetic, expectorant, cathartic, diaphoretic, astringent, rubefacient, blistering, stimulant and is used in dropsy and as a powerful external stimulant.' The Indians used it as a purgative."

And from James A. Duke's *Handbook of Edible Weeds*: "Only in the United States has fame and favor eluded this hot-weather weed. Tender parts, leaves, flowers, pods, seeds and stems all may be served as potherbs, improved by adding egg and/or breadcrumbs. To me, the herb tastes like a slimy spinach. ... The succulent stems may be pickled in brine or pickle vinegar ... or to preserve this copious summer food for winter: put it into salt and dry white wine."

Alan Weakley, *Flora of the Carolinas, Virginia and Georgia*, places its origin in Asia, from where it has spread worldwide, with possibly numerous subspecies. I very much appreciate Alan's assessment of this seemingly unlimited variation: "In North America, these genotypes appear to have intermixed; in our area, the recognition of infraspecific taxa appears to be unwarranted, difficult, and unmeaningful."

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## Chapel Hill likely to impose library fees for nonresidents

BY SUSAN DICKSON  
Staff Writer

**CHAPEL HILL** – In a move that will reduce Chapel Hill Transit bus service and likely impose fees for library use on county residents who live outside of Chapel Hill, the Chapel Hill Town Council voted unanimously on Monday to approve the town's fiscal year 2011-12 operating budget.

The \$50.5 million budget holds the property-tax rate at 49.4 cents

per \$100 of valuation, or \$988 on a \$200,000 home, the same rate that applied in 2009-10 and 2010-11. The budget also maintains the downtown service-district tax rate of 7.1 cents per \$100 of valuation.

Included in the approved budget is a fee schedule that specifies a \$60-per-household annual fee for those who live outside Chapel Hill to use the Chapel Hill Public Library, but Town Manager Roger Stancil said the fee is simply a

placeholder until the council approves a more detailed plan on June 27.

Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt said the council will have the chance to review a sliding scale for the fee so that low-income library patrons are not overly burdened.

If the council does implement library usage fees for non-Chapel Hill residents of Orange County, the county will rescind its annual contribution to the library's operating budget. The council

has asked the Orange County Board of Commissioners to increase its allocation to the library budget as operating expenses increase with an impending expansion, and on Tuesday the board voted to increase its annual allocation from \$250,000 to about \$343,000. The move followed the county's previous refusal to increase its contribution, which had remained static for 10 years.

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## Across the stage and into the world

BY BROOKE PARKER  
Staff Writer

**CHAPEL HILL** – On a scale of one to 10, Carrboro High School's graduating class was an 11 on Saturday. Not only did the Class of 2011 have the most service hours of any other class, but it was the first class to finish four years at Carrboro High School, which opened in 2007.

Rather than the usual sea of Carolina blue, the Dean E. Smith Center was filled with proud parents and anticipating graduates. UNC basketball jerseys still hung from the ceiling, but the graduates below were clad in purple, black and white, Carrboro's colors.

The graduates were a group of "young people with sound character," said Superintendent Neil Pedersen, the longest serving superintendent of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools. Pedersen noted that he will be retiring this year, leaving as the selected honorary member of the Carrboro High Class of 2011.

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Chapel Hill High School graduate Ashley Imonti celebrates with Principal Jesse Dingle. PHOTO BY ALICIA STEMPER

## BOA mulls 500 N. Greensboro project

BY SUSAN DICKSON  
Staff Writer

**CARRBORO** – Following several hours of discussion, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen voted unanimously on Tuesday to continue public hearings regarding rezoning for a 114-unit mixed-used development at 500 N. Greensboro St until September.

A few members of the public commented on the proposed project, but no one spoke directly in opposition to it. Board members said they needed more information, wanted to see several changes to the proposal and wanted to consider all their rezoning options before approving the requested rezoning.

The proposed project, Shelton Station, is a two-building, 125,000-square-foot

development on 2.7 acres at 404, 406 and 500 N. Greensboro St. and 113 Parker St. A three-story building would face North Greensboro Street with 12,000 square feet of commercial property on the ground floor and 24 residential units on the second and third floors. A four-story building, set back from the first and running perpendicular to Parker Street, would have 90 residential units with parking below them.

The developer has said the project would provide market-rate workforce and affordable housing, and has proposed adding a number of sustainable features, including an on-site charging station for electric cars, heat-reflective roof coverings and rainwater retention.

"We think there's a demand in downtown Carrboro and the area for non-

students who are looking for reasonably priced nice apartments," said Ken Reiter of Belmont Sayre, the developer.

Several board members expressed concern about traffic effects, the size of the development and the percentage of the project dedicated to commercial space.

Mayor Mark Chilton said the board should consider that surrounding properties will also likely be developed in coming years, further impacting traffic in the area.

"The only thing that will make the traffic situation get better on Greensboro Street is for gas prices to continue to spiral out of control," he said.

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## County set to approve budget

BY JOSHUA LUCAS  
Staff Writer

The Orange County commissioners Tuesday night nudged and tweaked the county's budget for next year – nipping here, tucking there, ending up with a budget that spends about what they planned to before adjusting it.

In the end, the commissioners agreed to a \$177 million budget that, barring last-minute changes, they plan to approve at their June 21 meeting. The commissioners spent considerable time discussing a library agreement with the Town of Chapel Hill (see story this page).

In tweaking the budget, the commissioners gave some hints as to their priorities in the coming year, especially in the area of solid waste. They are balancing competing priorities – the desire on the part of some residents to extend service hours at the county's disposal sites and the need to upgrade those sites for the day several years hence when the county closes its landfill and begins sending waste outside the county.

"If we just use the fees to increase hours, that is not going to be sustainable," Commissioner Pam Hemminger said.

The board eventually approved the

county's recommended plan, which calls for rolling out improvements to the sites, but asked the county to explore a model that keeps all convenience centers open for at least a few hours each Sunday.

In other business:  
• The commissioners signaled they have no plans to spend money to improve the site once intended for an 11th Chapel Hill-Carrboro elementary school in the Northside neighborhood and plan to reach a final decision on what to do with the property within the coming year.

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## Roadwork makes strange bedfellows

BY JOSHUA LUCAS  
Staff Writer

They were passing colleagues at best, Linda Bourne and Bill Fairbanks: two restaurateurs, more likely to be rivals than allies in the difficult business of serving up hot meals and cold drinks.

"We're just acquaintances – I don't go anywhere restaurant-wise except Carrburritos. I'm sort of preoccupied," said Fairbanks, who owns Carrburritos.

That's not how it's turning out. The two have gotten to know each other in the past week.

Access to Bourne's pub and grill, the Spotted Dog Restaurant & Bar, has been restricted by the ongoing construction on East Weaver Street. Fairbanks came up with a plan to encourage consumers to visit the restaurant and the two other businesses affected most by the construction — The Beehive hair salon and Maple View Ice Cream.

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## Tar Heels Omaha bound: Next up, Vandy

BY EDDY LANDRETH  
Staff Writer

The North Carolina baseball program is breathing the rarified air that has long sustained such elite programs as Texas, Arizona State, Miami, Florida State and LSU.

This particular oxygen fills the city limits of Omaha, Neb., home to the NCAA's College World Series (CWS). Those five schools frequent the CWS more than any other. Yet since 2006, no team has won as many games in the NCAA Tournament (37) as the Tar Heels have. Carolina has missed

only a single series during this span.

UNC (50-14) earned its fifth trip in six years after defeating Stanford in consecutive games in last weekend's super regional in Chapel Hill.

"It's a proud moment," said junior catcher Jacob Stallings, who is going to his second CWS. "I'm proud of the guys in the locker room, proud of our coaches. It's been a really tough couple of weeks on our coaching staff [because of deaths in their



families].  
"The focus they and our team have been able to have in the tournament so far is pretty remarkable."

UNC will play Vanderbilt (52-10) at the brand new TD Ameritrade Park at 2 p.m. EDT on Saturday in the opening game of the series for both teams.

TD Ameritrade Park cost \$128 million to build and seats 24,000. The stadium is located in the heart of downtown Omaha. Rosenblatt Stadium, located three and a half miles from the new park, has

been the site of the CWS since 1950. (The first two CWS were played in Kalamazoo, Mich. The University of California won the first series in 1947 and Southern California won the second in 1948. The third was played in Wichita, Kan.)

In defeating Stanford twice, the Tar Heels once again rode the excellence of their starting pitching and defense. Their outfielders made thrilling catches after chasing down hard-hit balls, and the infielders turned timely double plays to cut short potential Cardinal rallies.

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## MUSIC CALENDAR

### THURSDAY JUNE 16

**Cat's Cradle:** Dave Alvin and the Guilty Ones, Los Straitjackets. 8pm. \$17/20

**The Cave:** EARLY: Triple Fret, Scott Sawyer \$5 LATE: Brian Patrick Band

**City Tap:** Cortete. 8pm

**General Store Cafe:** Tony Galiani. 7pm

**Jessee's Coffee and Bar:** HWYL, Sarah Klein. 8pm

**Nightlight:** White Laces

**The Station at Southern Rail:** Justin Johnson. 10pm

**Weaver Street Market:** Milagro Saints. 6pm

### FRIDAY JUNE 17

**The ArtsCenter:** The Lloyd Cole Small Ensemble. 8pm. \$20

**Bynum General Store:** Bethesda Bluegrass. 7pm

**Carolina Inn:** Gravy Boys. 5pm

**The Cave:** EARLY: Holiday Saxophone Quartet LATE: Killer Filler

**City Tap:** Andy Coats. 7pm

**General Store Cafe:** Greg Hawks and Bluemont Road. 8pm

**Jessee's Coffee and Bar:** Bubba Joe and The Bruisers. 8pm

**Local 506:** Nine Lives, Foul Mojo, Julu. 10pm. \$5

**Nightlight:** Brainsbaws, Amber Alerts, Shephards. 10pm

**The Station at Southern Rail:** Alex Bowers and Friends. 7:30pm

### SATURDAY JUNE 18

**The ArtsCenter:** Joe Ely Band. 8:30pm

**Coffee Driade:** Onward Soldiers.

**Cat's Cradle:** Split 7-inch, Jennyanykind, The Moaners, Pinche Gringo. 9pm Free

**The Cave:** EARLY: Nikki Meets The Hibachi, Catbird Seat. \$5 LATE: Nine Lives

**City Tap:** Dave Quick and his Four Rib Dinner, Danny Gotham. 8pm

**General Store Cafe:** Bridgetown. 8pm

**Jessee's Coffee and Bar:** Now We See Them. 8pm

**Nightlight:** Simple, Minor Stars, Ye Olde Shoppe. 10pm. \$5

**Open Eye Cafe:** Knives of Spain. 8pm

### SUNDAY JUNE 19

**The Cave:** John Howie Jr and The Rosewood Bluff. 5pm

**Local 506:** The Spits, TV Ghost, Temerance League. 9pm. \$8/10

**Southern Village:** Too Much Fun. 7pm

**Weaver Street Market:** Tim Stambaugh and Friends. 11am

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 22**  
**Local 506:** The Elected, Tristen. 9:30pm. \$10/12

### THURSDAY JUNE 23

**The Cave:** LATE: The Black Cadillac, The Broadcast. \$5

**City Tap:** Sarah Shook and The Devil. 8pm

**General Store Cafe:** Justin Johnson. 7pm

**Jessee's Coffee and Bar:** Doug Largent Trio, OldWorm Moon. 8pm

**Local 506:** Heaven, Americans in France, Nightdogs. 9pm. \$7

**Weaver Street Market:** JAAFAR. 6pm

### FRIDAY JUNE 24

**Bynum General Store:** Kairaba. 7pm

**Coffee Driade:** John Shearer. 8pm

**Carolina Inn:** Lizz and the Big Band. 4pm

**Cat's Cradle:** Ben Sollee, Thousands. 8pm. \$15/17

**The Cave:** EARLY: Pagan Hellcats LATE: Mecanikill, Ted Johnson, Power Cloud, Surrealia

**City Tap:** String Peddlers, Renae Bleuz. 7pm

**General Store Cafe:** The FreeStates. 8pm

**Jessee's Coffee and Bar:** Birds and Arrows, Butterflies, Wind and Willow. 8pm

**Local 506:** Catie King, Cameron Dailey. 9pm. \$5

**Nightlight:** Humble Tripe, Eleanor murray and Co.

**Open Eye Cafe:** Amy Alley. 8pm

### SATURDAY 25

**Coffee Driade:** The Carrborators. 8pm

**Cat's Cradle:** To benefit UNC Hospital Jaycee Burn Center: The BilliTones, Rebecca and the Hi-Tones, South Wing, Willie Painter Band. 8pm. \$15 donation

**The Cave:** EARLY: Wayne Graham. \$5 LATE: Honeycutters, Salt to Bitters

**City Tap:** Kitty Box and The Johnnys, Andrew Kasab. 8pm

**General Store Cafe:** Tommy Edwards and Fiends. 8pm

**Jessee's Coffee and Bar:** Poor 'Ol Jim, Jeff Waters, Evan Garmon and The Burroughs. 8pm

**Local 506:** David Bazan and Band, Centro-matic, Sarah jaffe. 9pm. \$10/12

## SPOTLIGHT



### The Moaners, Pinche Gringo and Jennyanykind

The Moaners, Pinche Gringo, and Jennyanykind will play a free show at Cat's Cradle on Saturday, June 18.

If you have yet to experience the folk-rocking female duo The Moaners, your time has come. They will have your body and mind dancing to their charming experimental sounds in an instant. The Moaners are teaming up with one-man band Pinche Gringo and the influential Jennyanykind to make the show mandatory for any music lover. Pinche switches from garage to minimalist energies to keep you wanting more, while Chapel Hill-bred band Jennyanykind will rock you all night.

The show is a split 7-inch release party. Doors open at 8 p.m., and the show starts at 9. Do yourself a favor and come out to see these artists. Seriously, you will fall in love.

## MOVIES We suggest you call for exact times

### CAROLINA THEATRE OF DURHAM

309 W. Morgan St., 560-3030

Closed temporarily for renovations. Reopen in August for the N.C. Gay & Lesbian Film Festival and resume regular movie screenings in October.

### CHELSEA THEATER

Timberlyne, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, 968-3005

Cave of Forgotten Dreams; Midnight in Paris; Potiche

### THE LUMINA

Southern Village, 932-9000

Bridesmaids; Kung Fu Panda 2; Super 8; X-Men: First Class; Green Lantern; Rio

### REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6

120 Banks Drive, 933-8600

Green Lantern; Kung Fu Panda 2 3D; Pirates of the Caribbean: On

Stranger Tides; X-Men: First Class; Super 8

### THE VARSITY

123 E. Franklin St., 967-8665

Soul Surfer; West Side Story

## COUNCIL FROM PAGE 1

"They want money, but with no conditions attached," board Chair Bernadette Pelissier said Tuesday. "I was told that very clearly."

Orange County recently entered into negotiations to purchase a tract of land near Carrboro Elementary School for a possible Southwest Orange County Library.

Council member Matt Czajkowski questioned whether the town ought to charge more than \$60 for library use and asked staff to look at how much town residents are paying for the library through their taxes.

Council member Laurin Easthom suggested that the town initiate the fee at \$60, with a possible increase in the next few years.

"This is a big change, for the

council, for the town," she said. "Going from zero to 100 is a big step. ... I think that \$60 is a good way to begin as long as we agree to revisit it and assess it in a year or two."

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Ward said he felt that \$100 was not too high, as long as the plan implemented a sliding scale.

"Setting it at \$100 in this budget to me is acceptable as long as on the other side of the scale we've got a system in place that we can really address those folks that can't meet \$100 or can't meet \$60," he said. "Maybe it would be an insurmountable barrier, and I wouldn't want that to be the case."

Council members Sally Greene and Ed Harrison said they would like to further discuss the issue with the county to see if the fees could at least be postponed for another year. "To me, it's the wrong move," Greene said. "I'm still in support of trying to work with the county to get whatever the county's able to pay."

"I hate that we have to do this," Harrison added.

The council will review a detailed plan regarding library fees and the county's increased offer at its meeting on June 27.

### Transit changes

Also in the budget, the council's funding for Chapel Hill Transit includes about \$900,000 in cuts to service for certain trips and routes. However, the budget restored service previously proposed for reduction on the G route, which runs from UNC out N.C. 54, through Glen Lennox, to the

University Mall and then to the Briarcliff neighborhood. Staff had proposed eliminating service beyond Glen Lennox, which drew concern from about 70 residents, according to transit officials.

According to CHT projections, the service reductions could affect more than 1,000 riders a day, including 68 patrons of EZ Rider, CHT's paratransit program that provides shared-ride transportation for disabled individuals.

Chapel Hill Transit's budget has become increasingly tight with rising fuel costs, the economic downturn and increased maintenance costs, said Steve Spade, transit director.

CHT's \$17.7 million expenses are shared by Carrboro, Chapel Hill and UNC and partially funded through federal and state revenues and miscellaneous grants.

Also on Monday, the council approved a plan to implement advertising on CHT buses.

According to Spade, CHT could raise more than \$500,000 annually with ad signs on its entire fleet and ad wraps on 15 buses. Under the advertising plan developed by CHT, certain kinds of advertising — such as ads for alcohol and beer — would be prohibited.

Harrison pointed out that the town itself could use the advertisements for things like voter referendums.

"I'm supporting it for financial reasons," Easthom said. "I realize that we have to do it, but I don't like it. ... There is so much advertising in this world; it's everywhere."

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County employees would see a one-time bonus payment of \$500 to offset three years of essentially flat budgets under an amendment the board asked county staff to make. The bonuses would cost an estimated \$600,000 and would come from savings in this year's budget.

The board voted to increase fire taxes in four districts — New Hope, Orange Grove, Orange Rural and White Cross. Two commissioners expressed concern at how high the fire tax would reach in New Hope district — 8.95 cents on \$100 assessed value of real estate — but unanimously approved the increases in all four districts.

"It's not that they're not being careful with their money; it's just that they have different demands," Commissioner Earl McKee said of the New Hope Fire District, citing their efforts to improve the district's insurance ratings by improving fire coverage.

The commissioners unanimously rejected a plan to spend \$152,000 on the county-owned building at 112 N. Churton St., opting instead to explore selling the building on the open market. The building had once been considered as a small-business incubator site for economic development.

"The building and the location have a greater value than it would have as a business incubator," Commissioner Steve Yuhasz said.

## CAT'S CRADLE

**TH 6/16\*\*(\$17/\$20)**  
**DAVE ALVIN AND THE GUILTY ONES AND LOS STRAITJACKETS**  
SA 6/18 FREE SHOW  
SPLIT 7" RELEASE PARTY!  
**JENNYANYKIND / THE MOANERS**  
W/SPECIAL GUEST  
**PINCHE GRINGO**

**FR 6/24 BEN SOLLEE W/THOUSANDS\*\*(\$15/\$17)**  
SA 6/25 UNC BURN UNIT BENEFIT (\$15 DONATION)  
**THE BILLITONES, SOUTHWING, REBECCA & THE HI TONES AND WILLIE PAINTER BAND**

**MO 6/27\*\*(\$25/\$28)**  
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FEATURING: **MARIDETH SISCO, DENNIS CRIDER, BO BROWN, VAN COLBERT, TEDI MAY AND LINDA STOFFEL\*\*(\$15/\$18)**

**FR 7/8\*\*(\$7)**  
**ALBUM RELEASE PARTY LIZH FEATURING THE BALANCE**

**SA 7/9\*\*(\$25/\$30)**  
**AN EVENING WITH THE PSYCHEDLIC FURS**

**FR 7/22\*\***  
**ALBUM RELEASE PARTY DEX ROMWEBER DUO W/BIRDS OF AVALON AND ERIC SOMMER**

**SA 7/23\*\***  
**GIRLS ROCK SHOWCASE**

**SU 7/24\*\*(\$12/\$14)**  
**THE DEVIL MAKES THREE**

**MO 7/25 EELS\*\*(\$18/\$21)**  
**W/THE SUBMARINES**

**WE 7/27\*\*(\$18/\$20)**  
**JOSH RITTER W/YELLOWBIRDS**

**FR 7/29 ROB DELANEY\*\*(\$12/\$15)**

**SA 7/30 COSMIC CHARLIE\*\*(\$10/\$12)**  
**JERRY GARCIA BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

**SA 8/6\*\*(\$14/\$17)**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY LINE**

**TU 8/9\*\*(\$12/\$15)**  
**KURT VILE AND THE VIOLATORS W/TRUE WIDOW**

**FR 8/19 ARCHERS OF LOAF W/ELECTRIC OWLS AND SCHOONER**

**SA 8/20\*\*(\$20)**  
**ARCHERS OF LOAF W/HAMMER NO MORE THE FINGERS AND COBRA HORSE**

**WE 8/31\*\*(\$18/\$20)**  
**THE HOLD STEADY W/THE DONKEYS**

**FR 7/22**  
**DEX ROMWEBER DUO ALBUM RELEASE PARTY**

**MO 8/8 DEATH CAB FOR CUTIE**  
KOKA BOOTH AMPHITHEATER (CARY)

**MO 7/25 EELS**

**TU 9/6\*\*(\$18/\$28)**  
**AN ACOUSTIC EVENING WITH THE WEEPIES**

**FR 9/9\*\*(\$20/\$23)**  
**GHOSTLAND OBSERVATORY**

**SA 9/10\*\*(\$28/\$30)**  
**BRUCE COCKBURN**

**SEATED SHOW**

**SU 9/11\*\*(\$12/\$14)**  
**STARFUCKER**

**FR 9/16\*\*(\$14/\$16)**  
**ATARI TEENAGE RIOT**

**TU 9/20\*\*(\$12/\$15)**  
**MEAT PUPPETS**

**FR 9/23\*\*(\$16/\$18)**  
**MELISSA FERRICK**

**FR 9/30\*\*(\$15)**  
**WHO'S BAD?**

**MO 10/3\*\*(\$14/\$16)**  
**TAPES N TAPES**

**FR 10/7\*\*(\$15)**  
**THE GOURDS**

**SA 10/8\*\*(\$18/\$20)**  
**BOYCE AVENUE**

**MO 10/24\*\*(\$12/\$14)**  
**ELECTRIC SIX W/KITTEN**

**SA 10/29 REVEREND HORTON HEAT W/SUPERSUCKERS AND DAN SARTAIN\*\*(\$15/\$17)**

**TU 8/9**  
**KURT VILE & THE VIOLATORS**

**FR 8/24**  
**BEN SOLLEE**

**ALSO PRESENTING**

LOCAL 506 (CHAPEL HILL)  
**WE 6/15 DAVID MAYFIELD**  
PARADE W/OASOLINE STONE AND NICK AND THE BARES  
**SU 7/10 JIMBO MATHUS AND THE TRISTATE COALITION**  
**WE 7/15 BILL OF LULLABY**  
**W/ED AARON**  
**TH 7/21 HEARTLESS BASTARDS**  
**SA 7/20 JOULIE HOLLAND**  
**TU 8/20 SECRET CHIEFS 3**  
**FR 10/11 THE SEA AND CAKE**  
**THE ARTSCENTER (CARRBORO)**  
**FR 6/17 AN EVENING WITH THE LLOYD COLE SMALL ENSEMBLE**  
**MO 7/11 DAVID WILCOX**  
**KINGS (RALEIGH)**  
**FR 7/22 MOONFACE**  
**RALEIGH AMPHITHEATRE**  
**FR 7/20 BON IVER W/THE ROSEBUDS VIA TICKETMASTER**  
**KOKA BOOTH AMPHITHEATRE (CARY)**  
**MO 8/1 DEATH CAB FOR CUTIE**  
**TIX VIA TICKETMASTER**  
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## Briefs

### Candidates announce plans to run

Several local residents have recently announced their intentions to seek public office. Recent announcements include:

- Michelle Johnson of Carrboro has announced her intention to seek election to the town's board of aldermen in the fall election;
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education vice chair Mia Day Burroughs has said she plans to seek re-election to the board;
- Augustus Cho, chair of the Chapel Hill Transportation Board, has announced his intention to run for town council;
- Chapel Hill High School graduate James Barrett has announced his plans to seek election to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools BOE; and
- Incumbent Hillsborough Mayor Tom Stevens announced his intention to seek a fourth term;

The filing period for candidates for municipal and school board elections runs July 1-15.

### Rabid raccoon found in Chapel Hill

A raccoon in Chapel Hill tested positive for rabies June 8 after a fatal tussle Jun 1 with a dog in the vicinity of White Cross Road.

A resident of the area came home to find his dog smeared with blood and the raccoon dead in his driveway. The resident kept the raccoon in his freezer until he turned it over to Orange County Animal Control.

North Carolina law requires that the dog be euthanized since it did not have a rabies vaccination.

### Umstead Drive remains closed

The Town of Chapel Hill and OWASA have said that construction work on Umstead Drive will keep that road and some adjacent roads closed through the fall because of the sewer-replacement work.

The closure will affect access to Bradley Road, Pritchard Avenue Extension and other nearby streets. The park will be accessible from Estes Drive Extension and the western part of Umstead Drive.

### OWASA approves rate increase

The OWASA Board of Directors on June 9 approved the utility's \$19.1 million 2012 fiscal-year budget, which includes a 2 percent rate increase that will go into effect in October.

The budget represents an increase of approximately \$500,000 over 2011.

OWASA estimates that the rate increase would add \$1.66 to a residential bill for 5,000 gallons of water and sewer service.

### CHT plans to close bus stops

Citing safety concerns, Chapel Hill Transit has announced its intention to stop service at the following bus stops:

- A Route – Homestead Road at Southern Human Services;
- CW Route – N.C. 54 entrance ramp at Jones Ferry Road;
- CW & JFX Routes – Jones Ferry Road at Sterling Brook Apartments; and
- NS Route – Eubanks Road at Northwoods Drive.

CHT will take comment on the proposed changes until July 11 at [chtransit@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:chtransit@townofchapelhill.org), by phone at 969-4900, by fax at 968-2840 or by mail at CHT, 6900 Millhouse Road, Chapel Hill 27516-8175.

### Chapel Hill adds parking pay stations

Chapel Hill will add more parking pay stations to offer credit card-based parking to downtown shoppers and visitors.

The stations will replace about 240 single-space parking meters with 40 multi-space pay stations. One station will be installed for every eight to 10 parking places. Meters are enforced 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

### Chapel Hill streamlines permits

Starting this summer, the Town of Chapel Hill will take local building inspection and permit requests online with the launch of its new Permit Action Center.

The website, [townofchapelhill.org/permitcenter](http://townofchapelhill.org/permitcenter), aims to make the process of seeking town building permits and inspections easier. The center's office will be located in Town Hall, open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information, call 968-2728.

## Chapel Hill considers cell phone petition

BY SUSAN DICKSON

Staff Writer

**CHAPEL HILL** – At the request of a woman who was seriously injured in a car accident last September, the Chapel Hill Town Council voted unanimously on Monday to consider a petition that would ban the use of cell phones while driving a car in town.

Krista Slough, then a student at UNC, was walking to class along

Coolidge Street when she was struck by a car whose driver Slough alleges was talking on a cell phone.

"It took one instant to completely change the course of my life," she said.

Slough described how a brain hemorrhage sustained in the accident forced her to drop out of school before she would have graduated in May.

Joe Capowski, a Coolidge Street resident who witnessed the acci-

dent, joined Slough in petitioning the council, citing studies from the UNC Highway Safety Research Center that show that using a cell phone while driving carries the same risk as driving with a 0.10 blood alcohol level.

Robert Sasser, the attorney for the driver of the car, said his client was not using a cell phone when she hit Slough and that cell phone records show her first call at 20 minutes after the accident. Sasser said

his client does not oppose the petition, but does not want to be "the lightning rod for this."

Council member Penny Rich pointed out that in February 2010 she raised a petition to ban cell phone use while driving. The council decided to postpone the measure while waiting on a report from the N.C. General Assembly, which was considering restricting cell phone use while driving but has not acted on the matter.

### WEAVER

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"I didn't want to see them, through no fault of their own, have to endure this. In addition to the recession, this is the last thing they need," Fairbanks said. "It was something very cruel and unjust being forced on them, but there was no one to blame. The construction had to happen. They're just victims."

Carrburritos, Fairbanks' eatery on West Rosemary Street, and three other businesses – The UPS Store at Carrboro Plaza, Balloons & Tunes and the N.C. Crafts Gallery – will offer 20 percent discounts to customers who show a recent receipt from one of the three affected Weaver Street businesses.

A surprise visit from Fairbanks in which he pitched the idea floored Bourne.

"What Bill has done is just astounding," Bourne said from behind the bar at the Spotted Dog. "Just even the notion that he does not know me well – it almost brought me to tears."

Bourne has co-owned Spotted Dog for almost 13 years – the wood-paneled eatery at the flatiron-shaped intersection of Main

Street and East Weaver Street will mark the anniversary Nov. 13. But first it's got to weather some more dust, noise and debris caused by the construction outside its doors.

The construction work is moving along apace, said Carrboro Public Works director George Seiz. Crews have made progress grading the stretch of road and, weather permitting, the work should be done within a few weeks, he said. He understands residents' eagerness to get the work done.

"When you get to the end, everybody sees some light at the end of the tunnel," Seiz said.

Once word got out that the construction was making business hard for the three businesses, regular customers rallied to support them, Bourne said. They're making a special effort to dine at her place. One customer even bought a large gift card he said he doesn't plan to use for months.

"All our regular people just came out in droves," Bourne said. "It's why I live in Carrboro."

Show the love, Fairbanks said, and it'll come back to you, both by supporting local businesses, and supporting people.

"Tip your servers well, they'll like you a lot," he said.

### ALDERMEN

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Several board members said they would like to see greater commercial density in the project.

"The density we really want to increase is the commercial cause that's the revenue we need," board member Randee Haven-O'Donnell said. "We need that revenue to support the infrastructure for the people that live here."

Residents spoke in support of the project, though some urged the board to carefully consider all the implications before approving the rezoning.

David Arneson, a resident of Mulberry Street just north of the proposed project, said "The economic benefits of it I think are a slam dunk." Having that many residents within walking distance of downtown "would be an obvious benefit for the entire community."

"I think density and design of an urban building like this, mixed-use, in an urban core, is inherently the most ... green construction you can do."

Barbara Jessie-Black, executive director of the PTA Thrift Shop, said she liked the affordable-housing aspect of the proposal.

"Most of my employees do not live in Carrboro because they can't find any place to live in Carrboro," she said.

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Please remember to support these businesses as they struggle to endure the construction on East Weaver Street.

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## Calendar

**FRIDAY JUNE 17**  
**Contra Dance** — With music by The Donnybrook Lads. Carrboro Century Center, newcomers' workshop at 7:30pm, dance at 8pm \$8 cdsa-dance.org

**SATURDAY JUNE 18**  
**Haw River Potluck** — For current or potential Haw River Assembly volunteers. Bynum General Store, 950 Bynum Road, 4:30-7:30pm hawriver.org

**MONDAY JUNE 20**  
**Cornucopia Workshop** — Cornucopia Cancer Support Center will host a Look Good... Feel Better Workshop, to help attendees cope with and combat appearance-related side effects of chemotherapy and radiation treatments. 5-7pm 401-9333

**TUESDAY JUNE 21**  
**The Soil We Dig** — Part of the Complete Gardener Classes. Auditorium of the Agriculture Building, 45 South St., Pittsboro, 9:30am and 6:30pm Free 542-8202

**Movie Showing** — Eat Pray Love with Julia Roberts, Javier Bardem and Richard Jenkins, shown as part of the Adult Summer Reading Program. Chapel Hill Public Library, 6:30pm Free 968-2780

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 22**  
**Volunteer Program** — Volunteer information for people at least 55 years of age who are interested in community service, sponsored by RSVP 55+. Seymour Center, 2551 Homestead Road, 10-11am 968-2056

**THURSDAY JUNE 23**  
**Blood Drive** — OWASA, 400 Jones Ferry Road, 11am-3:30pm 942-4862

**A Cow At My Table** — Animal Liberation Action presents a documentary film examining Western attitudes towards farm animals and meat. Internationalist Books, 8pm

**OC Democratic Women** — Meeting with speakers Judge Beverly Scarlett, Sabrina Garcia, Michelle Luecking-Sunman and Sen. Ellie Kinnaird discussing Women and the Justice System. Holiday Inn Express, 202 Cardinal Drive, Hillsborough, 7pm 593-1094

**FRIDAY JUNE 24**  
**Wellness Lecture** — Charron Andrews, UNC physical therapist, presents "Putting Balance Back in Your Life." Robert and Pearl Seymour Center, 11:30am Free 968-2070

**Art Walk** — Last Fridays Art Walk in historic downtown Hillsborough. 6-9pm lastfridaysartwalk.org

**Pajama Party** — For children ages 4-9 and their parents. Ackland Art Museum, 6-8pm Free ackland.org

**SATURDAY JUNE 25**  
**Burn Center Benefit** — For the North Carolina Jaycee Burn Center, featuring music by The Billi Tones, Rebecca and The hi-Tones, South Wing and The Willie Painter Band. Cat's Cradle, 7-12pm \$15 621-7260

**Movie Nite** — The Preservation Society of Chapel Hill presents Around the World with Kay Kyser and Georgia Carroll. Bring a blanket for the outdoor showing. Horace Williams house, 610 E. Rosemary St., 8:30pm Free chapelhill-preservation.com

**Ongoing Cancer Support** — Support groups at Cornucopia Cancer Support Center for cancer patients and their families. Cancersupport4u.org 401-9333

**Cancer Support** — Support groups and wellness programs sponsored by N.C. Cancer Hospital. unclineberger.org/patient/support/supportgroup.asp

**Legal Workshops** — Third Thursday of each month, running through October. The Women's Center, 6-7:30pm Free 968-4610

## Community Briefs

### Splinter Group wins national award

The Splinter Group recently won a National ADDY Award for advertising creative excellence for the Farmhand Foods logo. This is the premier awards competition for the advertising industry.

The Splinter Group is the only agency in the Triangle to win a gold award. The competition was held in San Diego with 87 gold awards presented for 1,382 entries. The gold was awarded in the Elements of Advertising category.

The Splinter Group has developed all of the Farmhand Foods marketing and identity materials, including the popular Sausage Wagon. To see their portfolio and more, visit thesplintergroup.net

### OWASA blood drive

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on June 23 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the OWASA administration building (400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro).

Donors must be at least 17 years old (or 16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, be in general good health and have photo identification. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Wilma Palmer at 942-4862 or palmerwi@usa.redcross.org

### Botanical Garden app

The N.C. Botanical Garden has partnered with Chapel Hill-based GPTrex to produce interactive, family-friendly adventures for visitors with an iPhone or iPad with 3G capabilities. The "Garden Explorer" will teach visitors about the garden's work with rare plants and unique habitats, as well as the role of prescribed fire in

land management.

Interested visitors should download the free GPTrex application from the Apple App Store. From within the application, visitors can access "Garden Explorer" by searching for "North Carolina Botanical Garden."

### Carrboro to subsidize efficiency assessments

The Town of Carrboro is expanding its energy-efficiency program to include subsidies for residential energy assessments for homeowners. Funding will be provided by the U.S. Department of Energy, and the town has set up a network of prequalified contractors to conduct energy assessments for eligible homeowners.

The town will subsidize a maximum of 75 percent of the cost of assessment, up to \$150. It is the homeowner's responsibility to cover the rest of the cost and to contact the prequalified contractors to set up the assessment and set the fee. The town has \$5,000 in funding to be assigned first come, first served.

For more information, visit ci.carrboro.nc.us/ecd/eeif.htm

### Animal art exhibit

Independent Animal Rescue (IAR), a nonprofit animal rescue and rehabilitation program in Durham, commissioned local artists to create 10 unique cutouts of animal images to support the organization's fundraising efforts. From now through July 29, they can be viewed at University Mall next to Dillard's and across from Cameron's.

The works of art will then be auctioned off at the IAR's ninth annual Painted Chair & More Auction on July 30 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Motorco (723 Rigsbee Ave., Durham).

For more information, visit animalrescue.net

### Local foods program

On Monday at 6 p.m., the Orange County Main Library will host Grown Green, a local foods program and part of the OCLocal Event Series. The

free event is open to the public and will give the community an opportunity to participate in a question-and-answer session with a panel of local growers.

Panelists will be Leah Cook of Wildhare Farm in Cedar Grove, Ben Clayton and Noah Ranells of Fickle Creek Farm in Effland, Bobby Kirk of Cane Creek Farms in Effland and Richard Holcomb and Jamie Dement of Coon Rock Farms in Hillsborough.

For more information, contact Jessica Arnold at jarnold@co.orange.nc.us or 245-2537

### Students, veterans honor D-Day

Seven Chapel Hill students, all members of the Columbian Squires youth group at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, traveled to the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Va., June 6-7 to participate in the memorial's D-Day commemoration and deliver \$1,500 to support the memorial.

The students raised money for the memorial after learning of its financial difficulties, and presented a check to the memorial's foundation. The memorial is 10 years old and has been fighting to raise money to keep its doors open. Students raised money by purchasing potted plants for resale and donating cash. Several local World War II veterans, including Jerry Pilarski, Gene Drogos and Louise Drogos, made the trip with the students.

### Storytelling for Grown Ups

Storytelling for Grown Ups will take place Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the General Store Café in Pittsboro. The line-up will feature event organizer Garry Lipson, journalist Bob Langford, writer Melissa Delbridge and Claire Ramsey, the ex officio of the North Carolina Storytelling Guild.

The program costs \$5 and is intended for anyone age 10 or older.

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## CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody

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

### It's About Time!

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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## School Briefs

### Glenwood Show Choir honored

The Glenwood Gator Show Choir achieved a superior rating and won its 15th consecutive Best Overall Award at the Show Choir Festival at Carowinds on Memorial Day Weekend.

The Gators also won top honors in the elementary division. The festival included show choirs from elementary, middle and high schools in North Carolina, South Carolina and West Virginia.

Show choir members are: Elli Adams, Deanna Bucy-Anderson, Breana Brown, Megan Dohert, Maggie Gall, Hanna Gettes, Flora Horne, Rahul Jayaram, Kendall Jennings, Nick Jones, Julian Lambert, Jaeden Leak, Emma Miner, Thomas McDonnell, Evan Morris, Nic Mosqueda, Huda Mustafa, Jennifer Qian, Zoe Roth, Kiara Sanders, Victoria Song, Kaitlyn Sun, Asher Tate, Alyssa Wang, Megan Wang and Kenneth Williams. The choir is under the direction of Carole Christoff Dolber, and Annette Layman is the group's choreographer.

### Schools receive garden grants

Seven Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools received grants totaling \$10,000 from Chartwells as a part of the food-service vendor's commitment to locally grown produce.

Child-nutrition director Liz Cartano, chef Ryan McGuire and dietician Joan Mansfield joined assistant superintendent for support services Todd LoFrese on a tour of several school gardens on June 8.

### Teacher selected for study program

Phoenix Academy High School educator Aly Adcock Bettmann has been selected to participate this summer in global graduate studies that focus on studying desert and marine ecosystems on the Baja peninsula.

Bettmann will be studying at the UNESCO World Heritage site, Bahia de los Angeles on the Sea of Cortez. In this biosphere reserve, the group of educators will work to apply the fundamentals of field methods.

Bettmann is one of more than 350 U.S. and international educators and graduate students selected to travel with the program from Miami University's Project Dragonfly.

### CHHS students teach piano

Students from the Chapel Hill High School Save the Music Club have been providing free piano lessons to Morris Grove Elementary School students for the past five months, and on May 28 the elementary students gave a recital.

The high school students worked with Morris Grove music teacher Lois Jarrell to select students for the program.

The CHHS student teachers include Olivia Dang, Zaynah Alam, Helena Archer, Sophia Lucenta, Daniel Pavlov and Adam Wang.

### Students receive camp scholarship

Glenwood Elementary School fifth-grader Neelan Mahadevan and McDougale Middle School seventh-grader Max Mahadevan have been awarded scholarships to attend Concordia Language Villages' "Waldsee," a German-language immersion camp in Minnesota.

The camp is run by Concordia College and will run Aug. 15-27.

### CHS grad receives Macalester honors

Julianne Ragland, the daughter of Carrboro residents Scott and Ann Ragland, has been named to the Macalester College dean's list for academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2010-11 school year.

A graduate of Carrboro High School, Ragland just completed her senior year at Macalester. To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must have achieved a grade point average of at least 3.75.

### Former CHHS student wins VHI contest

Allan Mask, a graduate of Chapel Hill High School and UNC, recently won VHI's Save the Music contest. Mask submitted a rap video featuring children in a music-based after-school program in San Francisco.

During his time at CHHS, Mask represented the school at the Minority Student Achievement Network student conference. To watch "The Next Big Thing" video, visit [goo.gl/oL-HBI](http://goo.gl/oL-HBI)



Chapel Hill High School graduate John Dwyer listens to his classmates speak. PHOTO BY ALICIA STEMPER

## GRADS

FROM PAGE 1

More than 800 Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools students graduated in the Smith Center on Saturday, 197 of which were from Carrboro High.

Carrboro High Student Body President Neel Patel introduced a series of speakers offering words of advice at the Saturday afternoon ceremony, including a few of his fellow classmates.

"We will bring a bit of Carrboro with us wherever we go," said Jordan Thomas, one of the seven valedictorians who spoke at the commencement.

Hana Haidar, the faculty's speaker choice at the ceremony, read her poem titled "Forever Come," which urged students to embrace change and to venture into the future. "Change changes

its mind," she said.

Principal Kelly Batten gave the students words of encouragement and praise. He became nostalgic, recalling the students as young freshmen "wearing a backpack larger than themselves and full of curiosity," he said. "And now you sit before us as confident leaders."

Batten announced that a scholarship had been presented in honor of the Class of 2011 being the first class to complete four full years at the high school.

Nassar Omar, the principal's choice to speak during the ceremony, reminded the students to challenge themselves and "continue to go out with a bang" as they move on to the next chapter in their lives.

"Worry about the end results when you get there," Omar said. "You'll have to throw a little fish back before you can catch a big one."

## OBITUARIES

### Regina Elandt-Johnson

Prof. Regina Elandt-Johnson died on May 31, 2011 in Chapel Hill, N.C. She was 92. She was preceded in death by her husband, distinguished Prof. Norman Lloyd Johnson (Nov. 18, 2004).

She was born in Nowogrod, Poland on Nov. 22, 1918.

Regina Elandt-Johnson was a distinguished professor with many accomplishments in the field of statistics, statistical methodology and biostatistics. Prof. Regina Elandt-Johnson, a World War II survivor, studied mathematics at Vilnius University. During World War II, she was active in AK-Polish underground resistance against German and Russian aggressors.

She received her master's in mathematics from the University of Poznan, Poland in 1946 and Ph.D. in mathematics and statistics from the Agricultural University, Poznan, Poland in 1955.

She was a professor in the department of agricultural ex-

perimentation in the Agricultural University (1946-63) and the department of genetics in the Polish Academy of Science, Poznan (1962-64).

She became head of the mathematical statistics department in the Agricultural University in 1963-64.

In 1964, she moved to Chapel Hill and was offered a professor position in the department of biostatistics in the School of Public Health at UNC. She retired in 1985.

In 2002, she was honored for all her accomplishments and received the distinguished recognition "Doctoris Honoris Causa" from the Agricultural University.

She authored many books and countless scientific publications in the fields of mathematical and applied statistics, survivorship analysis and statistical methods in epidemiology.

She is survived by her family, Marek, Margaret, Antoni and Filip Maciolowski in Chapel Hill

and nieces and nephews in Poland.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Norman L. Johnson & Regina C. Elandt-Johnson Foundation, 206 Short St., Chapel Hill, NC 27516.

### Billy Wall Watts

Billy Wall Watts, 79, lifelong resident of Carrboro, N.C., passed away on June 3 after a sudden diagnosis of pancreatic cancer. He is now in peace, rejoicing in the reunion with his beloved son, Kevin.

Born on Sept. 8, 1931 to Mack and Beulah Watts, Billy was raised in Carrboro and was a member of Carrboro Baptist Church. After graduating from Chapel Hill High School in 1949, he joined the United States Air Force and served in the Korean War. After returning home, he worked with his father in his radio and TV repair shop and later worked at UNC Student Stores, and remained there until his retirement.

Known as Billy, Bill, Daddy

and Granddaddy, he was known and loved by many. He had keen wit and a great sense of humor. He was an avid Tar Heel fan, and his favorite UNC sport was basketball. He was a Carrboro volunteer fireman and faithfully worked in the sound booth at Carrboro United Methodist Church. He loved cars, technology, breakfast with friends and traveling with friends and family. He especially looked forward to vacationing at the beach with his wife, children and grandchildren, a week that was always highlighted by finding, cooking and eating a bushel of boiled peanuts.

He is survived by his wife, Jane Garriss Watts of the home; children, Dena Watts of Asheville, N.C., and Melinda Watts Billings and husband, Steve, of Greensboro, N.C.; and granddaughters, Sarah Elizabeth Billings and Madelyn Grace Billings of Greensboro. Also surviving are his sister, Margaret Watts of Carrboro, and a host of extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his son, Kevin Watts; father, Mack Watts; and mother, Beulah Watts.

The family would like to thank God for surrounding them with the support and love of countless friends and family across the state, especially those in Asheville, Carrboro and Greensboro. We would also like to thank the wonderful and caring staff of Carrboro Family Medicine, UNC Hospitals and Hospice at the Meadowlands in Hillsborough, N.C.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Carrboro United Methodist Church, 200 Hillsborough Road, Carrboro, NC 27510; or Hospice at the

Meadowlands, 1001 Corporate Drive, Hillsborough, NC 27278.

### Colleen Clark

Colleen Canvin Clark, 61, of Midlothian, Va., passed away Sunday, June 5, 2011. She is survived by her loving husband, Henry T. Clark III, formerly of Chapel Hill, N.C.; daughter, Melissa C. Trivette and husband, Mike; sons, Chris Clark and wife, Jennifer, and Michael Clark, formerly of Carrboro, N.C.; sister, Bobbie Canvin; brother, James Canvin; three grandchildren, Jordan Clark, Julia Clark and Wesley

Trivette; mother-in-law, Blanche Clark; sisters-in-law, Laura Healy and Anne Billings; and countless friends.

Colleen was active in the Catholic Church and in education, working as a teacher, school counselor, peer-counseling coordinator and campus minister. Through these efforts, she has touched countless lives, and was described as a shining beacon in our world. All who knew her considered her a friend (or second mother), a role model and a spiritual woman.

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JOE HACKNEY

The ongoing legislative session in North Carolina offers citizens a clear view of the different values of our legislative leaders and the direction they want to take our state.

On one side is a new Republican majority eager to carry out their plans to eviscerate public education, endanger children's health and gut safeguards that protect our water and air. Democrats have opposed this destructive course at every turn and have succeeded in moderating some legislation and upholding the veto of Gov. Perdue when warranted. We want to do more for this state, especially our children.

Now that the governor has vetoed the Republican-penned budget for the coming fiscal year, I wanted to give you some facts about the plan.

Despite the misleading rhetoric of the majority, this budget fails to protect education as they profess. Specifically, the claim that they have protected teachers and teacher assistants is patently false. You can easily look at the reports in your own communities to see that this is true. Statewide, the early estimates based on our best information show that 13,100 positions in public education could be eliminated under this budget—9,300 in K-12, 1,100 in our community colleges and 2,700 in the university system. There will also be an estimated 3,000 state employees directly put out of work and thousands more are expected to be laid off in the months ahead as the realities of the extreme right's vision for North Carolina becomes more focused.

The excuse for their wrongheaded decisions is that the education system in our state is broken. That's simply incorrect. Just this week, a new study issued by the Education Research Center found that over the past 10 years, North Carolina has had the nation's second-largest increase in graduation rates among the states. The rate for African-American females is the highest in the nation and third highest for all African-Americans. North Carolina students posted the highest gain in SAT scores over the past 10 years among the states that primarily use the exam for college entrance and it ranks in the top quarter of states in ACT scores. Our community colleges are considered a model for the nation. Our universities consistently rank among the best and the best bargains in the nation. These achievements are the result of wise investment, careful consideration and a dedication to our children and the economy of the future.

The Republican plan betrays these children by taking this state backwards. It takes away opportunity, denying health services to children and affordable college loans and financial aid to middle-class families. Per-pupil funding in K-12 education will drop to 49th in the nation.

The visionary leaders of this state—Republican and Democratic—transformed North Carolina into a national leader by recognizing that investment in education and health enriches our state and its businesses rather than burdening them. Republicans have rejected that commonsense value and instead put us on a path that will limit opportunity for our children. Their values—and what they value—diminish this state.

*Rep. Joe Hackney is the leader of the N.C. House Democratic Caucus. He was Speaker of the House of Representatives from 2007-11. He represents portions of Orange, Chatham and Moore counties.*

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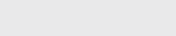
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## Let's go for a ride - Part I

KIRK ROSS

You roll through some of the most amazing places, places where you can't help think about geological time and forget for a moment that your hurtling down a road made of petroleum and crushed stone just over whatever speed the law in that area allows.

It all goes by in a blur, but drive the drive 50 or 60 times and the lay of the land sinks in—the hills and valleys, the places cut by rivers and cutoff by mountains with jutting peaks, rolling places where sure-footed animals graze and deep, protected valleys where the people settled. These are places with names far older than the country that now claims them, older than the written word. They were here long before us. In the end, they'll be all that lasts.

Most of my people crossed the mountains early, just after our nation was born, following the routes up the rivers forged by western civilization. The Native American family of my grandfather's grandmother crossed over to the great Ohio Valley not long ahead of them. This is the place left flat and fertile by glaciers and still enlaced with lakes and waterways created by their retreat.

I am from that valley, married to a girl from that valley, and as much as we love where we live now, when we cross the big river at Louisville, we're back home again.

Our route across the mountains is spectacular anytime of year. It winds through highland Virginia, skirting the Jefferson National Forest, then drops down into the West Virginia's Paint Creek Valley, crosses the Kanawha rivers near Charleston and runs the length of eastern Kentucky, during which the ridges turn to rolling hills and the rolling hills to grasslands.

Driving it in the winter, not always advisable, is when you can really see the contours and the marked transition from the pine forests to places where the mighty chestnut once ruled and its successors—poplars, oaks and elms—

now dominate. This time of year, it is every shade of green in varying degrees of luminescence.

Looking out the window at night in any season is a reminder that there are at least a few places left sparsely settled, even in the heart of North America. In these places, rounded, ancient mountains move by in almost total darkness and humankind is evidenced only occasionally by a tiny string of lights down below in a void that seems to go on and on and on. Stars still shine above these. I've seen them.

Like most trips, this almost-summer one was for visiting the home folks. In my case, it included a drive to the ancestral homelands down on the river and the annual Ross reunion, always a tender and somewhat surreal affair.

Now in its 93rd consecutive year, there's usually a theme. This year's was Extra Scottish, and during the meal an excellent bagpiper serenaded all 103 of us with such verve that conversation was mainly confined, except between numbers.

After he took a well-deserved break, family visiting occurred while prizes were awarded for farthest traveled, most recently married, youngest and oldest. Then the latest in family history was highlighted, including a talk on the character of our family by my Uncle Bud, which ended with him reciting Sam Walter Foss' "A House by the Side of the Road"—you know, the one that goes: "Let me live in my house by the side of the road/And be a friend to man."

Later, after the cakewalk, while the kids whacked at a piñata and parents and grandparents took pictures, I browsed the collection of our family history spread out on tables in the back of the assembly hall, getting lost in the letters to and from home of my father's uncle lost in the Great War.

Fed and all caught up with everyone, my father and I slipped away and headed to the levee to look at the river and ponder things. It's what you do if you're from there. And so we did.

BIG  
CITYCarrboro and Chapel Hill have no room to  
complain over landfill tipping fees

PETER GILBERT

In its May 26 issue, *The Carrboro Citizen* reported that Carrboro and Chapel Hill town leaders were upset over Orange County's plan to move ahead with reparations to the Rogers-Eubanks Community for almost 40 years of dumping in their majority African-American community. Rogers Road continues to be plagued with the smells, traffic and illegal dumping that are the direct result of the landfill. The community also lacks the basic water and sewer service provided throughout Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

Carrboro leaders expressed concern over the increased tipping fees passed by the county that will be used to pay for water and sewer service and other needed landfill mitigation. These protests ring hollow.

Carrboro annexed the western portion of the Rogers Road Community in 2006, but has not provided those residents the public water and sewer service that is provided elsewhere in Carrboro. The town's annexation plans show that the administration relied on a private developer to install a large portion of the infrastructure extension; when that did not happen, the town abandoned any plans to make water and sewer available to the residents, even though they have been paying Carrboro taxes for almost five years. It reflects poorly on the town to gripe over a potential \$20,000 a year in the face of this obligation.

Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt has complained that the county is moving forward with remediation without including the towns. Such complaints also find no sympathy in the community. Chapel Hill and Carrboro have both had ample opportunity to provide some measure of justice for Rogers Road and have continually declined. Since the landfill failed to close as promised in 1982, community members have repeatedly met with the county and with both towns. In the 1990s, all the local governments were members of the Landfill Owners' Group, which heard the community's demands yet consistently failed to act.

In 2001, Minister Campbell of the Rogers-Eubanks Neighborhood Association specifically requested that Chapel Hill allocate funds for water and sewer. That request was again denied. Under community pressure, in 2005, the towns and the county formed another committee, the Rogers Road Small Area Plan Task Force, charged with mitigating the effects of the landfill, which again

failed to make any significant progress.

Most recently, in 2008, following the last report of the Small Area Plan Task Force, the Assembly of Governments approved a process to raise money for the water and sewer infrastructure and created yet another committee, the Infrastructure Task Force, with representatives from OWASA, both towns and the county. This task force only met twice because of the governments' lack of commitment to the project.

While these serial committees and task forces were making minimal progress towards justice for the Rogers-Eubanks community, Carrboro and Chapel Hill continued to support a long-term planning strategy for the area that included ultimately splitting this historic community between the two municipalities. Infrastructure was provided to new affordable housing in the community without consideration of placing the pipes to benefit existing homes. Additional adverse land uses were put in and around the community. And after a two-year site selection process that eliminated the community from consideration, the former Chapel Hill mayor suggested that the proposed solid-waste transfer station be located in the neighborhood.

The Orange County Commissioners deserve recognition for their effort to address the continuing effects of the landfill. Carrboro and Chapel Hill have benefitted from the landfill for almost 40 years. Complaints about a tipping fee in the face of years of injustice sound hypocritical and perpetuate the discriminatory treatment of this community.

*Peter Gilbert is a Community Inclusion Fellow with the UNC Center for Civil Rights.*

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## LETTERS

Library fee  
abandons literacy  
values

The Chapel Hill Town Council's proposal to charge a fee (per person? per family?) for nonresidents who use our library fills me with sadness, dismay and disappointment.

A user fee would betoken the abandonment of one of the outstanding characteristics that distinguishes our town: our sense of community, our record of caring for and helping each other. That community encompasses all who value literacy, who want to develop minds, who understand that reading and thinking is what forms a community. It does not end at the administrative boundaries of Chapel Hill.

A user fee would prevent many current nonresident patrons from using the library, especially in these financially difficult times. Especially for a university community, one that values literacy and prides itself on the fact that our library is among the most frequently patronized in the area, this would be a shameful, anti-intellectual act.

The recent intense participation of patrons in the town's deliberations on its location and its many enthusiastic library volunteers (I am one!) show how our library fosters community. Prohibiting a large number of its patrons by charging a user fee would undermine that valued aspect of Chapel Hill.

JUDY BELLIN  
Chapel Hill

Legislative leaders  
leave people with  
disabilities behind

Four times now in the last few weeks, self-advocates with developmental disabilities (DD) have gone to Raleigh to speak before legislative committees about the 1915 (b)(c) Medicaid waiver, which will directly affect our benefits.

We traveled separately from all over the state, at great expense for some, feeling the need to be there to explain to the legislators how difficult we believe some of the changes suggested in the waiver will make our lives. In a packed room with 100-plus people last week, three people representing the DD community were allowed to speak to the 12 members of the House of Representatives.

Then last week, with only two days' notice, over 40 people representing the DD community attended the N.C. Senate Health Committee meeting at noon on June 8. We went to be heard; yet, at the end of the meeting, only one person, the parent of an adult child with DD, was allowed to speak. Her time limit was two minutes—and while she did speak for about nine minutes, when she was finished the chairman announced that there was no more time for public comment until the next morning at 8:30. I was frustrated and angry because my name was on the speaker list but I was given no time. Rep. Verla Insko graciously gave me her time and, after learning our side of it, agreed that the process needs to be slowed.

So that you can appreciate what it's like for me to go to Raleigh, I left my home in Carrboro at 8:30 a.m. in my wheelchair and returned at 7 p.m., having taken six buses to complete the round-trip. Public transportation cannot get me to Raleigh earlier than 10 a.m., so I was not there the next day, nor was anyone else representing the self-advocates. Rep. Insko, who is a sponsor of the bill, spoke on behalf of the self-advocates based on my points she had taken the time to hear.

Statewide, more than 5,000 people on the CAP MRDD waiver who live in every county will be affected by this change. State legislators need to follow through on their promise to include the stakeholders in the decision-making.

Instead, it was passed on Thursday, and moved to the governor's desk.

This is how our new state leadership treats people who try harder than most to be the functioning contributing members of our communities that some of us are—but we have been given little chance to be heard.

Is it any better for anyone else in North Carolina right now not connected with a special interest group (i.e., MONEY)? What's happening to everyone in this state? Wake up!

ELLEN PERRY

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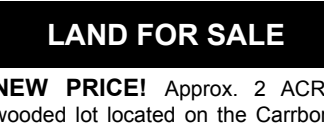
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**CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: It's About Time!**

British monarch the first to visit the nation in 100 years.



Drought-tolerant purslane makes a living green mulch beneath a squash plant. Photo by Ken Moore

**FLORA**  
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Now, I like that simplification! Alan goes on to add: "During the great depression, *P. oleracea* was eaten extensively in the Valley of Virginia as a potherb."

So with all these attributes and more, I'm not about to spend time weeding it out of the garden. Last year, it provided a living green mulch beneath my okra. I'm already encouraging it to spread freely beneath squash, pepper and tomato plants for this year's mulch.

In fact, I can frequently be caught laboriously pulling unwanted plants of any kind when I see them emerg-

ing through my carpet of purslane. What I have here is the pursuit of a carpet of purslane as pure and clean as the most perfect weed-free carpet of green lawn pursued by energetic gardeners with similar, but opposed objectives. You are already familiar with that old notion that "one person's weed is another one's treasure."

This lowly ground cover is a true camel of the field. I am amazed each day as I notice how rapidly single plants can grow from seedlings to cover a foot or two of surface in utter defiance of days and days without water.

And just this past week, to practice what I describe, I enjoyed sautéing purslane

with egg, of course with the necessary onions and olive oil, and, in addition, a fresh salad of conventional greens adorned with fresh succulent purslane leaves on the side. Both were delicious. The sautéed purslane was a nutty flavored delicacy, not at all the "slimy spinach" described by Dr. Duke.

Now that I reflect back, I realize that I forgot to add some of that spicy peppergrass growing along the drive.

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**Glenwood Elementary graduation, 2011**

Here of late, the papers have been full of photographs from college and high school commencement exercises – and quite rightly so. But there are many other smaller and more humble graduations that are rites of passage nonetheless. Case in point: This image depicts Chapel Hill fifth-grader Ahsuwa Haith, 11, celebrating his graduation from Glenwood Elementary School with his younger brother, Adeus, and his mother, Consuelo, last Thursday, June 9. This photograph was taken by one of my summer school photo students, Ryan Davis, a rising senior journalism major from Elon, who is Ahsuwa's "Big Buddy." Ahsuwa will be entering the sixth grade this fall at Culbreth Middle School. Our congratulations to Ahsuwa and all other grads.

**A THOUSAND WORDS**

BY JOCK LAUTERER

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**LANDRETH**  
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Senior right-hander Patrick Johnson, who is expected to pitch the opening game in Omaha, allowed one run in seven and two-thirds innings in a 5-2 victory in the opening game of the super regional. That one run ended his scoreless innings streak at 30 and two-thirds, but no one from the Carolina dug-out was complaining.

Johnson proved as brilliant as he has been since throwing a complete game shutout against then-No. 1 Virginia in the regular-season finale at Boshamer Stadium.

"His stuff is good," Stanford coach Mark Marquess said. "You don't have that many scoreless innings without having good stuff. But he pitches. He's firm with the fastball. He has great command."

"I thought he did a great job of throwing the ball on the outside corner, especially with the fastball and slider. When you do that, it's tough on hitters."

Maybe the most impressive part of the Tar Heels' run in this NCAA Tournament has been that so much of their offense has come without significant contributions from junior shortstop Levi Michael and freshman All-America third baseman Colin Moran. Their bats carried the Tar Heels throughout much of this season.

A switch-hitter batting .300 with 48 runs batted in, Michael was chosen in the first round of the Major League Baseball draft on June 6 by the Minnesota Twins. He has played superb defense throughout the tournament but has struggled at the plate.

The same can be said for Moran, who led the Atlantic Coast Conference with 69 RBI. He leads UNC with a .335 average.

In their place, everyone else in the lineup has contributed at some point or another in the NCAA Tournament. Right fielder Seth Baldwin is a great example.

In the last two weekends, Baldwin has had some of the worst at-bats one will ever see from a collegiate player. Yet he slammed a crucial two-run home run to extend Carolina's lead to 3-0 in Friday's game.

Saturday, Stallings provided the clutch hits. He drove in three of the Tar Heels' seven runs and had three hits in five at-bats.

Stallings has been excellent on defense as well, nullifying every opponent's running game with his strong right arm.

Now the Tar Heels will move on to try to win a national championship.

"That is the goal from day one," coach Mike Fox said.

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