

This Weekend

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SUNDAY Clear 74/50

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PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

Palmately dissected leaves of papaya attract attention in Johnny's garden.

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Not your ordinary pawpaw

Though it's sometimes called pawpaw, it can't be confused with our native pawpaw, Asimina triloba, so frequently encountered along our stream corridors.

Papaya is a delicious tropical fruit-bearing plant that I haven't seen since a visit to frost-free areas of southern Florida years ago.

So what's it doing outdoors here in Carrboro? Some of the local folks visit the plant in wonderment on a daily basis.

So where can you see it? Go to Johnny's on Main Street in Carrboro, halfway between the fire station and the post office.

A few months ago, it started to emerge from beneath the tomato and pepper plants and is now showing off with cream-colored flowers and green baby papayas that sadly fall off before ripening.

Papayas, by nature, come in separate male and female plants, and, like our native persimmon and holly trees, you have to have both sexes around.

Though there are some papaya cultivars that have perfect flowers, bearing both male and female parts, Johnny's single plant is not one of them.

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Council rejects waste-site plan for Millhouse Road

BY KIRK ROSS Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — The Chapel Hill Town Council put an end to months of speculation about whether the town might provide a site it owns on Millhouse Road for a new waste transfer station.

At its meeting Monday night at Town Hall, the council voted 5-2 to reject a plan to look at the cost and feasibility of the site.

Council members Matt Czajkowski and Mark Kleinschmidt, both running for mayor, said they wanted to see the matter put to rest. In the end, Mayor Kevin Foy, who first proposed the idea, and council member Sally Greene voted for the plan.

cost to the town between the Millhouse site and one proposed by the county off N.C. 54 near Orange Grove Road.

Council member Laurin Eastholm said she was strongly opposed to the site. "This is not something I want to do," she said during the deliberations.

After learning of the possible use of the site, the Orange County Board of Commissioners had asked for the town to review Foy's offer and provide a sense of whether the site would be acceptable politically.

In other action, the council authorized its attorney and the town manager to continue to negotiate for a lease of a portion of the Wallace Parking Deck for Kidzu. The nonprofit children's museum wants to build a new facility on part of

the deck.

That effort met with some opposition from residents who see the deck as a public park. But after reviewing more closely the Kidzu's plans, Erik Ose, one of the leaders of a petition drive against the proposed lease, said he would now support it.

In other action, the council reviewed plans for completing an odor-elimination project at the Orange Water and Sewer Authority's Mason Farm wastewater treatment plant.



PHOTO BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

Margaret Gifford and daughter Sophie in front of boxes that became filled with donations of food at the Sept. 26 Carrboro Farmers Market

The market with a soul

RECENTLY... BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

The Carrboro Farmers' Market continues bridging divides, as it brings the dream of a new locovore paradigm closer to reality. Thanks to a woman who was willing to be the axle, a wheel of food for the needy began to spin 15 weeks ago, but a new revolution began last Saturday.

Margaret Gifford and her husband, John Whitehead, relocated here from San Francisco almost two years ago with their daughter, Sophie, now 3. Gifford, 44, and taking a break from her career as a public relations executive to be a stay-at-home mom, quickly adopted the

Carrboro Farmers' Market as her first source for produce.

One day when she overheard a farmer ruing that he'd be composting the tomatoes he had not sold that day, an idea sparked. She conferred with Sarah Blacklin, the Carrboro Farmers' Market manager, and soon began taking collection boxes to the Wednesday and Saturday markets to collect food from farmers wishing to donate what they had not sold.

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Netting out at zero by 2050

BY TAYLOR SISK Staff Writer

Last month, UNC released its first Climate Action Plan, which sketched a roadmap to climate neutrality by mid-century. The plan is comprehensive and multi-faceted, but foremost among its objectives is improving energy efficiency in campus buildings.

The impetus for the plan came in 2006, when then-Chancellor James Moeser signed onto the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, pledging the university to achieve climate neutrality — meaning zero net greenhouse gas emissions — by 2050.

A campus-wide emissions inventory followed. A university climate project

team now has taken that data, along with development plans and growth estimates and, according to the text of the plan, created a "projection of how the campus carbon footprint will expand if we continue with business as usual."

The plan then lays out an agenda for achieving campus-wide climate neutrality. Building energy efficiency is at the top of the list. But the plan also looks at a number of other opportunities, including: the Orange County Landfill methane capture and destruction project; a Duke Energy initiative to reduce the emissions intensity of its power plants; energy-efficiency proposals for Carolina North that include solar panels, heat-recovery chillers and a biomass gasification plant; and such longer-term strategies

as replacing coal generation with torrefied wood (similar to charcoal).

First focus

The university's Climate Action Plan is the product of the work of stakeholders from across the campus community, including representatives from energy services, facilities, transportation and waste reduction and recycling, with the help of four outside consulting firms. The plan was written by Daniel Arneman of UNC's Energy Services Department.

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A taste of Carrboro in Africa

BY BETH MECHUM Staff Writer

Carrboro and Sakina are similar, and very different.

Sakina is a small village on the outskirts of Arusha, Tanzania. Carrboro is a small town on the outskirts of Chapel Hill.

Children play outside barefoot in the heat and dust of Sakina with makeshift toys often fashioned from forgotten food parts, like a ball made of banana leaves. In Carrboro, kids sink their toes in the earth at Weaver St. Market while their parents look on from tables under shaded trees.

Sakina doesn't have much wealth, and the people live in ways many people from Carrboro would not likely understand —

outhouses, a steadfast matriarchal society, children learning far too fast the rigors of household labor.

And those in Sakina wouldn't recognize much of the life in Carrboro — the bright-yellow school buses taking kids to and from public schools, residents toting yoga mats to studios throughout the town.

While there are similarities, these differences are much more striking. But this summer, Carrboro and Sakina were brought together by an unlikely source — a student from Ohio. And the bond was further strengthened by a group of women who run for fun.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF ANNELIESE GEGENHEIMER

Anneliese Gegenheimer took kids to an Internet café this summer to teach them how to use the Internet and check email.

School board candidates discuss gifted students

BY BETH MECHUM Staff Writer

It was a well-attended forum Tuesday night at the Chapel Hill public library as Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education candidates argued for why they should be elected. But the variety of issues discussed left something to be desired.

Partners for the Advancement of Gifted Education sponsored the forum and all questions were about gifted students, classes and teachers.

Because all board candidates supported gifted services, there wasn't much room to make standout statements, but some common themes revealed themselves throughout the forum.

Everyone agreed gifted students need different classes or kinds of work, but the amount of rigor offered to students was a topic of debate.

Shell Brownstein was concerned that there isn't enough variety in types of classes offered after students enter high school.

"One size does not fit all," she said, citing the need for an in-between class for subjects with which advanced placement classes offer too much rigor and regular classes not enough.

Incumbent Greg McElveen emphasized that though rigor is important for all students, so too is relevant subject matter. In his view, "rigor" isn't the only deciding factor when looking at classes and they shouldn't be based on just that.

MaryAnne Guccidardi expressed interest in providing rigor for students in interesting, more innovative ways, such as project-oriented classes, or through Professional Learning Communities.

Guccidardi also addressed what she thought was a question directed explicitly at her about parents not being satisfied with the CHCCS system. Her son goes to private school at Cary Academy; her daughter goes to Rashkis Elementary.

Guccidardi said it was just the right fit for her son, who wanted to continue his studies in Mandarin after moving to the area. "You have to do what is right for your children," she said.

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## Community Briefs

### Chapel Hill Girl Scout wins award

Katherine A. Absher of Chapel Hill has received the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest achievement in Girl Scouting, from the North Carolina Coastal Pines.

For her Gold Award project, Katherine studied Impressionist painters such as Seurat and Monet and painted a mural of a scene from Jordan Lake that was installed, with a mosaic border, at Northwood High School. Katherine says she was inspired and advised by local artist Sally Sutton.

Katherine is the daughter of Ron and Liz Absher of Chapel Hill and is a senior at Northwood High School. She has been in Girl Scouts since 1998 and is in Troop 54, led by Jane Kamar and Liz Absher. Katherine is a member of the National Art Society, the Northwood Acting Ensemble and percussion captain of the NHS Marching Band.



### Anti-tobacco program wins award

At the recent annual meeting of the North Carolina chapter of the Society for Public Health Education held at East Carolina University, the Orange County Youth Tobacco-Use Prevention Program received the Kathy Kerr Outstanding Health Education Project Award. This award recognizes public health programs that have successfully implemented outstanding projects in health education. Pam Diggs, program coordinator, accepted the award at the society's awards banquet.

According to school data, teen smoking rates have decreased steadily in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools District, from 20 percent in 2001 to 12 percent in 2007. The percentage of youth who have never smoked increased from 63.2 percent in 2001 to 72 percent in 2007. Similarly, the number of students in the Orange County Schools District who have never smoked increased steadily from 54 percent in 2001 to 74 percent in 2006.

### Hospice discussion next Thursday

Gail Smith, UNC Hospice chaplain and bereavement coordinator, will speak on "What You Don't Know About Hospice" on Thursday, Oct. 15, at 2:30 p.m. at the Robert Seymour Senior Center, 2551 Homestead Road. The event is free and open to the public.

### Guides will offer demonstration

Nia is a fusion fitness technique in mind-body wellness. It combines martial arts, yoga, dance and spiritual self-healing. On Oct. 2, at the Carrboro Century Center, licensed Nia teachers will be on hand to guide people through a variety of movements set to uplifting music. The event is from 7 to 8:30 p.m., and the cost is \$3. All ages are welcome.

### The Adding Machine

The Carrboro High School Theater Department will present Elmer Rice's 1923 classic play, *The Adding Machine*, Oct. 8-10 in Hanes Theatre at Chapel Hill High School. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$8 for adults. Reserve tickets by emailing [chreservations@gmail.com](mailto:chreservations@gmail.com).

*The Adding Machine* is generally considered to be the first American Expressionist play. The story focuses on Mr. Zero (junior Jon Shelton), an accountant at a large, faceless company. He discovers he will be replaced by an adding machine. In anger and pain, he snaps and kills his boss. The audience then follows Zero through trial, verdict and consequence.

## Community Calendar

### THURSDAY, OCT 1

#### Murray Handler is Almost a Jew

— ChathamArts welcomes special guest Murray Handler, a renowned NYC painter and award-winning illustrator. ChathamArts presents Handler's exhibit, DREAMS, and Handler will read from his new book *Almost a Jew*. 6-8pm at the ChathamArts Gallery.

#### Local author Nic Brown to read from Floodmakers

— Chapel Hill author Nic Brown will read from his debut novel, *Floodmakers*, at the Bull's Head Bookshop at 3:30pm. The novel was selected as an Editor's Choice by The New York Times Book Review. The event is free and open to the public. Call 962-5060 for more information.

### FRIDAY, OCT 2

#### Artist Reception at Chapel Hill Comics

— Katherine Whalen of the band Squirrel Nut Zippers will display her show Poster Art at Chapel Hill Comics. Reception 6-8pm featuring a musical performance by Whalen at 7pm.

### SATURDAY, OCT 3

#### Carrboro's Really Really Free Market

— The Carrboro Really Really Free Market celebrates its fifth anniversary with puppet shows, cakes, and other festivities. All are invited to attend. 2-5pm at Carrboro Town Commons.

### SUNDAY, OCT 4

#### Pittsboro's First Sunday

— "Empty Bowls" fundraiser for the CORA Food Pantry and Heads Up Riding Program. Handmade bowls by area artists support this effort. Noon-4pm Visit [pittsboroshops.com](http://pittsboroshops.com) or call 960-5892 for more information.

### MONDAY, OCT 5

#### NAMI's Mental Illness Awareness Week Oct. 5-9

— Club Nova hosts a Tea Room and Art Show from noon-2pm each day. A light lunch, member artwork display, tours of Club Nova, member musical performances and raffles will be offered. 103 D West Main Street. Tickets will be \$5 at the door.

### WEDNESDAY, OCT 7

#### Poetry at the Bull's Head

— Tony Reevy, senior associate director of the Institute for the Environment at UNC, will be at the Bull's Head Bookshop at 3:30pm to read from his latest collection of poems, *In Mountain Lion Country*.

### THURSDAY, OCT 8

#### Jewish-Irish Collaborations in Tin Pan Alley

— Join folklorist and Irish musician Mick Moloney for a multi-media, musical presentation

about the connections between Jewish and Irish musicians and lyricists in *Tin Pan Alley*. Reception at 5pm and program at 6pm in the Wilson Special Collections Library, Pleasants Family Assembly Room. Free and open to the public.

#### Ongoing

#### Cancer Support

— Support



groups for cancer patients and their families. [cornucopiahouse.org](http://cornucopiahouse.org)

#### Compassionate Friends

— Free self-help support for all adults grieving the loss of a child or sibling. Third Mondays, 7-8:30pm, Evergreen United Methodist Church. 967-3221, [chapelhilltcf.org](http://chapelhilltcf.org)

#### DivorceCare

— Support group for those separated or divorced. Mondays, 7pm, Orange United Methodist Church. 942-2825, [connect2orange.org](http://connect2orange.org)

#### Garden Tour

— Free tour of the N.C. Botanical Garden's display gardens. Saturdays, 10am, in front of the Totten Center at the garden. 962-0522, [ncbg.unc.edu](http://ncbg.unc.edu)

#### Garden Walk

— Discussions on fall planting, garden maintenance, design, and gardening for wildlife with bird and butterfly plants. Saturdays at 10am at Niche Gardens, 1111 Dawson Rd., Chapel Hill. Call for directions, 967-0078. [nichegardens.com](http://nichegardens.com)

#### Jazz at the Mall

— University Mall presents free jazz concerts every Sunday, 2-4pm

#### Job Search Meeting

— A networking and support group for job hunters. Wednesdays, 9:30-11am, Binkley Baptist Church, 1712 Willow Drive. 942-4964

#### Open-Mic Poetry

— Tuesdays except first Tuesday, 7-9pm, Looking Glass Cafe & Boutique, 601 W. Main St. 636-5809

## SPOTLIGHT



Katherine Whalen of the band Squirrel Nut Zippers will exhibit her Show Poster Art at Chapel Hill Comics during the first week of October. There will be a reception on Friday, Oct. 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. with a musical performance by the artist at 7 p.m. Chapel Hill Comics is at 316 W. Franklin St.

**Walking Tour**— The Preservation Society of Chapel Hill offers "Walk This Way," walking tours of Franklin Street every Sunday at 2 pm. \$5. 942-7818 or [chpreservation@mindspring.com](mailto:chpreservation@mindspring.com) for more information. Reservations recommended for groups of five or more people.

#### Breastfeeding Cafe

— An informal drop-in gathering of breastfeeding moms is held every Monday from 1-2pm at the Red Hen in Carrboro. A La Leche representative will be there to provide information and answer questions. 201 Weaver St.

#### Kids



**Toddler Time** — Thursdays, 4pm, Carrboro Branch Library. 969-3006

**Preschool Story Time** — Saturdays, 10:30am, Carrboro Branch Library. 969-3006

**Express Yourself!** — Art program for ages 3-8 and their caregivers. Saturdays, 10:45-11:15am, 11:30am-noon, Kidzu Children's Museum, 105 E. Franklin St. \$2. 933-1455, [kidzchildrensmuseum.org](http://kidzchildrensmuseum.org)

#### Volunteers

**RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program** — Seeks volunteers at least 55 years of age and older who would like assistance in finding an opportunity that matches their interests. 968-2056, [co.orange.nc.us/aging/RSVPindex.asp](http://co.orange.nc.us/aging/RSVPindex.asp)

#### Meals on Wheels

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

#### Orange County Literacy

— Seeks volunteers to help with adult literacy, basic math and English language tutoring, creative writing workshops at local homeless shelters and family literacy workshops. New tutor training workshops every month. Skills Development Center, 503 W. Franklin St. 933-2151

**Do you have anything for one of our calendars?** Send submissions to [calendar@carrborocitizen.com](mailto:calendar@carrborocitizen.com)

## SUPER CROSSWORD WRITE RIGHT

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers indicating starting positions for clues.

## CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody

For example, YAPHCYAPLM is WORDSWORTH. One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the two O's, Y for the two W's, etc... Apostrophes, punctuation, the length and formation of the words are all hints.

### "Readiness?"

Cryptoquote grid with letters and dashes.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

Sudoku grid with numbers.

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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## PETS OF THE WEEK

### PAWS4EVER

#### This is Dexter!

He is a 1-year-old brown tabby guyt, and a very special boy at Paws4Ever. He had a severe case of ringworm and had to remain at our clinic until he finally got all better and made it over to the adoption center. He is a little shy at first when meeting new people, but if you just sit on the floor or chair and talk to him, he'll come and and talk away. Once you pet Dexter he's yours, he rolls around on his belly purring and rubbing on your legs, begging for someone to scoop him up and give him his new forever home. He gets along great with all the other cats. He's never met a dog so we will update soon when he meets one and let you all know if a dog friend would work out with Dexter. Come in and ask about our special little man, you'll be delighted you did. Paws4Ever, 6311 Nicks Road, Mebane, or call 304-2300. You can also go online at [paws4ever.org](http://paws4ever.org)



**ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES — Meet Tucker!** This adorable tabby kitten is around 4 months old and so funny! He is in love with his toy mouse and will sit for hours tossing it around and entertaining himself! He is sure to bring a ton of laughter and entertainment to a very lucky family! Visit him at Orange County's Animal Services Center, 1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill or call 919-942-PETS (7387). You can also see him online at [www.co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/adoption](http://www.co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/adoption).



## News Briefs

### Chapel Hill police complete investigation

After hearing a closed session report at a meeting Monday night, the Chapel Hill Town Council released a statement saying that all officers involved in the Charles Brown complaint should be exonerated.

On June 1, Brown was stopped, handcuffed, searched and held for more than 40 minutes by Chapel Hill police in a case of mistaken identity. He filed an official complaint with the Chapel Hill Police Department, which conducted an internal investigation.

### Council opts out of Dawson Hall purchase

After a closed session discussion Monday night, the Chapel Hill Town Council decided against purchasing part of Dawson Hall, a 70,000-square-foot commercial building off Weaver Dairy Road.

Town Manager Roger Stancil had asked for authority from the council to negotiate the purchase of about two-thirds of the building. Stancil said he wanted to explore the possibility of using the building as a police headquarters and a temporary site for the Chapel Hill Public Library during the construction on the library's expansion.

In a report to the council Monday, Stancil said he would not advise proceeding with the purchase and suggested the town work on alternatives for facilities for the Police, Fire and Parks and Recreation departments. He did recommend the town continue to explore short-term lease options for Dawson Hall during the library expansion.

### School board meeting Oct. 1

There will be a Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education meeting Oct. 1 at the Chapel Hill Town Hall. The board will discuss progress of construction at the Lincoln Center, Carrboro Elementary and the elementary school to be built in the Northside neighborhood. The board also will be presented with a report on the physical education program grant.

### Election forums

- October 5 — Chapel Hill candidate forum**  
 The League of Women Voters is sponsoring a forum for Chapel Hill mayor and town council candidates from 7 to 9 p.m. at Town Hall. Candidates will respond to questions from the league and take questions from the attendees.
- October 7 — Pittsboro municipal elections**  
 The League of Women Voters is sponsoring a forum for Town of Pittsboro municipal candidates from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Superior Courthouse in Pittsboro.
- October 7 — Chapel Hill Election Forum**  
 The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, EmPOWERment Inc. and *The Daily Tar Heel* will co-host an election forum for Chapel Hill mayor and town council candidates beginning at 7 p.m. at the Hargraves Community Center.
- October 8 — Carrboro election forum**  
 The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, EmPOWERment Inc. and *The Daily Tar Heel* will co-host an election forum for Carrboro mayor and board of aldermen candidates beginning at 7 p.m. at Carrboro Town Hall.

## Council wants more info on landfill gas pipeline

BY KIRK ROSS  
Staff Writer

**CHAPEL HILL** — Members of the Chapel Hill Town Council say they'd like to see more details on a plan to run an eight-inch gas pipeline from the county landfill on Eubanks Road to a new generating facility to be built on the corner of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Homestead Road.

The council got a look at the latest plans by UNC to harness

methane gas being produced by decomposition at the landfill to use for power needs at Carolina North and UNC's Facilities Services Complex along Airport Drive.

University architect Anna Wu told the council the university would start by setting up ways to capture the gas. Initially, she said, it will be vented and burned on the site. Once the line is constructed, the gas will be used to power a generation station to be located at the

former Duke Power substation off Homestead Road.

Wu said the original plans that called for running the line down Homestead Road would be difficult and asked the council to consider an alternative route that would have the line running along access drives for Homestead Park. Wu said the line would have to be buried about 30 to 36 inches below grade.

Council member Laurin Eastholm said she was not comfortable with the new route

since it would pass near the backyards of the park's neighbors and could disrupt activity at the park.

Council members said they also would like to see more detailed maps of where the line would run. The proposal calls for the line initially to run along an easement through part of the Parkside neighborhood.

The university wants to use the new line as part of its effort to reduce its overall carbon footprint.

## SCHOOLS

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Another buzz word making its way around the panel was "implementation."

When talking about measures to assess and track the academic progress of students, Susana Dancy said she thought the measurements were fine, but that there are problems with using those measurements to better a child's classroom experience.

"Once the child gets through the gate as being identified [as gifted], a lot of times that doesn't mean a whole lot changes," she said.

Joe Green, the director of UNC's Upward Bound program, spent a lot of his allotted time advocating for increased partnership between the school system and the university as a way to engage students without exhausting existing resources.

In their closing statements, candidates were able to briefly address issues besides those

of gifted children and classes, and all made sure to say that though they believe the school system to be a wonderful one, there are always things that can be done better.

Access to education for all students was a sticking point for most candidates. Christine Lee would like to see a more individualized approach to education. McElveen said though he was a fan of many of the policies in place, he's seen first-hand that they could be

better implemented.

Green, the youngest of the candidates, promoted his knack for "fresh ideas."

Brownstein said one of her biggest interests is erasing the achievement gap.

Dancy called the school system "patchwork" and said there needs to be better communication throughout the school system.

Guccidardi used her closing statement to again advocate for creative and innovative teaching methods.

## OBITUARIES

### Percy Riley

Percy T. Riley, 91, of Hillsborough passed away Thursday, Sept. 24, 2009.

Percy was born on Aug. 31, 1918 in Orange County, N.C. He was the son of the late Paul Miller and Mary Oakley Riley. He attended Hillsborough High School and was a lifelong member of Eno United Methodist Church. He married Helen L. Cox on Oct. 1, 1946 and would have been married 63 years on Oct. 1, 2009. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Percy wore several hats over his working career and owned several businesses, namely: Riley's Taxi Cab (slogan: "Live and Let Live"), Riley Construction Company and Riley's Market.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his three children, Randy M. Riley and his wife, Suzanne, of Gastonia, Russell D. Riley of Hillsborough and Tracey R. Boley and her husband, Mike, of Efland; one sister, Ramona Overman of Hillsborough; one brother, James Riley of Hillsborough; and six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

### Naomi Hewett

Naomi Jones Hewett, 86, of Carrboro, N.C. passed away Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009 at Duke Hospice Hock Family Pavilion

Naomi was born on May 1, 1923 in Brunswick County, N.C. She was the daughter of the late Gettie O. Jones and Frances Cox Jones. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde C. Hewett, to whom she was married for 50 years prior to his death in 1989. She was married to Jessie "Jack" Parker of Pittsboro, N.C. until his death in 2005. Brothers preceding her in death are L.D. Jones, Edward O. Jones and G. Jarvis Jones, all of Oak Island, N.C., and infant deaths of a grandchild and great-grandchild.

Naomi and her husband established Hewett's Ceramic Tile Company, where she maintained the role of bookkeeper while raising a family. During that time, she studied to become a nurse and worked at N.C. Memorial Hospital for several years until her retirement.

She was a member of Hillsborough Church of God and enjoyed fellowship with her family and friends.

Surviving members of her family are her sons, C. Odell Hewett and his wife, Lois, of Chapel Hill, Marvin G. Hewett and his wife, Barbara, of Hillsborough and Kenneth R. Hewett and his wife, Lynn, of Cary; her daughters, Donna H. Squires and her husband, John, of Chapel Hill and Diane H. Witham and her husband, George, of Carrboro. Surviving siblings are George Ray Jones, Larry Jones and Jeanette Roach, all of Oak Island, and Etta Mae Stanley of Shallotte. She has eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

### Lawrence Feuer

Lawrence Howard Feuer passed away at home in Fearington Village, N.C. on Sept. 26. Larry was known for his wit and humor and his ability to make friends wherever he went.

Born in Brooklyn in 1925 and raised in Queens, Larry attended Queens College before serving as a PFC in the 301st Regiment of the 94th Infantry Division during World War II. He fought in the Ardennes, Northern France and the Rhineland campaigns. Those who have heard him de-

scribe himself as the worst soldier in the U.S. Army, single handedly delaying Allied victory by months, will be surprised to learn that he earned a Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

When he returned from the war, Larry attended Columbia University and received his bachelor's degree in business administration and began working as a commercial real estate broker. He married Carol Diamond in December, 1949, and soon worked for his father-in-law Jack Diamond at his menswear store in Brooklyn and then in Manhattan. Commuting from Long Island, Larry soon managed the store and eventually became the owner.

Larry's real passions were his hobbies and he zealously maintained what he described as his professional dilettante status in all of them: sailing, photography, woodworking, astronomy, rhododendron and bonsai horticulture and painting.

Larry and Carol moved to Fearington Village in 1998. He is survived by Carol, his wife of 59 years; his children, Jules Feuer, Matthew Feuer and Kim Ruys de Perez; his sister, Jane Kaufman; and grandchildren Alexander, Stephanie, Andrew, Rebecca and Emily.

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## FOR THE RECORD

University Day rolls around next week with a big to-do celebrating Lux Libertas and all that. The speeches are usually inspiring – and the various congratulations of the stalwarts and the bright young minds that follow in their footsteps, equally so.

This year, the university could use a good bit of another rhetorical spice, one that doesn't always make its way into such events: contrition.

Recent reports on the school's bloated administrative ranks and its mishandling of a new program to help members of the National Guard returning from war call for a heaping helping of acknowledgement that some things need fixing up on the hill.

The administrative study, which details the growth in the ranks of the bureaucracy, drew fire from all corners because it is clear evidence of the extent of mission creep in higher education. With more far-flung enterprises and programs and more reliance on federal and private research dollars, it's no wonder the administrative ranks had to grow. For years, there were voices warning that the university was becoming too corporate, but they were either laughed off or drowned out by the cascade of ka-chings. Now, as with most management-heavy corporations, ways must be found to peel off a few layers of bureaucracy. For as UNC System President Erskine Bowles and others have underlined, the mission is teaching and research on behalf of the people of North Carolina, and protecting resources for that is above all else.

Somewhat connected, and in the short run a bit more worrisome, is the recent news of a poorly run program to assist returning members of the National Guard. First, it's troubling because the program spent millions and resulted in little help for the Guard. That is a failure and a shame. We can think of fewer people who have been as hard hit by the war and the recession as the volunteers who serve in our name and their families.

Second, this story is worrisome because Chapel Hill happens to be represented by Congressman David Price, who chairs the U.S. House appropriations subcommittee that oversees the Department of Homeland Security. The money for that program was, for lack of a better word, earmarked for UNC.

It is no secret that the campus has been the beneficiary of the proximity of the chairman and that many UNC programs look forward to assisting the federal government in fulfilling its various duties. UNC has done great work for DHS, particularly its disaster medical assistance teams.

But those worthy programs and future arrangements will now be under greater scrutiny, and rightly so. This is an especially bad time to be seen as anything but good stewards of the people's money.

We wish Chancellor Holden Thorp good luck in dealing with these challenges. More than many of his recent predecessors, he has first-hand knowledge of what Carolina means to this state, the promise its research holds and what great teaching means to its students.

We trust he understands that the real bottom line ought to read: light and liberty.

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COMMON GROUND, AT LAST

## When the good is the enemy of the better

STEVE PEHA

If you follow education – and you follow it on TV, the radio, the Internet or just about anywhere else – you probably think our schools are goin' to hell in a handbasket. Truth is, it's hard to tell, given the monkey business states have engaged in with their test scores.

One thing we're sure about is that there are a whole bunch of bad schools out there. Apparently, we have 2,000 so-called "dropout factories" in our country, high schools that account for more than 50 percent of all the kids who don't finish 12th grade. Then there's the 5,000 "worst schools in America" that Secretary of Education Arne Duncan has identified for immediate turnarounds.

What you probably don't hear much about are good schools. And for the purposes of our argument, let's say that a "good" school is any one where more than 90 percent of students pass all their tests. How many good schools are there? I'm not sure. Out of 100,000 schools in America, maybe 1 percent or 2 percent.

I've worked in a few of these schools. They're usually in wealthy suburbs like Grosse Pointe, Mich. or Mercer Island, Wash. At least that's where I've found them. In general, their kids are predominately white and exceedingly well prepared to enter kindergarten. Most of these kids could probably pass their tests without much schooling at all, such is the richness of their lives and the value their families' place on academic achievement.

The problem with many of these good schools is that they never get much better. And why should they, with test scores near

the theoretical maximum?

I can think of at least two reasons: (1) State tests are notoriously easy to pass, and many states have intentionally been making them easier with each passing year. So if your scores stay the same, chances are your learning may be going down. (2) Any organization that isn't focused on getting better eventually begins to get worse. There's simply no way to take something as complicated as a school or school district and put it in some kind of magical state where nothing ever changes. Absent serious efforts to improve, decline is probable. Absent any effort at all, entropy is all but guaranteed.

The toughest part of making good schools better is that most of the people who work in them think they're already good enough. Change is hard, and who wants to do hard things when you know your district, state or the federal government will never call you on the carpet for your results?

In general, schools of all types – good, bad and in-between – only make changes when forced to do so by an outside agent. In high-performing suburban school districts, there are only three possibilities for this agency: the community, the parents and the school board.

While the community pays the bills, few community members have the energy and experience to move a school or district one way or another. Most people who live around good schools are just happy to have high property values. As for those powerful parents, most are busy advocating for their own children.

That leaves the school board. We elect board members as the community's personal accountability system. This small group of

people is given oversight of a district and the job of advocating for everyone.

In most districts, especially high-performing districts, school board members typically act as a rubber stamp for the superintendent. They're not usually any more interested in changing things than anyone else is. But I think they have a vital role to play, if they'll accept it, in banishing complacency about fixing problems most people don't like to talk about, and in helping things that are good get even better.

A board member's most direct responsibility concerns the superintendent: If a new superintendent is to be hired, the board does the hiring. If a change needs to be made, it's the board that carries out this unenviable task as well.

All change requires leadership, and nothing is more effective than leadership at the top. Where board members do the most good is in spurring on reluctant district leaders to take strong, clear public positions on new initiatives and find succinct solutions to longstanding challenges.

Serving on a school board is time consuming, emotionally exhausting and it doesn't pay. But board members have a perfect opportunity – and a unique responsibility – to make sure their districts are moving in the best possible direction for all students. In some cases, they may be the only agents of change in the community. That's a lot to ask of unpaid volunteers. But if board members don't get out in front of important issues, often no one else will.

*Steve Peha is founder and president of Carrboro-based Teaching That Makes Sense Inc.*

## ENDORSEMENT LETTERS

## Cook for alderman

For fellow parents in Carrboro hoping for more practical leadership in Town Hall, I strongly recommend Sharon Cook for the board of alderman.

Clearly, there are many important strategic and policy differences to be settled in Carrboro during the upcoming years on issues ranging from housing density and commercial development, to the melding of old Carrboro with new. Mrs. Cook's experience on the town planning board and record of representing the Rogers Road-Eubanks neighbors suggest she will play a positive role in these long-term outcomes. However, her greatest contributions will come from her ability to realize the short-term initiatives that are most important to our everyday lives as parents.

To illustrate, Mrs. Cook's advocacy for improved safety for students near Chapel Hill High directly led to the construction of sidewalks and a new traffic light on Homestead Road. She continues to work for safer conditions for our children as an appointee to a multi-jurisdictional committee working with N.C. DOT and as the founder of Students on Sidewalks. Further consider that as a parent of three, she has served in our schools, most notably as co-chair of Smith Middle's inaugural governance committee. Mrs. Cook has seen first-hand how many older facilities, like Seawell Elementary and CHHS, are being neglected as the system is forced to build new schools.

This is a critical time for Carrboro. The challenges presented by tremendous residential growth have been compounded by a stagnant economy, and the range of views on the town's future identity continues to broaden. Amidst these macro concerns, Sharon Cook's practical and balanced perspective as a parent is exactly what we need to improve our town today.

ANTHONY VOLPE  
Carrboro

## Vote for Green

Dr. Joseph Green is an ideal candidate for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education. He has significant experience in the education field, having taught at both the secondary and collegiate level and now serving as director of the UNC Upward Bound TRiO Program. Green, being relatively new to this district, also has the ability to give a fresh perspective to district issues and bring about the innovation required to make our great schools even greater and able to educate all of our students.

Green's platform has five goals: maintaining high expectations for all students, equitably distributing resources, creating effective efforts to close the achievement gap, supporting Professional Learning Communities and encouraging parent and community involvement. Green understands that educating children is a task that requires community members at all levels to work together. The board must be willing and able to work with teachers and administrators but also students, parents and community groups, all of whom have a vested interest in our children's success.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools prides itself on the high quality of its students, its curriculum, its teachers and its administrators. But it must work to garner full community inclusiveness, to engage and educate all students and to create the flexibility to address the needs of a diverse community. Green will address these issues and make our schools even better. Elect Joe Green for the board of education, a new, strong voice for the district!

Visit [joegreen.freewebsite.org/platform.html](http://joegreen.freewebsite.org/platform.html) for more information!

ASHLEY HARRINGTON  
Chapel Hill

## Slade leaves it better

My mother always taught me to "leave it better than you found it." I continue to find this advice useful when I think about the responsibilities we are going to pass

off to future generations. In the simplest terms, we must think about how to leave this world a little better for our kids. Each time we are charitable and each time we reduce our carbon footprint, we are taking steps in the right direction.

I'm endorsing Sammy Slade for Carrboro's Board of Aldermen. I've worked with Sammy, and admire his tenacious passion about the environment and his resolve in seeking innovative solutions through group brainstorming.

Sammy Slade is an optimistic visionary, a community volunteer and organizer and a natural mediator and problem-solver. His record is reflective of one who has long felt the calling of public service for the benefit of his community.

Slade is the co-founder of Carrboro Greenspace, a collaborative group that promotes community through grassroots environmental education and resourceful uses of public space. As well, Slade was a founder of the Carrboro Community Garden and Transition Carrboro and is chair of our Local Living Economy Task Force.

People come up with great ideas when they put their heads together. One thing that excites me about Sammy's campaign is his motivation to bring folks into Town Hall and get them involved on a collaborative level in the decision-making process.

Please join me in supporting Sammy Slade for alderman.

MARIANNE PRINCE  
Carrboro

## For Brownstein

I lead a parent-staff group in the CHCCS district that is dedicated to improving the educational process for some of our underserved children. Shell Brownstein has been a key contributor to this group. Through working closely with Shell, I have learned that she cares deeply about increasing accountability and consistency across the district and about improving district support for currently underserved students (such as exceptional students and minority students).

## LETTERS

## Candidates should get out to meet the voters

Low voter turnout is always discouraging. It speaks of disengagement and disenchantment. It is a demoralizing commentary on democracy. But what do you do when even the candidates hardly come out?

I went to the Orange County website: We are having an election in Carrboro! Did the Carrboro Board of Aldermen pass an ordinance forbidding local political campaigns? The candidate with the most campaign signs seems to be a person named "Yard Sale." Is it too much to expect the candidates to actively seek your vote? I know there have been forums, but I can't make those because of my schedule. With a Saturday morning trip to the Farmers' Market and then a few short carbon-less footsteps to the daily town forum at Weaver Street Market, the candidates have an easy opportunity to meet the voters. They could even do it more than once. Let's air the issues. What about a debate between mayoral candidates at the Town Common's gazebo? How about the challengers letting us know why they should be chosen rather than the incumbents? Have the citizens of the Paris of the Piedmont abandoned the barricades, fled the streets? Is our

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**MON 10/5** — Beef & Cheese Nachos w/Salsa; Chicken Nuggets w/Wheat Roll; Baja Black Beans; Garden Salad; Chilled Apricots

**TUE 10/6** — Pork BBQ on a Roll; Macaroni & Cheese; w/Wheat Roll; "Fun on a Run"; Coleslaw; Green Beans; Chilled Pears

**WED 10/7** — Cheese Pizza; Pepperoni Pizza; Hot Dog w/Chili; Garden Peas; Steamed Carrots; Fresh Banana

**THU 10/8** — Turkey & Cheese Sub; Mozzarella Cheese Sticks; w/Marinara Dipping Sae; "Fun on the Run"; Lettuce & Tomato Salad; Carrot & Celery Sticks; Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce; Fresh Orange Wedges

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**FRI 10/2** — Spaghetti & Meat Sauce w/Garlic Bread; Hot Dog w/Chili; Coleslaw; California Mixed Vegetables; Fresh Apples

**MON 10/5** — Double Cheeseburger on Wheat Bun; Chicken Caesar Salad w/Garlic Bread; Lettuce & Tomato Salad; Seasoned Baked Potato Wedges; Peas & Carrots; Chilled Peaches

**TUE 10/6** — Fruit & Yogurt Plate; Chicken Tacos w/Lett., Tom., Cheese & Salsa; Seasoned Pinto Beans; Mexican Corn; Fresh Oranges

**WED 10/7** — Beef & Macaroni w/Wheat Roll; Chicken Patty Sandwich w/Cheese; Green Beans; Steamed Carrots; Chilled Fruit Cocktail

**THU 10/8** — Herb Baked Chicken w/Wheat Roll; Cheese Quesadilla w/Salsa; Mashed Potatoes; Seasoned Turnip Greens; Chilled Mandarin Oranges

## School Briefs

### Walk and Race for Education

Organizers are celebrating the "Lucky 13th" year of the annual Walk and Race for Education on Oct. 17 to support the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools. The walk concludes with a carnival on the grounds of the Lincoln Center.

To donate for a student or school, visit the Foundation website at [2.chccs.k12.nc.us/psf](http://2.chccs.k12.nc.us/psf).

Walk festivities begin at 2:30 p.m. and the walkers start at 3 p.m. from McCorkle Place on the UNC campus. There is no registration for the walk. Everyone is welcome.

Shuttles will run from both Culbreth and Phillips middle schools and then back from the Lincoln Center to the schools and McCorkle Place. Parking is discouraged at the Lincoln Center and parking on Merritt Mill Road will be curtailed.

The walk will be preceded by the Race for Education,

which begins at 9 a.m. at McCorkle Place. The race course winds through the UNC campus. Runners can register at Fleet Feet Sports in Carr Mill Mall or by going to [SPORTsoften.com](http://SPORTsoften.com). Registration also is available on Saturday morning before the race begins.

### Carrboro Elementary carnival booth

Carrboro Elementary will have a carnival booth at the Walk for Education on Oct. 17 from 2 to 5 p.m. with hair braiding, face and nail painting and treats. Proceeds will go directly to the hosting schools to raise money for school programs and supplies.

### Carrboro Orchestra

The Carrboro High School Orchestra and Chorus will present a "From Renaissance Spirit to Spirituals" concert on Thursday, Oct. 15, at the school.

The 26-member orchestra will play a selection of the music it will perform in Prague during spring break. The music will include the Bagatelle, op. 47, no. 5, by Dvorak.

Each of the three choirs will sing music from the Renaissance along with such familiar spirituals as "When the Saints Go Marching In" and "Ain't Got Time to Die."

The concert will be performed in the area just off the high school's Cafe Commons. Donations are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

For more information, contact Kay Johnson at [kajohnson1@chccs.k12.nc.us](mailto:kajohnson1@chccs.k12.nc.us) or 918-2200 x25086.

### Integrity committee seeks volunteers

The ECHHS Integrity Committee is looking for parent representatives to serve with faculty, staff, students and administrators.

The goal of the Integrity

Committee is to address the issues surrounding academic integrity and the challenges in establishing a school-wide culture of integrity. The committee meets once a month, generally on the third Thursday, at 4 p.m. in the Career Information Center. If interested, contact Deirdre Stifler at [dstifler@chccs.k12.nc.us](mailto:dstifler@chccs.k12.nc.us)

### Board of education candidate forum

The CHCCS PTA Council and League of Women Voters are sponsoring a Board of Education Candidate Forum on Oct. 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Chapel Hill Town Council Chambers, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

The forum will be televised on Time Warner Cablevision Channel 18. The public may submit questions in person at the forum or via the PTA Council website ([ptacouncil.com](http://ptacouncil.com)).

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## VOTE KEVIN WOLFF FOR MAYOR OF CHAPEL HILL • KEEP MATT WHERE HE IS AT

Dear Citizens and Voters of Chapel Hill:  
I need your help and support for my campaign for mayor of Chapel Hill. There seems to be some confusion regarding my candidacy and why I am a better choice than Matt Czajkowski, so I have summarized some of my responses to these and related questions.

### Please consider and keep in mind the following:

- I received 30 percent of the vote for mayor two years ago against long-term incumbent, Mayor Kevin Foy.
- There are four candidates running this year, so I believe I will need only five percent more than last time, or 35 percent, to win. So . . . **I CAN WIN!**
- With law, business and engineering/science degrees and years of experience in each, I have the best and broadest background of any candidate for mayor. No other candidate does!
- I am the only candidate for mayor who has worked on cost cutting that can help us hold the line on taxes, or reduce them, without sacrificing the types and quality of services our town provides.
- I will respect and listen to the views of ALL of our citizens.

### Contrast these points with the following . . .

- **Matt Czajkowski has two years left in his town council term!** Even if he withdraws or does not win the mayoral seat, he still remains a council member. Moving him to mayor does not change a thing—he still has only **ONE VOTE** against a council that does not support him.
- **Matt Will Remain Ineffective, Even As Mayor!** In the past two years, Matt has failed to make allies on the town council. No one will second any motion he makes for his agenda. He has admitted this in one of his campaign letters, at least three times. For example, when discussing a lack of improvements downtown, Matt has stated,

*"We have made some progress in the last eight years—but most people ask why we could not have done so much more. I have proposed initiatives that have been ignored by the council."*

—Letter dated August 24, 2009

His fellow town council members have generally ignored Matt. Don't believe me, watch the videos of past town council meetings for the 18 months since Matt was elected (<http://www.ci.chapel-hill.nc.us/index.aspx?page=958>).

### REMEMBER THIS . . .

- Matt had no experience in government before winning his council seat two years ago and did not even vote in a municipal election until that time! On the other hand, I have been engaged in local politics and community service in Chapel Hill for over four years. Because I strongly believe in my civic duty and in the power of local government to benefit the community, I have voted in every election since I was 18 years old. I care deeply about my community and my country, as proven by my voting record and involvement. As mayor, I will build on this commitment.
- If he is not elected mayor, then Matt will remain in his current council seat, which expires in 2011. As mayor, he still has only one vote and two years left in his term. Further, the make-up of the town council is unlikely to change this year and without me as mayor, Matt will not have any allies. In fact, given his lack of progress in the past two years, without me to help bridge the gap between him and the other town council members, Matt will continue to be ignored and unable to gain support for his initiatives.

With Matt on the town council and me as mayor, our community will have a strong voice for sustainable growth, lower taxes and prudent spending.

My best regards,

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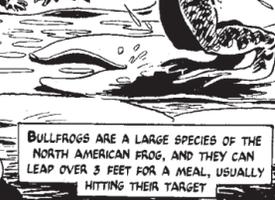
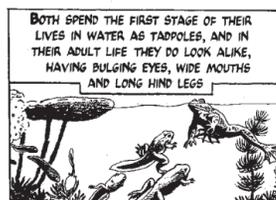
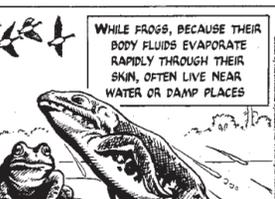
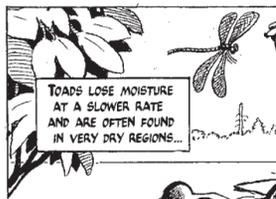
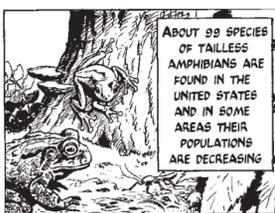
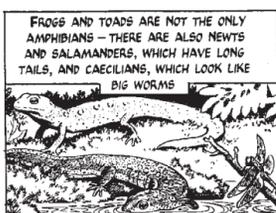
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### CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER:

The only thing that's certain is uncertainty. - Thomas Friedman, director of the Centers for Disease Control, on the difficulties of preparing for swine flu.

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Gifford delivered her boxes to the food bank at the Inter-Faith Council for Social Services (IFC) in Carrboro, and food now also goes to other Triangle agencies that serve the needy. Blacklin connected Gifford with her summer intern, Adam Sherwood, who is part of Fair Local Organic, a student-run program that has begun to change menus at UNC dining halls, incorporating wholesome locally grown foods. He organized teams of students to collect and deliver the donated food to the agencies.

Last Saturday, a new phase, the Farmer FoodShare Challenge, began, allowing shoppers to get into the giving act by donating purchases from vendors. The goal was to collect 1,000 pounds of food.

"Our final total for Saturday's event was 1,736 pounds of fresh food — eggs, meat, cheese, fruit and vegetables," Gifford wrote in an email message. "This is far more food than we normally get on a Saturday, even at the height of the season!"

It also brings the 15-week total up to 9,810 pounds — insuring that 10,000 pounds will be reached by week's end.

"This was the first time we directly asked shoppers to follow the farmers' example," Gifford said. "We were overwhelmed by the response."

"Saturday's event was fantastic," Sherwood said. "What Margaret has done, along with all the volunteers and the support, especially of the farmers and shoppers, is simply incredible."

It took eight volunteers, who collected, boxed, weighed and transported food to the IFC,

CORA Food Pantry, the Durham Food Bank and the N.C. Hunger Project.

"Unfortunately, there is a good deal of hunger and food insecurity in our Triangle community," Gifford said. "You might be surprised to know what the demographics are. They are not only the most destitute . . . but also people who are working, like firefighters, restaurant workers, social workers or others, who do not make a living wage in the Triangle. Recipients are also people who have been laid off and are working to find jobs, but must choose between paying their mortgage or utilities and buying food for their families. Emergency food assistance provided by our participating organizations and others helps these people through a rough spot."

Feedback from the farmers and shoppers will keep the wheel turning. Blacklin said that Ken Dawson, owner/producer of Maple Spring Gardens Farm (and the farmer Gifford overheard making the comment about composting), told her that he'd had a conversation with a customer who said she was delighted to see local produce being donated to hunger relief.

"She told Ken that one of the reasons she loves the Carrboro Farmers' Market so much is because it is a market with a soul," Blacklin relayed.

Yep, soul and heart and local sweat and tears, combined with a savvy woman willing to take on a challenge, have furthered a food movement. Carrboro's Locovore Revolution would make Michael Pollan (*Omnivore's Dilemma, In Defense of Food*) right proud. Let's keep it turning!

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

**CLIMATE FROM PAGE 1**

"If you think of your greenhouse inventory as a balance sheet," Arneman said, "where every emission is a liability, you try to decrease those as much as possible through renewable energy and biofuel and things like that."

"Then for what you can't reduce, you need to put assets on that balance sheet, and those tend to come in the form of renewable-energy credits or carbon offsets. Climate neutrality is the point at which those columns net to zero."

The emissions inventory was the first step in determining where the university stood — no small task on a campus that, at the beginning of the 2008-09 school year, comprised 28,567 students, 3,450 faculty and 8,632 staff and spanned 729 acres with 17.5 million square feet of buildings, with major expansion on the immediate horizon.

The inventory showed that nearly 90 percent of greenhouse gas emissions were related to energy used in buildings.

"So our first focus has been on the buildings," Arneman said, "understanding how they use energy so we can peel back the layers and find reductions and strategies for efficiencies."

Arneman said that in casting a wide net and then selecting the projects that make the most financial sense in the near term, the project team determined that building energy efficiency clearly was the first place to focus.

"Then we anticipate that as carbon cap-and-trade or some other legislation comes along,

the more expensive projects that involve fuel switching or renewable-energy applications will become financially viable," Arneman said.

He said the university plans to pursue initiatives that look at commuting, reduced air travel and a more efficient vehicle fleet, "because neutrality demands looking at all the outliers, the small pieces as well as the large pieces. But building energy represents our biggest hurdle and our biggest opportunity."

Addressing building energy entails looking from two perspectives:

How much energy are the buildings consuming and can they be run more efficiently?

Then: How is the energy being supplied and how are the electricity, steam and chilled water being generated?

"In looking on both the supply and the demand sides, you tend to get synergies," Arneman said. "If we can reduce the heat load of a building, maybe we can meet that heat load with a small solar thermal system."

In many cases, improving efficiency is a matter of more closely monitoring and analyzing a building's energy use to uncover structural or equipment deficiencies.

For example, Arneman noticed irregular energy performance trends in a building that was then discovered to have a defective HVAC system valve. Arneman estimates that continuing to operate with the defective valve would have cost the university \$30,000 a year. Analyzing all 300 or so buildings on campus thus could lead to some pretty substantial savings.

**Long term**

The Orange County Landfill gas project is an energy-saving initiative that's now in the design stage.

Phil Barner, manager of the university's cogeneration systems, said he expects work at the landfill will be ready for bid later this month or early November, with a target for the start of construction in January 2010.

"This would install the gas collection system at both the North and the South Landfill, as well as the enclosed flare at the landfill," Barner said. "We hope to have this portion of the project operational by third quarter next year."

"We are targeting mid 2011 on having the pipe in the ground and the engine operational, supplying electricity to the university's Facilities Services Complex along Airport Drive."

That electricity also will be used for Carolina North.

The UNC project team has met with representatives of Duke Energy to determine how the carbon impact of the electricity the university purchases may change going forward.

"The amount of computing power goes up on campus every year, and there are more gadgets plugged into the residence halls," Arneman said. "So we expect an increase in the amount of electricity we may need, which means an increase in carbon if everything stayed the same."

Duke Energy told the climate project team about plans to incorporate renewables under the company's renewable-energy portfolio standard. Duke Energy also is looking at adding more nuclear plants to the grid, which have zero carbon emissions.

"So as they do that, the elec-

tricity they produce on average is less carbon intensive."

As for Carolina North, Arneman said the university will certainly incorporate climate and carbon thinking into the design, but that it's not yet clear which options may be best, and many of the projections the project team has made are based on estimates.

An example he cites is the use of torrefied wood. Arneman said there are two or three companies that want to begin producing and distributing it, but "there's this Catch 22 going on, where they can't build the plant without commitments from buyers, but buyers don't want to commit until they can sample the fuel."

"So there will be some back and forth before these renewable technologies really take off."

**The mandate**

UNC is one of the largest universities to sign onto the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment pledge. The task is considerable, but Arneman is optimistic: "We're headed in the right direction, and this is certainly a priority of the administration. There's been great support in both developing the inventory and also in finding solutions."

And it's not just a matter of doing the right thing. Federally mandated emission caps, or some other form of regulation, are forthcoming.

"When that happens," Arneman said, "we either reduce our carbon emissions or we end up paying for them in some way, shape or form."

And that, he added, will help expedite opportunities for positive change.

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# Field Hockey



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Chapel Hill's Meghan Cabell and East's Audrey Larson fight for the ball in last Wednesday night's rivalry game. Chapel Hill came away with the victory, 2-1.

**BY BETH MECHUM**  
Staff Writer

Typically, field hockey powerhouses are located in northeast cities. New York and Massachusetts are havens for field hockey successes.

But teams in Chapel Hill have worked hard to have their names included in such discussions. East Chapel Hill High and Chapel Hill High are consistently fighting for North Carolina state titles (they've won all but one of the state championship titles this decade) and consistently impress teams from the North who dare to challenge them. And the Tar Heels are just a couple of years removed from an undefeated NCAA Championship field hockey run.

It's no surprise then that the Wildcats and Tigers are again at the top of the high school field hockey ranks. But this year, Carrboro High is trying to add its name to the list. They're not quite there yet, but the Jaguars are making a statement.

"I think this year is the year that we're going to establish our place," Carrboro coach Elizabeth Cherry said. "I think across the state, we're proving we're not just a team to take lightly anymore, and I think that's a great accomplishment that we've come so far in only three years."

Things haven't changed too drastically just yet; Chapel Hill and East will still likely reign supreme in North Carolina field hockey this year.

East held the title of state champion last year by beating Chapel Hill in the final game. But in last week's rivalry game, Chapel Hill showed it's up to the task of knocking East off its throne, with a 2-1 win.

### Carrboro High

This is the first year Carrboro has had the luxury of fielding both a junior varsity and a varsity team, and Cherry is having a hard time separating the two. Her team is her team, she said, and she prefers to view them as a single entity.

"I really view all of them as one team, one big cohesive group," she said. "They work so hard, I push them a lot, and I ask a lot of them. They always give me everything they have, which is what I want, and I think that they have fun at the same time."

Cherry is a young coach with a lot of playing experience. And in addition to her skills and play calling, it's her love of field hockey that she hopes she's passing on to the Jaguars.

"Field hockey is something that I love; I want to express that to them," she said. "I think that it's something that they do love, and I hope it's as big a part of their lives as it is mine."

It's that sort of passion that's contributing to a breakout year for the Jaguars, who are winning more games, and are staying close in all the games they haven't won.

**Record:** 3-3  
**Key Players:** Meela Mahanty, Lexi Xenakis, Bridget Gallagher

### East Chapel Hill High

The Wildcats are the defending state champions, and though they have a new coach and there are some different faces on the field, they're expecting to fight for a repeat.

Susan Taylor took over as head coach this year after serving as JV coach last year, and it's been a seamless transition. She's coached many of the girls since their freshman year, and said it's been gratifying watching them progress and grow more cohesive.

"The team bonding is amazing," Taylor said. "There is no drama — and it's very rare for there not to be drama."

**Record:** 6-3  
**Key Players:** Samantha Anscher, Rachel Henke

### Chapel Hill High

Chapel Hill has bragging rights for now after beating East in last week's game — the biggest match-up of the regular season for both teams. It's still too early to say if this is a good enough indicator to project state title hopes, but it's safe to say the Tigers were happy to end East's three-game winning streak against them.

Now Chapel Hill will have to ward off a physical and emotional letdown and use the momentum to carry them through the season, or at least until the rivals play again on Oct. 8.

**Record:** 9-0  
**Key Players:** Jessica Barfield, Kelsey Buckley

## AFRICA FROM PAGE 1

### Team Sakina

Team Sakina is an all-women's running group sponsored by the Sustain Foundation in Carrboro.

Team Sakina's objective is to supply women with the knowledge and skills to become healthier individuals in body, mind and spirit. Team members provide assistance to Sakina by donating their time and fundraising efforts to supporting programs within that community.

To team member Ilona Jaspers, that's just another way of saying, "It's for fun."

"The bottom line about Team Sakina is that it's just a group of women who want to exercise together, want to have some fun together and really enjoy each other, and have a support system through each other," Jaspers said.

The Sustain Foundation's mission is to create and implement specific sustainable solutions to health, educational and environmental issues by linking global and local community networks. The running group and the foundation are connected at every level, with team members running to improve themselves and the communities Sustain supports.

"It's unique that this group has stayed together for such a long time," Jaspers said. "It's empowering and it's very motivating when you find women that share similar interests as yourself. I work full time, I have two children, so balancing all of this isn't always easy, and it's very important to have a support network. We've all become really good friends."

Formerly an avid tennis player, Jaspers said she can't find enough time in her busy day to get to the courts as often as she would like, but

throwing on a pair of running shoes and hitting the road keeps her active.

### The intern

Anneliese Gegenheimer is a student at the Kenan-Flagler Business School at UNC, where she focuses on social entrepreneurship and how businesses are run in developing countries.

Gegenheimer went to Sakina this summer and stayed until late August as a volunteer with the Sustain Foundation, which sponsors students in a scholars program so that they can attend secondary school — a luxury, not a guarantee, in Sakina.

Her job includes teaching members of the Sakina community some basic business skills: how to keep a budget, start a business or manage a program.

Gegenheimer is bringing new and different things to Sakina, but it's likely she's the one who's experienced more culture shock.

"I was pretty well prepared for it," she said. "I had been in Zanzibar for a month before this; I kind of knew what to expect once I got to Sakina."

But she hadn't previously gotten a sense of day-to-day life — kitchen work, for example, which is all done outdoors, and bathroom duties, where buckets of water replace spigots.

But it wasn't the outhouses or the lack of running water for which she was least prepared.

"The role of women, I wasn't used to," Gegenheimer said. "I didn't expect it; the women do the housework, and the men don't."

Gegenheimer lived with a family in a compound and was thrilled with how quickly she was taken in. She worked hard at her internship, helping a community find better, more sustainable ways to conduct their business. But they taught her a lot as well.

"The most important thing I've learned is how to relate to people with different knowledge sets and explain a difficult concept to them using what they already know," Gegenheimer said in an email in August. "I think this will be really helpful in everything I do when I come back [to the U.S.] and will really help me be able to manage a diverse group of people while still encouraging collaboration."

### It comes together

It's not just money Team Sakina raises for the scholars program. Members of the running group have gone above and beyond what was first expected of them.

"It's been sort of an evolution," Jaspers said.

In the beginning, they had T-shirts made, and the profits went to support the scholars.

"Over the summertime, it became more of a complete way of helping and supporting the scholars in Sakina, and getting more of a connection with those people over there," Jaspers said.

Members of the team got the names and information of the scholars and wrote them letters, sent them packages and Geiger distributed them throughout the town.

Geiger is back at school, where her bathroom and kitchen are indoors, and the women are still running, trying to break last season's times.

With Gegenheimer's guidance, Sakina was left with skills in how to run the Sustain Foundation's scholar programs, and some lucky kids will be more educated than they ever imagined.

It's safe to say Geiger left Africa with Sakina influences that might never leave her life, and the people of Sakina were left with a taste of Carrboro that will sustain them in a new, beneficial way.

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Without a male plant close by, these female papaya flowers will never produce a mature fruit; the young fruit shown at lower right will soon drop.

**FLORA**  
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That papaya is not going to produce ripe fruit, and it is not going to survive the frost that will eventually arrive. Even though it's the beginning of October, you most likely will have several more weeks to be one of the many visitors to view Genero's papaya at Johnny's.

Take the kids by for a visit. I would love to have just a hint of the thoughts in the heads of some of the youngsters

I've seen gazing up from beneath the giant leaves of that papaya plant during the past couple of weeks.

Of South American origin, domestication of papaya most likely began in the Amazonian basin. It is a common breakfast fruit in much of the tropics. In addition to the fruit, the seeds are edible, credited with having a flavor a bit like watercress, and the tender leaves are prepared like spinach.

Unripe fruit and the leaves are credited with

producing an enzyme that is used as a dietary supplement to aid digestion. It is also used as a component in meat tenderizers and, perhaps of interest to some Carrborites, used to prevent cloudiness in bottled beers.

In future years, as our growing season becomes longer, Johnny's may have more than one papaya plant growing, with a better chance of both sexes being present, and a greater opportunity for ripe fruit here above the tropics.



## Tar Heels in Ireland, 2009

When Jonathan and Mary Howes went to Dingle, Ireland to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this summer, they wanted to make a really special photo to mark the historic occasion. Not only did they invite their three children, their spouses and eight grandchildren, but they also instructed them all to wear UNC T-shirts, hats or hoodies. But what happened then ... Well, I'll let Jonathan tell you himself: "The picture was taken on our camera by our friend and Dingle resident and retired cop Michael Collins who was showing us around the Dingle peninsula. We told him the kind of picture we needed, and he knew just the place, with the mountains and the sea in the background. And while we were getting organized for the photo, there came from a passing car the familiar cry, 'GO TAR HEELS!'"



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