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**SUNDAY**  
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# C THE CARRBORO CITIZEN



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PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

Enjoy a close up look at the flowers of water shield and don't forget to feel the underside of one of those elliptical leaves.

## FLORA By Ken Moore

### Touching is believing

Last week, I rushed to the Botanical Garden for a quick photograph of those Carolina Blue spiderworts. Walking quickly out, I made the mistake of glancing over the surface of those water lily tanks behind the Totten Center. The other aquatic plants usually go unnoticed, but this time my eye was captured by a very small, ruby-red flower reaching an inch or two above the surface. What a beautiful little flower!

That plant, water shield, *Brasenia schreberi*, is in all of those aquatic tanks. You may have to search a bit to find the little flowers scattered above the water surfaces here and there. Though the flowers continue off and on during the summer, there may not be one showing during your visit. The best part about not finding a flower is that you'll have more time to concentrate on the leaves.

You are not going to believe those leaves! They are small compared to the big round water lilies. They are elliptical in shape, one-to-two inches wide and two-to-three inches long. They're green above and maroon-colored below. Gently turn over a leaf to see the dark contrasting color. You will observe that the petiole (the stem of the leaf) is attached directly to the middle of the leaf blade. This unusual characteristic makes it a peltate leaf. The common woodland spring wildflower May Apple, *Podophyllum peltatum*, also has a peltate leaf, as the Latin name describes.

Those petioles are really long. The plant can grow in water as deep as six feet. The petioles have some elasticity, allowing the leaf to stretch up and down with changing water levels. That doesn't mean you should pull on them when you are touching them. My hunch is that at first touch you're going to quickly release that leaf from your fingertips.

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## A cabby with compassion

by Catherine Rierson  
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Taxi cabs parked neatly in rows in the parking lot on Lloyd Street in Carrboro began running a little over four months ago. But the phrase Ulugbek Kasimov, or Bek, has decided to print on them, "A Ride With Us Brings The Future To Others," reflects an idea that has been brewing for much longer than that.

"There are a lot of taxi cabs out there, but we wanted to be just a little bit different," Kasimov said. "In a good way," he added quickly with a smile.

Kasimov has been living in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area with his family since he emigrated from Uzbekistan

eight years ago. He said he's always wanted to give back, and he's finally figured out how: He's donating a dollar to both the Carolina Covenant Program and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools system for every ride with Chapel Hill Taxi, the taxi company he co-owns, which is noteworthy for having cabs outfitted with massage chairs.

"I feel like I can make a difference," he said. "It may look small at first, but in the long run it will be a big difference."

His wife received a degree in social work from UNC and his son attends East Chapel Hill High, and he feels grateful for what both schools have done for his family, he said.

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PHOTO BY JORDAN TIMPY

Ulugbek Kasimov at his Carrboro-based Chapel Hill Taxi.

## Graduation



Saturday, June 14, 2008

PHOTO BY JORDAN TIMPY

by Jordan Timpy  
Staff Writer

The Dean Dome was rocking Saturday — for Tigers and Wildcats rather than Tar Heels — as Chapel Hill and East Chapel Hill high held graduation ceremonies.

Nearly 400 anxious-looking CHHS students dressed in caps and gowns lined the corridors of the Smith Center before their afternoon

ceremony began. Sporadic applause and shouting from the seating area was audible even before any of the students entered, as the faces and names of graduates were displayed on the big screens around the court.

"I'm hearing angelic voices," Byron Beddingfield said jokingly as he stood at the head of one of the lines of students waiting for the call to start the procession toward their seats.

Beddingfield, 18, who plans to attend North Carolina State University in the fall, also joked about presenting a key as the class gift in light of the recent cheating scandal — in which four students were suspended for having had access to a stolen master key to the high school — but said the notion was rejected by the administration.

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## Carrboro High changes principals

by Susan Dickson  
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools has announced that Carrboro High School Principal Jeff Thomas has been reassigned to the district's central office and that Rodney Trice, the district's director of curriculum and instruction, will serve as interim principal.

District officials wrote in an email to *The Citizen* that Thomas had one year remaining on his contract and that he "is not filling a specific position and his responsibilities are yet to be determined."

Thomas served as principal of

Carrboro High since 2006 and opened the school last August.

According to a district press release, Trice will serve as interim principal at Carrboro High over the summer until the selection process can be completed.

The move comes on the heels of the release of the results of a high school climate student survey administered to all district high school students in January.

According to the survey results, 51.5 percent of Carrboro High School students reported that they were proud to be a student at their school, compared with 78.8 percent and 74.9 percent of students at Chapel Hill High School and East Chapel Hill High School, respectively.

In addition, 50.1 percent of Carrboro High students reported that they would recommend their school to their friends, compared with 77.6 percent of Chapel Hill High students and 73.1 percent of East Chapel Hill High students.

The school board is scheduled to review high school climate student survey results tonight (Thursday) during a work session.

Board member Jamezetta Bedford said the survey results might be attributable to older students at Carrboro High who were redistricted to the school when it opened last year.

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## Don't let your guard down when it comes to drought

### RECENTLY . . .

By Valerie Schwartz

University Lake is nearly full and though Cane Creek Reservoir is refilling, it is still not as full as it was at this time last year (on June 17, 2007 it was 92.7 percent full compared to 79.8 percent full Tuesday morning).

We don't know yet if the drought is really over, but we've experienced an interruption and can breathe easier about our water supply.

Except now, the Orange Water and Sewer Authority has announced that it needs to increase rates.

The size of the proposed rate increase got some attention last week, with 28 folks attending the public meeting and 15 addressing the board of directors, many asking that the proposed 24.9 percent rate increase be reconsidered.

It's a quandary, for sure. Times are truly tough, with many people — even in our affluent community — facing financial hardships like they've never imagined and leaving those living on fixed incomes wondering how they will survive.

Ed Kerwin, executive director of OWASA, explained the situation, which boils down to: The costs of operating have gone up while the amount of

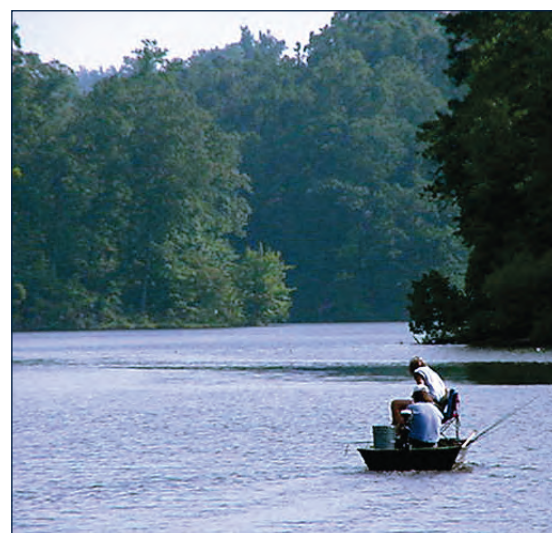


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**DAM NEAR FULL** — Summer fishing season is in full swing at University Lake. Cane Creek, still down a bit, is open again as well, but only on Saturdays.

water sales has gone down.

"If there's one comment we've heard most," Kerwin said, "it is: 'You asked me to conserve and I did — now you're penalizing me with high rates and that simply isn't fair.'"

"We understand where you're coming from," Kerwin continued. "We understand it completely. And yes, you did conserve, it was really important that you did and we truly thank you for conserving. It's important to our future. But water conservation, much like solid-waste recycling, does come with a price tag."

The price on that tag is what is required to keep the water company afloat, so to speak. The costs required to operate don't change significantly when less water is processed, but selling less water makes a significant difference.

"Next year, we now expect to treat 1.2 million gallons a day less on average than we previously forecasted," Kerwin said. "We will save about \$200,000 in chemical and energy costs, but we will not collect \$2 million in revenue for that water."

Besides the fact that people have learned to conserve, the university will soon have its reclaimed water system operating, which will greatly decrease its demand for water.

OWASA's capital improvement costs of upgrading treatment plants, replacing old pipes before there are failures and making repairs and improvements will be compromised without more revenue.

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## News Briefs

### Chatham votes in new budget

At its last meeting, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners adopted a new budget that reduces the tax increase by 35 percent, with the approved tax rate for 2008-2009 being 65.3 cents per \$100 of property appraisal.

Most actions taken by the commissioners were to reduce the budget, like the decreased funding for a new Community Development Department by \$186,207. The new department would coordinate planning, central permitting (including building inspections and fire marshal), sedimentation and erosion control and environmental resources; it would also manage new tasks related to transportation, affordable housing and green building initiatives.

Another source of major savings comes from an agreement to get water at a more favorable rate from the City of Durham, yielding a savings of \$722,266 that would have been transferred to a water capital reserve.

Accompanying the decreased spending, though, were a few increased expenditures. The commissioners increased the teachers supplement by \$300, a boost from the initial \$150 increase, and increased the supplement for teaching assistants, bus drivers and other designated personnel by \$100, up from the proposed \$50 increase. Because Chatham is required to have the same rate for the West Sanford Fire District as Lee County, that district tax will also increase from 8.6 cents to 10.9 cents.

### UNC Foundation buys Franklin property

University and town officials announced a deal Friday by the UNC-Chapel Hill Foundation to purchase Granville Towers and University Square in a deal valued at \$45.75 million.

At an announcement at Chapel Hill Town Hall, UNC Board of Trustees Chairman Roger Perry said the university has no immediate plans to alter the site, but that a future development would respect the commercial frontage on Franklin Street. Perry said the property would remain on the tax rolls under the deal with the foundation.

UNC Chancellor James Moeser said redevelopment of the lot would likely include a parking facility to serve the downtown and the university's Arts Common venues.

Perry, Moeser and Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy said they expect to solicit community input in developing the plans for the site, which also borders Cameron Avenue.

### Democratic primary run-off June 24

A Democratic primary run-off election will be held on Tuesday, June 24 for Commissioner of Labor and District 2 County Commissioner.

Mary Fant Donnan and John C. Brooks will vie for Commissioner of Labor and Steve Yuhasz and Leo L. Allision will face each other for county commissioner. Registered Democrats and unaffiliated voters who did not vote Republican in the May primary may vote.

All polling places will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. One Stop Voting can be done at the Orange County Board of Elections at 110 East King St. in Hillsborough until June 21 at 1 p.m.

## Commissioners debate property tax increase

by Susan Dickson  
Staff Writer

The Orange County Board of Commissioners made a preliminary decision on Tuesday to reduce the proposed ad valorem tax rate increase by 4 cents, to 99.8 cents per \$100 of property valuation.

County Manager Laura Blackmon had initially recommended an 8.8-cent increase on the tax rate. The increase would have raised the ad valorem tax rate to \$1.038 per \$100 of property valuation, representing a 9-percent increase over the current 95-cent rate. The new proposal would increase the tax rate about 5 percent, with just over \$5 million in cuts from the \$188.3

million initially proposed budget.

Under the new proposed budget, for a \$200,000 home the ad valorem tax would increase \$96 to \$1,996. According to Blackmon, one cent on the ad valorem tax rate would yield about \$1.27 million in revenue, a minimal increase over last year's \$1.25 million.

Commissioners had said they wanted to reduce the tax rate increase to keep the rate under a dollar. Some county residents asked commissioners to reduce the proposed increase, saying the increases were too much for their already strained budgets.

Nearly half of the general fund budget would fund the Chapel Hill-Carrboro and Or-

ange County school districts.

Blackmon's initial budget recommendations funded 98.5 percent of the two school districts' budget requests, but the new proposals include about a million dollars in school funding reductions.

About \$660,000 of the decrease comes from a reduction in teacher pay increases due to new proposals by the state Legislature. The initial budget had included a 5-percent increase in teacher pay. However, while Gov. Mike Easley has recommended a 7-percent increase, legislators have recommended a 3-percent increase. The new proposed county budget includes

the smaller 3-percent increase.

Commissioners found additional savings by denying departments' requests for new positions, implementing a three-month hiring freeze for vacant positions and delaying the opening of the West Ten Soccer Complex and Northern Park.

This year's budget is particularly tight because the county is scheduled to open 11 facilities during the next year. Also, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools will open Morris Grove Elementary School and add a senior class to Carrboro High in August.

The board will make a final decision regarding the budget at a meeting on June 24.

## Chapel Hill rescinds healthcare vote after complaints

by Catherine Rierson  
Staff Writer

After a week of getting heat from an overwhelming number of disgruntled citizens, the Chapel Hill Town Council rescinded the controversial vote that would have allowed ex-council members to receive health care

with taxpayers' dollars.

Mayor Kevin Foy opened last night's council meeting by stating that the council would review the 8-1 vote cast last week.

"What we've heard from citizens is the council made a mistake," Foy said. "The best way to deal with a mistake is to rectify it and move on."

Before its reversal, the vote that drew fury from citizens for the past week gave former council members the same health care benefits full-time town employees receive. Upon leaving office, members who had served two full terms would have been eligible for continuation of the benefits, with 75 percent being

paid by the town and 25 percent paid by the member.

Foy responded to the criticism by explaining that "members who develop a serious health problem during service in office, such as cancer or heart disease, could be unable to obtain health care coverage after they leave office, because of their 'pre-existing condition.'"

## FARMERS' MARKET

SATURDAY MARKET:  
7 a.m. - Noon

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

JUST TO NAME A FEW . . .

Blueberries, zucchini, yellow squash, cucumbers, corn, basil, cabbage, greenhouse tomatoes, kale, onions, garlic, radishes, beets, carrots, fennel, pac choy, Yukon gold potatoes, chard, fennel, vegetable and flower starters, sunflowers, snap dragons, godesia, larkspur, lilies, campanula, and many more flowers, baked goods (including vegan and gluten free options), breads, jams, wines, grass fed beef, pastured pork, pastured chicken, grass fed lamb, buffalo, sausage, chorizo, ground bison, raw milk cheeses, smoked cheeses, goat cheese, jams, jellies, pottery, hats, rugs and more!

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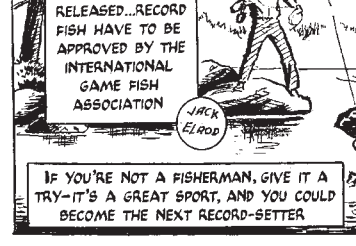
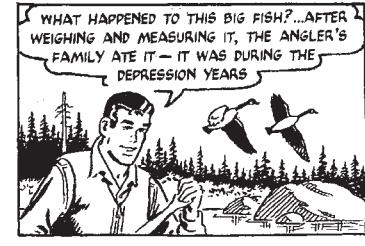
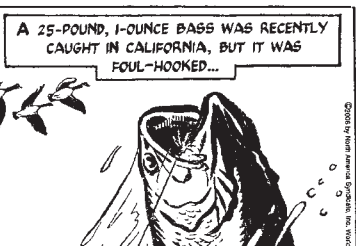
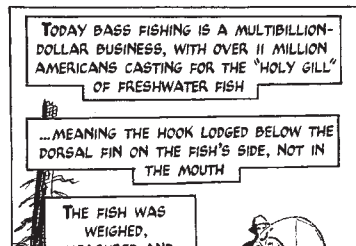
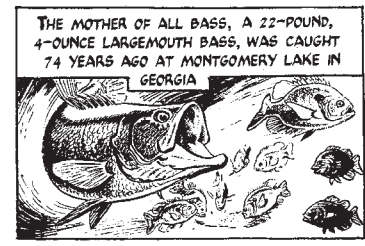
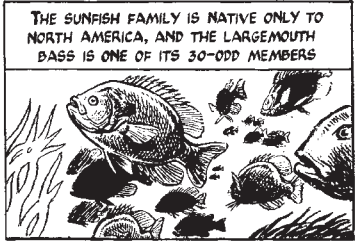
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**CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER:**  
Children have never been very good at staying in their beds, but they have learned to imitate their parents' behavior.













PHOTO BY CHRIS LILOIA, BOTANICAL GARDEN CURATOR

An unidentified blue duck floating on a sea of water shield in one of the Botanical Garden's aquatic tanks. The little red water shield flowers are dwarfed by the larger adjacent water lily. Do you recognize that little critter in the water lily?

**FLORA FROM PAGE 1**

The underside of the leaf and the petiole feel like they're covered with a hard jelly. Don't hesitate holding the leaf again, because that thick coating of gelatinous slime won't cling to your fingers like the slimy substance of a common slug. That slimy coat must provide some kind of protective benefit for the plant.

The leaves serve as a valuable shelter for fish, and waterfowl eat the seeds as well as the leaves. Native Americans used the tuberous roots for food and the Japanese use the young stems and leaves in salads. I've found a reference crediting the Japanese with processing and using the gelatinous coating. There is no clue about what that use may be. There's a good "find

the answer" challenge for *Citizen* readers.

Just seeing and feeling the plant will suit me fine; I'm not about to eat it, but I admit that I can't walk by without touching it. You really do have to touch it to believe it. And if you want to really have some fun, introduce it to your friends and I'll wager that any young people under your influence will talk about it long after you leave the garden.

**THE MILL**



PHOTO BY JORDAN TIMPY

A profile milling machine towers over Reid Allison (far right), the foreman on the construction project to build a turn lane on N.C. Highway 54 just west of Carrboro. A half-mile stretch of one lane is closed for road work, leaving just one lane open for alternating traffic and causing slight delays.

**PRINCIPALS FROM PAGE 1**

"It's really hard to be a junior there when you have your loyalty to your other high schools," Bedford said. "It was a tough transition for juniors and many of the sophomores."

Bedford added that many of the sports teams struggled during their first season, which could have lowered student morale. In addition, Bedford said more students were caught breaking rules at Carrboro

High than at other schools because the newer building has more cameras than the other high schools, which could have affected the students' views of their school.

District officials expect that Trice will serve as interim principal until August, when they hope to make a permanent appointment prior to the beginning of the new school year.

Trice has served as director of curriculum and instruction for the district since March 2006. Before coming to Chapel

Hill-Carrboro City Schools, he worked as a regional Title I consultant for the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. In addition, Trice served as assistant principal at Cedar Ridge High School in Orange County Schools for two years.

He holds a doctorate in educational leadership from UNC, a master's degree in educational leadership from the University of Detroit Mercy and a bachelor's degree in biology from Morehouse College.

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