



Clusters of showy white stamens surround the single pistil of each cohosh flower.

PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

What's pollinating black cohosh?

Anne Lindsey - botanical researcher and teacher and co-author, with husband Ritchie Bell, of the second edition of Wild Flowers of North Carolina - has several of us asking that question these days about whatever flower we may be observing.

Anne is making us aware that all those bees and wasps and beetles and ants and butterflies and all the rest are not flying about trying to attack humans. They are way too intent on finding pollen and nectar to survive to bother with us, unless we make motions to interfere with their nests.

When we do stop to think about pollinators, we most likely think of honey bees. As important as honey bees are, they are only a tiny bit of the pollination story. Thousands of native insects are the real pollinators upon which our whole way of life is dependent.

For example, hundreds of species of solitary bees alone go about their lives searching for pollen and nectar, and in doing so help hundreds of plants succeed in making seed to continue a collective vital role making our natural world function.

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County votes to put sales tax option on November ballot

BY SUSAN DICKSON Staff Writer

The Orange County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously on Tuesday to put a quarter-cent sales-tax referendum on the November ballot.

The move followed the board's final approval of the county's \$175.3 million 2010-11 budget, which included steep cuts to county departments, nonprofit agencies and both school districts.

The budget maintains the current ad valorem-tax rate of 85.8 cents per \$100 of valuation and represents a \$2.3 million decrease from the

\$177.6 million 2009-10 budget and an \$8.5 million decrease from the 2009-10 amended budget. The budget would also maintain the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools special district-tax rate at 18.84 cents per \$100 of valuation.

In the 2007 state budget, the legislature gave counties the option of a quarter-cent sales-tax increase or a 0.4 percent land-transfer tax to help compensate for money taken away from counties when the responsibility for paying for Medicaid was turned over to the state.

Orange County voters overwhelmingly rejected a transfer tax referendum in May 2008.

"Whether we like it or not, we are in a situation where we only have a limited number of revenue sources," County Manager Frank Clifton said. "Without additional revenues, county services are going to deteriorate at a greater rate than they have in the past."

If voters approve the sales-tax increase, the Orange County sales-tax rate, which would apply to all goods and services except food and medicine, will increase from 7.75 to 8 percent. The revenue from the tax increase would not be shared with the state or local municipalities. Accord-

ing to Clifton, the tax could generate \$2.3 million annually, though revenues for fiscal year 2010-11 would be minimal.

Board members said they supported putting the sales-tax referendum on the November ballot as an alternative revenue source to property taxes, but said they would postpone a decision on how the money would be allocated if the referendum were approved in order to give the public the chance to weigh in on that decision.

Several board members indicated they would like to see the money go toward economic development.

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PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

Board approves spending plan

BY KIRK ROSS Staff Writer

CARRBORO — The Carrboro Board of Aldermen gave final approval Tuesday night to an \$18,525,685 annual budget for fiscal year 2010-11. The town's tax rate remains at 58.94 percent per \$100 valuation of taxable property.

At the board's second to last meeting before the summer break, Mayor Mark Chilton thanked Town Manager Steve Stewart for avoiding a tax increase given a drop in revenues.

Stewart's plan includes \$560,500 in equipment purchases, much of that for replacement of a fire suppression truck and solid waste boom truck. Town employees will get a one-time bonus of \$455 for full-time town employees and a pro-rated bonus based on hours for part-time employees. The budget also raises the town's living wage to \$11.78 per hour.

In other action Tuesday night, the board voted to delay action on a minor modification to the Balentine Architecturally Integrated Subdivision conditional use permit. Builder M/I Homes is seeking the go-ahead for the 96-unit project off Old N.C. 86. The company wants to build 62 single-family homes and 34 townhomes in an area between Lake Hogan Farms and Orange County's Twin Creeks Park property. Two other phases of the project are also being designed, according to M/I Homes' Jeremy Medlin. Medlin told the board that based on feedback at a previous hearing before the board and further feedback from the town, the company is modifying its plan for the future phases of the project to increase the density and add a small commercial area, likely a small building with a couple of apartments above it.

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The Class of 2010

There wasn't a sporting event on the floor of the Smith Center on Saturday; but throughout the day, the place did echo with plenty of cheering.

Graduation exercises for all three high schools in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro school district started at 9 a.m. with Pomp and Circumstance, quickly followed by the East Chapel Hill High School choral ensemble's gospel-tinged version of Let It Be. Other highlights included Principal Eileen Tully's musings on life and the slip-'n'-slide constructed on the school lawn as a senior prank. She encouraged graduates to take life slowly and appreciate all of its quirks.

At Chapel Hill High School's early afternoon com-

mencement, new Principal Jesse Dingle told graduates how proud he was to be their principal. He praised their competitive spirit, but encouraged humility.

"Envy is not competitiveness," he said.

In the late afternoon, the occasional roll of thunder punctuated the smaller, but equally enthusiastic ceremony for Carrboro High School's second graduation exercise.

Carrboro Principal Kelly Batten said that while last year's class will be remembered for a lot of firsts, the Class of 2010 also should be remembered for its key roll in the school's early history, including the formation of student tutoring and recycling programs.

—Henry Gargan and Kirk Ross

List of Grads

See page eight for Carrboro High School's Class of 2010 and be sure to pick up a copy of next week's Citizen for the list of graduates from Chapel Hill and East Chapel Hill high schools.

The ripple effect takes hold

RECENTLY ... By Valarie Schwartz

"Athena . . . Guardian of justice, Bearer of wisdom, Of a new vision you speak."

—FROM THE GODDESS SUITE

Cynthia Crossen of Chatham County had a glimpse of Athena's new vision in January 1986, when she became inspired to expand her musicality beyond the singing groups she'd written for and performed with since her 20s.

"I wanted to write a choral piece," she said this week from the home she and her husband, Ken Crossen, built on land they bought near Chicken Bridge after they moved to North Carolina in 1972. Collaboration with her community of musicians culmi-

nated in The Goddess Suite, performed by women in praise of women.

"I feel like I tapped into some inspiration flowing through me," Crossen said. "It was a gift to me, but it came through collaboration." The debut was in the Forest Theater, with other performances around the Triangle during 1986 and '87.

"We shall work for change, we shall work for peace."

Her only child, a son named Jesse, was 4 when she conceived and first delivered the suite. She continued a life of serving her community through song and projects and through the Haw River Assembly, where she provides creekside environmental education programs. Then last October, a challenge was posed to Crossen - to revive The Goddess Suite.

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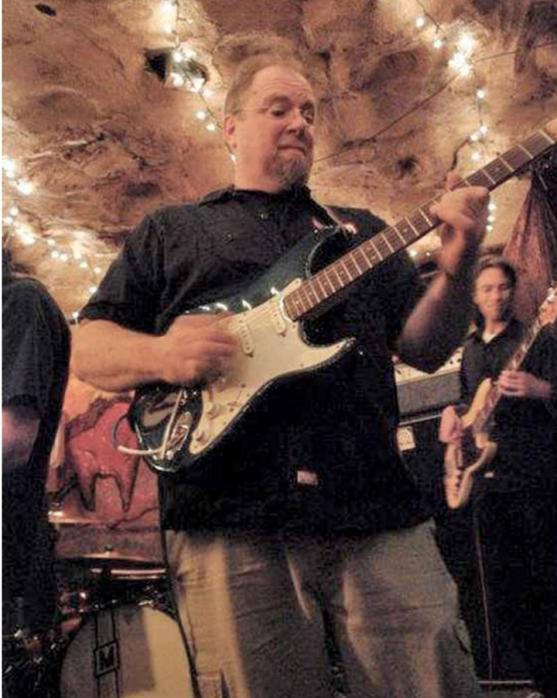


Goddess Suite composer, Cynthia Crossen (center) watches Kate Finlayson rehearsing dance moves to the chorus as they sing the Athena portion of the suite, conducted by Sheila Fleming.

PHOTO BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

# MUSIC CALENDAR

**KILLER FILLER**  
The Cave  
Saturday, June 19



**THURSDAY JUNE 17**  
**Blue Bayou:** 15-501. 9pm. Free  
**Cats Cradle:** Benefit for Eastern NC Chapter of the National MS Society with The Sundowners, Mount Moriah, Whiskey Smugglers, Mandolin Orange, Last of the Great Sideshow Freaks. 8pm. \$7  
**The Cave:** EARLY: Gray Byrd LATE: Radio Silent Auction  
**City Tap:** Marc Brown. 7-9pm  
**East 54:** Guillo Carias Trio .5-40-7:30pm. Free  
**General Store Cafe:** Tony Galiani Band. 7-9pm  
**Local 506:** Dead Meadow, The Static minds, Richard Bacchus and The Luckiest Girls. 9:30pm. \$10/12  
**Nightlight:** Grouper, Heather McEntire, Jenks Miller. 9:30pm. \$7  
**Southern Village:** The Incomparable Tres Chicas. 7pm. \$5  
**Weaver Street Market:** Great Big Gone. 6-8pm  
**FRIDAY JUNE 18**  
**Blue Bayou:** Da Muthas. 9:30pm. \$8/10  
**Bynum Front Porch:** Mandolin. 7-9pm  
**Caffe Driade:** Harpist Rosaleigh Stringfellow. 8pm  
**Cats Cradle:** Iris DeMent. 8pm.  
**The Cave:** EARLY: The Honeycutters. \$5 LATE: DTL, Shalin

**City Tap:** ShackTown. 5-7pm. Daniel Sean. 7-10pm  
**General Store Cafe:** The Drowning Lovers. 8-10:30pm  
**Local 506:** Heat Tour 2010: Thao and Mirah, The Most of All, These United States. 8:30pm. \$10/12  
**Nightlight:** MAKE, Tasha-Yar, Buck Grooter  
**SATURDAY JUNE 19**  
**ArtsCenter:** The Handsome Family. 9pm. \$12  
**Blue Bayou:** Blues World Order. 9:30pm. \$8/10  
**The Cave:** EARLY: Rodie Ray LATE: Killer Filler, Phatlynx  
**City Tap:** Kitty Box and The Johnnys. 8-10pm  
**General Store Cafe:** Tommy Edwards and Friends. 8-10:30pm. \$5  
**Jessee's Coffee & Bar:** Supreme Fiction, Jokesandjokesandjokes. 8pm  
**Local 506:** Ryan Gustafson, Twelve Thousand Armies, Old Bricks. 9:30pm. \$7/8  
**Nightlight:** Monsonia, True Widow, Bad Dream Brooklyn. 10pm  
**Open Eye Cafe:** Raymond Ward. 8pm  
**SUNDAY JUNE 20**  
**ArtsCenter:** The Mighty Gospel Inspirations, Mary Williams, Donna Washington. 6pm. \$5  
**The Cave:** LATE: Let W Lee

**Local 506:** Death On Two Wheels, Feeding The Fire, Mumu Tutu. 9pm. \$8  
**Weaver Street Market:** Dana and Susan Robinson. 11am-1pm  
**MONDAY JUNE 21**  
**Cats Cradle:** Sage Francis, Free Moral Agents, B. Doan. 9:30pm. \$18/20  
**The Cave:** LATE: Young Mammals  
**Local 506:** Danny Malone, Aimee Bobruk, Denitia Odigie, CJ Vinson. 8:30pm. \$8  
**TUESDAY JUNE 22**  
**The Cave:** LATE: The Poison Control Center, The Monument Club. \$5  
**La Residence:** Southern Routes.  
**Local 506:** Joe Firstman, Trey Lockerbie, Marianne Keith. 9pm. \$10  
**Reservoir:** North Elementary, The Wild Complete. 10pm. Free  
**WEDNESDAY JUNE 23**  
**Caffe Driade:** Wylie Hunter. 8pm  
**Cats Cradle:** Deas Vail, O'Brother. 8pm. \$8/10  
**The Cave:** LATE: Valley Young  
**General Store Cafe:** Hokum's Heroes. 7-9pm  
**Local 506:** The Fold, Gossip Grows On Trees, Jonas Sees in Color, The Future Is Me. 8:30pm. \$8/10  
**Nightlight:** Robobilly, Slingshot Cash. 9:30pm  
**THURSDAY JUNE 24**  
**Blue Bayou:** Under the Sun. 9:30pm  
**The Cave:** EARLY: Erin Brown LATE: Follow That Bird!  
**City Tap:** Hwyl. 7-9pm  
**General Store Cafe:** Marie Vanderbeck Quarter. 7-9pm  
**Local 506:** Red Collar, The Baker Family, Wood Ear. 9pm. \$6  
**Nightlight:** Microcephalic Superintendant, Kamama, Renay Aumiller, Alexis Mastromichalis  
**Weaver Street Market:** The Guilty Pleasures.. 6-8pm  
**FRIDAY JUNE 25**  
**ArtsCenter:** Gypsy Jazz Night with One Leg Up. 8:30pm. \$14  
**Blue Bayou:** Adrian Duke. 9:30pm  
**Bynum Front Porch:** Hot Rooster. 7pm  
**Caffe Driade:** New River Rising. 8pm  
**Cats Cradle:** Dar Williams, Sara Watkins. 8pm. \$25/27  
**The Cave:** EARLY: The Tell Tale Hearts LATE: NORTH ELEMENTARY, Owl Laws, Michale Holland  
**City Tap:** Shawn Deena. 5-7pm See No Weevil. 7-10pm

# SPOTLIGHT: TRKfest



The third annual TRKfest will be held Saturday, June 26, from 2 to 11 p.m. at Piedmont Biofuels in Pittsboro.

TRKfest began as a one-day music festival and fundraiser for the Trekky Records Collective in 2008. Although it was initially intended to be a one-time event, the festival has become an annual institution.

The event will feature live performances by Vibrant Free, Ezekiel Graves, Yardwork, Ryan Gustafson, Butterflies, Veelee, Mount Moriah, Midtown Dickens, Embarrassing Fruits, Hammer No More the Fingers, Lost in the Trees and Megafaun.

Other activities include local arts and crafts, the Pants-off Dance-off, a coffee sack race, a Cool Kids yoga session, a musical chairs cakewalk, free haircuts, local food and more. Participants are welcome to bring chairs and blankets.

Admission is a \$10 suggested donation. Piedmont Biofuels is located at 220 Lorax Lane in Pittsboro.



**HANDSOME FAMILY**  
The ArtsCenter  
Saturday, June 19

**General Store Cafe:** Woody Pines. 8-11pm  
**Local 506:** Jill Andres, Gambling The Muse. 9:30pm. \$9  
**Memorial Hall:** The New Pornographers. 8pm. \$20-25  
**Nightlight:** Tomahawks, Roadsie Graves, Calico Haunts  
**Open Eye Cafe:** Jay Brown. 8pm  
**Southern Village:** North Carolina Symphony. 7:30pm

**SATURDAY JUNE 26**  
**ArtsCenter:** Little Windows. 8pm. \$12  
**Blue Bayou:** Crossover Blues Band. 9:30pm  
**Caffe Driade:** Off the Road Band. 8pm  
**Cats Cradle:** MC Chris, MC Lars ft/YTCracker, Math The Band. 9pm. \$13/15  
**The Cave:** EARLY: Blue Line Highway. \$5 LATE: Twilighter, The Diamond Center

**City Tap:** New Town Drunks. 8-10pm  
**General Store Cafe:** Pocket Creek. 8-10:30pm  
**Jessee's Coffee & Bar:** Salt to Bitters, The Bopeeps. 8pm  
**Local 506:** Lizzy Ross, Big Al Hall, John Fonville  
**Nightlight:** Pros and Cons, Honored Guests, Western Civ. 10pm. \$5  
**Open Eye Cafe:** Morgans End. 8pm



FR 6/18  
**THAO AND MIRAH**  
LOCAL 506



MO 6/21  
**SAGE FRANCIS**



MO 10/4  
**THE NATIONAL**  
MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM (RALEIGH, PROG. ENERGY CENTER)



FR 6/25  
**DAR WILLIAMS**



FR 6/18  
**IRIS DEMENT**



SU 7/4  
**VICTOR WOOTEN**

**TH 6/17 BENEFIT FOR EASTERN NC CHAPTER / MS SOCIETY SUNDOWNERS, MOUNT MORIAH, MANDOLIN ORANGE, LAST OF THE GREAT SIDESHOW FREAKS AND WHISKEY SMUGGLERS\*\***  
**FR 6/18\*\*(\$28/\$30) IRIS DEMENT**  
**SA 6/19 L IN JAPANESE DANCE PARTY NO ALCOHOL SERVED**  
**MO 6/21 SAGE FRANCIS (W/BAND) W/FREE MORAL AGENTS, B DOLAN\*\*(\$18/\$20)**  
**WE 6/23 DEAS VAIL / O'BROTHER\*\*(\$8/\$10)**  
**FR 6/25 DAR WILLIAMS W/SARA WATKINS (OF NICKEL CREEK)\*\*(\$25/\$27)**  
**SA 6/26 MC CHRIS W/MC LARS MC LARS FT. YTCRACKER AND MATH THE BAND\*\*(\$13/\$15)**  
**TU 6/29 THRICE W/KEVIN DEVINE, BAD VEINS AND THE DIG\*\*(\$19/\$22)**  
**FR 7/2 ISLANDS W/STEEL PHANTOMS AND ACTIVE CHILD\*\*(\$10/\$12)**

**SU 7/4 VICTOR WOOTEN\*\*(\$20/\$25)**  
**MO 7/5 DELTA SPIRIT W/DAVID VANDERVELDE AND THE ROMANY EYE\*\*(\$10/\$12)**  
**TU 7/6 SLEIGH BELLS\*\*(\$10)**  
**W/NERVE CITY AND PO PO**  
**FR 7/9 HEARTLESS BASTARDS W/THE BUILDERS AND THE BUTCHERS AND PETER WOLF CRIER\*\***  
**SA 7/10 CD RELEASE PARTY CHATHAM COUNTY LINE W/BIRDS AND ARROWS\*\*(\$12/\$15)**  
**SU 7/11 UNREST / TEEN-BEAT 26TH ANNIVERSARY PERFORMANCES W/TRUE LOVE ALWAYS, BOSSANOVA AND MC: PATRICK BRYANT (SOMMERVILLE SPEAKOUT)\*\*(\$15)**  
**TU 7/13 RASPUTINA W/LARKIN GRIMM\*\*(\$15/\$17)**

**FR 7/16 EDWARD SHARPE & THE MAGNETIC ZEROS W/WE ARE EACH OTHER FEATURING AARON EMBRY\*\*(\$15/\$17)**  
**SA 7/17 CD RELEASE PARTY THE LOVE LANGUAGE W/THE LIGHT PINES\*\*(\$8/\$10)**  
**TH 7/22 JOHN HIATT AND THE COMBO\*\*(\$35)**  
**TH 7/29\*\*(\$20) MAT KEARNEY SPECIAL ACOUSTIC SHOW**  
**MO 8/2 BORIS\*\*(\$15) W/RUSSIAN CIRCLES**  
**SA 8/7 HERE WE GO MAGIC W/BEACH FOSSILS\*\*(\$10)**  
**MO 8/9 CYNIC\*\*(\$13/\$15) W/INTRONAUT AND DYSRHYTHMIA**  
**TH 8/12 BRAVE COMBO\*\*(\$12/\$15)**  
**FR 8/13 MISSION OF BURMA\*\*(\$16/\$18)**  
**SU 9/15 MEMORYHOUSE W/TWIN SISTER\*\*(\$10)**

**TH 9/19 LOU BARLOW & THE MISSING MEN W/WYE OAK\*\*(\$12)**  
**FR 6/27 PAUL THORN\*\*(\$15)**  
**FR 9/3 AUTOLUX W/GOLD PANDA\*\*(\$10/\$12)**  
**TH 9/9 CORINNE BAILEY RAE\*\*(\$25/\$28)**  
**SA 9/11 WHO'S BAD? (MICHAEL JACKSON TRIBUTE)\*\*(\$15)**  
**SA 9/18 BILLY BRAGG\*\*(\$25)**  
**WE 9/29\*\*(\$12/\$14) ELECTRIC SIX W/CONSTELLATIONS**  
**TH 10/7 MENOMENA W/SUCKERS\*\*(\$12/\$15)**  
**TU 10/12 STEPHEN KELLOGG AND THE SIXERS W/SMALL PONDS AND ROY JAY\*\*(\$15/\$18)**  
**SA 10/23 RAILROAD EARTH\*\*(\$20/\$23)**  
**TH 10/28\*\* ON SALE 6/18 ME FIRST AND THE GIMME GIMMES**

**ALSO PRESENTING**  
**LOCAL 506 (CHAPEL HILL)**  
**FR 6/18 THAO AND MIRAH WITH THE MOST OF ALL W/THESE UNITED STATES**  
**TH 8/19 MINIATURE TIGERS, AMINAL**  
**FR 6/18 THOSE DARLINS W/STRANGE BOYS AND GENTLEMAN JESSE**  
**ARTSCENTER (CARRBORO)**  
**SA 6/19 THE HANDSOME FAMILY**  
**MEMORIAL HALL (UNC)**  
**FR 6/25 THE NEW PORNOGRAPHERS W/THE DODOS AND THE DUTCHESS AND THE DUKE RESERVED SEATS VIA ETIX.COM**  
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309 W Morgan St., 560-3030  
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## CHELSEA THEATER

Timberlyne, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, 968-3005  
The Secret in Their Eyes; Exit Through the Gift Shop

## THE LUMINA

Southern Village, 932-9000  
Karate Kid; The A-Team; Prince of Persia; Shrek Forever After

## REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6

120 Banks Drive, 933-8600  
The A-Team; Karate Kid; Get Him to the Greek; Killers; Marmaduke; Prince of Persia

## THE VARSITY

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## Briefs

### Tyson, Rev. Barber arrested at sit-in

Author and Chapel Hill resident Timothy Tyson along with North Carolina NAACP head Rev. William Barber and two others were arrested after a sit-in protest at a Wake County board of education meeting Tuesday in Raleigh.

Tyson told the *Citizen* he is concerned by the boards recent actions saying their policies could reverse years of efforts following the end of segregated schools.

"I was raised in a Christian tradition where love is something you do, not just something you feel. The conservative anti-diversity coalition on the school board is acting in a way that is destructive to our public schools," Tyson said... "We've seen this type of politics for a long time, and we're not going to sit idly by and let a coalition of the cynical and self-serving and misguided destroy the public schools in North Carolina and all we've accomplished here.

### Cable Channel 265 moves to 180

Starting on June 16, viewers wanting to watch the Orange County government on digital cable will have to switch to channel 180. The change is part of Time Warner's recent channel realignment. Monthly meetings of the board of county commissioners held in Chapel Hill will be broadcast live, while those taking place in Hillsborough will be played the following day. All meetings will be re-broadcast daily at noon and 7 p.m.

### Public library approaches milestone

Chapel Hill's Public Library is fast approaching a milestone – one million items checked out in a year. The library expects to reach the mark on either June 18 or 19, and plans to celebrate. Visitors on Friday and Saturday will all receive "Thanks a Million!" pencils and will be entered into a drawing for prizes such as an eReader, an MP3 player and a \$30 dollar gift card toward purchase of books.

"Each and every patron has led us to this new record," said Maggie Hite, the library's head of circulation. "We plan to thank everyone."

### Hillsborough police drop accreditation

The Hillsborough Police Department has withdrawn from the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies, a nonprofit organization that works with law enforcement agencies to uphold record keeping and documentation standards. Department officials say the decision was based on the department's incomplete documentation of compliance with the commission's standards and said they dropped their participation because they would not have been ready for an onsite inspection by the agency in August.

### UNC to hold information meeting

UNC is encouraging local residents to attend a public information meeting concerning the permitting process required by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the planned development of Carolina North. The university expects to submit an application to the corps later in the year. UNC cites wetlands as their primary concerns about the project. The meeting will be Monday at 5 p.m. in the theater room at the Seymour Senior Center on Homestead Road. Another public meeting will be held following the submission of the application.

### OWASA Approves rate increase

The OWASA board of directors approved a rate increase averaging 9.25 percent last week. The hike raises rates \$6.95 for customers using 5,000 gallons of service per month.

The OWASA board cited declining water sales and a need to replace out-of-date infrastructure as factors in the decision. The increase is expected to cover a 1.7 percent net budget increase for 2011, which includes money for the resumption of water-testing programs suspended as a result of budget limitations in 2010. Next year's budget also sets aside \$9.7 million to pay off bonds issued to fund now-completed capital projects.

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That project won't be ready for submission to the town for review until late summer or early fall, Medlin said.

Jay Bryan, who lives across Old N.C. 86 from the project, asked the board to consider sending it to the Northern Transition Advisory Committee for review. Bryan said he was concerned about the location of a proposed entrance for the development as well as its future phases.

Board members said future phases of the project would be reviewed by the advisory committee and delayed taking action on the first two phases of the plan until its next meeting on June 22.

Also at Tuesday's meeting, the board of aldermen:

- received a report from Friends of Bolin Creek on the group's conservation and restoration project;
- received an update on the Bolin Creek Greenway plans;
- heard an update on Safe Routes to School plans for Carrboro and McDougle elementary schools;
- set the date for reopening a public hearing on plans for Smith Level Road for September 7;
- approved a resolution declining an offer from OWASA to purchase 73 acres of OWASA-owned land off Jones Ferry Road and Old Greensboro Highway;
- authorized the town manager to move ahead with the design of the Wilson Park multi-use path;
- amended the contract for use of the Century Center to include an anti-discrimination clause; and
- appointed filmmaker Richard Jaimeyfield, a resident of the Hillsborough Road neighborhood, to the town planning board.

## Builder wants fees lowered

Builder Cam Hill said he's finally found sound tenants for the Cleo Sterling building on N.C. 54, but wants to see the town lower its fees before he proceeds with upfit plans.

Hill, speaking at a Carrboro Board of Aldermen meeting Tuesday night, said he's been frustrated over the years because the town's building code would require either sprinklers or an expensive division of the building before its use could be changed from manufacturing.

With a manufacturing tenant lined up, he wants to go ahead with dividing and renovating the space, but says the town is asking for exorbitant fees for the building permits. Under one renovation plan, the town's fee would represent 60 percent of the cost of the job, he said.

He asked the board to reduce the fee, citing its interest in economic development.

Board member Dan Coleman said he agreed that the fees should be looked at.

"It's our top priority to have economic development in Carrboro," he said, "and here it is standing right in front of us."

Board members agreed to review Hill's request for lowering the fee at their June 22 meeting.

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### "We shall find our wisdom in the dreams we weave."

The request came from perhaps the only person who could have helped Crossen find her way to agreement – Hope Wilder, her daughter-in-law. Crossen took the request with her as she spent her 60th birthday on a solo campout on the family land, where Jesse and Hope now also have a home. She remembered the "spirit of love, inclusion and connectedness with people and community" during the previous performances, while concentrating on staying centered within herself, her mission for this period of her life.

Wilder, 25, on a break from teaching as a result of Lyme disease, agreed to co-produce. "I had no idea what I was getting into," she said. But the rewards – the reception by women willing to participate, the chance to witness the melding of talents and further consecration of the love of her mother-in-law – have overshadowed the work involved.

### "Athena, help us weave a new dream."

"Hope is an amazing human being and she's going to be standing on my shoulders," Crossen said. "She's been a wonderful partner in this."

Each of the four performances will be a fundraiser for local nonprofits representing traits or needs of the seven goddesses profiled in the work. The 30-plus women involved range in age from 11 to near 70. There are singers, a keyboardist, flautists, percussionists, a cellist and dance interpreters, all conducted by Sheila Fleming.

There have been pre-show parties, and groups of women have gathered their children and friends to attend.

"We opened the door to people we didn't know," Crossen said, "and our kind of people showed up. I'm very open to the ripple effect; I've no idea where it's going to go."

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## Performances

- All begin at 7 p.m.; recommended donation \$7
- June 19: Forest Theater, Chapel Hill
- June 20: Eno River Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Durham
- June 26: Northwood High School, Pittsboro
- June 27: Forest Theater

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"I think we have to diversify our revenues," Commissioner Bernadette Pelissier said, adding that she would like to see the county dedicate at least some of the revenues to economic development.

Commissioner Mike Nelson said that while he was "not a big fan" of the sales tax, he would be willing to put the option on the ballot to let the voters decide.

"The vicious cycle that we're in is that we don't have good strong economic development here," he said.

Aaron Nelson, president

of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, said he had spoken with a number of retailers who did not support the sales-tax increase, though they would have supported when the option was first presented two years ago.

"This is a slightly different economic time, and I do think it will take a concerted effort to get the voters to vote for it," he said. "It is only with the promise to dedicate the funds to economic development that you could earn our board's support."

Board members mentioned economic development, debt service, schools and libraries as things they would like to fund with the sales-tax revenues.

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**Who is responsible for plumes of oil in the gulf? Fingers are pointed**

BY ELISE GIDDINGS

GULF OF MEXICO - As plumes of toxic fish-killing oil continue to spread throughout the gulf, scientists are rushing to determine what effect the spill will have on wildlife, food, and tourism.

One Chapel Hill woman was heard saying, "The real blame lies with ourselves. All of us who drive cars regularly are rooting with our dollars for the big oil companies. We are like drug addicts. Disasters like this wouldn't happen without our faithful support."

A recent solution has surfaced to this problem. It is a new form of transportation that is clean, low impact, and oil free. "My human-electric hybrid bike is the way that I starve the big oil beast every day – and I've lost weight and saved money in the process," says the woman.

Human-hybrid electric bikes can be plugged in to the wall to charge up for under ten cents per day. They can carry the rider effortlessly more than 30 miles on a charge, so the rider arrives clean, refreshed, and smiling ear to ear. Carrboro bike store Cycle 9, located at 601 W Main St, is presently offering \$100 off any Ecobike electric bike and a free helmet as part of the "Kick Big Oil In The Butt" sale. They can be contacted for more information at 919-636-5909 or on the web at [www.cycle9.com](http://www.cycle9.com).

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**THURSDAY, JUNE 17**  
**Inbal Pinto and Avshalom Polak Dance Company at ADT**— Durham Performing Arts Center. June 17-19. americandancefestival.org

**Peg Bachenheimer and Lee Graham at Frank Gallery**— The title of their talk is "Encaustic: Painting with Beeswax." Frank Gallery. 5-8pm. Free

**Carolina Mountain Dulcimer Players to Meet**— The Carolina Mountain Dulcimer Players will meet at the Carol Woods Retirement Community in Chapel Hill. Beginners and experts welcome. 7pm. Information and directions, contact Shirley Ray at ShirleyRay@aol.com or -929-535

**FRIDAY, JUNE 18**  
**Contra Dance**— Live music will be provided by The Donnybrook Lads with special guest, Piper, John McHugh. The caller will be Jack Mitchell. There will be a newcomers workshop at 7:30, and dancing will begin at 8:00. Bring a partner or come without! All are welcome! Please carry a pair of clean shoes to change into at the dance. \$8.00 donation is requested. For further information please call 967-9948 or visit us at csda-dance.org

**Jessee's June Evening Craft Fair**— 25 Local vendors on display inside, on the patio and in the parking lot. Jessee's Coffee and Bar. 6-10pm

**SATURDAY, JUNE 19**  
**Fresh Chef Competition at South Estes Farmers' Market**— Be one of 4 customer contestants battling skillet to skillet with local ingredients to make the freshest, tastiest entrees for our panel of judges: local chefs, food writers and fellow customers. 1st place prize: a professional knife set from Kitchenworks. For more information visit: southestefarmers-market.com

**Hand In Hand**— "Hand in Hand" is a multi media exhibition featuring the work of 8 local artists who are lending their support to three local social action groups: the (UNC) Student Health Action Coalition (SHAC), also known as the Carrboro Free Clinic; TABLE, the children's weekend backpack feeding program; and the Orange County Literacy Council. These three organizations, together with the Carrboro Branch Library, impact the lives of thousands of local residents daily as they struggle to serve the public on extremely tight budgets and with limited staffing. During the exhibit there will be a free art workshop at the Orange County Literacy Council sponsored by the Carrboro Branch Library's Arts Program. Information and registration: 969-3006

**Long Leaf Opera National Vocal Competition**— Christ Methodist Church, Southern Village. Info: longleafopera.org/pages/35/vocal-competition-even-years/

**Benefit for the Africa Yoga Project**— The Africa Yoga Project uses the transformative power of yoga to empower communities and change lives. A potluck dinner will follow. UNC Campus at McCorkle Place, in the event of rain, Franklin Street Yoga. 4pm. franklinstiyoga.com

**SUNDAY, JUNE 20**  
**"What Makes Companies Green" at Chi-cle**— Susan Inglis, Director of the Sustainable Furnishing Council will be speaking about "What makes companies green" in the home furnishing industry. The Sustainable Furnishings Council, of which she is the ED, was founded in 2006 by a Peruvian furniture manufacturer who was concerned about deforestation, the use of wood in furnishings, etc. Chi-cle (101 E Weaver ST, Suite G-1, 3rd floor over Weaver Street Market.) 5pm. chi-cle.com

**Baron Von Rumblebuss at Carrboro Branch Library**— As part of the Summer Reading Program, Baron Von Rumblebuss will provide kids music that rocks! 8pm

**MONDAY, JUNE 21**  
**HOPE Gardens Festival**— The HOPE Gardens Festival will be held at 2200 Homestead Road. The festival is a fundraising cookout dinner to support local food, music, and community. 4-6pm. \$7/adult, \$3/child. changingthepresent.org/gift/29622/support\_hope\_garden

**British Soccer Camp at Chapel Hill Carrboro YMCA**— Ages 3-16 year olds. International expert coaches will be working on individual foot skills, technical drills, tactical practices, small-sided games, coached scrimmages, and a daily tournament. Info: challengersports.com

**Permit Process Meeting for Carolina North**— The permitting process required by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be explained. Seymour Senior Center. 5pm

**THURSDAY, JUNE 24**  
**TGI Thursday at FRANK Gallery**— This week's guest is Luna Lee Ray speaking about her paintings "Enraptured and Ravenous." 5-8pm. Free

**SATURDAY, JUNE 26**  
**Chatham 3Ring Cycle to Benefit Chatham Habitat for Humanity**— Featuring 30, 60, and 100 mile bike rides on scenic roads throughout rural Chatham County. The event starts at the Central Carolina Community College campus in Pittsboro at 8:30 a.m., with registration beginning at 7 a.m. Proceeds benefit Chatham Habitat for Humanity. \$30/\$35, \$20/25 for riders 16-18 years old. Info: chathamhabitat.org/3RingCycle

**Gardening to Attract Bees, Birds and Butterflies**— Featuring Ginny Gregory. Chapel Hill Public Library. 2-3:30pm. Info: 968-2780

**Dance - Participatory Ballroom**— Fourth and fifth Thursdays, 7-9:30pm. Seymour Senior Center, 2551 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill. \$2, 968-2070.

**Carrboro DanceJam**— Free-style dance. First Fridays, 8pm, Balanced Movement Studio, 304 W. Weaver St., upstairs. 968-8776.

**Ballroom Dance**— Second Saturday of every month, recorded music Triangle Stardusters, 8-11pm, \$7 StarDusters members and students, \$12 others. Couples and singles are welcome, Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 4702 Garrett Road, Durham. 942-7232

**Square Dance**— NC Squares presents a square dance with live music by fiddler Wayne Martin and the Happy Valley Pals, caller Aaron Ratcliffe. May 8, Pleasant Green Community Center; \$8/\$6 student. ncsquares.com.

**Shag Dancing**— Every Monday. Beginner class at 7pm, dance at 9pm. Free lesson first Monday of the month, 6pm. General Store Cafe.

**Tango**— Learn and practice Tango with the Triangle Tango Society. Open Eye Cafe. 8pm

**Ongoing Cancer Support**— Support groups for cancer patients and their families. comucopiahouse.org

**Carrboro Chess Club**— A casual meeting for people who like to play chess. All skill levels are welcome. Every Saturday, Jessee's Coffee and Bar. 3pm

**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, chapelhillctf.org

**Yoga for Everyone**— UNC Comprehensive Cancer Support Program presents Yoga for Everyone. Each class will include a full yoga practice as well as exploration of physical movement, meditation, breathing techniques, and relaxation. All levels are welcome. Classes will be held on Mondays from 11am - 12:30pm. Carolina Pointe II, 6013 Farrington Road, Suite 101 in Chapel Hill. 966-3494

**Walking Group**— The Chapel Hill Area Women's Walking Group meets every Wednesday at Weaver St Market in Carrboro. 9:15am. Information: Julie (967-3221) or Marilyn (932-1411)

**Saludamos Group Walks**— Every Saturday. Front of El Futuro. 9am

**Job Search Meeting**— A networking and support group for job hunters. Wednesdays at Binkley Baptist Church. 9:30-11am

**Breastfeeding Cafe**— An informal drop-in gathering of breastfeeding moms will be held every Monday from 1-2pm at The Red Hen. A La Leche representative will provide information and answer questions.

**Tutoring**— Hillsborough Police Department and UNC Habitat for Humanity offer tutoring sessions for students in Orange County School's K-5 classes at the Community Policing Station, 501 Rainey Ave. Tutors are students from UNC. Call 732-2441, ext 26 to register

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**Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance Support Group**— Meets on tuesdays at Binkley Baptist Church. 7:30-9pm. Free. DBSA-ChapelHill@nc.rr.com

**Orange County Main Library Brick Paver**— Phase two of the popular brick paver campaign has begun. Pavers ordered before July 1, 2010 will be added to those already in place at the main entrance. Proceeds will enhance the new facility and its programs. Pavers are \$100 each and tax-deductible as allowed by law. Info: email bricksforbooks@gmail.com

**Hillsborough Arts Council Seeks Submissions**— For a Miniature Art Exhibition. Artists living in or who have studios in Orange,

Alamance, Chatham, Durham or Wake counties are eligible to submit original works of art, any media. Work should be received by Saturday, June 19. The show will run June 23-July 23. Info: hillsboroughartsCouncil.org

**Water Your Mind-Read**— "Water Your Mind—READ" is this summer's theme at the Chapel Hill Public Library for adults ages 18 and older. The program runs from June 11-August 13. Ongoing registration. Sign up at the Information Desk. chapelhillpubliclibrary.org

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teers must be 16 or older. o volunteer, email mkaslovsky@townofchapelhill.org or call -968-2813

**Artists/Vendors Needed for Festival Arts and Crafts Street Fair**— C.H. Parks and Recreation Department is accepting applications for the 38th Annual Festival to be held Oct 3. Artists are invited to apply to showcase their artwork before more than 10,000 attendees and participate in the juried art show. The fee is \$100 for residents of Chapel Hill or Orange County residents or \$120 for non-residents. Applications: townof-chapelhill.org/festival

**Nature Explorer Summer Camps**— At NC Botanical Gardens. Ages 6-8, July 12-16 or July 26-30. 8:30am-4:30pm. Ages 4-5, August 9-13., 9am-12pm. Info and registration: ncbg.unc.edu

**Gardening Questions?**— Ask Orange Co. Master Gardeners at Home Garden Clinic, Wed & Fri, noon-2pm, NC Botanical Garden, walk-in or call 262-0522. Hillsborough clinic weekdays, 10am-noon, call 245-2061

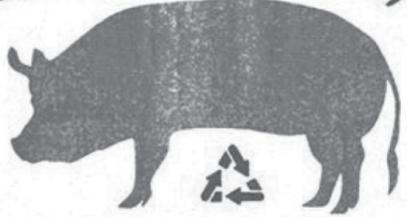
**Free Yoga Classes**— Support for Cancer Patients, Survivors and Caregivers. Mondays 11am-12:30pm; Thursdays 10:30am-12noon. CCSP at Carolina Pointe II, 6013 Farrington Road, Suite 101. Free parking available

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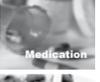
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## FROM THE EDITOR

## Holding the line

This being the wind-up of budget season, there's been a lot of talk about the tax system, tax rates and taxes in general, including some well-founded criticism.

One presumption is that by not increasing taxes this year, the towns and the county are treading water – balancing declining revenues with cuts in either operations or ambitions.

In Chapel Hill, that meant a potential delay in the long-term goal of adding to the public library, until the council's approval last week of a bond sale in September to pay for the new addition.

In Carrboro, the past couple of years have involved further delays to long-sought capital projects – improvements to parks and sidewalks and major road repairs.

Both towns held hiring to a minimum and this year offered only minimal pay increases.

The county, a creature much more at the mercy of Raleigh, has had to take more drastic steps, as it was hit with the double whammy of flagging revenues and an increase in debt burden and new operating costs for recently opened facilities.

The results in all three cases may seem like treading water; but if you're a teacher who's lost a job, a social worker with an impossible case load or a town employee trying to make ends meet, it's more of a sinking feeling.

There is some thought that a turnaround is happening, but it is doubtful that will change the game plan anytime soon. The backlog of what's been put off is long and includes a lot of deferred maintenance. It also will be a while before even critically important departments are staffed up again and deficiencies in areas like emergency services are addressed fully.

And we're going to keep talking taxes. In addition to this fall's legislative and local races, which will no doubt feature plenty of revenue discussions, the ballot also includes a referendum for a proposed hike in the county's sales tax. This should spur another discussion of the fairness of sales taxes, the residential tax burden, the need for more commercial space and at least a few thousand utterances of the phrases "buy local" and "retail leakage."

## A Century Ago

We just received notice of another 100th anniversary. They seem to be piling up. Board of aldermen member Jacquie Gist drew our attention to this phenomenon a couple months back, expressing her curiosity over all the foundings that took place a century or so back.

With Carrboro's 100th just around the corner, and several local churches and institutions at or near the same mark, it's evident that something was going on back then.

So, what was it? We know some of you have the history bug and are digging around in the local archives for various treasures of the past. If any of you have some thoughts as to what it was that spurred this cascade of centennials, please send us a missive with your findings to editor@carrborocitizen.com

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## More than Shelter

SHARON COULTER-JAMES

The Inter-Faith Council for Social Service (IFC) is proposing to build a transitional housing facility on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Chapel Hill that will help men who are experiencing homelessness to change the course of their lives. The Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness supports these plans and believes that the facility will make a significant contribution in helping to prevent and end homelessness in our community.

IFC has provided many valuable services and programs to Orange County citizens for decades, including the Community House emergency shelter that has operated in the old municipal building in Chapel Hill since 1985. IFC's need to open a new transitional housing facility is twofold: first, the Town of Chapel Hill wants to use the Old Municipal Building to satisfy other public needs; and secondly, the IFC program has simply outgrown the space. Walking through the building on any given day confirms that the residents and staff are living and working in cramped quarters. There is no outdoor space such as a yard or garden, and the indoor space is much too small to accommodate the housing, kitchen, clinic, office and other spaces for services that are required.

IFC's new facility will be a 52-bed transitional housing program for homeless men—similar to IFC's HomeStart program for women and children—providing long-term hous-

ing and a continuum of services to residents. The goal of the new facility is to promote the independence and self-reliance of its residents by providing them with a safe and stable living environment as well as a broad range of services to help them obtain employment and permanent housing.

The experience of IFC and similar organizations teaches that emergency shelters get people off of the streets, but transitional housing transforms lives. Each resident of the new facility will develop a set of individualized goals and obtain the services they need to achieve them. Residents who are able to work will receive assistance with education, job training and job searches and those who are disabled will be referred to appropriate service providers. Social workers will help the men apply for affordable or subsidized housing. Residents will clean and maintain the building, work in the community gardens and help enforce house policies. Senior residents will help mentor new ar-

community. Without them, homeless men and women have little opportunity to start their lives anew.

An example of a successful program similar to the one proposed by the IFC is located in Charlotte. In 2002, plans for McCreesh Place—an apartment complex for disabled men living in the city's shelters—were unveiled amidst strong neighborhood opposition. Eight years later, many of those neighbors are pleased to support an expansion of McCreesh Place and are, in fact, participating in its groundbreaking ceremony. They have found that the formerly homeless men are good neighbors who volunteer for trash pickups at nearby parks and pass out community association newsletters, and the facility is an asset to the neighborhood that hosts community association meetings and is home for the Neighborhood Watch.

The Partnership to End Homelessness believes that IFC's new transitional housing facility will be a good neighbor an asset to the community,

*The Partnership to End Homelessness believes that IFC's new transitional housing facility will be a good neighbor and an asset to the community, and will help men overcome their personal challenges for finding jobs and permanent housing.*

and will help men overcome their personal challenges for finding jobs and permanent housing. We consider the IFC to be an essential partner in our work to pre-

vent and end homelessness in Orange County and look forward to strengthening our collaboration with them to achieve these goals.

*Sharon Coulter-James is chair of the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness.*

## Budget déjà vu

CHRIS FITZSIMON

In case you missed the news about the state budget negotiations between the House and Senate late last week, here is a quick summary.

The House budget spends more on public schools and less on the university system than the Senate plan, and that prompted UNC President Erskine Bowles to warn at Friday's board of governors' meeting of impending doom for UNC if the House budget was adopted. Then came news that budget writers had somehow found \$83 million to lessen the need to slash the university budget and Bowles said he was encouraged by the development.

If all that sounds familiar, it should. It's almost exactly the same thing that happened last June and the June before that. The House passes a budget that makes deeper cuts to UNC and fewer reductions to public schools and human services than the Senate proposes and university officials go ballistic and the final budget makes fewer cuts to UNC.

That doesn't always mean less funding for K-12 education or mental health, but it might this year. The reports about the \$83 million quoted a spokesman for House Speaker Joe Hackney saying the new money came from shifting funds from other budget areas, including health and human services.

There are plenty of reasons that the UNC budget dance always seems to end

the same way. Erskine Bowles is a powerful voice in the legislative building and he has a receptive audience, especially in the Senate.

New investments in UNC have long been a priority of Senate President Pro Tem Marc Basnight and other Senate leaders. Then there is Citizens for Higher Education, a political action committee of wealthy donors to UNC-CH that has become one of the biggest contributors to legislators' campaigns and employs two

and provides North Carolina incalculable benefits in a wide variety of areas, including research, economic development and a world-class education for North Carolina students.

The question every year is not should the state continue to strongly support the public university system – it is why does it seem that UNC is always the top priority in years when lawmakers cannot muster the political courage to find revenue to make equally important investments or stave off devastating reductions in other areas like the criminal justice system, the human-services safety net and even public education and community colleges.

None of that is the university system's fault and none of it means that the university should get less funding, though the booster club subsidy is indefensible.

But there ought to be a way to at least have a fairer debate about budget priorities and it's not likely parents of children with a disability are forming a powerful PAC anytime soon.

That means it's up to lawmakers to make sure they listen just as carefully to the state's most vulnerable people and educators at all levels as they do the folks with access to the tickets at mid-court of the basketball games.

*Chris Fitzsimon is executive director of N.C. Policy Watch.*

## Resolution

**[Editor's note:** The following resolution was passed last month by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen in response to the efforts of Rep. Paul Stam of Apex to get local governments to drop abortion coverage from their health care plans.]

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE RIGHT TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE AND REJECTING REP. PAUL STAM'S INTRUSION INTO MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS REGARDING THIS MATTER

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen supports all efforts to afford equal protection under the law to Carrboro citizens regardless of race, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, identity or expression; and

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen affirms protecting women's reproductive rights which are protected under United States law but remain under assault by forces which oppose gender equity; and

WHEREAS, a woman's right to choose whether to bear a child is protected under the constitutional right to privacy, as held by the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, it is a woman's right to have access to and be knowledgeable about affordable contraceptives and the ability to have a safe, legal abortion if she so chooses; and

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen affirms that women have the right to control their own bodies and health care, including contraception and reproductive issues; and

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen affirms that issues regarding reproductive rights and health are confidential and should be made by a woman in consultation with her doctor, not by a legislative body; and

WHEREAS, N.C. Rep. Paul Stam has falsely asserted that the 1981 case of *Stam v. State of North Carolina* stands for the proposition that "including elective abortion is beyond the statutory authority of city government," and has misconstrued the court's holding, pronouncing that "any North Carolina county ... must refuse to fund medically unnecessary abortions under the precedent of *Stam v. State*;" and

WHEREAS, in fact, the holding in *Stam v. State of North Carolina* dealt with the narrow question of whether medically unnecessary abortions should be covered under certain social service programs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO:

Section 1. The Board of Aldermen rejects this intrusive suggestion of N.C. Rep. Paul Stam, relying on a misinterpretation of the holding of *Stam v. North Carolina* and other hypotheses, that municipalities "must refuse to fund medically unnecessary abortions."

Section 2. The Board of Aldermen continues to support a women's constitutional right to privacy, pursuant to the law of the land as articulated by our United States Supreme Court.

Section 3. The Board of Aldermen resolves that the Town of Carrboro will endeavor to provide Town employees with health insurance coverage that covers the full range of reproductive services.

BIZ BEAT

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It's an old story that Wall Street still isn't helping Main Street when it comes to lending to small business. And even though the folks in Washington say they're working on that, tangible results are still a ways off.

But the current economic climate's not dampening the spirits of Erik Lars Myers. The Chapel Hill resident plans to secure \$40,000 in start-up funding for his craft beer-making business, Mystery Brewing Co. (mysterybrewingco.com), via a campaign on the micro-financing site Kickstarter.com. To date, he's raised about 20 percent of the total.

Myers will only get the funding if he reaches his goal by July 23. (Myers isn't alone in thinking now's the time for microbreweries. The mid-south region boasted the largest growth in craft beer sales in 2009 and the state is currently home to more than 40 breweries. Three more are slated to launch this year.)

"My preference is for capital investments and slow growth via cash flow," Myers explains. "That means that I'm not necessarily starting off with my ideal business - for instance, somebody else will be making my beer for me for a short time - but I think that the lack of crushing debt ultimately gives me a better chance to succeed." The decision to use Kickstarter was partly driven by friends wanting to support Myers' venture but lacking the funds to be "real" investors. Via the site (mysterybrewingco.com/kickstart/), folks can put up as little as \$5.

"It sounds ridiculous and cliché, but every little bit helps," he notes. Myers also was drawn by the sense of community the site creates. In return for their contributions, donors will get gifts ranging from stickers and bottle openers to access to beer tastings and video chats. "It's a fantastic opportunity to grow a community around the product



- and beer is a social product - while getting help with getting the business off the ground." In addition to funding, Myers is scouring Orange County for space.

"I've been looking at Hillsborough for a while now, and I'd ultimately love to have a space there," he says. "It's an awesome town with great locavore culture I think a brewery could thrive in. I have visions of collaborations with local farmers and dairies - beer and cheese is a mind-blowing combination - and it's hard to complain about being situated on the corner of I-40 and I-85 when it comes to distribution."

Mystery will feature seasonal, small-batch brews that Myers plans to sell in \$8 six-packs and reasonably priced growlers/refills

and kegs. The first beer will be a Belgian/French-style farmhouse ale made with unmalted wheat and rye. Other candidates for early lineup include an English-style best bitter, a peat-smoky Scottish-style beer and a hefeweissen made with a particularly flowery variety of oolong tea.

"I've also been planning to buy used barrels from local wineries to do lines of wine-infused beers and sour beers," Myers says. "My wife works part of her time on *Documenting the American South* at UNC and has run across a few recipes from pre-Prohibition North Carolina plantations. I'd like to work those into production, as well as explore some European styles that have fallen out of existence, like Lichtenhainer, a German-origin smoked sour beer. It's going to be a hell of a lot of fun."

The window for investment is open through July 23. For more information on Mystery Brewing Co., or to invest, visit mysterybrewingco.com/kickstart/

## Citizen announces circulation increase.

CARRBORO - The *Carrboro Citizen* is now available at more than 175 locations, publisher Robert Dickson announced this week. The free weekly newspaper, launched in March 2007, is now distributing 7,000 papers in Carrboro, Chapel Hill, Pittsboro and Hillsborough. The current numbers represent a 40 percent increase since the paper's inception and a 28 percent increase since January 2009.

"We're so gratified by the reception we've received from this community," said publisher Robert Dickson. "Through some tough economic times, we've managed to incrementally edge our circulation numbers up. That's a tribute to the support of our readers and our advertisers, the folks who make this a truly unique place to live and work."

The *Citizen* has added drops on the UNC campus and is also now available at UNC Hospitals. Typically, 85 percent to 90 percent of the papers are picked up by readers each week. No papers are distributed unsolicited.

- Staff Reports



## Business Briefs

### Fiorentino selected for network

Mariana Fiorentino of Terra Nova Global Properties Inc. in Carrboro has been named to Barbara's inner circle, an international real estate network. As part of the group, Fiorentino can post, promote and cross-market among other brokers in the network. The inner circle is selective and membership signifies a high level of professionalism, dedication and ability.

### Local firm lands gigs

The Splinter Group has been busy this spring. It was recently hired as the agency of record by the Carolina Railhawks soccer team and University Square and was tapped to provide logo and brand development for The Center for Documentary Studies at Duke and a new logo for Duke Gardens. TSG is also helping to introduce ROOT, a new organic liquor brand, to the state.

"We started seeing a general increase in optimism early this year," says co-founder Lane Wurster. "That's when we started getting more inquiries."

TSG also created a new website for itself (thesplintergroup.net) "that really showcases our work and how we work. Since we don't actively 'sell' - almost all of our work comes from referrals and word-of-mouth - having a solid site that we can point folks to has been a huge help."

### UPS Store promotes literacy

Customers of the UPS Store at Carrboro Plaza raised \$237 during a recent fundraising campaign for the Toys for Tots Literacy Program. UPS Stores nationwide raised more than \$1 million. Each \$1 donation helped the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation buy books for local kids in need. Though the campaign itself is

over, the program is ongoing. Interested citizens can make donations year-round at the Carrboro store, which is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit theupsstore.com/3651.htm and ToysForTotsLiteracy.org.

### Women's Roundtable

Michelle Blackwood of RBC Bank will present "Leveraging Your Most Precious Asset - Your Time" from 8 to 9 a.m. next Tuesday at the Chamber of Commerce offices (104 S. Estes Drive). The session will help women learn to structure and allocate their time wisely. The event is free for chamber members but registration is required. RSVP to Laura Morrison at 357-9989 or lmorrison@carolinachamber.org

### A little more incentive

Though it doesn't get as dead around here as it used to, businesses do note a slow-down in business during the summer months. The folks over at Carolina Brewery have a few things on tap (yes, I said it) to entice diners to the Chapel Hill (460 W. Franklin St.) and Pittsboro (120 Lowe's Drive) locations.

The brewpub is offering a 10 percent lunch discount to parties of 10 or more. Sounds like a good solution for those visiting family members. Or get the team together in the private dining area (available at both locations) for those office birthday parties, lunches or going-away parties on your business calendar. Speaking of teams, sports coaches who bring their teams in for a pre- or post-game meal can eat free.

Also worth noting: Carolina Brewery is introducing a few new brews for the warmer months (Bullpen Pale Ale, anyone?) and a tasty new summer menu featuring North Carolina fish and dessert nachos.



Children from Sheryl Schrimsher and Jordan Rosado's pre-kindergarten class at Chapel Hill Day Care Center stopped by The ArtsCenter on Tuesday to present Louise Tremblay, The ArtsCenter's children's and family programs assistant, with a check for \$210.50. The class raised money for the Keeping Arts Centered fundraising campaign with a bake sale earlier this month. Keeping Arts Centered has so far raised \$131,688 toward its goal of \$350,000 by July 1.

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## Calling all Carrboro businesses

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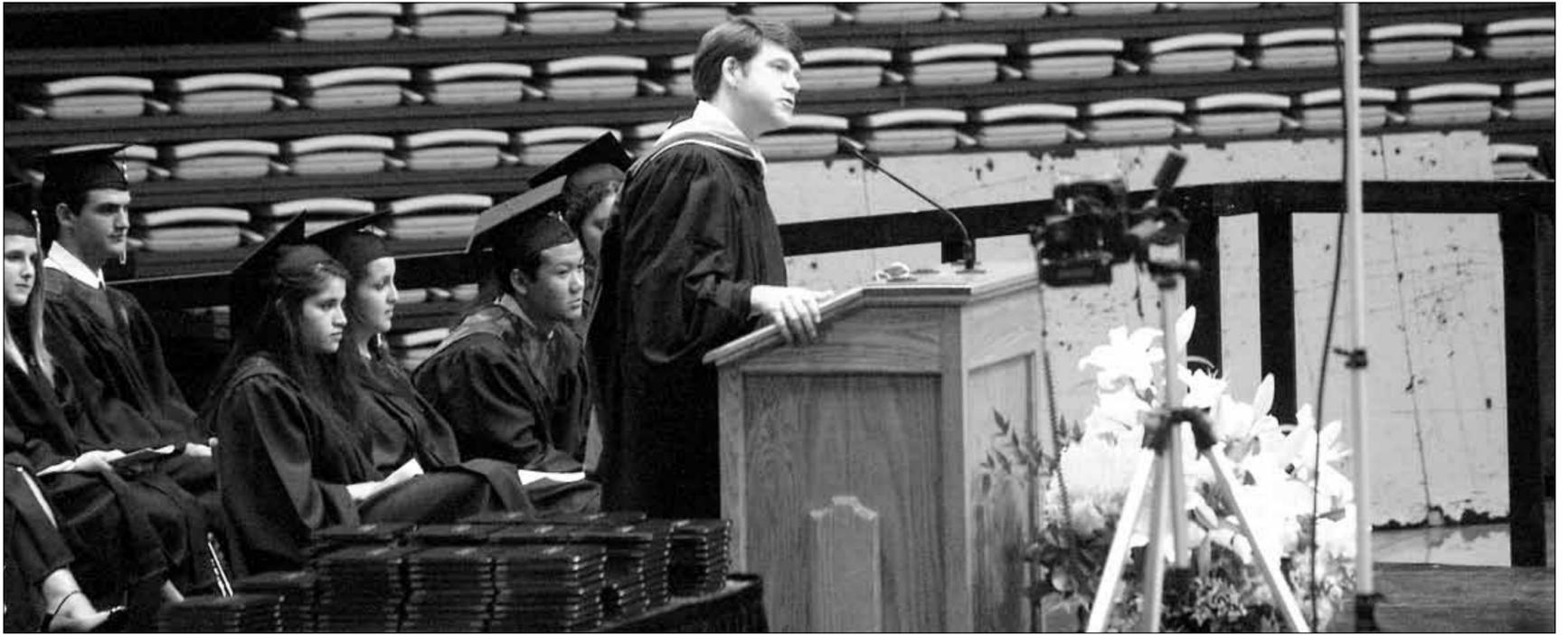
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be sadly missed most of all by her loving husband, Sgt. 1st Class Sean Murphy, and adoring children, Colin (3) and Rylan (1). Jennifer is also survived by her mother, Mary Beth Busby; father and step-mother, Mack and Betty Craddock; sister, Stephanie Busby; and dear friend Emily Commean. Contributions in memory of Jennifer may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at (888)773-9958 or the National Marrow Donor Program online at [marrow.org](http://marrow.org), by phone at (800) MARROW-2 or by mailing a contribution form obtainable on the NBM website to 3001 Broadway St. N.E., Suite 100, Minneapolis, Minn. 55413-1753.

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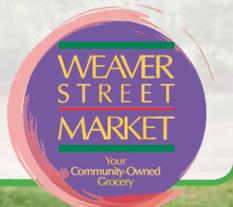
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 6-8 PM MUSIC BY The Guilty Pleasures

**22nd anniversary celebration**  
 June 21-27



Be a part of the picture!

You are here!  
 Thursday, June 24th 7 pm



Flowering stems of cohosh can rise 6 or more feet above the broad dissected leaves.

PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

**FLORA**  
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When I discovered black cohosh, *Cimicifuga racemosa*, coming into flower in the dark forest above the Eno River outside Hillsborough last week, I immediately became curious about what insects it needed to succeed. I didn't linger long enough to make a scientific inquiry, but I was impressed with the antics of several big bumblebees hurriedly scurrying over the white flowering stems.

Along the flowering stem, clusters of showy white stamens (the male parts) surround the single tiny pistil (the female part) in the center of the flowers. Though other flying insects were visiting, none seemed to romp so aggressively over all the flowers as the bumblebees. I'll give them credit for any pollination going on.

Black cohosh is an impressive summer wildflower of rich woodlands in the Pied-

mont and mountain regions. Candelabra-like flowering stems can reach higher than six feet. Sometimes you will see them stretching out for the light from dark forested roadsides. The much-dissected compound leaves can be a foot and a half or more wide, seeming to hover above the ground. I was surprised to find bumblebees in such dark environments.

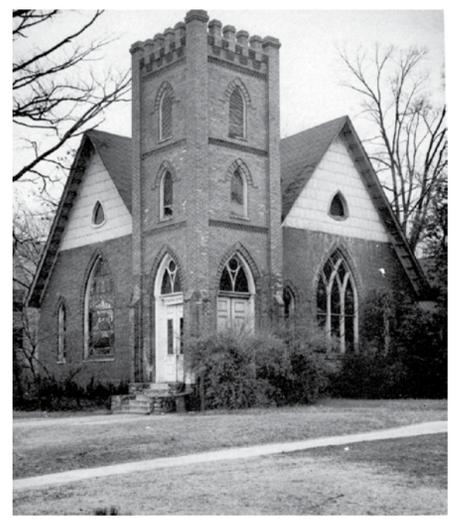
Like so many of our native wildflowers, the black cohosh has a rich medicinal heritage. One described use of the herb was healing snakebite, thus the common name, black snakeroot. And like many an herb, the roots, soaked in moonshine, were used for rheumatism.

But don't just look at the plant and flowers, remember to consider the pollinators and reflect how our very existence relies on them.

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**Pollinator Week**

Be a part of pollinator week and plan to attend the fourth annual celebration of National Pollinator Week on June 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the Lawn at Chatham Mills in Pittsboro. You'll learn about honey bees and the diversity of native pollinators working over the Pollinator Garden and there are educational activities for the kids.



**The Rec, 1956**

Once upon a time, in a decade long ago, there was this funky old teen center, smack-dab in the middle of the 100 block of Franklin Street, that served as the social heartbeat, safe haven and Happy Times hangout for Chapel Hill high schoolers. Sitting modestly beside the tall-steepled University Methodist Church, the aged high-raftered building appeared to have been a converted sanctuary. The place we called simply "the Rec" was cavernous, drafty and hard to heat – and we loved it. Every weekend, Chapel Hill High School teens gravitated there for social interaction, ping-pong, sock-hops and life mentoring. When the University Methodist Church razed the Rec in '57 to build a new fellowship hall, Chapel Hill teens of the '50s lost their home away from home.

**A THOUSAND WORDS**

BY JOCK LAUTERER



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**UNIVERSITY LAKE:** 0' 10" inches below full  
**CANE CREEK RES:** 0' .2" below full

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**JONES FERRY PLANT:** 1.60"  
**CANE CREEK RES:** 1.77"

**CUSTOMER DEMAND**  
**Past 7 days (average):** 7,958 million gallons  
**Past 30 days (average):** 7,406 million gallons

**ESTIMATED SUPPLY REMAINING:**  
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