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Fighting for Greenspace

By Taylor Sisk Staff Writer

Granted, even in a community as substantially liberal in spirit as Carrboro, "usufruct" is hardly a word around which the general citizenry will likely clamor to rally.

"Usufruct" (according to Webster): "the legal right of using and enjoying the fruits or profits of something belonging to another"; from the Latin usus et fructus, "to use and

Building community, both physical and conceptual, has been the modus operandi at Carrboro Greenspace, a little piece of paradise at 116 Old Pittsboro Road, which now may soon be sold. And as unaccommodating in enunciation and obscure in definition as this word, "usufruct,"

may be, the Carrboro Greenspace

Collective finds it perfectly appropri-

ate in describing the nature of their work to date. (Back to etymology in a moment.)

Anchored by "Casa Grande" - home for the past year and a half to several members of the Carrboro Greenspace Collective - Carrboro Greenspace is 10.5 acres of mostly densely wooded, dramatically slopped refuge, just a five-minute walk from downtown Carrboro. Casa Grande, says denizen and organizer Sammy Slade, was envisioned as functioning like the Horace Williams House with green sensibilities. Carrboro Greenspace has been host to weddings, art exhibits and a puppeteers' convention. The property is also home to the ReCYCLEry, a nonprofit community bike workshop (see last week's Carrboro Citizen), and the Walk-in Tributary Theater, where movies are screened in a swimming pool.

Trouble is, the owners of this

property have determined that a change in plans is in order. And so while planning what may be the last event at Carrboro Greenspace, on August 4, the residents of Casa Grande are today packing boxes. They've been asked to vacate by the owners, Carolann Stoney and April Morris of Pomona, California. According to Slade, the owners have said they want to make renovations to the house, which has been on the market now for about a year. The Re-CYLCLEry remains for now in operation. But sale of the property seems imminent.

Blame it on usufruct, and its absence of readily apparent commercial viability: There's no way the Carrboro Greenspace Collective could have raised the funds to purchase the property – not on their own, not with what's collected via free bike-repair classes and donation-only flicks. Or



Members of Carrboro Greenspace on the porch of Casa Grande.

just blame it on commercial viability: Ten and a half acres pretty much smack in the middle of downtown Carrboro is, obviously, a prime piece of property.

"Localizing" forces But this property, says Slade, is

most particularly prime as a community resource. That was the inspiration when he and some like-minded

"We'd had a friend who lived in the house," Slade says, seated on the

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Raising health awareness

By Susan Dickson Staff Writer

Members of the Latino community came together on Saturday to dance, eat and learn about fun ways to live a healthy lifestyle.

The event – "Salud es Fiesta," or "Health is a Party" - was hosted by the Líderes de Salud, a group of 12 trained volunteer health promoters in the Latino community, and focused on the fight against obesity and diabetes within that community.

María Bernardita Villalobos led the group in organizing the event, which included exercise demonstrations, dancing, nutritional food, health exhibits and more. She said the group had trained from January through June to become health leaders and plan programs like the event on Saturday.

Rubi Ocampo, one of the health leaders, said the group chose to focus the event on



A little zumba, courtesy of instructor Willa Robinson Allen, is a healthy thing, and great fun, at "Salud es Fiesta," held at the Southern Human Services Center on Homestead Road.

diabetes and obesity because they are two of the biggest health problems that affect the Latino community.

Nearly 50 participants of all ages learned zumba, an aerobic dance that incorporates dance styles from across Latin America. Willa Robinson Allen, a health educator and certified zumba instructor, led the group as

they shimmied and shook to Latin music.

In addition, health promoter Lupita Torres demonstrated pilates and hula-hooping.

"Although we're inside, we can exercise with just a hula-hoop," Torres told participants in Spanish.

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Early-voting site for campus in limbo

By Kirk Ross Staff Writer

When a voting site was first opened at Morehead Planetarium in 2000, plenty of students, joined by a host of elected and university officials, lined the steps for the opportunity to cast a ballot on campus for the first

time. And while the idea of an on-campus voting site has focused on getting more students to turn out, it's proved even more popular among university employees and those who frequent downtown as a convenient way to do one's civic duty.

But construction for a new exhibit at the Planetarium will render the site unusable for this fall's elections and an alternative pro-

posed by county elections officials to move the site off-campus is drawing opposition both inside and outside the university. (See page 6 for an essay regarding the change.)

Last week, newly elected Student Body President Eve Carson spoke out against the move at the UNC-Chapel Hill's Board of Trustees meeting. She urged the board to do what it could to make sure a campus voting site is available.

Orange County elections director Barry Garner said he's been working with student leaders to try to find an alternative, but that the two presented so far have drawbacks.

to be in a publicly financed building, Garner said ease of access and parking are key con-

For that reason, he ruled out the Stone Center and has questions about the use of the Student Union, the two sites the university has offered.

Garner says the Seymour Senior Center on Homestead Road has better accessibility than the union.

He expects that a new site would be tem-

"It will just be for this election," he said, adding that he expects roughly 2,000 voters to cast their ballots at whatever site is cho-

The county Board of Elections will hear In addition to state law requiring the site a presentation on the union site and the Seymour Center site at a meeting Tuesday, Aug.

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Candidates object to campaign bill

New rules for Carrboro campaigns sent back to House committee, measure will not pass this session

By Kirk Ross Staff Writer

A campaign finance bill that would limit the amount of contributions and lower the threshold for reporting contributors was pulled from the North

Carolina House of Representatives calendar last week, making it unlikely the bill will pass this session.

Senate Bill 488

Carrboro Campaign Regulation — was re-referred to the House Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform committee at the request of Rep. Bill Faison (D-Orange, Caswell), after Faison heard concerns raised about the bill by Katrina Ryan and Sharon Cook, two candidates for the Board of Aldermen.

"The bill is not specific enough," Ryan said in an interview Wednesday morning. She called the bill, which would allow the town to set contribution thresholds and require contributors' names for those who give a candidate more than \$20, "arbitrary and capricious." Ryan also objected to the fact that members of the Board of Aldermen would set the limits.

"It's a badly written bill," she said. "It needs to be reviewed and it needs a public hearing."

Sharon Cook, a member of the town planning board, said she also was concerned that the legislation had not had a proper airing. "This just popped up," she said. "Where did this come from?"

Both Cook and Ryan filed earlier this month to

run for the Board of Aldermen.

The bill mirrors a similar measure passed for Chapel Hill in 1995. Last week, Mayor Mark Chilton said he was disap-

pointed to see the bill pulled and was working to try and address concerns over the bill with Faison.

Faison did not respond to an inquiry about the bill's status.

Board of Aldermen member Dan Coleman called the effort to stop the bill "a power move" and said

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County officials leaning toward transfer tax

Options being studied in wake of state budget bill passed this week

By Kirk Ross Staff Writer

Orange County commissioners say they'll take a good, long look at how the recently passed state budget will affect the county's bottom line before proposing any new taxes, but a majority of the board is at least philosophically in support of a 0.4 percent

The transfer tax and a quarter-cent sales tax are two options the state gave counties in the new budget to help make up for money taken away from counties

Medicaid over to the state.

in coming years as a result of the budget deal. the county shows a loss of about \$475,000 in public school construction financing and a \$500,000 "hold

harmless" gain as the state assumes the county's pre-

vious share of Medicaid payments.

as part of a deal to turn responsibility for paying for As part of a complex phase in the new system, counties lost state-supplied school construction

money this year and will lose some sales tax revenue County budget director Donna Coffey said a preliminary look at how the state budget will affect

taketh away," she said.

"A lot of times it's 'the state giveth and the state

"It's pretty much a wash," she said, adding that

She's also asked county department heads to re-

she's researching whether the state will dip into the

construction fund in subsequent years, along with

view how any other items in the budget might affect

how the loss of sales tax revenue will be phased in.

To make up for a loss of sales tax revenue, the state has enabled counties to hold referendums to get

approval from voters for either the quarter-cent sales tax or the transfer tax. An estimate by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners shows Orange County gain-

ing roughly \$4 million each year from the transfer tax and \$3 million from the sales tax. Commissioner Alice Gordon said she is generally

supportive of a transfer tax. "Of the two, the land transfer tax is less regressive," she said. And with pressing school construction and renovation costs, the county, she said, will

need to have another source of revenue. In his recently released monthly newsletter, Commissioner Mike Nelson said he would prefer the transfer tax option for the same reason.

But commissioners say they'd like to have a solid analysis before stepping into what has been a highly charged and well-funded political debate over the transfer tax.

Commissioner Barry Jacobs said that he's in support of the idea of a transfer tax but has a lot of questions about the timing of the referendum. He'd like to know if the sales tax applies to food. If it doesn't,

he said, then it might be worth a closer look. Commissioners, he said, are considering whether they want to call a special meeting to consider the options. As well as looking at how it will affect the budget, Jacobs said, consideration of a transfer tax might also depend on what other counties are

doing. If Orange County is the only county or one of a small number of counties applying the transfer tax, it might face intense opposition from the same groups that opposed it in the legislature. Board of commissioners chair Moses Carey

"We need to look at the options and look at the

real impacts," he said.

THE MILL

Unless you were among the hundreds who showed up at Cat's Cradle for a reunited Slint performing their 1991 epic *Spiderland*, you missed a



on a nationwide tour getting their due for a breakthrough album, let's not forget that Spiderland producer Brian Paulson, who churned out the record with the band over a couple of weekends in Chicago, now makes his home in beautiful

downtown Carrboro.

Other people's papers

We've always found it an odd taboo among media to rarely mention anything good about other media. Odd behavior that, especially in the modern age.

So, it did not shock us to not see the phrase "and writes a weekly column about plants for The Carrboro Citizen" among what keeps Ken Moore busy these days in a recent story about him in the Raleigh News & Observer. In the past five months, Ken has logged more than 10,000 words — along with dozens of photos — on native plants, exotic invasives, drought-resistant gardens and why and how to save that 200-year-old holly tree on Homestead Road. His columns are free and open to the public at www.carrborocitizen. com/main/category/flora. The *N&*O's nice story about Ken is at http://www.newsobserver. com/news/story/652395.

We'd also like to note the parting of company between the Independent Weekly and Richard Hart, who was the paper's editor for six years. Though now a confirmed Durhamite, Richard deserves a good deal of credit for improving journalism in the Carrboro-Chapel Hill metroplex when he served as editor of the Chapel Hill News and went the extra mile to get local voices and views into that paper.

We'll miss his voice in the Indy. Reached by phone amid a recent Emerald Isle crabbing adventure with his son, we note he is in good spirits and rest assured he'll be writing again somewhere soon.

This Week - August 3, 2007 - August 9

is \$10.



Friday DSI performs

Mister Diplomat, an improv rendition of stories told by local celebrities. Starts at 9:30 p.m. Admisson is \$10.



Sunday

Equinox plays **Weaver Street** Market's Jazz & More Brunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Brunch served from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Monday

Throughout August, the Pittsboro Memorial Library hosts the exhibit "Painting for Children," presenting the

works of twelve children's books writers and

illustrators.

Tuesday

The Cave hosts Songwriters' Open Mic with **John Saylor**. Here's your chance to make like Elvis.



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presents **The** Man Who Came to Dinner at the ArtsCenter. A funny and familyfriendly play. Starts at 8 p.m. and admission is \$10 or \$8 for students.

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Arts Calendar

Greetings from NC: A Century of Postcards from the Durwood Barbour Collection - Through Sept. 30. UNC Campus: Wilson Library.

The Mirror of the Noonday paintings by Eduardo Lapetina. Through Oct. 21. Panzanella, 929-6626, panzanella.com.

Painting for Children - a celebration of play, whimsy, laughter & fun as seen through the eyes of some of NC's Children's Book illustrators & authors. Aug. 1-31. Pittsboro Memorial Library, 542-3524, pittsborolibraryfriends.org, Mon-Fri 10 am-6 pm (Tue 8 pm), Sat 9 am-5 pm.

Paintings by Debbie Harris Aug. 1-31. Open Eye Cafe, Carr-968-9410, www.openeyecafe. com, Mon-Sat 7 am-11 pm (Fri & Sat midnight), Sun 8 am-11 pm.

Watercolor by Marilyn Strother - Aug. I-31. Cup Á Joe, 967-

Works by Jillian Goldberg Aug. I-Sept. I. Fusions Art & Fine Craft Gallery, 260-9725, www.pittsboroshops.com/fusions.htm.

Works by Robert Motherwell -Through Aug. 9. Animation and Fine Art Galleries, University Mall, 968www.animationandfineart. com, Tue-Sat 10 am-6 pm.

Bushman & Bosch - collages by Amanda Bushman. Through Aug. 13. Bleecker Street Studio & Gallery, 968-3433, Wed-Sun noon-5 pm.

& other traditional & contemporary fine art & crafts. Ongoing. Hillsborough Gallery of Arts, 732-5001, HillsboroughGallery.com, Mon-Sat 10

Observations of Structure works by Jason Cardenas. Through Aug. 8. Sizl Gallery, 960-0098, sizl-gallery.com, Thu 5-8 pm, Fri & Sat noon-6 pm, Sun noon-5 pm, & by

Explorations: Studies of Flora & Fauna - works by Mary Kay Holterman. Through Aug. 2. NC Botanical Garden, 962-0522, ncbg.unc.edu, Mon-Sat 8 am-5 pm (Sat 9 am), Sun

Oil paintings & jewelry by David Sovero - Ongoing. SoveroArt: Gallery Studio, 732-3056, soveroart.

Paintings & Mixed Media works by Julie Armbruster & Keith Norval - Through Aug. 21. Chapel Hill Public Library, 968-2777, chapelhillpubliclibrary.org, Mon-Fri 10 am-9 pm (Fri 6 pm), Sat 9 am-6

Paraskavedekatriaphobia: Richmond Represents - works by Jeremy Boyd, Rob Choi, Ben Yolton & James Callahan. Through Aug. 7. Wootini, 933-6061, wootini.com, Mon-Fri 10 am-8 pm, Sat 10 am-6 pm, Sun noon-5 pm.

Sanderson. Through Sept. 9. Benjamin Vineyards & Winery, 336-376-1080, benjaminvineyards.com, Thu-Sun noon-5 pm.

artists. Through Aug. 31. Somerhill Gallery, 968-8868, somerhill.com, Mon-Sat 10 am-5:30 pm, evenings

Travelogue - paintings by Rachel Campbell, Jacob Cooley & Gayle Stott Lowry. Through Aug. 18. Tyndall Galleries, 942-2290, tyndallgalleries.com, Mon-Sat 10 am-6 pm,

Visual Notes from the AT drawings by Sketcher. Through Aug. 3. Pepper's Pizza, 967-7766.

Honoring Our Endangered **Earth** - paintings by Jude Lobe & mixed media by Pat Merriman. July 29-Aug. 30. Hillsborough Gallery of Arts, 732-500 I, HillsboroughGallery. com, Mon-Sat 10 am-5 pm.

Paintings by Lisa Jones - Aug. I-31. Caffe Driade, 942-2333, caffedriade.com, Daily 7 am-11 pm (Fri & Sat midnite, Sun 7:30 am).

Seeing Red - wokrs by Barbara Ziff. Aug. 1-30. Orange County Historical Museum, 732-2201, orangecountymuseum.org, Tue-Sat II am-4 pm, Sun I-4 pm. Free.

one-week preview of works from

the Chapel Hill/Carrboro 2nd Friday Art Walk galleries. First Fridays thru Second Fridays. 410 Lobby & Gallery of Southern Village.

Works by Roshan - Aug. 3-31. Turning Point Gallery, University Mall, 967-0402, www.harmony-fineart.com, Mon-Sat 10 am-7 pm (Fri 9 pm), Sun noon-5 pm.

Karen Knitters & Weavers The Karen ethnic group, from the mountain ranges of Burma, is known for their intricate woven bags, sarongs, scarves & bride/groom wedding attire. Come watch them work. Sat., Aug. 4, 10 a.m. and Sat., Aug. 18, 10 a.m. The ArtsCenter, 929-2787, artscenterlive.org.

Botanical drawings, paintings, jewelry & furniture - by Emma Skurnick, Kathleen Jardine, Norma Hawthorne & Douglas G Trimble Aug. 5-30. ChathamArts Gal-ry, 919-542-0394, chathamarts. org, Thu-Sat II am-5 pm, First Sun noon-5 pm.

Pittsboro First Sundays - Opening art exhibits at ChathamArts Gallery, Fusions Glass Gallery, New Horizons Trading Company & Side Street Gallery featuring local craftspeople & artists displaying their work. Sponsored by the Pittsboro Merchants Assn. First Sunday of every month, 12-4 p.m. Free, Info: 260-9725, pittsboroshops.com.

Ceramics by John Svara - Aug. 5-31. NC Crafts Gallery, 942-4048, www.nccraftsgallery.com, Mon-Sat 10 am-6 pm, Sun 1-4 pm.

Reception - Wed., Aug. 8, 7-9 p.m. Cup A Joe, 967-2002.

The Art of Open Studio - paintings by 12 artists from the Carrboro ArtsCenter Open Studio painting group. Aug. 10-Oct. 1. Carrboro Century Center, 918-7385.

Close Up: Far Away - works by Sally Anger. Aug. 10-Sept. 12. Sizl Gallery, 960-0098, www.sizlgallery. com, Thu 5-8 pm, Fri & Sat noon-6 pm, Sun noon-5 pm, & by appt. Chapel Hill/Carrboro 2nd Fri-

day Art Walk - Visit local galleries

to enjoy live music, food & art-related activities. See website for galleries, maps & brochures. Second Fridays, 6-9 pm. Free, www.2ndfridayartwalk.

Mixed Media by Lyde Zavaleta Aug. 19-Sept. 16. Horace Williams House, 942-7818, www.chapelhillpreservation.com, Tue-Fri 10 am-4 pm, Sun 1-4 pm.

Reception - Sun., Aug. 19, 2-4 p.m. Horace Williams House, 942-7818, www.chapelhillpreservation.com, Tue-Fri 10' am-4 'pm, Sun 1-4 pm.

Heroes of Yesterday, Heroes of Today: The History of the Chapel Hill Fire Department - Ongoing. Chapel Hill Museum, 967-1400, www.chapelhillmuseum.org, Wed-Sat 10 am-4 pm, Sun 1-4 pm. Free.

Reception - Mon., Aug. 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Panzanella, 929-6626, pan-

Music Calendar



Guru and producer Solar present Jazzmatazz, a blend of hiphop and jazz, at Cat's Cradle on Wednesday. Features DJ Doo Wop and the 7 Grand Band.

The Cave: Hale Dixon, Blondes Pass Out. Weaver Street Market: Equi-

FRIDAY AUGUST 3

The Cave: Early: Sea Cow. Late: Rat Jackson.

Local 506: Black Skies, *Sons. The Rho Band. 10pm. \$6 Open Eye Cafe: Clifton Williams & Blue James Band. 8pm

SATURDAY AUGUST 4

Cat's Cradle: Dragonship, Robert Griffin & Taz Halloweeen. 7:30pm, \$10

The Cave: Early: Pagan Hellcats. Late: Dom Casual, The Turn-

Open Eye Cafe: Dogwood Deddy. 8pm

SUNDAY AUGUST 5

The Cave: Watershed. \$5 Reservoir: Legion of the Fallen, The Gusto. 10pm Southern Village: Laura Ridg-

way. 7pm Weaver Street: Equinox. 1 I am

MONDAY AUGUST 6

Local 506: Calla. 9:30pm. \$8

The Cave: Early: The Smittens. \$5. Late: Songwriters' Open Mic, John Saylor.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 8

Blue Horn Lounge: Steve Jack. Cat's Cradle: Guru's Jazzmatazz

f. Superproducer Solar, DJ Doo Wop, 7 Grand Band, Beetnix, Edgar Allen Floe. 8:30pm. \$20 The Cave: North Elementary.

THURSDAY AUGUST 9

Blue Horn Lounge: Mark Wells & Jil Christensen. 9pm The Cave: Early: Bob Funck. Late: Rift. \$5 Reservoir: Caltrop, Backwoods

Payback, Blag'ard. 10pm Local 506: The Postmarks, Kaiser Cartel, Missy Thangs. 9pm.

Weaver Street: The Hushpuppies. 6pm

UPCOMING

Think. Tuesday, September 18. 9pm. \$12 Cat's Cradle: Adrian Belew, Paul Zonana. Tuesday, August 21. 7:30pm. \$20

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TUE. AUG. 21 - (\$8)
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Shapes of White - works by 24

Straight from the Heart - paintings & mosaics by Maggi Grace. July 23-Aug. 31. Market Street Books & Maps, 933-5111, marketstreetbooks. com, Mon-Sat 10 am-8 pm, Sun 1-7

Sun by appt.

2nd Friday Art Walk Preview



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Thurs. Aug. 2 4 – 7 pm Southern Village Farmers' Market

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THURSDAY AUGUST 2 TUESDAY AUGUST 7

VEWS

News Briefs

Information session on plan

Orange County will hold a public information meeting on Tuesday, August 7 to provide information and collect input for the county's comprehensive plan.

County staff will present the comprehensive plan update process. In addition, participants will be able to ask questions and provide input on draft goals and data that can be used to guide the development of the plan.

The updated comprehensive plan will be an official public document that includes analysis of existing and predicted conditions and will serve to guide growth and development within the unincorporated areas of the county through the year 2030. The plan also will serve as the statutory basis for many of the county's land use regulations and for the application of zoning

The public information meeting will be held on Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. at the New Hope Elementary auditorium at 1900 New Hope Church Road in Chapel Hill. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information, visit www.co.orange. nc.us/planning/compre_cpupdate.asp or contact the Planning and Inspections Department at 245-2575.

Tax-free weekend

Certain items will be exempt from sales tax this weekend for the annual sales tax holiday.

The tax exemption applies to items sold August 3-5, including clothing, footwear and school supplies of \$100 or less per item; sports and recreation equipment of \$50 or less per item; computers of \$3,500 or less per item; and computer supplies of \$250 or less per item.

Clothing accessories, jewelry, cosmetics, protective equipment, wallets, furniture, items used in a trade or business and rentals are not exempt and will be subject to regular sales tax.

For a complete list of exempt items, visit www.dornc.com/ taxes/sales/salestax_holiday.html.

Parking Lot 3 to close for repairs Town of Chapel Hill Parking Lot No. 3 at 415 W. Franklin

St. will be partially closed during daytime hours on Thursday and Friday, Aug. 2-3, during construction. The project will install curb cuts to improve passage for pedestrians with disabilities. For more information, contact Parking Services at 968-2758.

Residential break-ins

The Chapel Hill Police Department is investigating a series of residential break-ins that have occurred over the last three

Since July 30, Chapel Hill police officers have responded to nine residential break-ins on the east side of town. Break-ins have been reported on Francis Street, Lark Circle, Fountain Ridge Road, Lakeshore Lane and Forsyth Drive. In at least two reports yesterday, witnesses reported seeing a group of young males on the roof of the homes prior to the discovery of the break-ins. In one report, the suspects were seen wearing bandannas around their heads. In most cases, access has been gained through unlocked or open windows. It appears that small electronics, cash and jewelry have been targeted. These events are occurring during the day, presumably while victims

Residents are encouraged to be on the lookout for any groups of teens walking through residential neighborhoods and to report suspicious behavior by calling 911.

Student appointed to national group

Chapel Hill High School student Amber Bivins has been selected to serve as secretary of the National Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) Youth Advi-

Bivins accompanied a nine-member team that traveled to Farmville, Va. to discuss school violence issues and develop action plans for SAVE chapters across the country. The youth advisory board created a proactive action plan to combat violence through the implementation of the three essential elements of SAVE: crime prevention, conflict management and service projects.

As a member of the board, Bivins will help plan and organize the 12th annual National SAVE Youth Summit and National SAVE Day, which will take place during America's Safe Schools Week on October 24.

SAVE is a student-run organization whose mission is to promote safe schools and communities by educating students about the effects and consequences of violence and to engage students in safe activities that benefit themselves and their communities.

Water Report - August 1, 2007

LAKE LEVELS				
University Lake	-50.25" below full			
Cane Creek	-38.75" below full			
Total Availability Supply	79.4% of capacity			
PRECIPITATION THIS MONTH				

PRECIPITATION THIS MONTH					
Jones Ferry Rd. Treatment Plant	1.58"				
Cane Creek Reservoir	2.66"				
Normal rainfall for July	3.96"				
CUSTOMER DEMAND					

CUSTOMER DEMAND	
7-Day Average	08.825 million gallons/day
30-Day Average	09.121 million gallons/day

Source: OWASA

Trustees weigh in on Carolina North

By Kirk Ross Staff Writer

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Board of Trustees got their first look at the latest plans for Carolina North last Thursday and approved a new site for a proposed Innovations Center, which would become the first project at the school's new campus.

Trustees also voted in Roger Perry of Chapel Hill as chair of the board, the chief governing body of the university. Perry said he sees Carolina North as critical to the school's mission and urged that the project move forward.

Chancellor James Moeser said the plan was a significant step for the university and that the back-and-forth dialogue generated by the school's community meetings has been helpful.

"It reflects months of vigorous discussion within the university and vigor-

ous dialogue and feedback from the local community," Moeser said. He called the project critical because it creates a place for the university to expand research.

"I believe that the future success of this university hangs on this question of Carolina North and its development,"

After a walk-through of a 50-year scenario for the nearly 1,000-acre site and a 15-year first phase that calls for roughly 2.5 million square feet of development, trustees questioned Carolina North executive director Jack Evans about transit plans and housing at the site.

Trustee Nelson Schwab III said he would like to see more housing considered. The first phase anticipates roughly 500,000 square feet of housing. But Schwab suggested that number may be low and that the need for housing for not only employees at the site but also the general community should be consid-

Evans said the plan for now is to allow the market to dictate the housing.

Trustees also asked whether the rail line that runs parallel with Seawell School Road has been considered. Perry said he believes that while it may be likely to use the line in the future, "rubber tire" transit rather than rail is a more likely use for the rail right-of-way.

At Evans request, trustees agreed to change their timeframe for submitting a plan to the town.

Evan said that plans to put a detailed plan before trustees at their Sept. 26 meeting and then submit a plan to the town on Oct. 1 might be difficult if the board wants to change any items.

Trustees revised their timeline to give planners until Oct. 31 to submit a plan to

Carey to run for Senate

By Kirk Ross Staff Writer

Saying he's ready to move to the next level of public service, Orange County Commissioner Moses Carey announced last week that he'll seek the Democratic nomination to the Senate seat currently held by Sen. Ellie Kinnaird.

Though she has not made it official, Kinnaird has spoken openly about retiring after this term.

"I've been talking with supporters and have been getting encouragement to seek state office for more than two years now," Carey, who has served on the board of commissioners for 23 years, said in an interview Wednesday. "I think it's an appropriate time for me to move to the next level."

He said his experience on the board and the connections across the state he's made during his long tenure will serve Person and Orange county residents well.

"I think I have a good foundation to make a difference in Raleigh," he

He said despite the fact that Kinnaird has not announced her retirement, he felt it was time to throw his hat in the ring and get started organizing his campaign, especially since it's likely that there will be a contested primary.

Fellow commissioner Mike Nelson is considering a run, but has not announced his decision.

IFC fires employee over alleged theft

The Inter-Faith Council for Social Service has fired an employee for allegedly stealing money from the agency's crisis intervention

The IFC, which runs the county's homeless shelter, deposits about \$150,000 into the crisis intervention fund each year. The fund helps people in crisis pay their rent and utility bills.

Chris Moran, director of the IFC, said the employee allegedly stole an undisclosed amount over a 29-month period. The employee, who he would not name, had worked at the IFC for a number of years and admitted taking

"She knew all of our controls and knew how to bypass them," he said, adding that the agency has taken steps to prevent thefts in the future. In addition, the agency has notified all of its donors, volunteers and employees.

Moran said the agency has handed over all of the information regarding the alleged embezzlement to Carrboro police, and he anticipates that charges will be brought against the former employee. He added that insurance will cover the losses that the agency can document.

— From Staff Reports

Blood supply status at critical level

The American Red Cross Orange County Chapter blood supply is at critical status lev-

In addition, as of July 27, the O-positive and O-negative blood supply was at emergencv status levels, with less than a day and a half of supply on

To make an appointment to give blood, donors may contact the chapter at 942-4862 or occhapnc@intrex.net. The chapter also has scheduled a number of blood drives during the month of August. These include:

- August 3, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at the YMCA at 980 Martin Luther King Blvd.;
- August 10, 2:30-7 p.m., at Chapel Hill Bible Church at 230 Erwin Road;
- August 12, 12-4:30 p.m., at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church in Hur-
- August 12, 12-4:30 p.m., at New Sharon United Methodist Church in Hillsborough;
- August 18, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at the Institute of Religion in Chapel Hill;
- August 21, 3:30-8 p.m., at the Church of the Holy Family at 200 Hayes
- August 22, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at the Great Hall in the Student Union on UNC's campus; • August 22, 10 a.m.-2:30
- p.m., at the Franklin Trust Building across from Meadowmont; August 23, 11 a.m.-3:30
- p.m., at OWASA on Jones Ferry Road; • August 24, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at UNC General Admin-
- istration at 910 Raleigh Road; and August 26, 12-4:30 p.m., at
- Ebenezer Baptist Church in Hillsborough.

For more information, contact the Orange County chapter of the Red Cross





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the objections raised could have been answered by he or Chilton if Cook and Ryan had asked. The bill is typical of state enabling legislation, he said, and would require a process with public hearings and discussion before any new limits and restrictions are set.

"It's very unfortunate," Coleman said. "It's an indication of a very adversarial

He said the bill was filed in early March and had been discussed as early as January at an annual breakfast meeting with the legislative delegation.

Lydia Lavelle, a planning board member who is running for the Board of Aldermen, said she had hoped the bill would pass and was surprised at the move since it so closely paralleled the Chapel Hill leg-

"I support the bill," she said. "If it can't happen in this session, then I hope it can in the short session."

Rep. Verla Insko, (D-Orange), who sponsored the bill in the House, said she thought it was "interesting" that the people who had objected to the bill were running this year for office in Carrboro.

"I think it's a campaign issue," she said. "The people of Carrboro ought to know the position of those who want to be their elected officials."

As written, the bill would have become effective when signed into law. Ryan said that means it would apply to the current election.

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— Carrboro Board of Aldermen Candidate Lydia Lavelle

But both Coleman and Insko said it was never intended to apply to this year's election. Once passed, Coleman said, the bill would have required a public hearing and discussion by the board on the details

Insko said in light of it's defeat this year, she and Faison will try to craft a new version of the bill with hopes of moving forward with it in next year's short session. "He's agreed to work with me to make it a consensus bill," Insko said.

Faison represents two northern Carrboro precincts, including recently annexed areas that are home to Cook and Ryan.

Insko represents the rest of Carrboro

except for St. Joe precinct, which is represented by House Speaker Joe Hackney (D-Orange, Chatham).

In addition to concerns about the timing of the bill, Cook and Ryan both said they were worried about "outside money" flowing into local races. "We need to keep local campaigns

conducted locally without a lot of outside money and influence," Cook said. Ryan pointed to development money

that helped fund Paul Newton's failed bid for a seat on the town board in Hillsborough and County Commissioner Mike Nelson's run two years ago.

Ryan said that Nelson had received about 60 percent of his financing from outside the county, a number Nelson dis-

In an email response to The Citizen, Nelson said Ryan was trying to use the issue to deflect attention from her attempt to kill a campaign finance bill while a candidate for public office.

"Ms. Ryan is an active supporter of Lillian's List, an organization I also contribute to on a regular basis. Lillian's List helps elect Democratic Women to the NC General Assembly. It does so by funneling contributions from across the state into the campaigns of women they support. Nearly all of my out of county contributions came from lesbian and gay North Carolinians who understand that it's important to elect gay people to office," he wrote. "Katrina's hypocrisy on this issue is stunning. How can it be acceptable for Democratic women to support each other, even if they don't live in the district, but it's not acceptable for gay people to support each other? Her position is offensive." Ryan said language in the bill, which

limits it to only in-state donations, might favor Nelson or a candidate favored by an out-of-state developer.

Both Nelson and Lavelle noted that such restrictions have faced constitutional challenges.

ELECTIONS 2007

CANDIDATES (i) denotes an incumbent

Carrboro Mayor

Mark H. Chilton (i), Chuck Morton, Brian D. Voyce

Chapel Hill Mayor

Kevin C. Foy (i), Kevin Wolff

Hillsborough Mayor Tom Stevens (i)

Carrboro Board of Aldermen, 3 seats open Frank Abernethy, Joal Hall Broun (i), Dan Coleman (i), Sharon Cook, Lydia E. Lavelle, Katrina Ryan

Chapel Hill Town Council, 4 seats open Matt Czajkowski, Sally Greene (i), Cam Hill (i), David

Charles Nash, Will Raymond, Penny Rich, Bill Strom (i),

Hillsborough Town Commissioners, 3 seats open Eric Hallman (i), Evelyn P. Lloyd (i), Brian J. Lowen (i), Bryant Kelly Warren Jr.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education, 4 seats open

Jamezetta R. Bedford (i), Mia Day Burroughs, Michael Kelley (i), Mehar M. Safvi, Annetta R. Streater (i), Gary Wallach

Pittsboro Mayor

Jim Ward (i)

Christopher Bradshaw, Max G. Cotton, Randolph Voller (i)

Pittsboro Town Commissioners, 3 seats open Michele Berger, Gene T. Brooks (i), Clinton Bryan (i), Hugh Harrington, Jim Hinkley, Gary Dean Simpson

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Olivia Moreno, a health promoter, showed participants how they could exercise in the house with a simple activity involving juggling scarves. Moreno told participants

that while sometimes they won't want to leave the house to exercise because the weather is too hot or cold, "Now you see that you can exercise at home."

Registered dieticians Renee Kemske and Sarah Monje

were on hand to offer professional nutrition and diet information. In addition, participants could view exhibits on diabetes, mother/child health, body mass index and nutrition information, while children participated in games and other fun physical activities. The leaders also prepared

traditional and non-traditional snacks and provided recipes.

Susan Clifford, senior public health educator with the Orange County Health Department, said she has trained a number of groups over the past several years as community health promoters, focusing mostly on the immigrant community. Two groups of health promoters meet regularly in the county - one in Chapel Hill and the other in Hillsborough. "This group in particular

has been a bit different," she said, adding that the leaders had previously been trained as promoters but chose to further their education to become health leaders. "This was really to help them make more independent strides, to help them be more active leaders in the community."

Clifford has offered several different types of health promoter classes, including fire safety, emergency preparedness, child health, family health, men's and women's health and more. To find potential health

promoters, Clifford talks to members of the Latino community to find out who the natural helpers and leaders Clifford said she would like

to continue to offer health promoter and leader training but the classes rely on grant funding, which is not always

However, she encourages

those interested to contact her about possible classes.

"I think it's a wonderful opportunity for people to give back to the community," she

For more information or to get involved with health promotion, contact Clifford at 968-2042 or scliffor@ co.orange.nc.us.

Para aprender más de las promatoras de salúd, contacte Clifford en 968-2042 o scliffor@co.orange.nc.us.

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7, at 4 p.m. at the Board of Elections office on King Street in Hillsborough. Garner says the board can

pick one, both or none of the If the board opts to open

both locations, he estimates that it will cost the county roughly \$10,000 to pay for additional staffing for the twoweek early-voting period.

If another alternative is found downtown or on campus in time to review it, Garner says he'll present that one to the board as well.

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OBITUARIES

Michael Perry Thompson

Michael Perry Thompson, 59, of Chapel Hill passed away unexpectedly at his place of employment on Friday, July 27, 2007.

He was an employee of Stump Dump in Pittsboro, NC, a former employee of UNC-Chapel Hill in the Public Safety Department. He was also a volunteer Camp Host at Jordan Lake at Crosswinds. He served in the US Army and was stationed in Korea and Germany.

Surviving are his wife, Joan Thompson of the home; children, Kimberly Smith of Sanford and William Thompson of High Point; and grandchildren, Conner Smith, Leigh Smith, Griffen Smith and Julia Thompson.

Visitation was held at Walker's Funeral Home on Sunday, July 29 from 7:00 until 9:00 pm. A memorial service will be held at a later

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association (ADA) or to the American Heart Association (AHA).

Ian David Creath

Ian David Creath of Chapel Hill died July 9, 2007. He was 18.

He was a native of Guilford County and a graduate of Cedar Ridge High School. He was a rising sophomore at UNC-Chapel Hill and attended Living Hope Com-

munity Church. A memorial service was conducted Friday, July 13, at Chapel Hill Bible Church in and David Ward.

mother, Shawn N. Bailey; his father, David S. Creath; a brother, Lance Osborne Creath; his step-father, Robert Bailey; a step-brother, Aaron Bailey; two step-sisters, Kristen and Rachel Bailey; and his step-grandmother, Virginia Bailey.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the UNC Children's Hospital, 101 Manning Drive, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Philip Wayne Cooke Philip Wayne Cooke of

Fearrington Village died at his home on July 30. He was 75. Dr. Cooke was a professor emeritus at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Social Work and retired in 2003. Born on January 7, 1932

in Surry County to the late Chonnie and Porter W. Cooke, he was the oldest of five sons. He grew up in Pilot Mountain and Norfolk, VA. Dr, Cooke earned undergraduate degrees from Mars Hill Junior College and Furman University. He received his master's degree in social work from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1965, and after graduation was a social worker in the St. Paul Project in Minnesota. He directed a family and children's services agency in Baltimore before receiving his doctorate in social work from the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Work in 1962. He was an Assistant Pro-

fessor in the School of Social Work at Florida State University from 1963 to 1967. He accepted a position as a full Professor at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Social Work in

Chapel Hill by Dane Skelton 1967 and continued to teach graduate students there for Survivors include his 37 years in the areas of public social services administration and organizational development. For the 2002 academic year he was honored as the Teacher of the Year by his MSW students. For 10 years he directed the Institute for Social Services Planning.

> From 1968 to 1974 he was on the Chapel Hill Planning Board and served as its chair. He was a member of the Orange County Department of Social Services Board from 1990 until 1996. He was a member of the Chapel Hill Rotary Club for more than 20 years and was a Paul Harris Fellow.

> Survivors include: his wife of 26 years, Lane Gillespie Cooke of Chapel Hill; daughter, Sharon Cooke Padgett and husband Scott of Charlotte; brothers Edward Cooke of Virginia Beach, VA, Denny Cooke and wife Karen of Rocky Mount, Bill Cooke of Lebanon, KY, Bruce Cooke and wife Anne of Williamsburg, VA; numerous nieces and nephews, extended family members and friends. He was predeceased by his parents and his daughter, Patricia Annick Cooke.

A celebration of his life will be held at the UNC-CH School of Social Work at 325 Pittsboro St., on Thursday, August 2 at 1:30 pm. He was an avid Tar Heel fan, so Carolina blue attire is entirely appropriate. Parking is available at the Carolina Inn and adjacent to the school.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent in his honor to the UNC-CH School of Social Work, Campus Box 3550, Chapel Hill NC 27599-3550.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT CENTER

The Dispute Settlement Center in Carrboro recently held a reception to honor Tan Schwab, who along with Beth Okun and the late Charlotte Adams founded the center in the early '70s – the first mediation center in North Carolina. Board president LeAnn Brown praised Schwab for her vision and her "gentle and principled" activism and presented her with a commemorative photo of Schwab and the other

Community Briefs

Rogers Road Back-to-School Bash

The Faith Tabernacle Oasis of Love Church will be holding its annual Back to School Bash on Saturday, August 11 to provide children with supplies as they return to school for a new year. Your donations are encouraged.

Rev. Robert Campbell writes on OrangePolitics.org that items that are particularly appreciated include gift cards from local stores, book bags, backpacks, notebooks, paper, pencils or "any gifts that will make this day a day of support for families with school age children."

Donations can be dropped off at the church at 8005 Rogers Road.

Students in Ghana

Fifteen students in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School's Blue Ribbon Mentor Advocate Youth Leadership Initiative depart today (Thursday) for a two-week study abroad program in Ghana.

The Ghana study marks the initiative's first international service trip. Focusing on three themes, students will learn about traditional African culture, Ghanaian history and political issues and the natural beauty and way of life in

Students will have the opportunity to learn about batiking; visit national parks, rainforests and fishing villages; and meet the minister of par-

In addition, students will build desks for a rural village school and complete a beautification project at the campus of the Winneba Secondary School in the nation's capital, Accra. The group will also learn about the country's HIV and AIDS epidemic and volunteer at an HIV/AIDS clinic

Only two of the students have ever traveled abroad before. The trip has been funded by contributions from more than 220 donors in the com-

During the week of August 6, WCHL-News Talk 1360 will air audio diaries recorded by the students on their trip.

Community Calendar

Farmers' Markets

Carrboro Farmers' Market - Sat 7am-12pm through Dec 22; Wed 3:30-6:30pm through Oct 17. 932-1641, carrborofarmersmarket.com

Southern Village Farmers' Market - Thu 4-7pm through Aug 30 at Market Street on the Village Green.

Hillsborough Farmers' Market - Wed 3-6pm; Sat 7:30am-noon. Apr-Nov. 732-8315

Fearrington Village Farmers' Market - Tue 4pm through Nov 20. 8 miles south of Chapel Hill on US 15-501, Fearrington Village, Chapel Hill. 542-4000, chatham.ces.ncsu.edu/growingsmallfarms/fearrington.html

Pittsboro Farmers' Market - Thu 3:30-6:30pm through Nov 29. Chatham County Fairgrounds, Pittschatham.ces.ncsu.edu/growingsmallfarms/pitts-

Saxapahaw Farmers' Market - Sat 5-8pm through Aug 25. On the hill over the river, Saxapahaw, Chapel Hill. rivermillvillage.com

Fundraisers and Benefits

Save the Carrboro Greenspace - 10.5 acres that house the ReCYCLEry, the WITT, community events, projects & exhibits are under threat as the owners of the land attempt to sell the property to the highest bidder. Once sold, the land could be developed, built upon & closed off to the public. Come show support for our space! Sat, Aug 4, 5:30pm. Free. I 16 Old Pittsboro Rd, Carrboro. 951-5200 or 225-3433, carrborogreenspace.

Andrew Perry Racecar Benefit - Sun, Aug 12, 4-8pm. Blue Bayou Club, 106 S Churton St, Hillsborough. 732-2555. bluebayouclub.com

Summertime Used Book Sale - The Carrboro Cybrary's summertime book sale continues until Aug 21. Help us promote Cybrary services to Orange County and pick up a great Mystery read at the same time! Call 918-7387 or email cybrary@co.orange.nc.us

Cookout - Come out and support Internationalist Books. Thu, Aug 23, 6pm. Weaver Street Market, 101 E Weaver St, Carrboro. 929-0010, weaverstreetmar-

Special Events

Equine Extravaganza - Horse Expo. Experience the beauty, grace & majesty of horses presented in a 2-hr evening performance. Aug 3-5, Raleigh. Limited seating; visit equineextravaganza.com for full details.

Karen Knitters & Weavers - The Karen ethnic group from the mountains of Burma is known for their intricate woven bags, sarongs, scarves & wedding attire. Come watch them work. Sat, Aug 4 & Sat, Aug 18 at 10am. The ArtsCenter, 300-G E Main St, Carrboro. 929-2787, artscenterlive.org

Guilford Native American Association Pow-Wow - Dressed in traditional clothing, the Guilford Native American Association presents a series of authentic dances including a special interactive friendship dance with the audience. Wed, Aug 15, 7:30-9:30pm. \$3/person, \$8/family or group. 918-7364. Camboro Century Center, 100 N Greensboro St, Camboro. 918-7304.

Reform, Reconstruction & Redemption - The Northern Impulse to Save the South. Explores an intellectual & cultural phenomenon that extends from the abolition of slavery to the Civil Rights era of the 1960s & public health initiatives of the 1960s & 70s. Through Aug 31. UNC Campus: Wilson Library, 201 South Rd., Chapel Hill.

Kids

Nature Tales - Story Time at the Garden - Kids ages 4 & 5 gather around in the Botanical Garden to share stories about nature. Every Thursday at 10am; outing & activity afterward. Children must be accompanied by an adult; no more than 3 children per adult

please. \$5 per family

ComedySportz 4 Kidz – Games & improv for kids 12 & under. Saturdays at 5pm. DSI Comedy Theater, Carr Mill Mall, Carrboro. \$10; students \$8. 338-8150, dsicomedytheater.com

Fishing for Kids - Tie knots, cast a line, catch a fish. Ages 5-15. Sat, Aug 18, 9am-1pm. Occoneechee Mountain, Hillsborough. 383-1686, ils.unc.edu/parkproect/visit/ocmo/home.html

Inside Art: The World Inside the Frame - Works that let children & families explore art from inside the frame. Through Aug 26. Kidzu Children's Museum, 105 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill. Tue-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 1-5pm. \$4 ages 2+; memberships available. 933-1455, kidzuchildrensmuseum.org

Painting for Children Exhibit - Friends of the Pittsboro Memorial Library Gallery present "Painting for Children." A celebration of play, whimsy, laughter & fun as seen through the eyes of North Carolina's talented children's book authors and illustrators. Aug 10 thru the end of the month. Reeves Gallery, Pittsboro Memorial Library.

Be an Animal Detective - Ages 7+ & parents. Come out to the park & learn how to look for signs, scats & tracks on a short hike. Sat, Aug 25, 2pm. Eno River State Park, 6101 Cole Mill Rd, Durham. 383-1686, ils.unc.edu/parkproject/visit/enri/home.html

Get Outside

Weaver Street Market - Jazz & more! Summertime fun for all ages. Sunday brunch, every Sunday I lam-Ipm; Thursday nights, every Thurs 6-8pm. On the lawn at Weaver Street Market, Carrboro.

Tai-Chi Practice - Sponsored by Friends of the Poet's Walk. Saturdays, '9am. Free. Poet's Walk, Ayr Mount, Hillsborough. 732-1891, savepoetswalk.com

Dragonfly Hike - Sat, Aug 4 & Sat, Aug 18, 10am. Occoneechee Mountain, Hillsborough. 383-1686, ils. unc.edu/parkproject/visit/ocmo/home.html

Life Around the Pond - A short hike. Sun, Aug 5, 10am. Occoneechee Mountain, Hillsborough. 383-1686, ils.unc.edu/parkproject/visit/ocmo/home.html Evening Sights & Sounds - A short hike around

the pond. Fri, Aug 10, 8:15pm. Occoneechee Mountain, Hillsborough. 383-1686, ils.unc.edu/parkproject/visit/ **Geology Hike** - See what geological wonders can be found at the mountain. Sat, Aug 25, 2pm. Occoneechee Mountain, Hillsborough. 383-1686, ils.unc.edu/parkpro-

Coker Arboretum Tours - Meet at the stone gathering circle near the center of the arbor for a guided tour of the century-old arboretum. 3rd Sat of every month, I Iam. Free. UNC Campus: Coker Arboretum, Cameron Ave, Chapel Hill. 962-0522, ncbg.unc.edu/

NC Botanical Garden Guided Tours - Meet at the stone gathering circle in front of the Totten Center. Every Sat, 10-11am. 962-0522, ncbg.unc.edu

Volunteers

iect/visit/ocmo/home.html

Ronald McDonald House - Seeking volunteers for tasks around the house for families & community service projects. 913-2040, chapelhillrmh.net

Best Buddies Companion Rescue & Adoption A group of pet foster homes & volunteers in Pittsboro. Visit their website to learn about fostering & make a donation to support rescue efforts in the Triangle & in communities of need, including those affected by Hurricane Katrina. Best Buddies Companion Rescue & Adoption, 184 Winthrop Rd, Pittsboro. 882-0001, bbcra.org

Groups

PFLAG's Monthly - Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays meets in Chapel Hill for confidential support, education & advocacy. Ist Thursday of every month, 7:30pm. United Church of Chapel Hill, 1321 Martin Luther King Ir Blvd, Chapel Hill. 942-3540, www.

pflagtriangle.org

Classes

Free Health Class - Health Info for Seniors. Wed, Aug I, 7-8pm at the Carrboro Cybrary. Registration required. For more info, call the Cybrary at 918-7387 email cybrary@co.orange.nc.us, or visit lib.unc.edu/instruct/community_workshops

Lectures

Sat, Aug II, 2pm. Orange County Public Library, 300 W Tryon St, Hillsborough. 245-2525, co.orange.nc.us/

Jade Silk - A Talk on Jade & the Jade Culture of China

▼ Theater: Opening Private Eyes - Three Blind Mice Productions (NC college students). Written by Steven Dietz, directed by Talia Lliteras. \$8; students \$6. Aug 2-4, 8pm. The ArtsCenter, 300-G E Main St, Carrboro. 929-2787, artscenterlive.org

The Man Who Came to Dinner - One Song Productions. An eccentric 1930s radio personality makes a visit to a small Ohio town. Thu, Aug 9 & Fri, Aug 10 at 8pm; Sat, Aug 11, 3 & 8pm. \$10. The ArtsCenter, 300-G E Main St, Carrboro. 929-2787, artscenterlive.org

Giant Puppet Show - A Shoe For Your Foot. Live performance featuring handmade masks, stilts, card-board creations & shadows. Outdoors, set to live music. \$10; great fun for all ages. Aug 10-Sept 3. UNC Campus: Forest Theater, 300 S Boundary St, Chapel Hill. paperhand.org

▼ Dance: Lessons Tango – Fri, Aug 17, 8pm. Join the Triangle Tango Society for free tango lessons. Open Eye Café, 101 S Greensboro St, Carrboro. 968-9410, openeyecafe.

Dance: Participatory Free Style - Carrboro Dance Jam with eclectic music by DJ Rovnitsky. 1st & 3rd Fridays, 7:30-10:30pm. \$5-8,

698-8776. Balanced Movement Studio, 304 W Weaver St, Carrboro, 942-0240, balanced-movement.com. Book Discussions

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or email cybrary@co.orange.nc.us. Next meeting: Mon, Aug 20, 7pm. Join us in our discussion of The No. I Ladies' Detective Agency series. Carrboreaders Non-Fiction Group - Meets quarterly to discuss non-fiction works on a variety of

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For the Record

(Good) drivers wanted

Where did you learn how to drive? Yeah, you, the guy in the black Camero that skidded around two lanes of traffic, veered left and cut everyone off, then sped up the N.C. 54 on-ramp scraping the curb along the way.

And you in that gray, beat-up Tercel — what the heck were you doing running red lights all the

way up Smith Level?

Traffic around here is crazy enough without idiots like y'all masquerading as daredevils, and it's going to get less forgiving as the town floods for a while with U-hauls and people who quite honestly don't know which way to turn.

And with a new high school, it's going to take patience, practice and a lot of defensive driving to get around.

Oh, and one more thing — get off the dang phone and pay attention.

Traffic jamming

Contractors are facing a mid-August deadline to get a new traffic light and turn lanes in place at the entrance to Carrboro High School. We wish them godspeed, and judging from progress so far and the condition of the project this week, it may take an unearthly power to get things to completion.

As noted above, the south side of town is going to see a serious crunch as the new school opens and hundreds of parents and teens find their way to and from the school.

Getting the light in place is essential to opening the school. But beyond that, getting the work completed ahead of the coming crunch and not in tandem with it should be a top priority.

Blood sport

It's hard to pass the Michael Vick dogfighting story by, not because he's a well-known sports celeb in trouble, but because Orange County is a hot spot in a state that, as the Vick indictment shows, is a hot bed of dogfighting.

Several of the incidents mentioned in federal charges against the former Virginia Tech quarterback involved fights in or with dogs from North Carolina. Though there is no mention yet of where or with whom in North Carolina Vick and his partners are alleged to have conspired in their fighting enterprise, concerns about dogfighting are well founded here. Over the years, raids of breeding operations and work by animal activists have unearthed Orange County connections to the fight

It's one of the main reasons the county is considering ways to eliminate or reduce tethering of

Already, it's hard to watch Vick's apologists try to spin this cruel and bloodthirsty "sport" as a simple pursuit of status akin to a fast car or plenty of bling. We can only hope that as the case unfolds, more of the public becomes aware of the practices of a truly barbaric industry. Perhaps we may also come to understand what possibly motivates anyone to consider the torture and killing of another creature a good time. For the time being, that is difficult to



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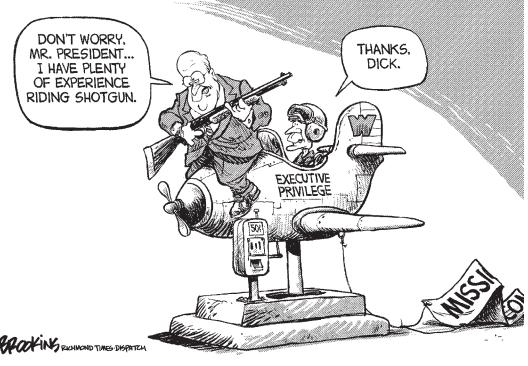
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Campus needs an early-voting site

EVE CARSON AND MIKE TARRANT

The Orange County Board of Elections may present UNC students with two alternatives for early voting in this fall's municipal elections: Hitch a ride to the closest poll, or simply don't vote.

În an email last Monday, Orange County elections director Barry Garner informed UNC-Chapel Hill administrators that he had decided to recommend that the board move the location of their early-voting polling site from the traditional on-campus site to the Seymour Senior Center off Homestead Road.

In past years, the on-campus polling site has been located at Morehead Planetarium, which will not be available this year due to the showing of a special exhibit.

The UNC voting location has been Orange County's most popular early-voting site for UNC faculty and staff as well as local community members who live and work nearby. According to the News & Observer, nearly 2,800 people voted early for municipal elections at the planetarium last year. They represented more than 40 percent of the early ballots cast and 8 percent of the total ballots cast in the 2006 general election.

The Senior Center is located four miles away from the UNC campus — outside of walking distance for the thousands of students, faculty, staff and Chapel Hill residents who live and work in and around downtown Chapel Hill.

Having an early-voting site on campus is both symbolically and politically meaningful. Through our positions in student government, we represent almost 28,000 undergraduate and graduate students and potentially eligible voters. Some students cast their very first votes in Chapel Hill. Other students vote for the third, fifth or fifteenth times in Chapel Hill. With students split between six different precincts on election day, the easiest way for students to be able to vote is to have a close, convenient early-voting site.

But this early-voting site is not just important for students. The university is also the county's largest employer and represents thousands of long-terms residents of the town of Chapel Hill.

The idea of not having an on-campus voting site is particularly disappointing in light of the recent passage of a same-day voter registration bill. This legislation was created to facilitate increased voter turnout, but continuing an on-campus precinct is vital for the goals of this legislation to be reached.

A polling site at the UNC Student Union was explored but rejected due to concerns about potential problems with parking. As Orange County Commissioner Mike Nelson points out, an early-voting site at the UNC Student Union makes more sense geographically for a large number of Chapel Hill voters than the Senior Center. And in order to address parking concerns, Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton has graciously asked the board to direct voters with automobile/parking needs to the Carrboro Town Hall early-voting site, and the Student Union is situated next to the most heavily used bus stop on campus. Furthermore, while the site is fully accessible for persons with disabilities, UNC has offered to

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provide curbside voting for those who would be unable to leave their vehicles.

Over the past week or so, some people have told us that "students do not vote no matter how easy we make it." Putting up additional impediments, however, is not the solution to the problem. Our classmates, teachers, service workers and neighbors represent the full spectrum of political and ideological beliefs, and their vote is valuable and meaningful to local city and county affairs. It is absolutely critical for the future well being of Chapel Hill, Orange County and the university that we work to foster a sense of ownership and responsibility for this town within our student com-

In an era where voter apathy sometimes seems more the norm than an unfortunate consequence, we celebrate both the university's and the town's tradition of community engagement. And as we strive to keep fostering these opportunities for civic involvement, it seems not only fitting but necessary to keep an on-campus polling site to serve the citizens and voters from and around the University of North Carolina.

We ask the board to work with us to explore other locations that would be reasonable for both students and residents, even if it is not on campus (such as locations in the downtown Franklin Street area). And we ask for your help too. Please join us in encouraging our young people to get more engaged with town affairs. You can start today by contacting the Orange County Board of Elections and asking them to find a location for one-stop early voting that is accessible to and convenient for both students and the broader community. You may email the chair of the board, Billie Cox, bcox@ridetta.org, or call the Board of Elections office at 245-2350.

The board will be meeting on Tuesday, August 7th, at 4 p.m. at the Board of Elections office, 110 E. King Street in Hillsborough. Please come to this meeting and voice your support for an on-campus early-voting site. For more information regarding this issue, please visit www.unc.edu/studgov.

Eve Carson is student body president at UNC-Chapel Hill. Mike Tarrant is student body vice-presi-

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CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

Last week in an op-ed Shana Becker of the

N.C. Public Interest Research Group wrote

for The Citizen titled "Well-intentioned bill would give utilities a blank check," Becker

stated, "the utilities also said that Shearon

Harris would generate energy 'too cheap to

in response to the piece, informed her that

Progress Energy (formerly CP&L) has no record of saying Shearon Harris would be "too cheap to meter." We hereby retract

Becker has since contacted us to say that a representative of Progress Energy,

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the observation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Early voting site a necessity

The Board of Elections should reconsider the recommendation to eliminate the earlyvoting site on UNC's campus this year and, instead, move early voting to the Senior Center on Homestead Rd.

For the past few elections, the earlyvoting site at Morehead Planetarium has provided a convenient voting opportunity to thousands upon thousands of students, staff, faculty and the members of the general public. In my opinion, it's critical that we have an early-voting site on campus to serve the citizens who live, work and study

I believe we have a responsibility to provide early-voting opportunities that are convenient for voters. In a college town, a site on campus is a necessity.

Mike Nelson

Orange County Commissioner

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such an anti-consumer, antienvironment bill. The bills content

Protections for our climate, health and economy have been gutted because the bill's clean energy provisions are dwarfed by measures promoting dirty energy, expensive power plants and disincentives for efficiency. An incentive allowing the corporate hog industry to continue polluting our communities and rivers with thousands of feces-andurine "lagoons" is nothing short of shameful.

A deceptive process

The process was tainted throughout by backroom negotiations. The utilities and allies rigged the bill even before a slanted "stakeholder" process began, adding sweeteners to gain approval from various business interests. As the bill emerged in the Senate in late June, promoters falsely claimed the environmental community supported S-3, confusing legislators into inaction.

Then, as public-interest attorneys began unraveling the bill's complexities and scores of organizations began calling for sufficient time so that legislators could understand the bill,

S-3 promoters and legislative leadership increased their pressure to speed passage.

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A silver lining

A large statewide mobilization in recent weeks proved that citizen groups are uniting for clean energy. It's unfortunate we weren't given a chance to put that voice behind a renewables bill that wasn't held hostage to massive giveaways to the power companies. It's tragic that bill supporters were able to ride the momentum of backroom dealing and distorted information long enough to overcome attempts to ensure that lawmakers and the public could understand the bill's ramifications.

Although the bill tied one hand behind our backs, the broad popular reform movement will continue exposing undue corporate influence, building the muscle needed to reinvigorate democratic institutions in North Carolina, and making the shift to clean, safe energy.

Jim Warren is the executive director of NC WARN (Waste Awareness and

Reduction Network).

COMMENTS

Why community capacity building really matters in economic development

WILLIAM SCHWEKE

Strong and intelligent leadership can turn economies around. Economic developers that neglect this important but intangible asset do so at their peril. Indeed, most mainstream economic developers seem to still believe that economic development is the "art of the deal." I disagree. Instead, it is more about "the art of collaborative problem solving."

It's true that without a steady and growing stream of new ventures and business expansions, an economy will not renew itself. And if improvements in the labor force or infrastructure are not generating such results, something is wrong. But such a focus on the project can also steer development in the wrong direction.

A focus on deal making perpetuates a quest for the one sure thing – the new branch plant facility, a stadium, a convention center, a casino, a theme park or even a prison. ("If we build it, they will come.") At best, these are outcomes of a good development process, but none is the silver bullet that developers and elected officials seek. Production of this silver bullet (or, more precisely, a variety of tools) requires an organizational and leadership precondition that we call "social capital" or "community capacity."

By social capital, we mean the capacity of a community to work consciously and effectively to shape its economic future. Indeed, the ability of residents – and their leaders and officials – to participate, lead, make decisions, implement plans and influence outcomes is a community asset as important as labor force skills, natural resources, the physical infrastructure, the financial capital and entrepreneurial drive. The possession or absence of community capacity increasingly will distinguish progressing communities from declining ones.

A few years ago, a group of seasoned practitioners of this art, including me, formed the Community Capacity Building Learning Cluster under the auspices of the Aspen Institute and identified the concept's key dimensions and

how they might be assessed and measured. A community will be well positioned for future development success if it has:

- Broadened participation in local decisionmaking;
- Expanded its leadership base;
- Developed strategic plans for community and economic development;
- Increased individual skills and knowledge about how to move toward development goals;
- Established effective community and economic development organizations;
- Improved its access to and use of local and outside financial and professional resources;
- Made measurable progress toward its goals;
- Developed a system for monitoring and evaluating successes or failures.

North Carolina has been active in this area.

Universities, the Department of Commerce, the N.C. Rural Economic Development Center, foundations and corporations have all supported actions such as leadership development programs, economic development training, nonprofit management assistance and courses, strategic planning efforts and so forth.

Still, a greater effort is needed if we are to equip communities to excel in all three dimensions of community capacity building and prosper in today's New Economy. One expert describes them as follows: We must increase the "breadth" of involvement and partnerships. We must enhance the "depth" of local skills. And we must "heighten" their relationships to resources beyond their community. This is the way to "move beyond the deal" and cultivate a more democratic development practice.

William Schweke is a vice president at the Durham office of CFED.

The forgotten lesson from Jim Black

CHRIS FITZSIMON

Early in the sentencing hearing of former House Speaker Jim Black Tuesday morning, the disgraced former lawmaker was explaining how in 2003 he promised to help two Republican legislators raise money if they agreed to cross party lines and support him for speaker.

Black testified that he told the lawmakers that the period between the November general election and the convening of the legislative session in January was a "fertile time to raise money" because a lot of people have an interest in getting something from the General Assembly.

It was a throwaway line on a day when Black talked publicly for the first time about bribery, the lobbyist who loaned him \$500,000 and accepting cash from chiropractors and a strip club owner.

But Black's comments about raising money go to the heart of the problem with our political system. It's not the corrupt individual politicians who break the law who are the greatest risk. Like Black, they are usually discovered, investigated and punished for what they do.

Much more corrosive to the democratic process are the campaign practices that are legal, like the fundraising from people because they have direct interests in the General Assembly's actions.

It is legal for wealthy interests to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for a legisla-

tor or group of legislators and then ask that a certain bill be passed or defeated.

Political parties can and do accept unlimited contributions from special interests or legislative leaders and then funnel hundreds of thousands of dollars to individual legislator's campaigns, skirting contribution limits.

Personal wealth or the ability to raise thousands of dollars often determines who is considered a credible candidate, excluding most citizens from the ability to stand for election.

Interests directly regulated by a Council of State office like the secretary of labor, the commissioner of agriculture or the commissioner of insurance generally make the majority of their campaign contributions to candidates running for those offices.

The cliché is that money is the mother's milk of politics. In fact, it's the toxin that is poisoning the public perception of our elections and our government and undoubtedly affecting the decisions made by people elected to represent us all, not just the ones who write the checks.

Wealthy campaign contributors and fundraisers are investors and they expect a return on their investments. Candidates who need hundreds of thousands of dollars for their campaigns seek those investors because most of us can't write a series of \$4,000 checks. But the investors' money comes with strings and the public increasingly under-

Child abuse, neglect rise dramatically

stands that.

The solution seems clear: Provide candidates with a clean source of money that comes with no strings. That is the principle behind voterowned, publicly financed elections, a system already in place in Arizona and Maine and in North Carolina for the election of appellate level judges.

The General Assembly is now considering establishing a pilot public-financing program for three Council of State races in 2008: the state auditor, the insurance commissioner and the superintendent of public instruction. The House passed the proposal this weekend and it's now before a Senate Committee.

The free market fundamentalists are mounting a ferocious campaign to stop it, claiming it infringes on freedom of speech, forces taxpayers to pay for campaigns of candidates they don't agree with and boils down to welfare for politicians. They cite a poll by the Pope Civitas Institute that found 84 percent of people said no when asked if the state should use taxpayer dollars to fund political campaigns for Council of State.

But a poll by the Center for Voter Education finds that a majority of voters would support a taxpayer-funded candidate over a candidate relying on special-interest money. The public gets it.

Public financing in other states has withstood legal challenges because it is a voluntary program. Candidates don't have to accept public financing. As for forcing taxpayers to pay for campaigns they don't agree with, the public wants fair elections, free of the special-interests money given by investors with an agenda.

It's odd logic from the right. Taxpayers support plenty of things they don't agree with on the state and federal level, from the war to tax breaks for corporations, but they can't pick and choose which government program is funded.

And as for welfare for politicians, apparently the folks on the right would rather elected officials owe their allegiance to the people who can afford to fund their campaigns instead of the people they represent. It fits with their obsession with the free market. But public office shouldn't be awarded to the highest bidder or the candidate with the wealthiest investors.

Time is running out in the legislative session. The Senate needs to pass the public-financing pilot and continue to move our elections and policymaking away from the fertile ground of fundraising from investors and toward a system where ideas matter as much as

one clear lesson from the sorry saga of Jim Black.

special-interest dollars. That's

Chris Fitzsimon is the director of N.C. Policy Watch

CITIZENS NEEDED TO SERVE ON CARRBORO GREENWAYS COMMISSION

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen has created a Greenways Commission whose duties will include recommending policies, programs and actions that may assist the town in safeguarding the water quality, environment and livability of the community by establishing greenways. The town is seeking applicants for the five at-large seats on this commission.

Interested persons should contact the Town Clerk's Office at 918-7309 or at swilliamson@ci.carrboro.nc.us for application forms. Application deadline: August 10th.

Sarah C. Williamson Town Clerk

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when Army parents deploy to combat

UNC News Services

Confirmed incidents of child abuse and neglect among Army families increase significantly when a parent is deployed to a combat zone, according to a new study by researchers at RTI International and UNC's School of Public Health.

The study, which appears in the Aug. 1 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA), compares the rates of child abuse and neglect among nearly 2,000 Army families with confirmed incidents of child abuse or neglect. Researchers compared rates while enlisted soldiers were at home and while they were deployed for combat operations between late 2001 and the end of 2004.

The study, funded by the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, shows that the overall rate of child abuse and neglect was more than 40 percent higher while a soldier-parent was deployed for a combat tour than when he or she was at

nome.

"Because this study measured incidents of child abuse and neglect within individual families during times of deployment and non-deployment, the evidence is pretty strong that combat-related deployments are responsible for the increase," said Deborah Gibbs, a senior health analyst at RTI and the study's lead author. "These findings were consistent, regardless of parents' age, rank or ethnic background, indicating that deployments are difficult for all kinds of families."

The greatest increase in the rate of child abuse and neglect occurred when soldier-husbands deployed, leaving mothers at home to care for the children. In these cases, the rate of physical abuse nearly doubled, and the rate of neglect, in which parents do not properly care for their children, was nearly four times higher.

"Although many military families manage to cope with the stress created by combat deployments, in other families this stress significantly

impairs the parents' ability to care for their children appropriately," said study coauthor Sandra Martin, Ph.D., professor in the Department of Child and Maternal Health at UNC's School of Public Health.

"The Army is very aware of these issues, and they're working hard to support families during deployments," Gibbs said. "Our study confirms that supportive services are needed for families of deployed soldiers and that those services need to be provided in a way that encourages parents who are having difficulties to take advantage of them."

Co-authors include Lawrence Kupper, Ph.D., Alumni Distinguished Professor of Biostatistics in UNC's School of Public Health, and Ruby Johnson, a statistician at RTI International.

To access the JAMA study, visit: http://jama.ama-assn. org.

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The Carolina Brewery's new Pittsboro location.

Carolina Brewery ready to open Pittsboro location

New facility will also be a focus for company's retail brews

first for Pittsboro, as Chapel Hill-based Carolina Brewery opens a new 9,000-squarefoot restaurant and brewpub near the new Lowe's Home Improvement store at the in-U.S. 64 bypass.

The location, the company's second, will house brewing operations along with the restaurant and feature patio dining and a room for private parties and dinners.

Carolina Brewery owner Robert Poitras, who lives in Chatham County, said he's looking forward to opening up a place to serve the fastgrowing North Chatham

Head chef and Culinary Institute of America graduate Andrew Forster is moving from Chapel Hill to run the

Next week is another Pittsboro kitchen, the company announced.

In addition to food service, the new site will house the company's retail brewing operations, producing all beer for Carolina Brewery's tersection of U.S. 15-501 and expanding restaurant, grocery and direct-to-consumer sales. Longtime brewmaster Jon Connolly will oversee brewing operations. Next to the brewery and restaurant will be The Hopshop, described as a "quick serve spot" for breakfast and lunch that offer Carolina Brewery beer and merchandise to go.

Carolina Brewery & Grill Pittsboro will begin serving dinner Monday, Aug. 6 and expand its hours on Aug. 20 to include lunch, dinner and weekend brunch.

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They're late this year. The specimens in my parched woodland have not yet shown themselves. Over in the middle of Carrboro - more showers over there – they're up but not in flower, and along the trails of the Botanical Garden - lots more showers over there - they're in full flower!

Well now, unlike most wildflowers these are not going to knock your socks off with a showy display of color. You can easily complete your woodland stroll without ever seeing this diminutive native orchid down by your footsteps. Sadly, a number of them, growing too close to the edge of the path, sometimes in the path, will be trampled by innocent feet. Those unfortunate ones will not have opportunity for pollination and production of the talcum powder-like seed this season.

Even the experienced wildflower enthusiast is challenged to find the Crane-fly Orchid, Tipularia discolor. I am always surprised whenever I spy my first one of the summer. Usually I am aided by a serendipitous beam of sunlight streaming through the tree canopy, momentarily spotlighting that stalk of greenish-brown - or is that brownish-green? - little orchid flowers. The flower color is hard to discern and there



PHOTO BY KEN MOORE Without a contrasting background, Crane-fly Orchids are almost invisible on the forest floor.

are no leaves. The flowering stalk is a wire-like stem from 8" to 18" tall. So it's really easy

But once you do see it, and now you're down on hands and knees for a closer look, you'll most likely spy several more close by. They generally occur in small colonies and often those colonies are lined up as if in an orderly march. If you observe the forest floor carefully, you may detect the remains of a long-ago-fallen tree that has ever so slowly decomposed to provide a favorable nursery bed appropriate for the very particular growth requirements of this terrestrial orchid. As you pull yourself up from the ground and continue your woodland stroll, you will surprise yourself at how readily you may find more of these Crane-fly Orchids.

These obscure, but abundant, orchids are more easily located during winter walks.



PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

A hand lens or magnifying glass is helpful for viewing the Crane-fly Or-

The single, egg-shaped leaf, dark green above and burgundy colored beneath, emerges in the early fall to take advantage of the winter sunlight reaching the forest floor through the bare branches of the forest canopy. One would be inclined to describe it as evergreen, but it goes dormant in the spring of the year, a sort of reversal of the dormancy of most deciduous plants.

Good luck in your search.

Take a hand lens or magnifying glass with you for a closer look. Your imagination may even allow you to see some similarity to the crane-fly insect with which its name is associated. Most likely, you'll be happy to have seen this wildflower; if not, just think - now you have a perfectly logical explanation if some day you are caught lying down along some woodland pathway.

Briefs

Cooking demo

Marilyn Markel of A Southern Season will demonstrate cooking with farmers' market products at the Carrboro Farmers' Market on Wednesday, August 8, at 4

Markel, who manages Culinary Lessons at A Southern Season, will use in her demonstration ingredients found at the market that day.

For more information, visit carrborofarmersmarket. com.

S.V. tomato tasting

The Carrboro Farmers Market will host a mini tomato tasting today (Thursday) at 4:30 p.m. at the Southern Village Farmers' Market.

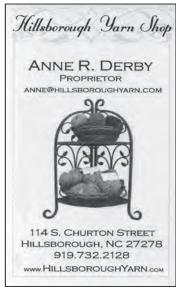
Participants will be able to sample different varieties of tomatoes found at the Southern Village market. In addition, tomato recipes will be available.

For more information, visit www.carrborofarmersmarket.

Market week

The U.S. Secretary of Agriculture has proclaimed Aug. 5-11 as National Farmers Market Week.

Locally, farmers sell products at markets in both Carrboro and Hillsborough on Saturday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. In addition, there is a small farmers market on Saturday evenings in Saxapahaw and a Thursday afternoon market in Southern Village.



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summer and winter varieties; tomatoes - Big Beef, Italian Oxhearts, Red Sun, Sungolds, and Tomande are just a few varieties available; vegetable and herb seedlings, bedding and landscape plants, cut flowers, succulent houseplants; pastured-based meats beef, buffalo, chicken (limited quantities,) goat, lamb, pork; charcuterie: bacon, bratwurst, breakfast sausage, chorizo, country ham, hot and sweet italian sausage; eggs, fresh and aged cow's milk and goat's milk cheeses, honey, pecans, pickles, jams, jellies, wine, prepared foods, and crafts.

*Produce availability dependent on weather conditions

recipe of the week

Tomato and Onion Panade from Sheila Neal, Market Staff

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 pounds yellow onions, sliced thin
- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 6 garlic cloves, sliced thin
- I/2 pound tomatoes, any variety and color, cut into bite-size chunks
- 8-10 cups day-old peasant-style bread, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 4 cups chicken or vegetable stock
- · 6 ounces Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese,

Procedure

Put the onions, olive oil and a couple pinches of salt in a high-sided sauté pan or saucepan and place on medium-high heat. After a few minutes, give the onions a stir. They should begin to turn golden. Once they all begin to look golden, add the garlic and turn the heat to low. Continue to cook on low until onions are very soft but not mushy, about 20 minutes. If the onions begin to dry out, you can put a lid on the pan to trap some moisture. You should get about 2 cups of onions. Set aside.

Preheat oven to 275 degrees. Toss the bread with olive oil to coat, a few pinches of salt and enough stock

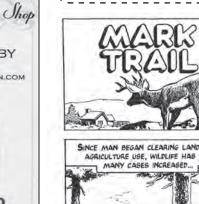
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to moisten, about 1/4 cup. Take a 2-quart casserole or heavy enameled Dutch oven (this is where the Le Creuset comes in handy!) and begin to assemble the panade. Start with the onions and layer on the bottom of the dish, then the bread, another layer of onions, then the tomatoes and a layer of cheese. Continue in this order until the pan is very full. Make sure the top layer has a little bit of each ingredient showing. You want the rustic look, so it is good if the layers are uneven. Drizzle with olive oil.

Take the remaining stock and heat it up. Taste for salt. Add stock slowly to baking dish. It will absorb some of the liquid and you want to accurately gauge the amount of stock you're adding. Add enough stock to fill the pan 2/3 of the way up the sides. Put on a burner over low heat and bring to a simmer. Cover top of panade loosely with parchment and then with foil. Place in oven with a pan or foil underneath to catch the drippings. Bake until bubbly, about 1 1/2 hours. Uncover the panade, increase oven temperature to 375 degrees and bake until browned, about 20 minutes. The panade will puff up. Check underneath the crust to make sure the inside is silky and oozy. If it's dry, you can add a bit more stock and cook 10 minutes more. Bring to table in all its glory. Wait for it to settle and then serve directly from the baking dish. You can hold the panade in a low oven for up to an hour. Just brown it right before serving.

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McCracken, veteran law enforcement officer, tapped for UNC public safety post

UNC News Services

Lt. Col. Jeff McCracken, deputy director of the Department of Public Safety at UNC, has been named the university's director of public safety and chief of police.

McCracken, a law enforcement veteran with more than 15 years' experience, will on August 1 take the helm of a department with a \$25 million budget and responsibility for law enforcement, security, transit, transportation planning and traffic and parking. The department includes 200 permanent and 100 temporary employees, including 25 sworn reserve police officers and 52 full-time sworn officers.

In naming McCracken to the position, Carolyn Elfland, associate vice chancellor for campus services, acknowledged McCracken's extensive knowledge of public safety and his thorough understanding of the UNC campus community.

"Without a doubt, Jeff Mc-Cracken is the best person to lead our public safety department," Elfland said. "With his comprehensive understanding of the vital role public safety plays in an academic setting and his long-term commitment to our campus, he brings a unique set of skills to the position."

McCracken, who joined the university department in 1993 as an investigator, quickly rose through the ranks, becoming operations major in 1997 and deputy director in 1998. He has served as interim director of the department since March 2007. He also serves as the president of the N.C. Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators. McCracken succeeds Derek Poarch, who was appointed bureau chief for the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau of the Federal

Communications Commission. "I am deeply honored to have been selected as the chief of police and director of the UNC Department of Public Safety," McCracken said. "I look forward to working with the Department of Public Safety employees and members of the university community to build upon what is already an outstanding organization."

The department was recently reaccredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc. Previously accredited in 1995, 2000 and 2003, it met 446 law enforcement standards to earn the most recent recognition. The UNC department is one of the few accredited university public safety agencies in the country.

A native of Asheville, Mc-Cracken grew up in Cary. He and his wife, Jolie, live in Haw River with their two sons, Mason and Nolan.

University **Briefs**

Global center to display Indian, Kenyan handiwork

"When Artistic Expression Becomes a Livelihood: The Stories and Handiwork of Indian and Kenyan Women" will be displayed Thursday, Aug. 2 through Sept. 20 in UNC's FedEx Global Education Center.

Visitors can see embroidered pieces by women in India and hand-dyed and woven wool rugs by women in Nairobi, Kenya. Photos and

and their communities will be posted. Both groups support their families with sales of their works.

Recent UNC graduate Marissa Heyl watched the embroiderers when she visited India last year. In one area, there is no written language, she said, but "embroidery is used to record experience and serves as a form

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of language. The artisans, in effect, become the historians of their community."

The free exhibit will be open from 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. The center is at the corner of Pittsboro and McCauley Streets. For more information, call 962-

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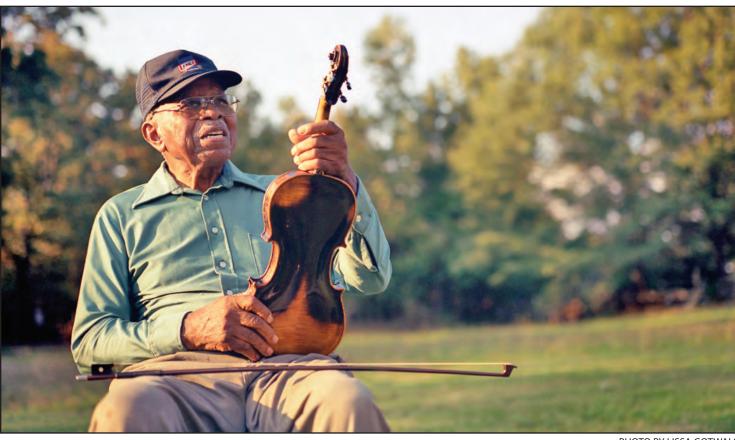
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Joe Thompson near his house in Mebane.

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Fiddler Joe Thompson gets his due

Been a long time coming.

One of the things people might not know about Joe Thompson is that he started playing as a very young man, which means that at age 89 his career as a fiddler runs close to eight decades.

Thompson and his cousin Odell were mainstays of the square dance circuit — both black and white dances — in the Piedmont during the string music heydays of the 1920s and '30s. They learned the style of black string bands from their fathers, and, like them, became highly sought-after players.

But as the music fell out of favor, Thompson, who lives near Mebane, became one of Orange County's secret legends. Not so secret, of course, to those who kept the flame alive.

Thompson, who decided to carry on after Odell's death in 1994, has worked quite hard himself to keep the flame alive, teaching and playing dances that still shake the floorboards of northern Orange.

He's kept at it long enough to see his music come back, and last week he paid a visit to Raleigh where he was honored by both houses of the state legislature as one of the state's true treasures. Beside him were his family and Odell's and the Carolina Chocolate Drops, whose fiddler, Justin Robinson, has been at Thompson's side learning his style and ways.

In addition to state honors, Thompson travels to Washington, D.C. in September for a concert as the recipient of on of this year's National Heritage Fellowships awarded by the National Endowment for the Arts

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edge of Sparrow Pool's, a community swimming pool last used (aside from as a walkin theater) in the early '60s. "We had come to a few parties here, and felt that it was just such a special, amazing place, and we were amazed at how few people know about it."

Interested in preserving the space, and with a concern for global warming, peak oil and global social justice, Slade says the group set its collective mind on "recognizing the need to deal with these issues on a local scale, because all these other scales have been failing us."

Greenspace, says Slade, seemed perfect for "reacquainting ourselves with knowledges and practices we're not so in touch with anymore" – thus the screening of movies (on Thursday nights through the summer) that document community-based, "localizing" movements from around the world – meanwhile "preserving a magical, special space, very close to town."

"We're trying to engage the community," Slade continues; "we want to share our vision for the space." The concept is two-fold, he explains: to provide a service to the community through the programs it hosts and the events it sponsors, while also attempting to energize the community around the effort to preserve the space and to make optimal use of it.

Local government has been supportive. When Slade and his colleagues attempted to gather earnest money in order to be considered as legitimate potential buyers, Mayor Mark Chilton offered to contribute \$5,000 of his own money. (The owners, says Slade, ultimately indicated no interest in the effort.) Purchasing the property — which has been on the market for \$1.4 million — was never a viable option for the town

Board of Alderman Dan Coleman has advised the Greenspace organizers in their endeavor to save the space – an endeavor he acknowledges as "a pretty daunting task for young people without access to capital." Coleman calls Greenspace a "fantastic property – so close to downtown, with historic significance." He praises the organizers for their vision and says: "The longer it remains unsold, the more word is spread, the greater the possibility a connection might be made with someone, or some parties," with a similar vision and the finances to back it.

The Carrboro Greenspace Collective is urging the community to show its support by signing a petition demanding that the property be kept publicly accessible, by helping identify potential buyers who would want to keep it as such and by attending a Save the Greenspace gathering this Saturday, August 4, that begins with a local-foods potluck at Casa Grande, continues with a carnival parade to downtown and reconvenes at the house with a fashion show and performances.

Connections

The creek that runs through these 10.5 acres has a 60-foot stream buffer and is a tributary to Morgan Creek. There's a natural spring. Hardwoods cover much of the land. The land is home to deer and owls and to the white-breasted nuthatch, the hairy woodpecker and the towhee. And a plant was recently discovered on the property that hadn't been seen in Orange County in at least 20 years – the Scentless Mock Orange (*Philadelphus inodorus*).

The property also is positioned to potentially interconnect the town's greenways for unbroken biking and hiking. Primary constraints over 80 percent of the property would limit the number of homes that could be built on it.

Each of these are arguments made for preserving the Carrboro Greenspace – and, in the minds of the Carrboro Greenspace Collective, constitute a legitimate basis for a usufruct privilege.

Collective member Michal Osterweil says that the term has been used by similar movements "to suggest that other people's land can be used for benefit or profit – in this case, benefit to the community in both ecological and social terms – as long as it's not damaged," and that such use adds value to the land.

In general terms, what the Carrboro Greenspace Collective is suggesting, says Osterweil, is that in certain cases the value of private property, "as allotted by a 'real estate' market, does not sufficiently consider other forms of value – such as green, social and cul-

Bottom line: "We believe that in cases such as this, and considering the importance and value of this space in non-monetary terms, it would be fair to allot a certain privileging of our efforts over those of another buyer."

For more information on the August 4 festivities, see "Community Calendar" on page 5.

PlayMakers to explore Middle East conflict with drama, community dialogue

UNC News Services

CHAPEL HILL – Play-Makers Repertory Company is seeking area residents with informed opinions on conflict in the Middle East to present their views in community discussions Sept. 12-16. The professional theater

company in residence at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will host the discussions nightly on those dates after its performances of "When the Bulbul Stopped Singing," a play with a decidedly Palestinian point of view.

Individuals interested in being considered for the panel should contact Jeffrey Meanza, PlayMakers' education and outreach director, by Aug. 17 at 962-2491 or meanza@ email.unc.edu.

PlayMakers will choose panelists so as to balance each night's presentations, making sure that diverse religious, cultural and political perspectives will be included. UNC experts also will participate. A moderator will facilitate respectful discussion.

PlayMakers' producing artistic director, Joseph Haj, will star as Palestinian human rights attorney Raja Shehadeh in the drama, to begin at 8 p.m. Sept. 12-15 and at 2 p.m. on Sept. 16, in the Elizabeth Price Kenan Theatre. The venue is inside UNC's Center for Dramatic Art on Country Club Road.

The 70-minute, one-man play presents Shehadeh's reallife experience of the Israeli siege in March 2002 of his city, the Palestinian community of Ramallah. Then individuals chosen for the panels will speak. Audience members are invited to stay for the panel and to ask questions and present their own opinions afterward.

"As a theater based at an academic institution, we have



PHOTO COURTESY OF UNC NEWS SERVICES PlayMaker's producing artistic director Joseph Haj.

a responsibility to examine and wrestle with the complex issues of our day," Haj said. "We want to tell those stories, to put a human face on part of the conflict, and then to engage our community in an intimate dialogue, with the freedom to disagree."

"BulBul" is the first of three plays in this year's "PRC2 Second Stage Series," each telling unique, real-life stories and followed by panel discussions. Lisa Kron will perform in her own, Obie Award-winning "2.5 Minute Ride" (Jan. 9-13, 2008), a wry account of her trip with her father to Auschwitz, where his parents died. The world premiere of Mike Wiley's "Witness to an Execution" (April 23-27, 2008) will explore death row in Texas.

Haj has had a similar theater experience with a play staged by a Jewish theatre group in San Francisco. "We met with an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue group," he said. "Their central tenet was: 'An enemy is a person whose story you don't know."

For information about tickets and subscriptions to the PRC series and PlayMakers' 2007-08 main-stage season, call 962-PLAY or visit www. playmakersrep.org. Based in UNC's College of Arts and Sciences, PlayMakers is the Carolinas' oldest resident professional theatre company.

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