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PHOTO BY KEN MOORE A silphium flower head contains a tight cluster of male tube flowers surrouned by a circle of lady ray flowers. A closer look may reveal to you the double thread-like female stigma at the base of the

# Town, owner at odds over Abbey Court towing

After dozens of cars are towed, residents claim discrimination

by Susan Dickson Staff Writer

The owner of the majority of Abbey Court Condominiums told Mayor Mark Chilton on Monday that he would not suspend the complex's towing policy and that management would continue to tow residents' vehicles that do not have parking permits.

Chilton said he asked Ken Lucas, president and CEO of the Tar Heel Companies, to stop towing residents' cars, but that Lucas refused. The Tar Heel Companies runs Abbey Court and Lucas owns most of the units in the complex.

Last week, Abbey Court began towing vehicles that were parked in the apartment complex's parking lot without permits. However, many residents were denied parking permits because their cars have dents, need paint or have a cracked windshield, according to Carrboro police.

According to Chilton, Lucas said he was concerned that some people were parking there illegally to catch the bus to downtown Carrboro. In addition, according to Chilton, Lucas said he was concerned that there are people living in some of the apartments who aren't on the lease and that he was trying to use the parking permits as a method to determine where people are living.

According to resident Alfonso Hernandez, Abbey Court management had 47 cars towed in one day last week.

However, Chilton said Lucas told him the complex had towed only 12 cars.

Lucas did not return calls for comment. Lucas' attorney, Bart White, said on Friday that he would speak with *The* Citizen, but has not returned multiple

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PHOTO BY JORDAN TIMPY

Martin Ayala, who lives with his family in Abbey Court in Carrboro, stands outside the Carrboro Town Hall Saturday in protest of the recent spike in towing activity of residents' cars by the apartment complex because they lack parking permits.

# FLORA By Ken Moore

# Power-line botany

everal days ago, I spied lots of yellow flowers along the edge of the power line crossing Poplar Avenue in west Carrboro. Infrequently cleared power line right-of-ways are great places to observe a diversity of both native and exotic plants and the critters that depend on them.

This past weekend, I walked through the tall grasses for a closer look. I found a vigorous stand of six-foot-tall rosinweeds, Silphium asteriscus. The Latin, silphium, refers to the rosin content. There are several species of silphium in our state, occurring mostly on dry prairie-like fields and roadsides. They have an interesting heritage of medicinal uses, including tonics given to horses. The rosin was used for gum and candy for the children. The frequently described action of burning the dried root as a charm against lightning during storms really fires the imagination.

Silphiums are in the composite (aster) plant family. I never miss an opportunity for a closer look at a composite head. It is always a wonder to discover that what looks like a single, multi-petaled flower is really a tight cluster of numerous separate tiny flowers. Having a hand lens in the pocket really does help see these details. (I assume that one never walks outdoors without their trusty hand lens.)

I counted the individual flowers in several silphium heads and discovered an average of 15 golden-yellow ray flowers encircling an average of 40 smaller greenish-yellow tube (disc) flowers. The tube flowers in the very center were unopened. Progressing outwardly, the flowers became fully mature, characterized by a star-shaped opening at the top of each tube. You can see the dark pollen-bearing anthers held inside.

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by Susan Dickson

Tomato enthusiasts, get ready the peak of tomato season has arrived, and it's time to head on down to the Carrboro Farmers' Market to sample some of the area's best varieties.

For the past eight years, the Carrboro Farmers' Market has featured a

ket at the height of tomato season, but that better with a tomato day," said this year things are changing slightly.

On Saturday, the market will host Tomato Day, which will feature more than just a tomato sampling.

"To keep everybody trying the same tomatoes throughout the morning and actually getting the opportunity to learn about the dif-

tomato tasting during a Saturday mar-ferent types, we thought we could do Sarah Blacklin, director of the market. "Sometimes with a tasting, we're only left with a couple of different varieties by the end of the day, and not everybody gets the opportunity to try everything."

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# Shotgun-toting robbery suspect arrested

Chapel Hill Police have obtained a warrant for a suspect in a robbery Tuesday near the ATM at RBC Centura Bank on Willow Drive.

The robbery occurred at 2:40 p.m. when the victim was returning to his car after withdrawing money from the machine.

According to a police report, the suspect, Keith Robert Webster, Jr. of 516 Burlington Ave. in Durham, was sitting in a car parked next to the victim's vehicle with a shotgun across his lap. The report says he demanded money from the

victim and also demanded the victim withdraw more money from the ATM. Roberts then fled in his car, according to the report. He was apprehended later in Raleigh and is in the custody of the Wake County Sheriff's Department.

Chapel Hill Police issued a statement Wednesday saying the department obtained a warrant for Webster for robbery with a dangerous weapon in connection with the robbery.

Tuesday's robbery is the third in a series of daylight armed robberies in Chapel Hill in which victims reported

being held up by a man brandishing a shotgun.

According to police reports, on Sunday, around 6:30 p.m., two men headed toward Franklin Street through the alley next to the Varsity Theater were held up by a man with a shotgun. About 10 minutes later, a woman parked near the ATM at Wachovia Bank at University Mall told police that another car pulled up next to hers and a man got out, produced a shotgun and demanded money.

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# Legislation clears the way for new airport

Landfill gas facility for Carolina North also part of bill

by Kirk Ross Staff Writer

The General Assembly has cleared the way for UNC-Chapel Hill and UNC Health Care to jointly create an airport authority, which will be charged with locating, building and operating a new airport to replace the field at Horace Williams.

The authority provisions, woven into a bill that authorizes various university system construction projects, require approval by the UNC System Board of Governors for the university and the health care system to set up an authority. Once set up, the authority would have the right to acquire property, condemn land and construct an airport facility.

The bill was held up briefly while Senate and House negotiators settled on language that limited where such an authority could be set up. The Senate's version of the bill was much broader, allowing other institutions in the UNC system to set up airport authorities. But House negotiators led by Orange County representatives Verla Insko and Bill Faison managed to maintain language the House adopted specifying that the new airport authority should be limited to Orange County.

An amendment offered by Faison during House debate states that, "An airport established under this Article may only be established in Orange County. The sole purpose of the authority is to re-site Horace Williams Airport and operate the re-sited aircraft."

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# A roadside garden reflects the gardener

# RECENTLY ...

By Valarie Schwartz

For years, I've admired the gardening I could see while driving past Irene Womble Stevens' home on Damascus Church Road. From whichever direction one approaches this home perched on the crest of a hill, there's no doubt that a gardener lives there.

One day last year, I left a note in the mailbox claiming my admiration and included my phone number. She called and we talked about her gardening obsession, but the drought was on and not much was left for the season. After seeing how spectacular it looked while passing by last week, I stopped in and got a tour of the garden Stevens has created around the house her grandfather bought in 1905 and raised seven children in through the deaths of two wives.

The original home had "two rooms up and two rooms down with a shotgun hall and a kitchen away from the house," she said. The road was in a different place back then; in fact, it wasn't called Damascus Church Road

at all – it was known only by its Rural Free Delivery (RFD) route number. Irene remembers that the privy sat in a spot where today's road runs.

In 1995, after her step-grandmother had died, Stevens and her husband moved from Greensboro, where she had retired after a 40-year career as an office worker for Burlington Industries, and made the home

"We could have bulldozed it down and rebuilt for what we spent on restoration," she said. But instead they preserved the character of the original house, ending up with a lovely spot that includes a screened-in porch for enjoying the garden and the pond beyond, at the bottom of the hill.

The area is rich with Wombles. She grew up across the dell behind the house, on what is now Smith Level Road, in the house where a Wombles Farm sign stands, and where a brother still lives. Irene has siblings living shouting distance away in most directions.

PHOTO BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

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A peek into the garden of Irene Stevens

# MUSIC CALENDAR



### **THURSDAY JULY 24**

Cat's Cradle: Hieroglyphics, Blue Scholars, Knobody, Musab, Tanya Morgan. 9:30pm

Local 506: Pop Stomp (Indie Dance Night with DI Mixcake) The Cave: EARLY: FEMMEFEST.

LATE: Taz Halloween, Val Yumm. The Station: Near Blind James & Harmonica Bob.

Blue Horn Lounge: Tori Sparks. General Store Café: Jazz w/ Bo Lankenau & Friends. 8pm

# **FRIDAY JULY 25**

Cat's Cradle: Tilly and the Wall, The Ruby Suns, Doly Toro. 9:30pm Local 506: The Strugglers, Citified, Gray Young. 9:30pm

Nightlight: New Artica, Run Dan Run, Easy Company. 9:30pm

The Cave: EARLY: FEMMEFEST feat. Comedy w/ Michelle LATE: Jimmy & The Teasers

The Station: Potato Gun, Niki Barr

Blue Horn Lounge: Adrian Duke. 10pm

Open Eye Café: Catbird Seat. 8pm

General Store Café: The Mayhawks. 9pm

Blue Bayou Club: Spoonful of Soul. 9:30pm

# **SATURDAY JULY 26**

Local 506: Fan Tan. 10pm Nightlight: Beloved Binge, Light Pollution, Saint Peter Pocket Veto.

The Cave: EARLY: FEMMEFEST feat. The Lonesome Departed. LATE: Mary Johnson & The Rockers.

Reservoir: Transportation, Bastard Sword, 10pm

The Station: Clockwork Ball w/

DJs. 10pm Blue Horn Lounge: Marla Vickers

Band. 10pm Open Eye Café: The Watercallers.

General Store Café: Mary Rocap & Lise Uyanik. 8:30pm

Blue Bayou Club: Da Muthas. 9:30pm

# **MONDAY JULY 28**

Cat's Cradle: She & Him featuring Zooey Deschanel and M. Ward, Freakwater. 7:30pm, \$18

Local 506: Ours. God or Iulie. Plane Jane Automobile. 9pm, \$15

# **TUESDAY JULY 29**

Blue Bayou Club: Blues Jam. 8pm Cat's Cradle: Immortal Technique, DJ G.I. Joe, Poison Pen, Da Circle, J Arch, Pens And Needles. 8:30pm, \$15

**Local 506:** Sunfold, Lonnie Walker.

# **WEDNESDAY JULY 30**

Cat's Cradle: Cosmic Charlie. 8:30pm, \$10

The Cave: Doctor Oakroot Nightlight: Armed Forces, Fire in the Woods, Merch. 9:30pm

# THURSDAY JULY 31

Blue Bayou Club: Lisa Kyle. 8:30pm

Blue Horn Lounge: Pete Waggoner. 9pm

# The Cave: EARLY: Geoff Koch LATE: Death to Society, Irie Muse **General Store Cafe:** JazzBeau. 8:30pm Local 506: Martian

Nightlight: Alex Culbreth, Ann Humphreys, Anthony Neff. 9:30pm

### **FRIDAY AUGUST I**

Teardrops

Blue Bayou Club: The Adrian Duke Projek.

9:30pm The Cave: EARLY: New River Rock Skippers

**General Store Cafe:** Michael Holland. 8:30pm

Local 506: Embarassing Fruits CD Release, Hammer No More the Fingers, Opening Flower Happy Bird. 9:30pm

Nightlight: The Tourist, The Invisible Hand, The Sibling Project, Dylan Gilbert. 9:30pm

Open Eye Cafe: Crys Mathews. 8pm

# **SATURDAY AUGUST 2**

Cat's Cradle: Don Dixon & The Jump Rab-

bits. 8pm, \$12 The Cave: EARLY: Abe Reid LATE: Aminal

**General Store Cafe:** Down River. 8:30pm

Music, Sweet By & By

Local 506: Neil Hamburger, Daiquiri, Brian Vicini. 9:30pm, \$8

Nightlight: FrequeNC Records Night



Niki Barr Band / The Station / July 25

# **SUNDAY AUGUST 3**

Local 506: David Lee & His Mercenaries, The Tremors. 9:30pm, \$8

Reservoir: Combat Zone, Change the Station, The Heron, Western Civ. 10pm

# **MONDAY AUGUST 4**

Nightlight: Extreme Animals, Fortress of Amplitude, Secret Boyfriend, DJ Nasty Boots. 9:30pm Reservoir: Bob Funck. 9:30pm

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# Civil rights education program

The Orange County Human Rights and Relations Office is accepting applications for the Community Civil Rights Educator Program.

The program is designed to empower community leaders and help residents understand their rights and responsibilities. Five to 10 people will be selected to participate in the program that will start in the fall. After completing the training program, the educators will sign a contract with the office to conduct community outreach for one year. Educators will receive a monetary stipend for successful completion of quarterly requirements.

Applicants must be 18 or older, a resident of Orange County, not employed by Orange County government and not related to members of the Orange County Human Relations Commission or the Commission for Women. Program participants must attend three mandatory training sessions on October 4, October 18 and November 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Applications are available online at www.co.orange.nc.us under the "What's New" section, at the town halls in Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough and at El Centro Latino or by calling Jennifer Galassi at 960-3876.

# **New county attorney**

County Manager Laura Blackmon announced on Wednesday that Annette Moore will serve as the new staff attorney for Orange County.

As staff attorney, Moore will provide in-house legal services for county departments, reporting directly to the county manager.

Moore has worked for Orange County since 1999, serving as director of the Department of Human Rights and Relations, special counsel to Orange Person Chatham Mental Health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse authority and most recently as policy and compliance officer. Prior to her work in Orange County, Moore served as the fair housing manager with the North Carolina Human Relations Commission.

She holds a law degree from the College of William and Mary and a bachelor's degree in public administration from Virginia

Moore will begin her work as staff attorney on Monday.

# **UNC** raises \$300 million

UNC raised \$300 million in fiscal year 2008, the highest total ever for the school in one year and the fifth-straight recordsetting year for fundraising.

Commitments in 2008 also helped the university create 36 endowed professorships as well as a total of 93 undergraduate scholarships and graduate fellowships.

Carolina had 73,247 donors for the year. UNC alumni gave \$81 million and corporations and foundations combined to provide \$89.9 million. The balance came from friends of the university and other organizations.



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# New barbed fence blocks downtown pedestrian route

Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton expressed his dismay at a new eight-foot-tall, barbed-wire fence that runs along the perimeter of Estes Park Apartments, erected by the complex's management and blocking a frequently used path for walkers and bikers between northern Chapel Hill and downtown Carrboro.

Chilton's dissatisfaction with the obstacle mirrors the feelings of others in the area who regularly use the pathway as either an alternative to driving or to walking or biking on the traffic-heavy Estes Drive Extension to North Greensboro Street.

The blocked path is an old driveway to the former property of Leo Merritt, who lived in a house built across the railroad tracks in the early twentieth century. When Estes Park Apartments were built in 1971, the access point was acknowledged as a formal railroad crossing and was once the primary access road to the old slave cemetery in Chapel



PHOTO BY JORDAN TIMP'

A new fence along the perimeter of Estes Park Apartments blocks a path used by pedestrians and bikers to get downtown..

The Town of Chapel Hill now owns the Merritt land and Chilton has expressed concern are currently in the final stages

over the new fence's legality. Fortunately for those offended bikers and pedestrians, plans

for a sidewalk stretching from Estes Park to North Greensboro Street. —Staff reports

# Council concerned over second graffiti incident

by Catherine Rierson Staff Writer

According to Chapel Hill Town public information officer Catherine Lazorko, Town Manager Roger Stancil has promised potential criminal charges and employee termination as repercussions for the perpetrator of a second unsolved case of racist graffiti.

Lazorko was unaware of any new developments in the ongoing investigation promised by the town manager, and Stancil is withholding comments on the investigation, she said.

The graffiti, reading "Black Panthers KKK Head Coach J. Neville," was found in the bathroom of the Town Operations Center on July 3 and apparently was directed at Jerry Neville, an ex-chairman of the Black Public Works Association.

Neville informed the council that his name along with racist comments were previously written on a urinal, and a black noose had been drawn on the stall wall of

a different bathroom at the public works headquarters.

Alan McSurely, legal redress chair of the local NAACP, told The Citizen that no one has provided Neville with details of the police investigation; Chapel Hill police have still not charged anyone or released any news concerning the inves-

"The council is seriously concerned about the graffiti and the town manager has made a commitment to releasing any information as soon as it surfaces," Lazorko said.

"It is the policy of the Town of Chapel Hill to maintain a respectful work and public service environment free from discrimination, from violence, and from other offensive or degrading remarks or conduct," Stancil said in a statement. "This type of offensive behavior is not tolerated or permitted by the Town of Chapel Hill, nor is it representative of our employees."

# **LEGISLATION** FROM PAGE I

Under the rules, the new authority would consist of 15 members, including one recommended by the speaker of the House, one recommended by the president pro tem of the Senate, eight members recommended by the UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Trustees and approved by the UNC System Board of Governors, three members appointed by the county board of commissioners and two members appointed by municipalities.

Another section of the legislation authorizes \$17.7 million in funding for "Cogeneration and Steam Infrastructure Improvements and Expansion" and allows UNC-Chapel Hill to proceed with construction and financing for a landfill-gas utilization project. University and Orange County officials completed an agreement this spring on a plan to use gas from the Eubanks Road landfill to fuel a cogeneration plant on the Carolina North property. During community discussion on Carolina North last year, university officials said they would like to develop a cogeneration plant at Carolina North and identified a potential site in the center of the property.

# **Obituaries**

# James E. Johnson

Funeral services for James Everett Johnson, age 91, were held July 23 at 1 p.m. at Jones Funeral Home in Chapel Hill. The burial followed in Barbee's Chapel Baptist Church Cemetary.

He is survived by his wife, Jennie Jones Johnson; one son, Larry Johnson; three daughters, Jeanie Bishop, Carol Johnson and Angelet Alston; and sister Lillie M. Pratt.

# Ruth C. French

Ruth C. French passed away on July 18, 2008 in her home with her family. Born December 14, 1910 in North Tarrytown, NY, Ruth was the eldest daughter to Archibald Eastwood Chace, MD and Ruth Lombard.

She lived in Tarrytown, NY and Texarkana, AR before moving to southern California, where she majored in art and music at Long Beach Junior College and UCLA. Just prior to World War II, she became the first female

American Aviation on the B-25 Mitchell bombers and P-51 Mustangs.

Production Planner for North

After the war, she moved to for the next 40 years. She served as an assistant editor for Funk & Wagnall's; then an executive administrative assistant at American Cyanamid; and retired after 20 years as the assistant to the administrator of The Greenwich Hospital. After retirement, Mrs. French moved to Chapel Hill, NC and was a member of Shared Living, before moving to her daughter's home in Browns

Her retirement offered opportunities for painting, music, volunteering, traveling, and especially, enjoying her daughter and granddaughter.

Summit.

She was best known for facing challenges with grace, embodying old-school lady likeness yet still unknowingly paving the way for women's rights, her stylish bent in art and clothing and her extensive travel. She was known for being young and ahead in spite of her years (was surfing

the web in her 90s); fantastic stories filled with the history of our country and family; her candor, humor and independence, always learning and taking classes; versity of Baltimore in 1960. He Greenwich, CT, where she lived her love and devotion; and to all retired from the Bell system after her granddaughter's friends, she 32 years of dedicated service. was known as "Grammy." Her remarkable life was as filled as anyone could dream of and her absence will be felt forever.

Surviving are her daughter, Ann Lombard French Kelk of Browns Summit; granddaughter, Elizabeth Chace Kelk of Charlotte; sisters Anita Chace Lippold of Fresno, CA and Margaret Chace Corbett of Dallas, TX, as well as beloved nieces, nephews and their children.

Memorials may be sent to Environmental Defense, 257 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10010, or an organization of your choice.

# Glenn O. Ervin

Glenn Odell Ervin, Sr., 78, affectionately known as "the mayor of Coventry Court" for his friendliness and humor, died at home July 19, 2008 after a short, hard battle with cancer.

He was born and raised in Catawba, NC. Glenn served in the United States Air Force and then later graduated from the Uni-

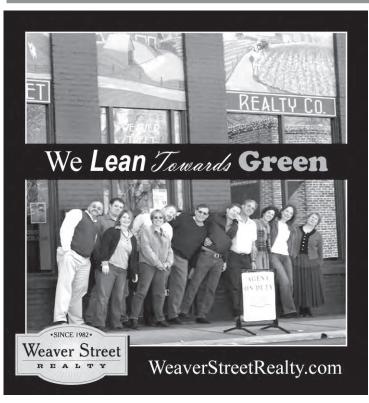
He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Marlyn Ervin; son, Glenn Ervin Jr. and wife, Mary Lou; son, Paul Ervin and wife, Cindy; daughter, Margaret Ramsdell and husband, Craig; five granddaughters; and three great-grandsons. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Macey Ervin, brother, Cyril Ervin, brother, Ioe Morris Ervin, and son, David L. Ervin.

The memorial service will be Thursday July 24, 2008 at 11 a.m. at Crabtree Valley Baptist Church, 4408 Lead Mine Rd Raleigh.

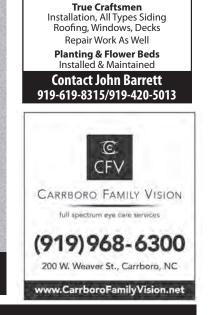
Memorial contributions can be made to Crabtree Valley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 30954, Raleigh, NC 27622 or Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation, P.O. Box 10427, Salem Station, Winston-Salem, NC 27108.

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Para prepararse bien en caso de tormenta, se recomienda que siempre tenga a su alcance una radio, una linterna, las pilas, agua y comida enlatada. Para su seguridad, durante una tormenta tenga cuidado de cables électronicos y ramas del árbol en la calle, y no salga menos que sea necesario. Y nunca vaya a la piscina en caso de rayos y truena. Comentarios, sugerencias y preguntas al betsy@ carrborocitizen.com

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# **Community Calendar**

# **Special Events**

Open Jazz Jam — second Fridays, bring your instruments to the ArtsCenter and jam with the house band or just bring your ears and dancing shoes. 8pm, \$5 cover includes one drink.

Locally Grown — July 25, Chapel Hill hosts a downtown event highlighting local food, crafts and music from 8-10:30pm.

# **Cedar Grove Bluegrass**

**Festival** — free festival on Sept. 27. Musical performances and refreshments. Northern Human Services Center (located on Highway 86 North) in Cedar Grove, from noon to 6pm. Gates will open at 10am. Rain or shine, bring your chairs and blankets. 245-2660. http://www.co.orange. nc.us/RecParks/music\_festivals.

# Faith

**Buddhism** — Buddhist teachings and meditation with Gen Tilopa of the Kosala Buddhist Center 7-8:30pm Wednesday evenings. \$10. First class free. 711 W. Rosemary St (above Carrburritos). meditationinchapelhill.org 967-1861.

### Tibetan Buddhist **Meditation & Mind Training**

— Wednesdays, 7:30-9pm in July. Piedmont KTC Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Center, 35 Perkins Drive off Weaver Dairy Road in Chapel Hill across from Timberlyne Shopping Center. www.piedmontktc.org. 933-2138.

**Advent Lutheran** — Summer Sunday worship 10am. 230 Erwin Rd, Chapel Hill. 968-7680. adventlutheranch.org

# **Outdoor activities**

**Guided Tours** — of the N.C. Botanical Garden's Plant Collections, every Saturday at 10am.

**Gardening Advice** — The Orange County Master Gardeners provide a variety of gardening and landscaping information. Home Garden Clinic at the N.C. Botanical Garden's Totten Center on Wednesdays and Fridays from noon to 2pm. Call in questions at 962-0522 or speak in person. Bring cuttings or photographs of

# Kids

**Toddler Time** — at the Carrboro Branch Library. Every Satruday at 10:15am. 969-3006 July 19: Miz Moon; July 26: Baseball

damaged or stressed plants.

Preschool Story Time — at the Carrboro Branch Library. Saturdays at IIam.

Express Yourself! — art program for ages 3-8 & their caregivers. Saturdays, 10:45-II:I5am, II:30am-noon. \$2 Kidzu Children's Museum 105 E Franklin St 933-1455 kidzuchildrensmuseum.org

### **Volunteers RSVP 55+ Volunteer Pro-**

gram — seeks volunteers to match other volunteers with opportunities for public service. 968-2056

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

English as a Second Language Conversation Club

- seeks volunteers to talk with groups of international students Fridays from noon-2pm. University Methodist Church on Franklin St. 967-1448, harwellja@ bellsouth.net

# Health & Wellness

Cancer support — weekly support free of charge for cancer patients and family. cornucopiahouse.org

### The Compassionate Friends: Self-help support after the

**death of a child** — free and open to all adults grieving the loss of a child or sibling. Third Mondays, 7-8:30pm. Evergreen United Methodist Church. 967-3221. chapelhilltcf.

### Museums

**Gallery tour** — tour "Hecho a Mano: Book Arts of Latin America" with curator Teresa Chapa. 5:45pm, Wednesday, July 23, Wilson Library.

# Lectures, Discussions & Open Mics

Open Mic —poetry, music & short fiction. Tuesdays, 7pm, Market Street Books & Maps, Southern Village. 933-5111, marketstreetbooks.com

### Literary New Library Hours — Car-

rboro Branch Library: closed Monday and Friday. Tuesday-Thurs 5-8pm, Saturday 10am-2pm, Sunday 1-5pm.

**The Book Thief** — Contemporary Fiction Book Club meets to discuss the Markus Zusak novel. July 29, 7pm. Carrboro Cybrary, 918-7387. cybrary@co.orange.

Journey to the Center of the **Earth** — The Movie/Book Club meets to discuss the film and Jules Verne novel. See the movie or

read the book and join in. Carrboro Cybrary. 918-7387. cybrary@ co.orange.nc.us July 31, 7pm

**Eat, Pray, Love** — on Thursday, Aug 14, 7:00pm, the Carrboreaders Non-Fiction Book Club meets to discuss Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything Across Italy, India, and Indonesia by Elizabeth Gilbert. Carrboro Cybrary. 918-7387.

# **Everything is Illuminated**

— Contemporary Fiction Book Club meets to discuss the lonathan Safran Foer novel. Aug. 28, 7pm. Carrboro Cybrary. 918-7387. cybrary@co.orange.nc.us

# **Politics**

# **Orange County Democratic**

**Women** — meeting and discussion July 24, 7:30pm, at the Chapel Hill Museum. Discussion of taxes w/ guest speaker. All welcome.

Small is Possible — August 14, 7pm. McIntyre's Fine Books. Author Lyle Estill discusses his book Small is Possible: Life in a Local Economy. 542-3030.

### **Dance**

**Havana Nights** — Cuban Salsa. Ist and 3rd Thursdays, 10pm. Mansion 462, 462 W Franklin St, 967-7913, www.mansion462.net

Salsa/Mambo — 3rd Saturdays, lesson 8pm, dance 8:30-11pm. \$7, 358-4201, salsa\_4u2@yahoo.com. Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 4702 Garrett Rd, Durham.

**Ballroom** — 4th & 5th Thursdays, 7-9:30pm, \$2. 933-8982. Seymour Senior Center, 2551 Homestead Rd, Chapel Hill, 968-2070

Carrboro DanceJam — freestyle dance to an eclectic mix of music. First Fridays. Balanced Movement Studio. 304 W Weaver St, upstairs. Smoke & alcohol free. Call 968-8776 for more info.

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Carrboro resident Mark Dorosin is the guizmaster each

# MARK DOROSIN'S TRIVIA FROM HELL Right Wing Nut Jobs

I. In what city and state is Bob Jones University located?

2. Who is the founder and head of Focus on the Family?

3. Who is the sanctimonious former Secretary of Education and author of The Book of Virtues whose gambling addiction and million-dollar Vegas losses were revealed in 2003?

4. What right-winger wrote a 2003 book defending the career of Joseph Mc-Carthy and famously lamented that Timothy McVeigh didn't target the New York Times building?

5. Pastor Fred Phelps and his Westbrook Kansas Church are best known for what activity?

6. What U.S. company founded the right wing think tank the Heritage Foundation?

7. True or False: Sean Hannity created Hannidate, an internet dating service for conservative singles.

8. Who is the founder and editor of *The Weekly Standard*?

9. At what U.S. college did a conservative biweekly newspaper debut in 1980 that became a training ground for many of the radical right, including D'nesh Dsouza and Laura Ingraham?

10. Who is the African-American right winger and founder of the American Civil Rights Institute, dedicated to pushing ballot initiatives like California's Proposition 209, outlawing affirmative action in state hiring or university admissions?

# PETS OF THE WEEK **APS OF ORANGE COUNTY** — Hello

there! My name is Whippy! I'm a I-yearold lovely tan and white Hound mix gal, a total cutie! I love everybody and everything. One time a cat accidentally got in my kennel with me and I was so well behaved. I could live with kitties or doggies just fine. I love toys and am a wiggle butt type-of-gal. I am a young adult so I could benefit from the Lifeskills classes my owner will get for free when they adopt me. I am eager to please and am very psyched to see what my new owner and I could learn together! Come see me at Animal Protection Society of Orange County, 6311 Nicks Road, Mebane, or



call 304-2300. You can also go online at www.animalprotectionsociety.org

### **ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES** — Meet Bud! This handsome boy is around

a year and a half old and is looking for a calm, sensitive home that can help him make a fresh start. Bud is missing one of his front feet and only walks on 3 legs, but his confidence is where he needs the biggest boost. Bud is a shy guy who will prosper from a steady, consistent person in his life to help him realize the world



isn't so scary after all. Stop by Orange County's Animal Shelter, 1081 MLK Jr. Blvd, Chapel Hill or call 919-967-7383. You can also see him online at www. co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/adoption.asp.

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# Citizen **Cryptoquote** By Martin Brody

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# by Linda Thistle

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# **Community Briefs**

# **Tents of Hope**

The United Church of Chapel Hill will host Tim Nonn, national coordinator of Tents of Hope, an advocacy movement for the people of Darfur, Sudan. Tents of Hope are artistic tents created by congregations and other communities as focal points for learning about and helping war-torn Darfur. Tim Nonn will give a sermon, themed "We are All Connected," on July 27 at 8:45 and 11 a.m.

The United Church of Chapel Hill has a Tent of Hope on its front lawn, designed and painted by churchgoers. The tent is intended to be symbolic of the tents used by the millions of refugees displaced by the violence.

Tents of Hope started in 2007 from a partnership between churches and Sudan advocacy group Dear Sudan. The project encourages communities to shape the project and reach others to raise awareness of the ethnic warfare there, called genocide by the U.S. State Department.

# International sale

Internationalist Books and Community Center will be holding a yard sale fundraiser on August 9 at 2408 Honeysuckle Road in Chapel Hill. The bookstore is accepting donations of books, clothes, furniture and other household goods and odds and ends at the store. Call 942-1740 first if you plan to donate large furniture. The sale starts early.

# **Femme Fest**

From July 22 to 26 The Cave and Mansion 462 will host Femme Fest to benefit the Girls Rock Camp of NC and the Rape Crisis Center of Chapel Hill. Each venue will host two bands each night, all with female leads, and donate the proceeds.

# **Church lectures**

The Community Church of Chapel Hill, Unitarian Universalist, will present its 2008 Straley lecture series on Sundays in July and through August 10. The lectures start at noon with a lunch and end by 1:30 p.m. To register for childcare or for more information call 929-5983 or 942-5735. Speakers are members of the church that have volunteered or done outreach in fields like the environment, the Orange County Organizing Comittee, race relations and for South America.

# Youth leagues

The Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department is sponsoring and co-sponsoring a number of sports opportunities for kids. Classes and leagues involve:

Soccer C.L.A.S.S. (Children Learning Athletic Sports Skills) for kids and parents. Children age 4-6 and parents can learn the basic skills of soccer. Saturdays, 9 to 10 a.m. from September 6 to October 11. The fee is \$47 per child.

Fall baseball for ages 6-15 with a fee of \$52 for County residents and \$91 for those living outside the county.

For more information on any program or to register call the Recreation and Parks department at 918-7364.

# Coaches needed

The Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department is accepting volunteer coach applications for youth baseball and basketball programs. For information and an application, call 918-7364.

# Jaguar baseball

Carrboro High School is holding its Jaguar Baseball Camp for youths aged 10-12 on Monday, August 11 through Friday, August 15, from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$95, and includes camp t-shirt,

water bottle and Friday cook-

This year's camp will focus on teaching the basic fundamentals of baseball and teaching the player to play with confidence. For more information or to receive a registration form, please contact Nat Tyndall at natunc@aol.com or 632-4062.

# **Bynum concerts**

The Bynum Friday night concert series means to keep the now-closed Bynum General Store a social and community hub. So every Friday they throw a party there.

Performing this week are Bill and Libby Hicks from 7 to 9 p.m. Food and non-alcoholic drinks are for sale and wood art and paintings will be on display and sale. And from 7 to 8 p.m. kids can enjoy Craft Time.

The program is sponsored by the Chatham Arts Council. For more information contact bynumfrontporch@gmail.com.

# Race film and talk

The Town of Chapel Hill's Justice in Action Committee will host a community viewing and discussion of *A Class Divided* at 7 tonight (Thursday) in the Council Chamber at the Chapel Hill Town Hall.

The event is the first in a series of outreach events designed to engage the community in open and frank conversations about race relations in Chapel Hill. The committee is planning a Unity in Heritage Festival for the fall, as well as a Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration in spring 2009.

A Class Divided is a documentary about third-grade teacher Jane Elliott's "blue eyes-brown eyes" exercise, originally conducted in the days following the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968. Jan Boxill, director of the Parr Center for Ethics at UNC, will help facilitate a discussion about how these issues are relevant today to residents of Chapel Hill.

Refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact André Wessen at 843-8917 or Boxill at 962-3317.

# Achievement talk

Mychal Wynn, one of the world's premiere authorities on black male achievement, school improvement planning, closing the minority achievement gap and college planning, will speak at the Smith Middle School Auditorium on August 4. Wynn will discuss why identifying, analyzing and understanding the unique societal, home and community variables that impact all students identified as "at risk" is prerequisite to developing holistic and effective strategies for closing the achievement gap and preparing students for college.

The session is sponsored by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Minority Student Achievement Team and will run from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

# **Mural** restoration

On Friday muralist Michael Brown will restore the Pencil mural on Henderson Street. And from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. Town of Chapel Hill Public Art Administrator Jeffrey York will be at P.T.'s Grille (across the street from the mural) to eat and discuss public art.

Anyone is invited to speak with York and watch from the patio as the mural is restored. P.T.'s Grille will donate a portion of the day's sales to the Painted Walls Project. For more information please contact the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership at 967-9440 or partnership@downtownchapelhill.com.



PHOTO BY JORDAN TIMPY

Hattie Warner volunteers for two hours every week at the Carrboro Branch Library simply because she loves books, but said she was forced to change her schedule when the library's hours changed. "I am delighted they are going back to the old hours," Warner said.

# Library hours reinstated

After a storm of protests over funding cuts, Orange County officials reinstated hours at branch libraries in the county late last week.

The library cuts struck a nerve in Carrboro, because a higher percentage of hours were cut at the Carrboro Branch Library at McDougle Middle School than in other sites around the county.

County officials restored the hours, which were trimmed in the wake of a tight county budget passed in late June. To save money, county officials revised a policy on temporary workers, which had a big effect on the library's ability to stay staffed.

The cuts also spurred the resignation of Jake Lehrer, who has worked in the county library system since 1984 and as librarian in Carrboro since 1996, when McDougle opened.

Although she did not indicate that it was the result of the recent cuts, Orange County Library director Brenda Stephens also announced July 9 that she intends to retire Nov. 1.

The new library hours, which take effect on July 28 are:

Main Library (Hillsborough)
 — Monday through Thursday 9
 a.m.–8 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9
 a.m.–5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m.;

• Carrboro Branch Library at McDougle — Monday through Thursday 3:30-8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m.;

• Cedar Grove — Monday through Thursday 11 a.m.–7 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.–2 p.m.;

• Carrboro Cybrary — Monday through Friday 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

—Staff reports

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"It's so grown up now," she said, recalling how it used to be. "All the way around Damascus Road from Smith Level to Jones Ferry, there weren't but three, four, five . . . probably eight or nine families living out here," and she could still name them. "We really thought we were out in the country, but we're only three miles from town."

During her childhood, the road to town (now called Smith Level) curved east along Morgan Creek just below where Culbreth Road is now, winding it's way into Carrboro, a route she took on a bus to Carrboro Elementary School (then in today's town hall) and later to Chapel Hill High School (on South Columbia Street before it burned down right after she graduated).

Besides a plethora of flowers including a rose garden, all framed by crape myrtles from her childhood, Stevens grows a vegetable garden every year.

"Daddy always said there's no point in putting your garden in until it's warm enough to sleep under a sheet," she said as we looked at her tomatoes, zucchini, eggplant, melons and French chard, and she explained why the beans — upon her third planting — were nothing more than sprouts peeking through the soil. She had planted them late, about the time we experienced a period without rain, so she was trying again.

She loves visiting gardens, where she frequently learns about the next plant she'll add to hers. Many of the plants in her garden have stories attached about a visit to a garden where she was first introduced to a species or variety, like the white day lily she acquired after a trip up to Grandfather Mountain, or the angel trumpet plant from visiting the Elizabethan Gardens in Manteo. Some plants have the names of the people who gave them to her — "there's Miss Musgraves and Miss Oliver," she pointed out. "I can't say no if somebody says, 'would you like a cutting?"

Her mother introduced her to gardening as a youngster. She also tried to teach her to sew and play piano but none of that took.

"All I can do is dig in the soil," she said. "I love the ground. Mama loved flowers," and it was Irene's job to keep them watered. There was no running water and no watering cans. She carried buckets of water from the well and, using a tin can she had punched holes in the bottom of, sprinkled the beds.

"We raised our own food — chickens, hogs, a garden — we had plenty of food and a family that loved us," she said.

She remains grateful for every day.

"When you look around and see all the beauty you have to know there is a higher power."

When I see this kind of yard, I know I've found a passionate person who appreciates color and loves to work hard with nature. She did not disappoint.

Contact Valarie Schwartz at 923-3746 or valariekays@mac.com.



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# FOR THE RECORD

# Fair play

It's a little difficult to swallow someone's complaint that their side of the story hasn't come out in the press when they've been studiously avoiding those trying to report the story.

We do not know how or if the very disturbing events of late at Abbey Court will be resolved and we haven't heard much of the case for towing vehicles en masse. But on the surface and, we suspect, at core, the actions are intended to make life very difficult for a group of residents, a group that almost entirely is of a particular ethnicity.

Some would say that this is a private business matter and, distasteful and unfair as many of us find it, not prohibited. But the towing and enforcement of new rules on vehicles has led to public disturbances and required intervention by police. And the actions have certainly riled a good many citizens.

This clearly is no longer a private matter. It affects a large number of families and it does not appear to be merely a coincidence that they are nearly all Latino. The comments we've heard that those who protested were threatened with being reported to immigration does not bolster the management's case — whatever that may be.

We won't know until we hear an explanation. We encourage both the town and the county to investigate these actions.

# The passing of the torch

Jesse Helms is dead. And a new phase of the examination of his rise and career has begun. So far, he has been treated quite kindly, lauded even, for his long run in power. Curiously, though, he's often referred to as the last of his kind. *The Washington Post*'s David Broder noted this in a column when Helms retired and it's a theme many pundits echoed recently upon his death. Not sure what country they're studying to reach that conclusion, but Helms was hardly the last of his kind. In fact, he was a pioneer in the type of political discourse that now passes for intelligent conversation in mainstream electronic and print media.

Helms proved that the stereotype, the caricature, the straw man and plain old mean-spiritedness are an effective form of television. He rode that into office, where he honed and perfected the craft. When you see a news show panel of clever people using over-the-top witticisms and thinly veiled — okay, naked — argumentum ad odium to flay an opponent or idea, you are watching the handiwork of Helms & Co.

Witness the fact that the famed creator of Helm's 1990 White Hands ad, the man who also helped make Willie Horton the centerpiece of the 1988 presidential campaign, is a regular panelist on FOX and CNN and is an often-quoted "expert" in major publications.

And voter suppression? Why, Karl Rove was just a babe in the woods when Helms operatives were busy sending out postcards with ominous warnings to 125,000 black voters.

We're not inclined to dance on anyone's grave. But let us know when we bury this man's ideas, and we'll be shaking it like there's no tomorrow.



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# Jesse, my brother and the 'pipsqueak rebellion'

# **ROBERT DICKSON**

Like many folks in Eastern North Carolina, as a child I was usually in front of the television at 6:25 p.m. to watch Jesse Helms give his nightly diatribe on WRAL.

My family and I were among those who considered it to be generally just snide, mean-spirited ramblings and not to be taken very seriously.

It was about this time, in the early '60s, however, that my father told me who Jesse really was. He wasn't just this strange guy who sounded like he had a mouth full of marbles and who didn't seem to like anything or anybody. No, my father explained to us that Jesse was the man who masterminded the defeat of Frank Porter Graham in the 1950 primary for the U.S. Senate through the use of a racist whisper campaign.

My old man didn't equivocate about Jesse's role in that election, and given that he was an experienced country newspaper editor and publisher and involved in NC politics, I believe he knew what he was talking about.

Given the exalted status of Dr. Frank in our household, Jesse was the arch-villain.

Our family's relationship with Jesse became more personal after my brother Paul Dickson III was elected president of the student body at UNC in the spring of 1965.

So it was that Paul
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into Jesse Helms' sights.

That summer after he took office, he was apprehended in the early-morning hours leaving a fraternity house with a young lady. I'm not sure what the rules are for such behavior these days, but it was frowned upon back then. So she was suspended from summer school, while he was reprimanded. Injustice, certainly; but the judgments were rendered by two separate bodies. My brother was almost 24 at the time and had already done a tour of duty with the Air Force in

When school came back into session, the cry grew for Pete (that's how he was known in our family) to resign. Those were great times around the dinner table back in Raeford. Voices were raised, coffee cups rattled and emotions were high as the discussion ebbed and flowed.

Given that Pete Dickson's ambition in his high school yearbook was to "out-argue everyone in North Carolina," he wasn't inclined to back down from anyone, including his father.

In the end, I remember Paul the father telling Paul the son that he should do what he thought was right, that he would be behind him 100 percent. That made a big impression on this 14-year-old boy.

Pete went back to Chapel Hill and told the student leaders and administrators who had asked him to resign that he'd only step down if the students themselves asked him to.

In his own words, "To let any group of individuals other than the students themselves determine who should remain their President would be to abrogate the responsibility placed in me last spring." A recall petition was circulated but failed to get enough signatures and he remained as president.

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"It still takes two to tango," Jesse said on September 28, 1965 (Viewpoint number 1195). Referring to the unequal punishments received by my brother and his friend, Jesse continued, "But it hardly seems fair that her partner in the incident can remain on campus and in office as president of the student body, with only a reprimand on his record."

But remain in office he did, with momentous times to come, and more scrutiny by the future senator.

"If the General Assembly does not take action against the law in the current session, let no man say that we are not willing to ripple the waters." These words are probably the most quoted of Pete's public speaking. He delivered them April 1, 1965 as part of his inaugural address upon assuming the student body presidency.

"The law" he referred to was the Act to Regulate Visiting Speakers, better known as the Speaker Ban Law. Jesse Helms frequently re-



Pete Dickson, UNC student body president, 1965-66

ferred to it as the Communist Speaker Ban Law. This law was passed in June 1963 at the very end of the legislative session.

In the fall and winter of 1965-66, the speaker ban was a regular subject on the front pages of North Carolina's daily newspapers. The reputation of our university was being sullied by this embarrassing denial of free speech and UNC students were none too happy about it.

My brother was a pivotal player in rallying on-campus opposition to the speaker ban. He was quoted regularly and his image appeared frequently on the front page of *The Daily Tar Heel*.

The situation was brought to a head on February 7, 1966 when the executive committee of the UNC Board of Trustees voted to ban Herbert Aptheker and Frank Wilkinson from speaking on the Chapel Hill campus. Pete spoke to the trustees at that meeting, arguing against the ban, but to no avail.

Before the trustees' meeting, more than 800 students and faculty rallied in Memorial Hall to pass a resolution supporting Aptheker speaking on campus. Less than a day following the trustees' vote, more than 350 students met to form the Committee for Free Inquiry.

Jesse, a staunch defender of the speaker ban and frequent critic of its foes, was at his unflattering best with his comments on those proceedings.

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"A noisy bunch of troublemakers who are about to be consumed by their own self-importance," was how Jesse referred to these students who simply wanted to exercise what they assumed to be their right of free speech. (Viewpoint number 1290, February 10, 1966)

He really let his paranoia show when he said, "The campus at Berkeley, California provides an instructive example of how relatively small student groups have been used — and quite effectively — by the communist conspiracy, all around the world."

Whew.

"As for the leaders of this pipsqueak rebellion, they hardly merit any respectful attention at all," he jabbed at the UNC students.

And for Paul Dickson III, he had this to say: "The president of the University student body, meanwhile, strikes us as being living proof that all gall is not divided into three parts."

"It has already been seen what he does with his liberties," Jesse adds, concluding that, "Nothing could be more obvious than his need of being called home by his parents for a spanking."

I'm not sure what else Jesse had to say publicly

about my brother, but Aptheker and Wilkinson came to Chapel Hill that spring anyway, creating the basis for the test case against the speaker ban.

For the record, in the case Dickson, et al. v Sitterson, et al., the speaker ban was ruled unconstitutional by a federal district court in 1968. That "pipsqueak rebellion" did its job and helped rid North Carolina of this ridiculous statute.

We weren't so lucky with Jesse Helms. I've often thought about how Pete would have reacted to Jesse's reign as a senator. I'm sure he wouldn't have been quiet.

Paul Dickson III died in an automobile accident in 1972, the same year that Jesse Helms was elected to his first term in the U.S. Senate.

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rboro Citizen.

# Grading on a curve

# **CHRIS FITZSIMON**

The General Assembly session that began May 14 at noon and ended just before 5:00 in the afternoon July 18 is now being wrapped up, critiqued and evaluated. Pundits and partisans are assigning letter grades to lawmakers, providing detailed reviews of what passed the House and Senate and what didn't and speculating about what it all might mean for the fall election.

That's all worth doing; the more scrutiny, the better, especially if it's put in the context of the challenges North Carolina faces, not just the effect on voters' decisions in November.

The 170 members of the House and Senate introduced 1,332 bills and resolutions this summer. At last count, 251 of them passed, the most important of which was the \$21.4 billion budget bill approved the second week of July and signed by Gov. Mike Easley a week later

Many bills that almost passed were big stories too. Lawmakers decided not to protect kids from bullying at school, failed to address the racial bias in the death penalty and made no adjustments to the state health plan despite a growing shortfall that may result in higher costs for state workers that could wipe out much of their 2.75 percent pay raise.

Legislators also balked at proposals that were wisely left on the table, including a plan to weaken state regulation of hog farms, a repeal of the local-option transfer tax for counties and a proposal to give a handful of millionaires on Figure Eight Island an exemption from the state ban on sea walls that protect the coastline.

But any meaningful evaluation of this session must start at its beginning in May, or even a few days before, when legislative leaders framed the next two months, defining expectations with reminders that this was a short session that doesn't allow time for substantive debate on many issues.

The budget predictions were equally cautious, understandable given the state of the national economy, but House and Senate leaders also decreed that raising new revenue was off the table, including Easley's call for higher taxes on cigarettes and alcohol.

There was no appetite for other ways to raise money either, like requiring combined reporting for multi-state corporations to prevent them from shifting profits around to avoid state taxes.

That was the stage set as the session began: no time for big issues, no money for compelling needs like affordable housing, child care and the probation and parole system. Budget writers were given strict targets, and the final budget reflects them with the smallest overall spending increase in several years.

It was enough to convince a majority of House Republicans to vote for the final budget, though it authorizes \$857 million in new debt without a vote of the people and creates a hole in next year's budget by spending \$156 million of one-time money on recurring needs.

More investments were wisely made in children's health care, dropout prevention and early-childhood programs. Most of the new spending pays for raises for teachers and state employees.

But some of the lawmakers' claims about education and children ring hollow. The final budget does not fully fund the increased cost of fuel for school buses or the bonuses paid to teachers as part of the ABCs testing program.

There were roughly 29,000 kids on the waiting list for a day-care subsidy when the session began and there were roughly 28,000 on it when the session ended. Advocates have consistently said that it will take \$50 million a year to address the state's affordable housing crisis, yet the budget only includes \$2 million in new funding for housing statewide.

Lawmakers did approve a plan to help families facing foreclosure, but the larger affordable-housing problems were largely ignored. The budget sets aside money for the troubled probation and parole system where caseloads for officers have reached 100 in some counties, an impossible situation brought to light with the murders of two Triangle college students earlier in the year.

Lawmakers are waiting for a national review of the system and it needs one, but there shouldn't be any disagreement that caseloads should be lowered now before another violent offender is lost in the shuffle.

There was no time to pass legislation to help local governments with public transit, but law-makers approved several toll roads and took money from the General Fund to pay for them, money that could have gone to housing, child care or the probation system.

There's plenty more of course, another mixed bag on mental health, ill-advised gang legislation and some modest new protections for farm workers.

This was not the worst short session in recent history, far from it. But it was not the best one either. The limits were set in May and lawmakers spent the next two months banging against them, reassuring us all that they were doing as much as they could for child care and housing and health care when they were only doing as much as the limits they set allowed.

Keep that in mind when you hear all the evaluations and read the grades assigned to this session – that most of them are grading on a

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PHOTO BY JORDAN TIMPY

Abbey Court has had a long standing policy against repair and maintenance of vehicles in its parking lot.

# **ABBEY COURT** FROM PAGE I

"They want the cars to be pristine," Hernandez said. He said many residents believe the property managers and owners are trying to drive them away.

'We started to get hints that [the property manager] didn't like us," Hernandez said.

The parking lot at Abbey Court was far from full Tuesday, as most residents have moved their cars to other locations in fear of being towed.

Hernandez said some of the residents have staged protests outside the property manager's office, but that many people are afraid of protesting.

"They're very afraid that something will happen," Hernandez said.

Antonio Matute, an Abbey Court resident for the past 10 years, said that a member of the management team implied they could call on immigration officials.

"It's racist," he said in Spanish. Residents protested at the Town Commons on Saturday morning. Chilton spoke at the protest and told residents that he supported their position on the apartment complex's new towing policy.

Chilton spoke to residents, many who are Latino, in Spanish.

"As the mayor of Carrboro, I support the residents," he said, encouraging residents to use their

To file a complaint, contact the Orange County

875 or visit their offices at 501 W. Franklin St., Ste.

104, Chapel Hill. Complaints can also be filed with the

Department of Human Rights and Relations at 960-

North Carolina office of the federal Department of

Housing and Urban Development at (336) 547-4000.



PHOTO BY JORDAN TIMPY Towing notices have started appearing on windshields in Abbey Court.

protesting. During one altercation, a resident threw a bottle at a towtruck driver.

Because the parking lot is private property, the town doesn't have any official authority over the towing policy, Chilton said. "The next step may not be one

for the mayor to take," Chilton said. "Somebody has got to step up and help continue to deal with this situation."

Chilton said there could be possible Federal Fair Housing Act violations, but that residents would need to file a complaint for an investigation to take place.

According to Mark Dorosin, senior attorney at the UNC Center for Civil Rights, the Federal Fair Housing Act prohibits the coercion, intimidation or interference in the exercise or enjoyment of housing on account of a person's

voices, rather than their hands, in race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin.

Dorosin said the FHA prohibits not only intentional discriminatory treatment, but also the adoption of policies or procedures that have a disparate impact on members of a protected class.

Dorosin said if residents of the complex believe their rights are being violated, they could file a complaint with the Orange County Human Relations Commission or the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

# **SHOTGUN**

FROM PAGE I

In both incidents, the suspect was described as a tall, thin, black male between the ages of 20 and 25.

Police say they continue to follow up on leads in the robberies and ask that if you have any information to contact the Chapel Hill Police Department or Crime Stoppers at 942-7515.

—Staff Reports

# PHOTO BY JORDAN TIME "Big beef" tomatoes are unloaded for sale under the McAdams Farm tent at the Farmers' Market on

# **TOMATO** FROM PAGE I

The annual tomato tasting attracts more than the usual hordes of people at a summer Saturday market - last year, about 5,000 tomato fans showed up to partake in the vast tomato spread, and Blacklin said she expects the same crowds this year.

Tomato Day will feature more than 60 varieties of tomatoes, grown by about 20 different farms at the market. Varieties include commonly known tomatoes such as big beef and German Johnson and lesser-known types like Kellogg's breakfast, brandywine and mountain springs.

"We have so many farmers that have tomatoes in different varieties," Blacklin said. "Then we have some people who have perfected their basic red."

Joan Holeman, owner of Flat River Nursery in Timberlake, said she and her husband grow about 20 different kinds of tomatoes.

Her favorite? The trust tomato.

"It's sweet, but it's got a tart taste too," she said.

Holeman said the trick to growing tomatoes is what you feed them. In addition, they use all organic sprays, and don't use any sprays on some plants.

Don Brooks, owner of Brooks Farm in Timberlake, said he's found success using non-organic sprays, which he

thinks are less toxic for toma-

Brooks has been farming tomatoes for 15 years and grows 12 different kinds. His most popular tomatoes are German Johnson and big beef, he said.

Tomato Day displays will include bisected tomatoes and descriptions of each type, as well as recipes, food-pairing recommendations and acidity level information.

In addition, visitors to the market can get a tomato map of the market identifying the different tomato farmers and where tomato buyers can find particular varieties.

For more information, visit carrborofarmersmarket.com.

# Controversia en Abbey Court: últimas noticias

• El Alcalde Mark Chilton dijo que Ken Lucas, el CEO de Tar Heel Companies, la cual es dueño de la mayoría de los departamentos de Abbey Court, le dijo que van a seguir remolcando a los carros que no tienen permisos para estacionarse en el estacionamiento. Le dijo a Chilton que está preocupado que personas quienes no viven en Abbey Court y no aparecen en el arrendamiento estén estacionándose en el estacionamiento para los residentes de Abbey Court. El periódico Citizen intentó contactar a Lucas, pero Lucas no ha devuelto las llamadas.

• Unos residentes fueron negados al aplicar para permiso de estacionamiento porque los carros están dañados, por ejemplo el parabrisas es quebrado o el carro tiene mellas, según los policía de Carrboro. "Quieren que los carros sean en condiciones perfectos", dijo el residente Alfonso Hernandez. Hernandez comentó que muchos de los residentes creen que el gerente y los dueños quieren que los residentes vayan a vivir en otro lugar.

• Han sido unos protestas al frente de la oficina del gerente, pero Hernandez dijo que unos residentes tienen miedo de protestar. Antonio Matute, residente de Abbey Court por 10 años dijo que el gerente implicó que iban a llamar oficiales de inmigración.

• El sábado pasado el alcalde Mark Chilton dijo que él está al lado de los residentes pero dijo que el estacionamiento es propiedad privada y que la ciudad no tiene autoridad en

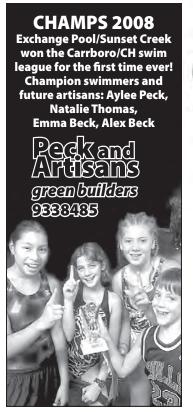
• Hay la posibilidad de que alguien ha violado el ley federal de vivienda justa, pero los residentes deben presentar una queja para que haga una investigación, dijo alcalde Mark Chilton. La ley federal de vivienda justa prohíbe la discriminación en materia de vivienda debido al sexo, raza, color de piel, religión, discapacidad, estado civil, o origen nacional.

• ¿Piensa que usted es víctima de discriminación en la vivienda?

Para presentar una queja, contacte al departamento de derechos humanos del condado de Orange, al teléfono 960-3875 o se puede visitar a sus oficinas en 501 W. Franklin Street, Suite 104, Chapel Hill. También, se puede hacer quejas en la oficina del departamento federal de vivienda y desarrollo urbano (HUD) al teléfono (336) 547-4000.

-Resumen del artículo por Susan Dickson, traducido al español por Betsy McClelland







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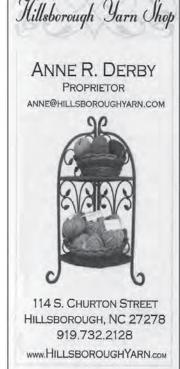
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# Locally grown event to rock downtown Chapel Hill

Downtown Chapel Hill will host Locally Grown, an event celebrating downtown Chapel Hill and Orange County, on Fridays July 25 and Aug. 22 from 7 to 9 p.m. Downtown visitors can support local business, eat local food and hear local music.

Live music will rock down on the east side from 7 to 10:30 on top of the Wallace Parking Deck at 150 East Rosemary St. Performing on July 25 are Joe Romeo & the Orange County Volunteers and Joceifus Rifle, with Today is Friday opening.

Along with the music will be an arts & crafts market and activities for kids, with Kidzu Children's Museum, Active Living by Design and Ackland Arts Museum participating. A misting tent will keep listeners cool. Bring a folding chair to have a nice seat for the concerts.

Restaurants La Residence and Elaine's will feature dishes prepared with ingredients from local producers, while the Carolina Inn and Franklin Hotel will feature bluegrass and jazz, respectively.



Joceifus Rifle will play with Joe Romeo and the Orange County Volunteers on the Wallace Deck Friday.

Glee Kids will give kids materials to decorate and color masks that will go on the store's mannequins and the creators of the winning masks will receive gift certificates to the store.

Street performers will wander the West End from 6-8.

The Aug. 22 concert features Big Mama E & the Cool, Eric Sommer and Oscar Begat.

Locally Grown is presented by

Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation and the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership, along with 140 West Franklin, WCHL 1360 and Time Warner Cable.

# Land & Table Briefs

# **Tomato Day**

The Carrboro Farmers' Market will host its Annual Tomato Day July 26, starting at 8:30 a.m. under the gazebo. Come try different varieties of local tomatoes, and come early to make sure you get a taste of them

Free Fridays

OWASA will waive the fee for boat users on University Lake on Fridays from July 18 to August 15. There is still a fee for renting an electric trolling motor. For a waiver, bring in a recent bill to prove you are an OWASA customer. If you have OWASA service but not a bill, bring identification that can confirm your address. University Lake is open Friday through Monday from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call OWASA at 942-5790 for more information.

# **Environmental meeting**

The Carrboro Town Hall will host a community forum July 29 at 7 p.m. entitled "Environmental Issues in the 2008 Elections." The event is sponsored by the Town Hall and OWASA precincts of the Orange County Democratic Party. Daniel

Whittle, staff attorney at the N.C Office of the Environmental Defense Fund, will lead the forum and discuss key local and national environmental issues, including Duke Energy's Cliffside coal plant, offshore drilling and global warming. For more information, see www.owasadems.org.

# **NCBG** events

The N.C. Botanical Garden will host several events for the public in August.

On Aug. 2, it will hold a workshop, "Local Flora: Summer," from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. An instructor will give classroom lectures and lead explorations to teach about a variety of local habitats and the summer's woody and herbaceous

On Aug. 9, the garden will host "Knowing and Growing Carnivorous Plants" from 1 to 3 p.m. Staff will teach about the conditions that support Southeastern pitcher plants and how to grow them. Participants will create and take home a portable bog garden. There is a fee of \$60, or \$55 for Garden members to pay for the take-home 0394.

On Aug. 16, trained tour guides will

offer a tour of Coker Arboretum from 11 a.m. to noon and speak on the history of the arboretum.

# **Pasture Potluck**

ChathamArts will sponsor another Potluck in a Pasture event on Aug. 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Harland's Creek Farm off Plantation Drive west of Pittsboro. Visitors should bring a dish made with local ingredients to share (with at least eight) along with their recipe, a drink, a blanket and lawn chairs. The evening includes a tour of the historic farm and a supper with artists and other potluck-chefs. ChathamArts asks for a \$10 donation per person and \$5 for kids from age 5-12.

Artists that will speak about their trade include ceramicist Salinda Dahl, sculptor Susan Draughon, wood turner Joel Hunnicutt and potter Melody Troncale. Laine Lipson and Avis Autry will provide singing and piano accompaniment.

For more information and directions visit www.chathamarts.org or call 542-

# Carrboro FARMERS' MARKET

WEDNESDAY MARKET: 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. SATURDAY MARKET: 7 a.m. - Noon

# What's at Market?

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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!

# Recipe of the week

**GREEN BEAN SALAD** (4 to 6 servings)

Recipe Provided by: Sheri Castle of Creative Cooking with Sheri Castle

You can use any type of green beans, wax beans, haricots verts, or a couple handfuls of each. If you don't have shallots, use spring onions. Don't like tarragon? Use thyme or chives instead. The result is a simple, beautiful salad that holds well in the fridge for at least two days. For best flavor, serve at room temperature.

- 2 pounds small green beans
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 2 medium shallots, diced 2 tablespoons fresh tarragon, chopped
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- I small red bell pepper, seeded and sliced thinly 1/4 cup imported oil-cured black olives, pitted
- Trim and clean the beans. Blanche them in a pot of salted boiling water until tender, about 3 to 10 minutes, depending on the size of the beans. Transfer to a bowl of ice water to stop the cooking and set the bright color. Drain and pat dry.
- Whisk together the olive oil, vinegar, shallots and tarragon. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
- Put the beans, pepper strips and olives in a large bowl. Coat them with the vinaigrette and stir to coat. Let the salad sit for at least 30 minutes for the flavors to develop. You can make the salad up to 4 hours ahead. Store covered in the refrigerator, but return to room temperature before serving. Adjust the seasoning before serving, if necessary.



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Install smoke detectors and fire extinguishers. Inspect your home for poten al hazards (such as items that can move, fall, break, or catch fire) and correct hem. Have your family learn basic safety measures, such as CPR and first aid; ow to use a fire extinguisher; and how and when to turn off water, gas and electricity. Teach children how and when to call 911 or your local emergency number Keep enough supplies in your home to meet your needs for at least three days. Assemble a disaster supplies kit with items you may need in case of an evacuation. Keep important family documents in a waterproof container. Practice and maintain your plan. Make sure your family remembers meeting places, phone numbers and activities and property of the places.

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# **CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER:**

KEEP AWAY FROM PEOPLE WHO TRY TO BELITTLE YOUR AMBITIONS. SMALL PEOPLE ALWAYS DO THAT, BUT THE REALLY GREAT MAKE YOU FEEL THAT YOU, TOO, CAN BECOME GREAT. -MARK TWAIN, HUMORIST AND WRITER





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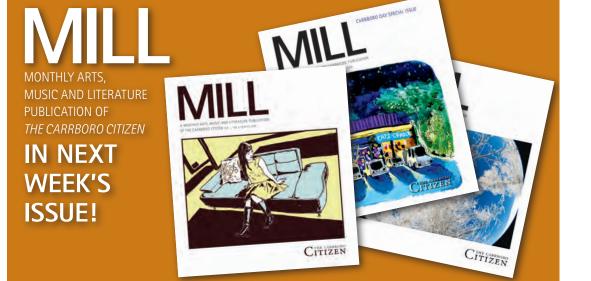


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Silphium, rosinweed, standing tall in the power line right-of-way in west Carrboro.

# **FLORA** FROM PAGE I

I examined one of the older heads for the smallish sunflower-like seed I knew would be attracting goldfinches, chickadees and titmice later in the season. To my surprise, I discovered that maturing seeds were only in the outer perimeter of the head. Looking back at a head with petals still aloft, I realized that only the outer perimeter ray flowers are capable of producing seeds. A doublethreaded stigma at the base of each ray flower is poised to receive the pol-

len from some roving insect or spider to fertilize the immature seed at the base. And all those tube flowers clustered in the center are busy producing pollen that eventually will be carried to ray flowers near and far.

One of the silphium flower heads was hosting a beautiful green spider awaiting the arrival of its next capture.

Couldn't help but imagine that flower head as a dance floor with those lady ray flowers encircling the anticipating crowd of tube flower guys and along the edge that unseen spider

poised for a totally different kind of dance!

Wow, see what a hand lens and a composite head can do to turn your day into an adventure?

These silphiums will flower for a couple more weeks. A good place to get a closer look is the big stand growing in the Coker Arboretum, just west of the gathering circle entrance along Cameron Avenue. It is a fine drought-tolerant garden plant. I suspect the Botanical Garden will have seeds or plants available later in the year.

# Local kids shine at PlayMakers



(clockwise from left) Chelsea James, Camille Johnson, Christopher Stephens-Brown and Jabari Foust sit at the front of the stage during a rehearsal of a scene from The Music Man at PlayMaker's Paul Green Theatre on Tuesday. The American musical is part of the ArtsCenter's Summer Youth Conservatory program, which gives young actors a chance to work with seasoned professional instructors.

# by Catherine Rierson Staff Writer

Local talent will be on exhibition by a cast of 40 theatrical youngsters for a production of The Music Man, running today (Thursday) through Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2p.m, all at the Paul Green Theatre on Country Club Road in Chapel Hill.

Meredith Wilson's The Music Man is the tale of the coy Harold Hill, a conman posing as a bandleader and instrument salesman with intentions of exploiting the naiveté of the town — of course, not without the obligatory plot twist.

For the second year, Play-Makers Repertory Company, the in-residence professional theatre company at UNC, great success and an expanded before each performance.

joined with The ArtsCenter to conduct the Summer Youth Conservatory. The conservatory included five weeks of comprehensive theatre training and learning through work with professional actors, Playmakers company members, a professional director, choreographer and musical director.

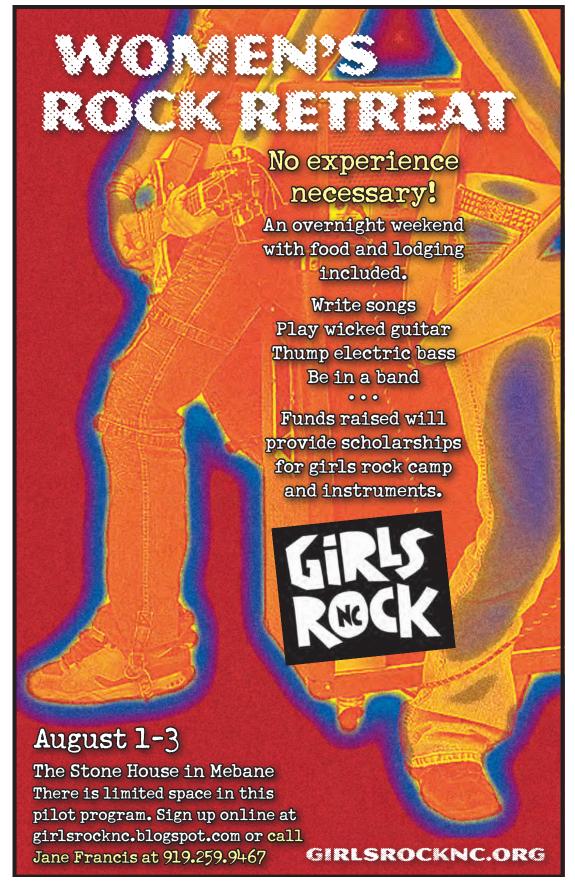
As part of the partnership, Playmakers supplied all lights, sound design, sets and costumes, all culminating in the crafting of giddy musical numbers and a cast comprised mostly of local thespians eager to display freshly honed talents.

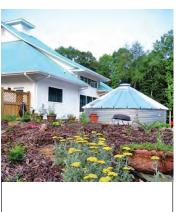
Jon Wilner, The ArtsCenter's executive director, said he was pleased to provide the community's youth with such a dis-

collaboration between the two organizations in the future.

Tom Quaintance of Los Angeles will direct The Music Man, complementing last summer's successful conservatory production of Oliver!, also directed by Quaintance also directed PlayMakers' The Little Prince and has worked on Broadway productions of The Who's Tommy and How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying with Matthew Broderick and other notable actors.

Tickets for The Music Man are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children under 18 and can be purchased by phone at 962-PLAY, online at www.playmakersrep. org or at the Paul Green Theatre box office, open from 10 a.m. to tinctive experience and expects 6 p.m. weekdays and two hours





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