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P&Z Board

## Task force to advise board on liquor laws

By ELIZABETH STEWART  
staff writer

A Task Force fine-tuning text amendments which define the primary uses for establishments that may want to apply to the state to serve alcoholic beverages will make recommendations to the Kings Mountain Planning & Zoning Board Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

The board will vote on any changes or definitions to the present amendments and present them to City Council during a public hearing June 30th at 6 p.m. at Kings Mountain City Hall.

The Task force composed of planning board chairman Jim Childers, Dave Allen, Doug Lawing and John Houze have been reviewing ABC laws that also include those for private clubs so that Kings Mountain's will mirror the state.

Minimum requirements for private clubs, dance halls and night clubs spell out under the ordinances that (a) separation from any part of the land on which a school facility sits shall be at least 50 feet. (b) Separation from any part of the land on which a church facility is the sole occupant shall be at least 50 feet unless said church site property is zoned General Business or Central Business, in which case separation requirements shall be 50 feet from the church building to a private club, dance hall or night club building. (c) Noise control shall include sound attenuation measures to comply with the city's noise ordinance. (d) The facility, adjoining properties shall be free from debris and trash generated by patronage of facility.

Also proposed is a change from private clubs, dance halls and night clubs from conditional uses to permitted uses by right.

Faith, hope, love



Rev. James Robinson stays by his wife's, Carolyn Robinson's side.

## Medical Miracle

Woman brought back from near-death experience, uplifted by faith, saved by prayer

By EMILY WEAVER

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He took her to the doctor and she was prescribed new medicine for what appeared to be a heart condition. But her health seemed to worsen each day. (The following) Friday she wouldn't eat anything, she could hardly drink anything. She was just lifeless almost," Rev. Robinson said.

He checked her blood pressure. It was 70/40. He called 911.

The paramedics came, got her stabilized as best they could and rushed off to Gaston Memorial.

The physicians at the hospital admitted her and began to check her vitals. "All of a sudden, something showed up that was really serious," he said.

They grabbed the gurney, started rolling it down the hall, exclaiming, "get

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## First time, first place

By EMILY WEAVER  
Editor

And the winner of the 2009 Over the Mountain Triathlon is... 29-year-old Justin Park, of Chapel Hill.

This was Park's first time competing in Over the Mountain. He finished the three-legged course in a total time of 2:07.56, a new OTM record.

But Kevin Lisska, a third-time returning contender who finished first overall in 2007, followed Park in for a close second. Lisska, 30, of Charlotte, emerged first from the nearly one-mile swim, climbing out of Moss Lake not far ahead of last year's overall winner David Sokolofsky.

Park caught up with Lisska during the 27-mile bike course while they were riding through South Carolina state parks. It remained close.

Park and Lisska wheeled into the last transition area of the race at nearly the same time. Park was first off of his bike as the two set to get ready for the last 10K run of the triathlon.

He had not run since he injured his hip in the bike

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GRADUATION

## KMHS finals begin Sunday

By ELIZABETH STEWART  
staff writer

Commencement exercises for 288 seniors in the Class of 2009 at Kings Mountain High School will begin Sunday, June 7, with baccalaureate services at 7 p.m. at B. N. Barnes Auditorium and culminate on Wednesday, June 10, with 8 p.m. finals exercises in John H. Gamble Football Stadium.

Rev. Eddie Gray, Assistant Pastor of First Wesleyan Church and President of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon. Rev. Jeff Hensley, pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist Church, is chairman of arrangements for the event.

All Kings Mountain High School, Kings Mountain Middle School and Kings Mountain Intermediate School parking spaces will be available to use for graduation parking. This will include the fields behind the Middle School and the Intermediate School. School of-

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UPDATE

## Southern Power proceeds as planned for new plant

By EMILY WEAVER  
Editor

All systems are still a "go" for Southern Power, an Atlanta-based wholesale-distributing energy company, to build a plant near I-85 between Kings Mountain and Grover.

Although the nearly 275-acre site between I-85 and Hwy. 29 still stands empty, within a few years it may occupy four electricity-producing units.

Steve Higginbottom, spokesman for Southern Company, the parent of Southern Power, said that

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## Heavy rain floods concern



CONTRIBUTED BY CHARLES T. SMITH  
The football field inside of John Gamble Stadium at KMHS became a swampy mess after the heavy rains on May 26. STORY BY LIB STEWART >

Heavy rain in the area - up to 4.8 inches at one point in a two hour period last Tuesday, caused some headaches for some but for others the grass will be greener and the gardens will prosper - that is if the rain didn't wash them away.

The City of Kings Mountain reported a sanitary sewer spill on May 26, 2009.

Water Resources Director Dennis Wells said the spill happened at the Beason Creek pump station on Crocker Road. He said an estimated 8,100 gallons of sewage spilled into Beason Creek.

The cause of the spill was due to the heavy rainfall of 4.8 inches in approximately a two hour period.

In other areas of the city, a huge tree was uprooted during an afternoon storm on Groves Street. The tree fell on two cars in a carport, the heavy limbs and foliage completely covering the vehicles.

Last Tuesday in the East Gold Street area of Suber Gate at the entrance to Mountain Rest Cemetery the street was heavily flooded with water as motorists turned around in the road and at least three ventured across.

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