

**This Weekend**  
**Friday**  
 Mostly Sunny  
 100/70  
**Saturday**  
 Isolated T-Storms  
 92/66  
**Sunday**  
 Mostly Sunny  
 91/66

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**Schools**



Amy Rickard selected as principal of Elementary School No. 10 | Pg. 4

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Lifeguard Elizabeth Hamilton surveys the pool at Heritage Hills.

## The heat is on

*Carrboro and the rest of the O.C. bake away*

By **KIRK ROSS**  
 Staff Writer

If you had a strange sensation on Monday morning that something wasn't quite right, that maybe something was missing, you were right. In most places in southern Orange County, there was no dew.

Even though the air was plenty heavy with water, temperatures never dipped low enough Sunday night and early Monday to allow for the usual overnight condensation.

That was an early clue of the heatwave barreling down on us. The next clues were not so obscure.

The official readings at the National Weather Service station at Horace Williams Airport showed a high of 99 on

### Crop loses mount

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Monday and a low Tuesday morning of 73. After that, things got hot. Wednesday saw the temperature break 103 and hover around there most of the afternoon. Heat index value — a blend of temperature and humidity that signifies how the air feels — was 110 degrees. Haze, which for days helped produce some strange and eerie light as the sun went down, blanketed the area.

In addition to the heat, the Triangle has had a series of bad air days, with ozone levels in the area putting the region in Code Orange territory — unhealthy for sensitive groups — for four afternoons days running.

Warnings for children, asthma sufferers and the elderly to stay inside were a constant through the week, and if you spent any time doing much more than walking in slow motion, even the most healthy among us were inclined to join them there.

But for some, there wasn't a lot of choice.

### Water Up!

With a scrimmage scheduled for Friday against Roanoke Rapids, the Carrboro High School Jaguars were on the field at Culbreth Middle School running drills and heading over to the Water Boy — a large tank and water-pump contraption — with great frequency.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT



PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

Residents of Chapel Hill and Carrboro, joined by police officers and town officials for the annual Neighborhood Night Out, stroll through the Northside neighborhood Tuesday. Despite the heat (thermometers read 100 degrees as the walk got started), about 60 residents turned out for the event, which wound through Northside to the Hargraves Center where food, music, games and plenty of water were on hand for participants. The event is organized each year by Empowerment, Inc. More photos from the walk and the party are on *The Citizen's* website at carrborocitizen.com/main.

## FPG, Carrboro face transfer requirements

*Federal and state standards part of No Child Left Behind*

By **SUSAN DICKSON**  
 Staff Writer

Two Chapel Hill-Carrboro elementary schools must allow students the option of transferring to other elementary schools in the district this year under federal No Child Left Behind standards.

The school district recently released preliminary Adequate Yearly Progress results for the nine elementary schools and four middle schools. While all district elementary schools and three of the four middle schools met federal standards in reading, all four middle schools and four elementary schools failed to meet standards in math.

Both Carrboro Elementary and Frank Porter Graham Elementary will offer students the option of transferring to other district elementary schools. This is the second year Carrboro

Elementary has offered the transfer option, as it failed to meet federal Adequate Yearly Progress standards in reading for the prior two years, although it met reading standards this year.

Frank Porter Graham Elementary will offer the transfer option for the first time this year because it failed to meet federal standards in math for the second year in a row.

Carrboro Elementary, Estes Hills Elementary and McDougle Elementary also failed to meet federal standards in math.

According to school officials, no Carrboro Elementary students chose to transfer to other elementary schools last year. The district has notified parents of students at Carrboro and Frank Porter Graham about the transfer option.

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## Food at Really Really Free Market a bone of contention

By **TAYLOR SISK**  
 Staff Writer

With one participant reportedly saying, "There are people here who need to eat," a variety of foods were distributed at last Saturday's Really Really Free Market, held the first Saturday of each month on the Carrboro Town Commons.

The rub, from the town's perspective, is that participants in the Really Really Free Market aren't insured to distribute food at the event and

therefore have been in violation of the event's contract with the town.

But at least a few among those who bring goods to the gathering for free distribution say the town is wrong — that they are no different than anyone who may bring food to a public park and then share it, and that signs posted informing those who partake that the town can't be held liable in case of sickness sufficiently cover all concerned.

If there are rules in place that prevent the sharing of food in the Town Commons, said

Carrboro resident Tamara Tal, who brought and, within five minutes, parted with an entire loaf of her homemade zucchini bread, "I argue that we need to readjust the rules."

Food has been distributed, at no charge, at past Really Really Free Market events — in fact, photographs of attendees loading plates with covered-dish items are available on www.carrboro.com — but the town's administration had yet to resort to direct measures to prevent it.

It appears that will soon no longer be the case.

Carrboro Chief of Police Carolyn Hutchison was at the Commons on Saturday, as was Town Manager Steve Stewart and at least two members of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen. A uniformed town police officer was also on hand shooting video as food was distributed.

Stewart said participants of the Really Really Free Market have in the past been duly warned: "We went to extra efforts to advise them of the rules," he said.

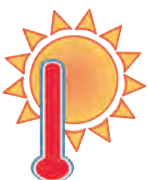
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Tips for preventing heat-related illness.

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## Joe-Pye who?

### FLORA

By Ken Moore

Common names and the meanings and tales associated with them are the source of endless wisdom, humor and trivia. I've always wondered who Joe-Pye really was. The familiar description is of a Native American herb doctor in the Massachusetts Bay Colony region. The Indian's name was Joe-Pye and he used a special plant to ease the discomfort of a common disease known as typhus, or typhoid fever. So the plant was commonly identified by early settlers as Joe-Pye-Weed.

My favorite plant this week is Joe-Pye-Weed, *Eupatorium fistulosum*. The local champion clump is behind the stone wall gathering circle in front of the Tot-

ten Center of the Botanical Garden. I'm really serious. If you have not seen this plant, then make certain you visit it sometime during the next week or so. I promise you'll be impressed — and with only a little effort, you can have one in your very own garden. The Botanical Garden usually has some for sale or you can seek it out at local garden centers. I look forward every year to the one at the base of my deck that stands up to 12 feet tall so that I can enjoy it from the kitchen window where I am always dutifully washing dishes, uh huh!! Another common name for this impressive plant is Queen-of-the-Meadow, which is appropriate, for when you see it standing regally tall in Carolina mountain meadows, you will quickly agree that this plant is truly a queen among neighboring



PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

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Joe-Pye-Weed flower heads.

# THE MILL

Charleen Swansea phoned the other day to remind us that the annual summer documentary film series is spooling up its last set of reels. The American Summer series has shown some dandies this summer on the last Saturday of each month at the Century Center. The final two shorts promise more of the same and a grand finale for the festival as well.

So jot down August 25th at 7 p.m. and reserve the early evening for a seat in the climate-controlled comfort of the Century Center where the magic lantern will reveal *Mark Twain's America*. The film includes a trip down the Mississippi during the tumultuous times in which Twain plied the waters aboard steamboats. And for local flavor, the series is sponsoring a talk by Carrboro filmmaker Cyndi Whisnant and a showing of *Living Historians of the Battleship North Carolina*, a splendid look at the life of reenactors on board the historic old boat docked in Wilmington Harbor.

Swansea promises the series will end with appropriate fireworks. You'll have to show up to learn what she means by that — we're not spoiling the surprise....

Ran into OrangePolitics creator Ruby Sinreich the other day at BarcampRDU — the annual "unconference" for geeks and Web Two-Point Something types. She was fresh off a brief stay at O'Hare, prior to which she was a panelist at YearlyKos — the annual convention for friends and family of the Daily Kos community.

Ruby has gained a lot of national respect for making a go of an actual political website aimed at local issues and elections — something Kesters and other political bloggers say we need more of. While she reports some resonance with the local-counts message, it's still a tough sell getting folks to understand that means more than statewide blogs.

So, note to Kos and Co.: Zoom in a little closer, please, and you may be able to see us all waving.

## This Week - August 10, 2007 - August 16

### Friday

Check out the Chapel Hill and Carrboro 2nd Friday Art Walk. Every second Friday, visit local galleries and enjoy live music and food. 6 to 9 p.m. and free! Check the website for details at: [www.2ndfridayartwalk.com](http://www.2ndfridayartwalk.com)

### Saturday

Joe Romeo & The Orange County Volunteers join Randy Whitt & The Grits at The Cave. Five bucks.



### Sunday

Legendary N.C. musicians The Ramblers play at Southern Village at 7 p.m. Admission is just five bills.

### Monday

Cat's Cradle presents KAZE, L In Japanese, Evolewtion, JewBron and Social Memory Complex. All for only \$7! Doors open at 8:30 p.m.



### Tuesday

Local art! The Art of Open Studio - paintings by 12 artists from the ArtsCenter Open Studio painting group are on display at the Carrboro Century Center, through October 1st.



### Wednesday

The Blue Horn Lounge presents Kennebec's Troy Smith and Jeremy Blackford. Starts at 9 p.m.

### Thursday

Local punk rockers The Gondoliers perform with The Points at Reservoir. Show is free and starts around 10.



## 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 Sun** - 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, Carrboro, 968-9410, www.openeyecafe.com, Mon-Sat 7 am-11 pm (Fri & Sat midnight), Sun 8 am-11 pm.

**Watercolor by Marilyn Strother** - Aug. 1-31. Cup A Joe, 967-2002.

**Works by Jillian Goldberg** - Aug. 1-Sept. 1. Fusions Art & Fine Craft Gallery, 260-9725, www.pittsboroshops.com/fusions.htm.

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

**Cooperative gallery created & owned by local artists** - featuring original painting, photography, clay, sculpture, fabric, wood, glass, jewelry

& other traditional & contemporary fine art & crafts. Ongoing. Hillsborough Gallery of Arts, 732-5001, HillsboroughGallery.com, Mon-Sat 10 am-5 pm.

**Oil paintings & jewelry by David Sovero** - Ongoing. SoveroArt Gallery Studio, 732-3056, soveroart.com, Mon-Sat 10 am-6 pm.

**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 pm, Sun 1-8 pm.

**Play More** - works by Michael Sanderson. Through Sept. 9. Benjamin Vineyards & Winery, 336-376-1080, benjaminvineyards.com, Thu-Sun noon-5 pm.

**Shapes of White** - works by 24 artists. Through Aug. 31. Somerhill Gallery, 968-8868, somerhill.com, Mon-Sat 10 am-5:30 pm, evenings by appt.

**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 pm.

**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, Sun by appt.

**Honoring Our Endangered Earth** - paintings by Jude Lobe & mixed media by Pat Merriman. July 29-Aug. 30. Hillsborough Gallery of Arts, 732-5001, HillsboroughGallery.com, Mon-Sat 10 am-5 pm.

**Paintings by Lisa Jones** - Aug. 1-31. Caffe Driade, 942-2333, caffe-driade.com, Daily 7 am-11 pm (Fri & Sat midnite, Sun 7:30 am).

**Seeing Red** - works by Barbara Ziff. Aug. 1-30. Orange County Historical Museum, 732-2201, orangecountymuseum.org, Tue-Sat 11 am-4 pm, Sun 1-4 pm. Free.

**2nd Friday Art Walk Preview** - 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.hamony-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. 18, 10 a.m. The ArtsCenter, 929-2787, artscenterlive.org.

**Botanical drawings, paintings, jewelry & furniture** - by Emma Skumick, Kathleen Jardine, Norma Hawthorne & Douglas G Trimble - Aug. 5-30. ChathamArts Gallery, 919-542-0394, chathamarts.org, Thu-Sat 11 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 Svava** - Aug. 5-31. NC Crafts Gallery, 942-4048, www.nccraftsgallery.com, Mon-Sat 10 am-6 pm, Sun 1-4 pm.

**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 Friday 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.com.

**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.

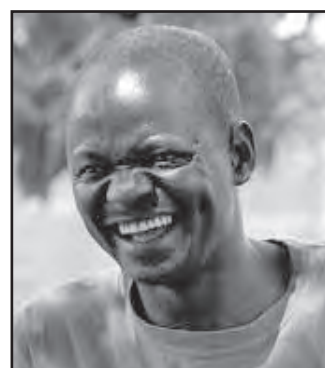
**Heroes of Yesterday, Heroes of Today: The History of the Chapel Hill Fire Department** - Ongoing. Chapel Hill Museum, 967-1400, www.chapelhillmuseum.org, Wed-Sat 10 am-4 pm, Sun 1-4 pm. Free.

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

**Handcrafted items** - including paintings, carvings, molas, textiles & fabrics, ceramics, beads & jewelry from West Africa, the Middle East, Central America & the US collected over years of traveling. Ongoing. Dirt Road Gallery, 933-6999, www.dirtroadgallery.net, Sat & Sun 11 am-6 pm & by appt.

**Beaches** - works by Chris Doyle. Aug. 10-Sept. 1. Bill Hester Fine Art, 960-0059, Tue-Thu 10 am-6 pm, Fri-Sun 11 am-7 pm (Sun 4 pm).

## Music Calendar



**Lamine Soumano and his International Ensemble bring the best of Malian music and dance to the Cave on Saturday.**

### THURSDAY AUGUST 9

**Blue Horn Lounge:** Mark Wells & Jill 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. \$8  
**Weaver Street Market:** The Hush-puppies. 6pm

### FRIDAY AUGUST 10

**Blue Horn Lounge:** Dave Spencer Band. 9pm  
**Cat's Cradle:** Ted Leo & The Pharmacists, Birds of Avalon. 8:30pm. \$14  
**The Cave:** Late: William D. Burton, Salt to Bitters. The New Familiars.  
**Local 506:** Cary Brothers, Stars of Track & Field, William Fitzsimmons. 9pm. \$10  
**Open Eye Café:** Avi Fox-Rosen. 8pm

### SATURDAY AUGUST 11

**Cat's Cradle:** Colour Revolt, Manchester Orchestra, Wild Sweet Orange, Prayers and Tears of Arthur Digby Sellers. 7pm. \$10  
**The Cave:** Early: Lamine Soumano & His International Ensemble. Late: Joe Romeo & The Orange County Volunteers, Randy Whitt & The Grits.  
**Local 506:** Spacelab Soundsystem. 9pm  
**Open Eye Café:** The Water Callers. 8pm

got an event you'd like to see in our calendars?

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**CAT'S CRADLE**

WE 9/12 BRETT DENNEN

WE 9/12 ANDREW BIRD CAROLINA THEATRE (DURHAM)

FR 8/10 TED LEO AND THE PHARMACISTS W/BIRDS OF AVALON\*\*(\$12/\$14)

SA 8/11\*\*(\$8/\$10) COLOUR REVOLT, MANCHESTER ORCHESTRA W/WILD SWEET ORANGE, PRAYERS AND TEARS OF ARTHUR DIGBY SELLERS

SU 8/12 L IN JAPANESE DANCE PARTY\*\*(\$10)

MO 8/13 KAZE, L IN JAPANESE, MC EVOLEWTION, JEWBRON AND SOCIAL MEMORY COMPLEX\*\*

FR 8/17 CD RELEASE PARTY ENDLESS M/C ALSO: AKROBATIK W/DJ THERAPY, JOZEEMO AND DILLON

TU 8/21 ADRIAN BELEW W/SAUL ZONANA\*\*(\$18/\$20)

WE 8/22 WOLF PARADE\*\*(\$17) W/PLANTS AND ANIMALS, NOOT

TH 8/23 THE WAILERS W/THE MOVEMENT\*\*(\$23/\$26)

FR 8/24 PIETASTERS W/THE SLACKERS, STEADFAST UNITED AND ANTAGONIZERS\*\*(\$12)

SA 8/25 CD RELEASE PARTY FREE SHOW SCHOONER W/ERIE CHOIR, STRUGGLERS, NORTH ELEMENTARY AND WES PHILLIPS

SU 8/26 THE FORMAT\*\*(\$15) W/PIEBALD, LIMBECK, STEEL TRAIN, REUBENS ACCOMPLICE

MO 8/27 BRUCE IN THE USA (BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN TRIBUTE)\*\*

TU 8/28 COREY SMITH\*\*(\$12/\$15)

TH 8/30 STARTING TUESDAY W/BAUMER AND DAVID SPENCER FROM SPENCERACUFF\*\*(\$12/\$15)

SA 9/1 & SU 9/2 BENEFIT SHOW HOBEX, TRANSPORTATION, FIN FANG FOOM & MORE . . .

TU 9/4 FLICKER LOCAL AREA FILM

WE 9/5 MIDLAKE W/DAWN LANDES\*\*(\$10/\$12)

TH 9/6 BENEFIT SHOW MOUNTAIN GOATS, BELLAFA, THE MOANERS, HOPE & ANCHOR

FR 9/7 THE NATIONAL W/DOVEMAN\*\*(\$12/\$14)

SA 9/8 WHO'S BAD? (MICHAEL JACKSON TRIBUTE)\*\*

MO 9/10 MEAT PUPPETS\*\*

TU 9/11 PETER, BJORN & JOHN W/THE CLIENTELE\*\*

WE 9/12 BRETT DENNEN\*\*(\$10/\$12)

TH 9/13 BLACK LIPS\*\*(\$8/\$10)

SA 9/15 CD RELEASE PARTY JOHNNY IRION W/GUESTS BULL CITY BAND AND JULE BROWN

FR 9/21 LUKEMIA BENEFIT THAD COCKRELL AND BRENDAN JAMES (\$10)

SA 9/22 THE OLD CEREMONY\*\*

MO 9/24 RYAN SHUPE AND THE RUBBERBAND\*\*(\$8/\$10)

TU 9/25 MAGNOLIA ELECTRIC W/WATSON TWINS\*\*

WE 9/26\*\*(\$13/\$15)

THE SEA AND CAKE

TH 9/27 ANIMAL COLLECTIVE

FR 9/28 OF MONTREAL W/PSYCHIC HEARTS\*\*(\$15)

SA 9/29 & SU 9/30 CARRBORO MUSIC FESTIVAL

TU 10/2 OKKERVIL RIVER W/DAMIEN JURADO\*\*

WE 10/3 PINBACK W/MC CHRIS\*\*

TU 10/9 STATE RADIO\*\*(\$12)

FR 9/12 THE DONNAS ON SALE 815

SA 10/13 DEL THE FUNKY HOMOSAPIEN, DEVIN THE DUDE\*\*(\$18/\$20)

SA 10/20 MARY GAUTHIER\*\*

WE 10/24 BORIS W/DAMON & NAOMI, KURIHARA\*\*

FR 10/26 STARS\*\*(\$15)

MO 10/29 LUCERO, AVAIL, BOBBY BARE JR W/SMOKE OR FIRE AND WHISKEY & CO\*\*

WE 10/31 NADA SURF\*\*

TU 11/5 JOSH RITTER W/ERIC BACHMANN\*\*(\$12/\$14)

SA 11/10 TOUBAB KREWE\*\*

FR 11/16 BADFISH TRIBUTE TO SUBLIME\*\*(\$15/\$18)

SA 11/17 TEGAN & SARA W/NORTHERN STATE\*\*(\$18/\$20)

TH 11/29 WILL HOGE\*\*

FR 11/30 STEEP CANYON RANGERS\*\*(\$10)

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LOCAL 506 (CHAPEL HILL)

FRI. AUG. 10 - (\$10/\$12)

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W / STARS OF TRACK AND FIELD, WILLIAM FITZSIMMONS

TUE. AUG. 21 - (\$8)

LADYBUG TRANSISTOR

W / PAPER CUTS, UN DEUX TROIS

THU. AUG. 23

AMY COOK W / MARY JOHNSTON

SUN. SEPT. 8 - (\$8/\$10)

OAKLEY HALL

SUN. SEPT. 9 - (\$12)

DON DIXON [SOLO]

MON. OCT. 8

TWO GALLANTS

W / BLITZEN TRAPPER

SUN. OCT. 14 - QUI

MON. OCT. 29 - (\$10/\$12)

AVAIL W / SMOKE OR FIRE, FUTURE KINGS OF NOWHERE

CAROLINA THEATRE (DURHAM)

WED. SEPT. 12 - (\$21)

ANDREW BIRD

W/AUGIE MARCH

ARTSCENTER (CARRBORO)

TUE. SEPT. 18 - (\$10/\$12)

DO MAKE SAY THINK

DISCO RODEO (RAL)

SUN. SEPT. 16 - (\$25/\$27)

INTERPOL W/LIARS

MEYMANDI CONCERT HALL (RAL)

SUN. SEPT. 30 - RESERVED SEATING

DASHBOARD CONFESSIONAL [SOLO]

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## News Briefs

### IFC hires new development director

The Inter-Faith Council for Social Service has hired Kimberly Shaw as the agency's new development director. Shaw started work on Monday. She has nearly 20 years of experience in development and marketing in the nonprofit sector and also has worked for the Carolina Theatre, the North Carolina Museum of Life and Science and the North Carolina Center for Voter Education.

Community members are invited to meet Shaw on Wednesday, August 15 from 3-4 p.m. at the IFC's second-floor conference room at 110 W. Main Street in Carrboro.

### Small fire at OWASA

A small fire occurred at OWASA's Jones Ferry Road water treatment plant early Wednesday morning. No one was hurt and OWASA services to customers were not affected. The fire affected control equipment for some pumps at the treatment plant, but other pumps remain in operation and OWASA continues to have adequate capacity to pump drinking water.

According to OWASA officials, Carrboro fire and police departments responded very quickly to the fire.

For more information, contact OWASA at 968-4421.

### Chapel Hill street resurfacing

The Town of Chapel Hill began its annual street resurfacing program on Monday. The project is expected to take about six weeks to complete, but equipment failure or bad weather could extend the duration of the project.

For more information, contact Shelton Burnette, streets and construction services superintendent, at 969-5124.

The following streets are planned for resurfacing or milling: Arcadia Lane, Arlington Street, Bonsail Place, Brooks Street, Chapel Street, Chesley Lane, Cloister Court, Country Club Road, Cumberland Road, Deming Road, Derby Lane, Dogwood Acres Drive, Elizabeth Street, Gomain Avenue, Greenwood Road, Hillsborough Street, Houston Road, Jay Street, Longview Street, Overlook Point, Rosemary Street, Sierra Drive, Steeplechase Road, Sugarberry Road, Tamalpais Point, Velma Road, Village Drive and Willow Drive.

# Contaminated soil moving out

State plans to examine groundwater contamination at former Fidelity Street cleaners

By **KIRK ROSS**  
Staff Writer

State officials say that soil removed from a former dry cleaners building on Fidelity Street will be on its way out of the area starting today (Thursday) and will likely be gone by Friday.

Contractors working for the state's Dry-Cleaning Solvent Cleanup Act Program removed roughly 240 tons of soil from the site after testing required by the town as part of a permit to refurbish the building revealed contamination from perchloroethylene, or "perc," a solvent used in the dry cleaning process. The chemical is considered hazardous and is linked to some cancers, but according to Al Chapman, a project manager for the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the public is not in danger from

the soil.

Chapman said the 12 "roll-off" cars at the site loaded with soil from the recent \$100,000 cleanup will be sent to a hazardous waste landfill in Michigan and that soil removed from the site that is not considered hazardous will be sent to a municipal landfill. He did not specify which facility it would go to, but said it would not be sent to the Orange County landfill.

The site at 127 Fidelity Street was home to Hangers Cleaners, which bills itself as using an environmentally friendly process. But a previous, conventional dry cleaning business is likely the source for the perchloroethylene.

Chapman said that the soil testing and removal was only one part of the process at the site. The next phase, which he said would start in 30 to 60 days, will involve groundwater



PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

Roll-offs with contaminated soil are due to depart Carrboro before the weekend.

tests. The site does have some groundwater contamination, Chapman said, but the extent of it and whether it has migrated off the site is unknown. It may take weeks after the tests are completed to know the nature of the groundwater contamination, he said.

## County election board settles on post office for early-voting site

After searching for an alternative site to the Morehead Planetarium that's near campus and downtown Chapel Hill, the Orange County Board of Elections decided on Tuesday night to set up an early-voting center in the lobby of the Franklin Street Post Office.

Barry Garner, the county's elections director, said the board reviewed several sites, including the Student Union and the Seymour Senior Center on Homestead Road before opting for the post office. The new early-voting site will be in the lobby to the right of the entrance, he said.

Students and university employees had said they did not want to see the loss of an on-campus location after university officials said work on an exhibit for the planetarium would make that site unworkable for this fall's elections.

They opposed a proposal to move the early-voting site to Homestead Road, but finding another site that met state requirements that it be a government-funded building, along with the need for the site to be easily accessible, set off an ad hoc search for an alternative.

In addition to the post office, early-voting sites will open Oct. 18 at Carrboro Town Hall and the Orange County Public Library in Hillsborough.

As required by law, the vote to approve the locations was unanimous.

The change applies only to the fall municipal elections and the planetarium site will be ready for use next year. Garner said it is possible the county will open additional early-voting sites for the 2008 elections.

## Planning board to review Alberta

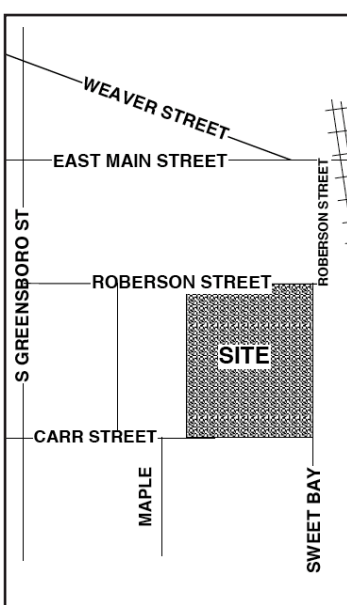
It's named after the giant mill that used to occupy the site, but the only knitting and yarn-spinning likely to be done will be in the living rooms and kitchens of its occupants.

Alberta, a four-story condominium and retail project planned for the lot at the corner of Roberson Street and Sweet Bay Place, goes before the town planning board tonight (Thursday).

The board meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room.

The project by Carr Mill Investment Limited Partnership totals 46,340 square feet with 6,772 square feet of retail on the ground floor, 23 residential units and 69 parking spaces.

Of the residential units, there will be three one-bed-



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Location of the Alberta site at the corner of Roberson Street and Sweet Bay Place. The map is not drawn to scale.

room units, 17 two-bedroom units and three three-bedroom units.

The main retail spaces will face Roberson Street.

## Water Report - August 8, 2007

LAKE LEVELS	
University Lake	-53" below full
Cane Creek	-45.5" below full
<b>Total Availability Supply</b>	<b>76.7% of capacity</b>
PRECIPITATION THIS MONTH	
Jones Ferry Rd. Treatment Plant	0.00"
Cane Creek Reservoir	0.04"
<b>Normal rainfall for Aug.</b>	<b>4.70"</b>
CUSTOMER DEMAND	
<b>7-Day Average</b>	<b>09.321 million gallons/day</b>
<b>30-Day Average</b>	<b>09.100 million gallons/day</b>

Source: OWASA

## FOOD FROM PAGE 1

"We put our staff in a most uncomfortable position," said Alderman Alex Zaffron in an email to his fellow aldermen and town staff. "These folks have been given every opportunity to meet us halfway and demonstrate an infinitesimal level of responsibility. They have chosen to do neither. I suggest we take immediate corrective action, if required."

Chief Hutchison said in an email sent to the board of aldermen that she spoke with several Really Really Free Market participants and that she "felt very saddened and frustrated by their non-compliance," saying that she thought it was "in the Town's best interest not to 'fight' with participants" while the event was still in progress.

But, "Clearly, the Town must take a definitive and realistic stand," she added, "so that the police department may effectively respond in the future."

Tal finds the town's reaction unfortunate.

"I think this town, this community is built around community member-to-community member interaction, like at the Farmers' Market and at Weaver Street," Tal said. That community-building experience, she believes, is much of what makes Carrboro unique. And one of the most essential manners in which community is con-

veyed, she said, is through the sharing of food.

At the core of the Really Really Free Market's mission, Tal said, is the conviction that there are enough of the essentials of life to provide for all: "If we just use our resources in a different way, there's enough for everyone."

But, said Stewart, "No insurance, no food." Distributing food without being insured is a "potentially very serious issue," he said. "It puts the entire responsibility of someone getting sick on the town of Carrboro and its taxpayers."

Board of Alderman Jacquie Gist, who was present on Saturday, said, "I love the Really Really Free Market - environmentally, socially, it's great. But this is a situation where the town has given them permission to hold [this event] and the public is invited ... and we're responsible." Serving food that comes from a variety of sources presents, she said, "a public health official's nightmare."

"I believe in what they're doing, just not the food part."

Tal intends to return to the Really Really Free Market the first Saturday of September with, if not zucchini bread, something made in her kitchen. Whether that market is again held on the Carrboro Town Commons may well soon be taken under consideration. Stewart is now preparing a report on the market's activities, with recommendations on how to respond, to present to the aldermen.

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## School Briefs

### Board to consider expanding dual language program

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education will today (Thursday) consider a possible expansion to the district's Spanish/English dual-language program.

The program, which was first offered in 2002 at Carrboro Elementary, has been very successful in terms of parent satisfaction and language skills. In addition, the district has received a high level of interest in the program, and school officials have recommended expanding the program to additional school sites for the 2008-09 school year.

The district also offers a Chinese/English dual-language program at Glenwood Elementary.

## Principal named for new elementary school

By SUSAN DICKSON  
Staff Writer

Amy Rickard, principal of Glenwood Elementary School, has been named principal of Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School's tenth elementary school, which will open in fall 2008.

The school, which school officials have dubbed elementary number 10, will be located at the corner of Dromoland Road and Eubanks Road.

Rickard has served as Glenwood Elementary's principal since 2004. Prior to her work at Glenwood, she was assistant principal at Rashkis Elementary and McDougle Elementary.

In addition, Rickard was a language arts teacher at Kan-

napolis Middle School before entering administration. She holds a master's degree in school administration and a bachelor's degree in English education and psychology from UNC.

Rickard will continue her work at Glenwood during the first nine weeks of the school year, after which she will begin work toward opening the new elementary school. Glenwood Elementary assistant principal Minnie Goins will serve as interim principal at Glenwood.

Rickard said she looks forward to starting the process of opening a new elementary school.

"It's quite an honor to be chosen to be a principal to start a new school from the ground up," she said.



AMY RICKARD

However, she added that it was a difficult decision to leave Glenwood.

"Glenwood is such a wonderful school," she said.

"It's a difficult task to leave a place that you care about so much."

Rickard said that while she has not started work on elementary number 10 yet, she does have a vision for the school and will begin piecing together ideas after she leaves Glenwood.

According to Steve Scroggs, assistant superintendent for support services, construction is on schedule for the school to open next fall. However, he said, "This will be the tightest construction schedule we've ever done."

The construction team broke ground on the new school in March.

The school building is based on the Rashkis Elementary prototype and will be able

to serve 585 students. During the 2008-09 school year, about 400 kids will attend, providing much-needed relief to the district's nine other elementary schools.

The school board redistricted earlier this year in order to plan for the opening of elementary number 10.

"We normally leave some breathing room in a new school," Scroggs said. In addition, the school board allows rising fifth graders to remain at their current elementary school, so the new school will not have a fifth-grade class during its first year.

The district will work to hire faculty and staff for the new school throughout this school year, starting with a secretary, technology specialist and a media specialist.

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### AYP FROM PAGE 1

School board chair Jamezetta Bedford said she did not expect many students to transfer out of Frank Porter Graham or Carrboro Elementary. She added that she was pleased with the reading scores, because the district has recently been focusing on literacy.

"I'm actually thrilled with the reading scores," she said. "We knew math was going to be tough."

Bedford said the math tests for AYP were re-scored last year, and most state schools failed to meet federal math standards.

"We'll be hearing more on ways to change instruction in math," she said. This year, the school board budgeted funds for staff development to work on classroom instruction.

According to school officials, subgroups of students identified as African American, economically disadvantaged and disabled failed to meet AYP standards at several district schools.

*"I think what needs to happen is meeting individual needs. I'm not discouraged. I think we're capable. I think if there's any district that's capable of meeting the needs of our kids, that this is a district that can do it."*

— Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools board member Liz Carter

School board members Annetta Streater and Liz Carter have said the district needs to work more toward closing the achievement gap.

Carter said she was optimistic for the district, but that there was much work to be done.

"I think what needs to happen is meeting individual needs," she said. "I'm not discouraged. I think we're capable. I think if there's any district that's capable of meeting the needs of our kids,

that this is a district that can do it."

However, she added, "It's going to take more than just the work that the teachers do in the classroom each and every day." She stressed the importance of work in after-school programs and at home.

Streater has said the district needs to look at the programs in place to determine if they are working for all students.

"We may not have the right programs in place," Streater said. "That may be one reason why our fragile students are not achieving."

Under No Child Left Behind regulations, schools receiving federal Title I funds that do not meet AYP standards for two years in a row must allow students to transfer to other schools meeting AYP standards.

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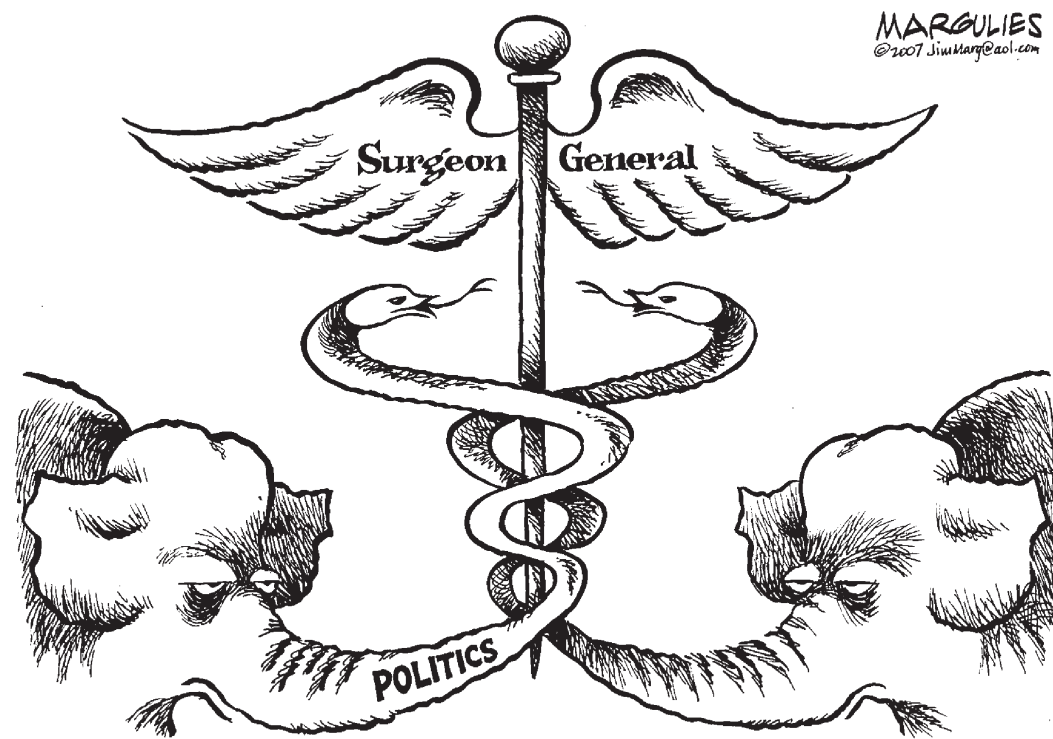
## For the Record

### Why not every night?

Progress is slow, but there is progress. If you've any recollection of what things were like when they were at their worst, then a walk through Northside today will make that evident. Houses have been reclaimed, refurbished and the whole place has a tidier feel. But the ghosts of the past still haunt the place in pockets, and late in the evening you can see the drug trade and its casualties creep back to life. The houses that were once the haven of the trade have been taken back, but the night, well, that's a different story. Some nights, yes, but most nights, no — not entirely. That's because the battle against crime is only half of the battle. There's the fight against indifference and against fear. There's the constant tussle over resources. And then there's the struggle to provide not just guidance for the young people who might be otherwise steered toward those ghosts, but a community that shows the value of a different path. This is a long battle, getting longer. There is no choice, though, but to press on. We've already seen what will happen should we lose.

### A really, really bad idea

A bit of praise here for the judgment of police chief Carolyn Hutchison for not being confrontational with the folks at the Really Really Free Market over their insistence that they serve food at the market's last installment. During June's budget discussions, when the Board of Aldermen wrestled over fees for the Town Commons, the board was pretty clear that serving food was right out, since the town's insurance policy wouldn't cover the liability. And while undoubtedly the food served up at the Town Commons the first Saturday of the month is wholesome and prepared with love of community, if it makes someone sick they can sue the pants off the town. So the board asked the Really Really Free Market folks to cool it with the food. They didn't, and, we're told, were rather defiant about it last Saturday when the chief and town officials took a look-see. So between now and next month, the matter is rightly back in the hands of the aldermen who need to make it clearer what exactly they intend to do — or, more accurately, what they'd like the chief and others to do — about this. And the responsibility for the continuance of the market is rightly back where it belongs — in the hands of its participants. If they wish to sacrifice the event they so eloquently praised in order to make a point, then so be it. The Really Really Free Market is a very good idea and, yes, we're proud to hear that in other places it's catching on and that Carrboro is getting props for it. So, in that spirit, here's some free advice: Have a potluck somewhere else and don't let a really, really swell event go down.



### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Wrong on campaign funding

Chris Fitzsimon once again thinks taxpayers should be forced to fund a plan simply because he and his elitist buddies think it is a good idea ("The forgotten lesson from Jim Black," August 2). He believes that if only the public campaign finance genie could sprinkle her magic dust upon the election process, all government corruption will be ended. He goes on to claim that this program eliminates strings attached to money. On this point, he is being naive at best. Try this from an *Arizona Republic* (Arizona has had public campaign financing since 2000) article from 2003: "It's no secret that labor unions mined their member list to come up with the 4,000 \$5 contributions Janet Napolitano needed to be eligible for clean elections money."

Fitzsimon goes on to cite a Civitas Institute poll which found that 84 percent of likely voters oppose the use of their tax dollars subsidizing the campaigns of Council of State candidates. He inexplicably brushes this off, and declares unanimous public support by citing a poll conducted by the NC Center for Voter Education — a major advocate of public campaign financing. Why he ignores the results of the Civitas poll is unexplained. Apparently, opinions are only valid if they agree with him.

What Fitzsimon doesn't get is the fact that individuals in this country have the inherent right to own their own thoughts. By directing our tax dollars to support ideas we may or may not agree with, instead of allowing us the freedom to support the candidates of our choice, we have perhaps our most precious right taken away from us. According to collectivists such as Fitzsimon, it is okay for the government to own our thoughts.

**Brian Balfour**  
Civitas Institute  
Raleigh

#### Not time to bring up tethering

I was disappointed to find a denouncement of dog tethering tucked away in your editorial on dog fighting last week ("Blood Sport," August 2). After a description of the prevalence of dog-fighting in Orange County, the fighting is given as "one of the main reasons the county is considering ways to eliminate or reduce tethering of dogs."

A year ago, I might have thoughtlessly made the expected connection between dog-fighting and dog-tethering and supported the efforts to ban tethering in Orange County. Several months ago, however, I had the pleasure of living with a large husky dog who spends his days tethered outside. This is done because he digs his way out of every fence he is put inside. Without a tether (also known, less disparagingly, as a leash or rope), he would have to stay inside all day. He has access to water, shade and a covered porch on rainy days. His "tether" is a leash that gives him plenty of legroom.

Neglect and abuse of dogs is a problem

I take very seriously. I was a volunteer at the Orange County APS years ago when the kennels were filled with confiscated pit bulls who would be euthanized after they were used as evidence in dog-fighting trials. I remember their missing ears and scarred faces. Banning tethering will not solve the problem of dog-fighting, and it will restrict the rights of citizens who love and care for their dogs, perhaps adversely affecting the lives of dogs. Rather than spending time changing the law, the county would do better to educate people about kindness to animals.

I understand the negative reaction to seeing a tethered dog. I fully support the conditions put on tethering, such as access to shade and water. But not all tethering is bad, and a law banning tethering does not allow for the many times when it is beneficial. It is a "quick fix" that will not actually fix anything, just make the problems less apparent. The issue of tethering should be discussed thoughtfully, not mindlessly linked to other, horrible topics.

**Emily Buehler**  
Hillsborough

#### "Bodies" in question

While many American communities, including our own, grapple with the vexingly complex issues of poverty and homelessness, corporate America's greatest trade partner — the People's Republic of China — has adopted an innovative free-market strategy which has succeeded in getting its poorest and least-lively citizens back to work. Now on display at the Streets at Southpoint mall through early September, "Bodies... The Exhibition" offers the paying public a gander at the dissected, preserved remains of scores of deceased Chinese people whose bodies went unclaimed. The implication here is that these "unclaimed" dissected corpses (many participating in fun sporting activities that highlight their denuded muscles) truly represent China's destitute class, and are not (as some Chinese human rights groups have warned) grotesque final punishments to some of that government's political dissidents. It would be a bitter irony indeed if we freedom-spouting Americans were witlessly paying top dollar to view the ravaged corpses of the "disappeared" heroes of Tiananmen Square, for example. Or, for that matter, if the "Bodies" exhibit on fetal development included "specimens" from the thousands of forced abortions performed through that central government's One-Child-Only program. The "Bodies" promoters insist neither allegation is true. In any case, it seems quite certain that none of the people on display at Southpoint agreed to be stuffed, spliced, mounted and toured throughout the world in this chilling, for-profit sideshow, and that none of the "Bodies" visitors would wish such a fate upon themselves.

**Jack Nestor**  
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## Exile on Jones Street

A Survey of Governance & Policy

KIRK ROSS

This year there proved to be at least one great advantage to having been denied membership to the 2007 edition of the Capital Press Corps: I didn't have to write about what a regular guy Don Beason is and how I was either shocked or knew all along that he was the one who "loaned" Jim Black half-a-mil'. Unlike some of the pros up in Raleigh, I'm not used to explaining how it's important I get cozy with lobbyists and insiders and how I'm completely immune to their charms.

That could turn one all pretzely over time.

I'm only kidding slightly here.

The press — particularly the folks who trade on their insidership around the legislature — have some 'splanin' to do. After all, it was not they who tracked down the threads that led to revelations of a monumentally corrupt speaker, but a bunch of federal prosecutors. The scandal stories, nicely packaged and written as they were, fed off of the documents from the feds and seldom ran far ahead of the investigation.

Now, I know that transparency is still new to much of the established media, but a little soul searching is in order.

Even in the provinces, we rubes knew the Decker deal stunk and that it was likely the tip of the iceberg. Now, seven years after the fact, we're starting to get somewhere. And as the evidence of widespread corruption, vote trading and donations tied to legislation mounts, so should the questions about where the watchdogs were while all this was going on.

Maybe they weren't given the time or resources, thanks to consolidation and media's addiction to mid-20th century profit margins. Maybe they were clueless or didn't think it important or were worried about losing access.

Give me a bunch of (insert wildly misinformed stereotyping adjective here) bloggers with nothing to gain or lose over folks in the know sitting on their hands for fear of alienating a source. I'm afraid that, as in many places in this great land, those charged with occasionally mucking out the barn are either too concerned about soiling their trousers or have somehow become mesmerized into believing they too are a fine steed in the stable.

Loyalty to those in power is not in the job description — or shouldn't be. The idea is to help the rest of us get at the truth not to recreate the Acta Diurna.

The first newspaper in this land, *Publick Occurrences, Both FOREIGN AND DOMESTICK*, was shut down after its first issue because it mentioned the doings of government without permission. Young Ben Franklin became publisher of the *New England Courant* after his older brother went underground for publishing without submitting his copy to the censors.

The right to publish without interference from the government was hard earned and should not be easily surrendered or taken for granted.

When I first started out in this business, a newsmen of the old school used to remind me of a line from a poem by a famous colonialist: "If you can walk with kings and yet not lose the common touch. . ."

That goes double for y'all having lunch with those kings.

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## Taking Stock of the 2007 legislative session

**ROB SCHOFIELD**

While it will take some time for analysts and observers to generate all of the post-mortems on the 2007 legislative session, a couple of things are already clear. First and foremost, this was not, as some naysayers have claimed, a “do nothing” session. To the contrary, 2007 was a year of solid, even above-average, productivity.

Any objective look at the final results must lead to the conclusion that, for all of the unavoidable nonsense that comes from forcing 170 elected officials to co-exist in tight quarters for six straight months, lawmakers passed a lot of good and important new laws. This performance was particularly impressive in light of the coincidence of a House speaker in his first term, a governor nearing the end of his second and a Senate president pro tem battling multiple family tragedies.

A second overriding conclusion is that while overall spending was up, this was neither inappropriate or, ultimately, out of proportion with what will be necessary in order to begin to move a rapidly growing state to the place of widely shared prosperity to which it should aspire. With better targeting, improved efficiency and better distribution of the responsibility for funding government, North Carolina is well-positioned to continue to expand public services and investments that raise the quality of life.

**First, the bad news**

Despite its many successes, the 2007 session also featured more than its share of missed opportunities and clunker bills. Here's our top five:

**1. Cutting Income Taxes on the Rich** – In what was by far the worst decision of the session, the legislature cut taxes on the wealthiest 60,000 households in the state by a quarter of a percentage point. This move robbed the state of one of its fairest and fastest-growing sources of revenue (\$94 million next year) and significantly worsened the overall regressivity of the state's tax code. To compound the error, federal

tax law assures that around a third of the windfall for the wealthy will simply be transferred to Washington.

**2. No Compensation for Victims of Eugenics** – Years of study, award-winning journalism, heart-rending testimony and scores of personal tragedies at the hands of state government and what do lawmakers do? Set up another study, of course.

**3. Stagnant Affordable Housing Appropriations** – Despite growing awareness of the need for a dramatic expansion in infrastructure spending, the state's award-winning Housing Trust Fund received only a tiny bump in recurring dollars and a cut in one-time money.

**4. Failing to Protect Children** – Seven years into the 21st century, North Carolina lawmakers did nothing to end legal physical abuse (i.e., corporal punishment) of school children in 55 counties, the bullying of schoolchildren (particularly gay and lesbian children) or North Carolina's lonely status as the only state to automatically try 16 and 17 year olds as adults in the criminal justice system.

**5. Lack of Real Public School Reform** – A decade after the Leandro decision guaranteeing every student the right to an opportunity to obtain a sound basic education, reforms that would address the needs of low-income and minority children remain badly under-addressed.

**Honorable Mention** – The failure of bills that would have banned smoking in public and work places, reformed the death penalty, enacted a pilot needle exchange program to limit the spread of HIV and facilitated better-regulated handguns.

**And now the good**

The session featured a long list of important successes – some complete and some amounting to half loaves. Here's one Top Ten list:

**1. Adoption of a State Earned Income Tax Credit** – Though significantly smaller than it should be, North Carolina now joins a long and growing list of states to piggyback on the federal government's extremely successful low-in-

come tax credit program. The decision will put around \$50 million per year in the pockets of deserving, working families who need it most.

**2. Voter-owned Elections** – The late-session decision to advance legislation enacting public financing for three statewide offices puts North Carolina near the national forefront of a movement that has the potential to wrest control of democracy from wealthy special interests. It was a truly inspired and outstanding step.

**3. Real Estate Transfer Taxes** – The decision of lawmakers to buck the powerful realtor lobby by giving counties the authority to conduct referenda on local transfer taxes (and sales taxes) was almost as important for the message it sent to moneyed special interest groups as it was for the substance (which is probably “mixed”).

**4. Expanding Access to Health Care** – Despite the overbearing presence and miserly influences of Blue Cross Blue Shield, lawmakers delivered some important, if partial, improvements to the availability of health care by mandating that insurers cover several mental illnesses, enacting a state “high-risk pool” and enacting the Kids Care program to bring coverage to more low- and moderate-income children.

**5. Attacking the Home Foreclosure Crisis** – Legislators responded to the state's explosive growth in home mortgage foreclosures by approving three excellent bills. The first makes the foreclosure process fairer and helps protect homeowners from abusive mortgage loan servicing. The second protects homebuyers from predatory lending practices and ensures they can afford to repay the loans made to them. Finally, a third requires notice to tenants (and an opportunity to terminate the lease) when the property they are renting is foreclosed upon.

**6. Voter Registration Improvements** – With voter participation rates sinking to new depths, the General Assembly took decisive action by enacting a bill that will allow North Carolinians to register to vote and cast their ballots at one-stop early voting sites on the same day. The old law required voters to turn in registration forms 25 days before the election.

**7. Opening the Ethics Process** – After several months of work by advocates on all sides of the political spectrum, lawmakers amended

last year's omnibus ethics and lobbying reform law with some additional improvements. Most notable: a provision that opens to the public the hearings that follow complaints lodged against lawmakers and other designated public employees.

**8. Migrant Housing Standards** – After years of effort by farm-worker advocates, legislators finally gave approval to a bill that makes some modest improvements to the housing conditions under which migrant workers must exist – most notably, the requirement that every worker be provided with a mattress with a clean cover. A more comprehensive bill that would have targeted pesticide poisoning received only a hearing.

**9. Landfill Legislation** – Though far from perfect, legislators did muster the courage to enact new landfill regulations that were not directly dictated by the solid waste industry. The legislation, which replaces a recently expired landfill moratorium, would create a \$2-per-ton surcharge on trash, with the proceeds aimed at funding cleanup of abandoned dumps and hazardous waste sites and helping local governments manage their own garbage. It also establishes buffers around environmentally sensitive areas where landfills would be barred.

**10. Helping Seniors** – Vulnerable seniors will be better off in years to come as the result of, among other things, three bills that: set up a rating system for adult care homes, expand and improve the property tax “homestead exemption” and improve the process surrounding the recovery of estates of individuals forced to go on Medicaid – most typically when they enter a long-term care facility.

**Honorable Mention** – Enactment of a “renewable-energy portfolio standard” for the state's electric utilities (unfortunately the bill was also loaded with counter-productive giveaways to the utilities and big business); improvements to the law governing advanced directives and health care powers of attorney; and three new bills to improve the services provided to suspended public school students and children with special needs.

*Rob Schofield is the director of research and policy development for N.C. Policy Watch*

## Hackney's House

**CHRIS FITZSIMON**

House Speaker Joe Hackney and his leadership team met with reporters Thursday afternoon to talk about the legislative session, what was accomplished, what wasn't and how the legislative process worked this year.

The message was much different than the talking points from the anti-everything right that have seeped into columns and interviewers' questions, claims that the budget spends and taxes too much and that the session has dragged on without much to show for it.

Hackney made the opposite case, that this General Assembly made significant progress on issues like education, health care and the environment while ending the county share of Medicaid and giving local governments ways to raise revenue to pay for their exploding growth.

Hackney's view of the session rings far truer, and the first-term speaker deserves much of the credit, though he seems uncomfortable taking it. Instead he matter-of-factly lists what the General Assembly has done.

That fits with Hackney's allegiance to the legislature as an institution and helps explain his approach to restor-

ing public confidence that has been rocked by the scandal surrounding former House Speaker Jim Black.

Hackney points out that lawmakers opened ethics hearings this year, regulated legal defense funds and passed legislation denying pensions to lawmakers convicted of official wrongdoing.

Most importantly, the General Assembly passed a public financing plan for three Council of State races, experimenting with a way to remove the influence of special interest money from elections and the legislative process.

Lawmakers have been criticized for not passing more reforms, and there is some validity in that, as lobbyists can still raise money for legislators and political parties can still funnel huge dollars to individual candidates.

Hackney says ethics is also a day-to-day proposition, reflected in the way the House operates, and that restoring public confidence takes time. By all accounts, the process is more open and inclusive than in recent years. The budget procedure could stand some more improvement – but Hackney's right, things are different.

Responding to a question about his first term leading the House, Hackney said it has

been a learning experience and that he has tried to govern in the middle of the road, not from the left or the right.

The one disappointment of his first term was the lack of progress on addressing the state's transportation problems, though it looks like a high-powered commission may be appointed and a special session on transportation may come later this year.

There's a lot more that could have been done of course, more investments in human services like affordable housing and child care, and the tax cut for the wealthy was ill-advised.

But for almost every shortcoming, there is a positive development, none larger than allowing local governments to raise the local sales tax or the real estate transfer tax if the public approves it in county-wide referendum.

The battle over the transfer tax extended the session by several weeks, but it was a watershed moment for Hackney's first term. In the face of a massive and misleading campaign

by the realtors and the homebuilders, the House leadership stood firm while the Senate Democrats continued to bow to political threats.

The transfer tax is more than just good public policy, it's a signal that not every single issue in the General Assembly will be decided by campaign contributions, misleading television ads and a battalion of well-connected lobbyists. Occasionally, political courage and patience can be more important. Let's hope it's the start of things.

Patience is also a word that could describe Hackney's leadership style. Serious, determined and thoughtful are too, and they were all on display Thursday afternoon in his session with reporters.

Hackney isn't a backslapping, jovial politician. He just answers questions and tells you what he thinks. And he leads the House with a steady, progressive hand, which bodes well for all of us.

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

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**Briefs**

**Fourth Potluck in a Pasture summer supper**

The fourth "Potluck in a Pasture" summer supper will be held Sunday, August 19 from 6-8 p.m. at Harland's Creek Farm west of Pittsboro.

ChathamArts sponsors the series of suppers, which take place every third Sunday of each month this summer. Participants can tour the hosting farm and meet local artists. The public is also invited to attend the arts council's annual meeting, which will begin at the farm at 5 p.m.

Featured artists include ceramicist Salinda Dahl, sculptor Susan Draughon, wood turner Joel Hunnicutt and potter Melody Troncale. Vocalist Laine Lipson and pianist Avis Autry will perform lyrical standards from the 1930s and '40s.

Visitors are asked to bring a potluck dish for eight made with at least one local ingredient as well as a copy of the recipe, a beverage, lawn chair or blanket and \$10 for adults (\$8 for members) and \$5 for children ages 6-12.

Proceeds benefit ChathamArts, a nonprofit county arts council that supports diverse arts and cultural programs in the schools and the community.

For more information or directions to the supper, visit

www.chathamarts.org or call 219-9840.

**ACME and Chapel Hill Wine Company to host Eat Local wine dinner**

ACME and the Chapel Hill Wine Company will host an "Eat Local" wine dinner on Sunday, August 19th at ACME in Carrboro.

The five-course dinner, which will begin at 6:30 p.m., will feature wine pairings and locally grown food.

Price is \$60 per person and reservations are required. For more information or to make a reservation, call 929-2263.

**Panzanella to host N.C. wine dinner**

Panzanella will host a dinner featuring a selection of North Carolina wines on Monday from 7-9:30 p.m.

The dinner will feature six courses, with an emphasis on local ingredients. Wine coordinator Peg Toddloski and executive chef Chris Capron will host the dinner.

Space is limited. To reserve a seat in advance, pick up a ticket for \$45 at Panzanella or at the customer services desk at Weaver Street Market in Carrboro. Panzanella is located in the Carr Mill Mall on Weaver Street.

## OWASA says conservation efforts paying off

By KIRK ROSS  
Staff Writer

The steady pleas for water conservation seem to be having an effect, according to officials with the Orange Water and Sewer Authority. So much so that the areas served by the utility may not see the same kind of mandatory conservation requirements as other locales.

As of Wednesday, OWASA's daily account of how full its lakes are showed that University Lake is 53 inches below full and Cane Creek Reservoir 45.5 inches below full — about 76.7 percent of their capacity.

Ed Holland, planning director for OWASA, says that should be enough to get through the rest of the peak-demand season.

"The lakes are going down as you would expect them to do, but we should have plenty to get through this season," Holland said. It's next year, though, that has Holland and others keeping a nervous eye on the gauges and the weather.

*"We have a lot of storage capacity so it takes our lakes a long time to drain. But it also takes them a long time to fill."*  
— Planning director for OWASA, Ed Holland

"We have a lot of storage capacity so it takes our lakes a long time to drain. But it also takes them a long time to fill."

The lakes will typically refill in the winter, but a dry winter could make next summer difficult.

"We want to encourage people to continue to conserve," Holland said. "Whatever we save now is water we may need next summer."

Holland says rain early this summer helped start the traditional period of

high water use with a good amount of capacity.

In addition to favorable weather, OWASA's efforts to encourage voluntary conservation appear to be paying off, he said.

"Our peak use has decreased over the last few years," he said. OWASA usually sees a spike in demand as summer wears on and lawns and gardens dry out. Holland said that encouraging customers to water in the mornings or evenings and water every other day rather than daily has likely helped flatten the demand curve a bit. And, he says, there's not a lot of complaining about it.

"We're hearing from people that their lawns haven't suffered," he said.

For information about OWASA's year-round conservation standards, visit [owasa.org/pages/yearroundconserv03.asp](http://owasa.org/pages/yearroundconserv03.asp)

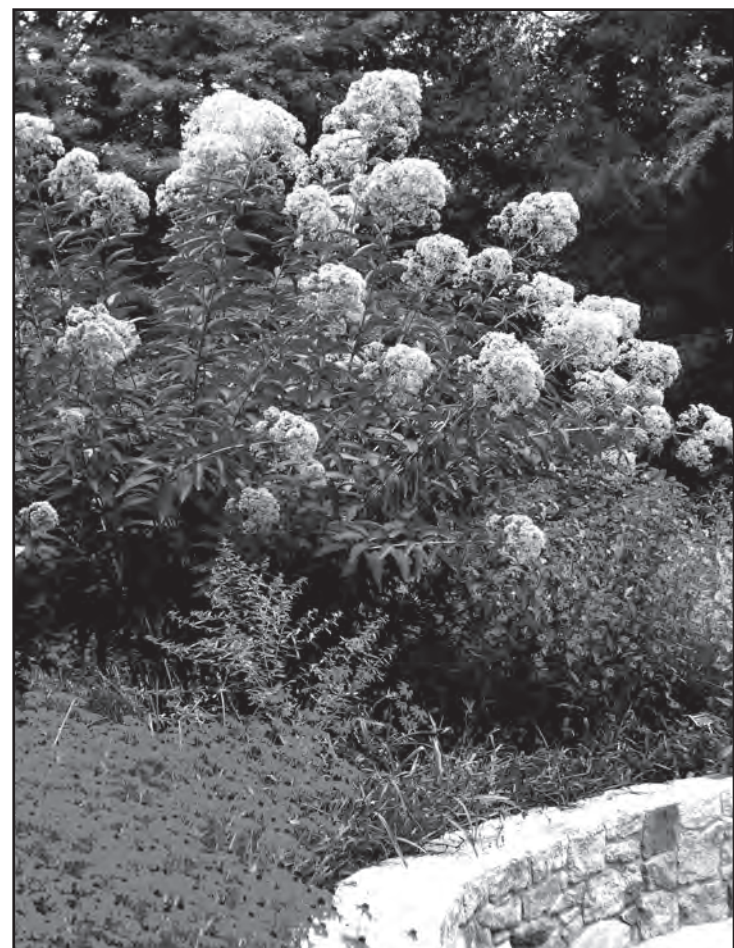
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**FLORA FROM PAGE 1**

plants. Architecturally, this plant is a year-round knockout. In mid-summer, its rounded conical pink-to-purple flower heads are covered with one to a dozen butterflies gingerly searching the thousands of tiny flowers for nectar. It will take a keen eye, easier with a botanist's hand lens, to detect that each tiny flower cylinder is really a tight cluster of minute disc or tubular flowers, like the ones you find in the center

of a Black-eyed Susan or other daisy-like flower in the Composite or Aster Family. Sadly, this year's late freeze and extreme drought have reduced the usual abundance of butterflies — but if butterflies are about, you will find them on the heads of Joe-Pye-Weed.

Now pay attention to this horticultural tip! Once you have a clump established — a naturally wet area is perfect — please do not cut it back in the fall. The stems are hollow, and if you cut them to the base in the fall, as part of that awful "putting the garden to bed for the winter" action, you will lose your plant. The reality is that those hollow stems cut close to the ground in the fall become reservoirs for rain water, and when winter's freezing temperatures exert themselves, the crowns, or bases of the plant, are frozen and split and the plant dies. Better to leave those handsome flowering stalks standing tall through the winter months in which birds will perch and for the sheer beauty of garden architecture that winter conditions produce.



Giant clump of Joe-Pye-Weed at N.C. Botanical Garden

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varieties available; purslane, squash - summer and winter varieties; tomatoes - Big Beef, Early Girl, 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**

**Cucumber Soup with Mint from Sheila Neal, Market staff**

**Ingredients**

- 2 1/4 cucumbers\*, peeled and cut into chunks
- 3 garlic cloves\*, peeled
- 1/2 cup plain yogurt, I use a thicker full-fat variety like Brown Cow
- 1 1/2 teaspoons white wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Cracked black pepper
- 1/2 cup mint\*
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil

\*Available at market

This soup is refreshing and quick to put together. I'll probably make it several times in the next week, as temperatures are supposed to be in the mid to upper 90s. I've used slicers and pickling cucumbers and they've both done well.

**Procedure**

Place cucumbers and garlic in food processor or blender. Process until smooth. Transfer to a large bowl. Add yogurt, vinegar, salt and a few cracks of black pepper and combine. Chop the mint and add. Stir in the olive oil. Chill for at least a half hour. Serves four as a starter.

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4 am - Radio Bilingue Overnight

## Saturday

6 am - Let's Play - kids  
7 am - The Contribution - non-profits  
8 am - Ethics Matters  
9 am - Saturday Morning Music Hall with Rocco - popular music  
Noon - Breathing Room - jazz w/ Fred Wassner  
1 pm - Y'alternative - alt-country  
3 pm - The High Lonesome Radio Hour - bluegrass/Americana  
4 pm - Bluegrass Highway - alt-grass  
5 pm - The Placeholder Show - guest DJs  
6 pm - The Hook - interviews w/ musicians  
7 pm - Fiesta Latina w/ DJ Jaime  
9 pm - Radio Palante (rebroadcast)  
10 pm - Fiesta Latina w/ DJ Jaime  
Midnight - Carnaval - world, reggae, Latin jazz & more  
2 am - Radio Bilingue Overnight

## Sunday

6 am - Sunday Morning Mix  
8 am - Soundtrack Central  
9 am - Ars Musica - classical  
11 am - After Further Review - sports  
Noon - Tech Notes  
1 pm - Teen Spirit  
3 pm - Jazz Incognito  
5 pm - Backbone! - jazz & more w/ Solomon Gibson III  
7 pm - Melva's Musings on Jazz - NC jazz musicians  
9 pm - Sunday Night Jazz w/ Larry Thomas  
Midnight - More Fire Dancehall Reggae  
2 am - Rebel Radio  
4 am - Radio Bilingue Overnight

## Monday

6 am - Early Morning Music Mix  
7:45 am - West End Morning Report  
8 am - Democracy Now  
9 am - The Richard Brown Show - African-American Issues  
10 am - Counselor's Café  
11 am - Readings - literature w/ Joy Javits  
Noon - La Salud Familiar - local health talk (Spanish)  
12:30 pm - Ritmos del Pueblo  
3 pm - Linea Abierta - Spanish call-in  
4 pm - Dimelo en Ingles!/Say it in Spanish!  
5 pm - Time Out - w/ Bill Hendrickson

6 pm - West End Report  
6:30 pm - Free Speech Radio News  
7 pm - This is Easy!  
9 pm - Taproot Radio - roots, rock, alt-country  
11 pm - Simian Mix  
1 am - The Phantom Frequency  
3 am - Radio Bilingue Overnight

## Tuesday

6 am - Early Morning Music Mix  
7:45 am - West End Morning Report  
8 am - Democracy Now  
9 am - Alternative Radio  
10 am - Claudio's Speakeasy - literary & more  
11 am - Love Matters  
Noon - Radio Drama or Cultural Program (Radio Bilingue)  
12:30 pm - Ritmos del Pueblo  
3 pm - Linea Abierta - Spanish call-in  
4 pm - News/Noticias - from Radio Bilingue  
5 pm - Festival Forum  
6 pm - West End Report  
6:30 pm - Free Speech Radio News  
7 pm - Roots Rampage - w/Triangle Slim  
10 pm - The Music Formerly Known as Country  
Midnight - Simian Mix  
2 am - Oldies but Goodies - Latin favorites from Radio Bilingue

## Wednesday

6 am - Early Morning Music Mix  
7:45 am - West End Morning Report  
8 am - Democracy Now  
9 am - Making Contact/CounterSpin  
10 am - Home Power Hour - energy talk w/ Solar Jim & Sustainable Jack  
11 am - Radio in Vivo - science in the Triangle  
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4 pm - The Lord Bottletop Explosion - global west  
6 pm - West End Report  
6:30 pm - Free Speech Radio News  
7 pm - Ariadne's Thread - musical labyrinth  
9 pm - The Mind Melt - celebration of live music  
11 pm - The Flying Winnebago Show  
1 am - Travel with Your Mind - psychedelia w/ Jon Mitchell  
3 am - Radio Bilingue Overnight

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Carrboro Jaguars water up during a recent practice in the heat.

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## HEAT FROM PAGE 1

Head Coach Jason Tudryn, sporting a wide brimmed woven hat through practice on Tuesday, said he's keeping a wary eye on his recruits, trying to make sure there are enough water breaks to keep up with the heat.

Tudryn's occasionally barked "Water up!" sent a crowd of Jaguars to the sidelines for sipping and soaking. The Water Boy, though just a mechanical one, was never so adored.

In town Tuesday night at the Carolina

Carwash, a bottle of water in your hand was a pre-requisite for joining the annual walk through Northside to the Hargraves Center, and, once on the grounds at Hargraves the annual water balloon fight drew a larger-than-usual number of adults.

And though the pool might seem a natural place to flock on such days, the crowd at the Heritage Hills Recreation Club this week was somewhat thin. But there was some action there at the snack-bar, where Mr. Cool's specials for the week were strawberry smoothies and a Swiss Miss Fudge Bar. Tom High, a volunteer at Mr. Cool's, said in such weather it may be hard to compete with the A/C. Those who did venture poolside were

soaking it up, though. Randy Jones was one of them, and he did his best to try and make the splash from his cannonball off the high dive reach the summit of the lifeguard stand. He was eventually successful, but it took several tries.

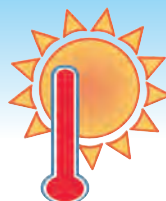
Lifeguard Emily Hamilton, though appreciative, said she usually relies on more traditional methods of hydration.

"I try jumping in the pool from time to time," Hamilton replied when asked how she kept cool. "That, and I stay in the shade on my breaks."

On Saturday, the weather service is predicting temperatures will plunge down to the 90s. Be sure to wear your mittens.

## HEAT SAFETY TIPS

The best defense is prevention. Here are some prevention tips:



- **Drink more fluids (nonalcoholic)**, regardless of your activity level. Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink. Warning: If your doctor generally limits the amount of fluid you drink or has you on water pills, ask him how much you should drink while the weather is hot.
- **Don't drink liquids that contain alcohol or large amounts of sugar**—these actually cause you to lose more body fluid. Also, avoid very cold drinks, because they can cause stomach cramps.
- **Stay indoors and, if at all possible, stay in an air-conditioned place.** If your home does not have air conditioning, go to the shopping mall or public library—even a few hours spent in air conditioning can help your body stay cooler when you go back into the heat. Call your local health department to see if there are any heat-relief shelters in your area.
- **Electric fans may provide comfort, but when the temperature is in the high 90s, fans will not prevent heat-related illness.** Taking a cool shower or bath, or moving to an air-conditioned place is a much better way to cool off.
- **Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.**
- **NEVER leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle.**
- **Although any one at any time can suffer from heat-related illness**, some people are at greater risk than others. Check regularly on:
  - Infants and young children
  - People aged 65 or older
  - People who have a mental illness
  - Those who are physically ill, especially with heart disease or high blood pressure
- **Visit adults at risk at least twice a day** and closely watch them for signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Infants and young children, of course, need much more frequent watching.
- **If you must be out in the heat:**
  - Limit your outdoor activity to morning and evening hours.
  - Cut down on exercise. If you must exercise, drink two to four glasses of cool, nonalcoholic fluids each hour. A sports beverage can replace the salt and minerals you lose in sweat. Warning: If you are on a low-salt diet, talk with your doctor before drinking a sports beverage. Remember the warning in the first "tip" (above), too.
  - Try to rest often in shady areas.
  - Protect yourself from the sun by wearing a wide-brimmed hat (also keeps you cooler) and sunglasses and by putting on sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher (the most effective products say "broad spectrum" or "UVA/UVB protection" on their labels).

Source: Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, [bt.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/heattips.asp](http://bt.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/heattips.asp)

# Orange County farmers facing crop loses, hay shortages

Orange County farmers have had a tough year already and without significant rain may face an unusually heavy loss of crops, county agriculture officials say.

Karen McAdams, an Orange County-based extension agent for the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service, said some parts of the county have only had a half-inch of rain since the first of July.

"It's rough on people and rough on animals," McAdams said. "But most farmers are pretty prepared and make sure they have enough water and shade. The big concern is the feed supply. Pastures are drying up and there's not much grazing."

Many farms are already feeding cattle hay, but a drier-than-usual spring has cut that supply as well, she said, with the coun-

ty's spring hay harvest only around 60 percent of usual.

Without favorable weather, the fall hay harvest could suffer as well. Horse owners are likely to feel the pinch later in the year.

"A lot of local hay is grown for horses and there may be a shortage of horse-quality hay this winter," McAdams said.

Corn and soybeans aren't doing well either. Soybeans are very small this year and the corn production is likely to be cut in half compared to a normal year.

"I've seen many cornfields with very significant loses," McAdams said. "About half of the corn crop is beyond help."

Vegetable producers, many of whom grow for local farmers' markets, are having a difficult time in this week's heat.

"When it gets this hot, plants that are blooming won't pollinate well."

In years past, tropical rains in September have helped rescue fall hay and other crops, but even places that have benefited from the spotty rains through this spring and summer will need relief.

McAdams said while the county will record significant crop losses this year, some rain might help fields that have made it this far.

"Some places," she said, "are not yet past the point of no return."

— Kirk Ross



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