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In January

proposed for the Buckhorn Road area.

assault and the school on edge.

Farmers' Market.

county commissioner.

degree murder for killing his parents in 2005.

A major squabble between groups of farmers and vendors erupts

Adam Sapikowski agrees to plead guilty to two counts of second-

After an anonymous complaint to the town, warning letters are

sent to property owners who allow taco trucks to use their property.

The town later revises its mobile-vendor rules to accommodate the

A 1.1-million-square-foot retail and mixed-use development is

A fight among students at Carrboro High School sparked by

tion Agency that an administrative complaint alleging environ-

mental racism over the decision to site a waste transfer station at

Eubanks Road and other actions was under review.

several hundred at the Carrboro Century Center.

Board of Aldermen reviews its noisy-fowl ordinance.

Democratic nomination for president.

In February

will be discontinuing most of its services.

Shortage, limiting water use countywide.

cated in a cheating scandal.

In March

her murder and kidnapping.

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racial epithets leaves one student in the hospital, others charged with

Orange County is notified by the federal Environmental Protec-

A rousing debate on the subject of impeaching President George

Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney is held before an audience of

After complaints about a rooster on Pine Street, the Carrboro

Orange County resident John Edwards ends his run for the

Hugh Harrington is elected to the Pittsboro Town Board of

Commissioners in a special election. Harrington finished six votes

ahead of Michele Berger in the November election, but 17 voters

received incorrect ballots and the state board of elections authorized

Caring Family Network – the primary provider of mental health

treatment in Orange, Person and Chatham counties - announces it

UNC Law School announces plans to move to Carolina North.

The Orange County Farmers' Market opens for the first time.

The market is at The Public Market House at 120 East Margaret

Due to a dispute over who would manage the new market,

following his arrest several days prior. Whitling, 52, was charged

Orange Water and Sewer Authority declares a Stage Three Water

Orange County School Board member Dennis Whitling resigns

with embezzlement, false pretense, obstruction of justice and corpo-

With reservoirs at about 40 percent of capacity, the board of the

Four Chapel Hill High students are suspended and others impli-

Student body president Eve Carson is shot to death in front of

her home in downtown Chapel Hill. ATM photos show suspects

using her car and driving her SUV. Two suspects, Demario James

Atwater and Laurence Alvin Lovette are arrested and charged with

Lane, Hillsborough (behind the sheriff's department).

county government creates a leadership committee.

condominium project on South Greensboro Street.

Sarah Blacklin is named the new manager of the Carrboro

over the organization of the new Hillsborough Farmers Market.

















Residents of the Cameron-McCauley historic district convey

their opposition to plans by UNC's Wesley Foundation to build a

70,000-square-foot five-story Methodist dorm on Pittsboro Street. The Carrboro Citizen celebrates its first year in business. St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church had purchased more than 20 acres of land on the corner of Rogers and Purefoy roads and plans to build not only new worship facilities but housing, athletic facilities and a wellness center.

The Barack Obama presidential campaign opens an office on West Franklin Street.

In April

A Southern Season-sponsored South Estes Farmers' Market, operated by the group Farmers of Orange, opens at University Mall. Former President Bill Clinton visits Hillsborough to campaign for his wife, New York Sen. Hillary Clinton, who is seeking the democratic nomination for president.

Grubb Properties files a plan with Chapel Hill to demolish Glen Lennox and replace it with a more-than 1.8-million-square-foot residential, retail, hotel and office development.

The Orange County Board of Commissioners votes unanimously to move forward with an agreement with UNC for a gas-recovery project at the Orange County Landfill.

Police investigate a recent string of armed robberies in Carrboro and Chapel Hill that targeted Latino citizens.

The smell of smoked pastrami is noticed in downtown Carrboro as Shelia and Matt Neal open Neal's Deli on South Greensboro. Reacting to a proposal for redevelopment, the Chapel Hill Town Council allows residents in the Glen Lennox area to pursue a neigh-Filing opens for the May 6 primary elections for state Senate and

In May

A Friday afternoon rock show with Superchunk and Arcade Fire draws thousands to an early-vote rally for Obama.

The Pressure Boys reunite for two benefit shows for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at the Cat's Cradle

An agreement between the Inter-Faith Council, UNC and the Town of Chapel Hill is reached on moving the Community House men's shelter on Rosemary Street to the corner of Homestead Road and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

State Sen. Ellie Kinnaird fends off a primary challenge from Orange County commissioner Moses Carey.

The State Employees Association of North Carolina votes to join the Service Employees International Union.

Randy Dodd, environmental planner for the Town of Carrboro, receives the 2008 Mobile CARE (clean air, renewable energy)

Award. Dodd wins the "Special Citizen" honor. Carrboro resident Holden Thorp is chosen to become Carolina's new chancellor.

A large hive of honeybees flies down Greensboro Street and temporarily nests in a holly bush in front of the Carrboro Century

Carrboro approves Roberson Square, a five-story office, retail and Residents, joined by officials from Orange County, question the

spraying of biosolids on farmlands throughout the county. Chapel Hill native and longtime city schools assistant superin-

tendent Steve Scroggs retires after 35 years in education. Carrboro Elementary School teacher Briana Corke is named

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Teacher of the Year at the district's annual recognition banquet.

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners approves a six-month extension to the development moratorium to complete several major land-use ordinances.

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In June

Orange County attorney Geoff Gledhill announces his retire-

The Chapel Hill Town Council passes a voter-owned elections law setting up public financing for mayor and council candidates. An early-June heat wave sees temperature topping 100 degrees. University and town officials announce a deal by the UNC-Chapel Hill Foundation to purchase Granville Towers and University Square in a deal valued at \$45.75 million.

The Chapel Hill Town Council rescinds its vote authorizing access to the town's health care plan for former council members who have served eight years or more.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools announce that Carrboro High School Principal Jeff Thomas is reassigned to the district's central office. Rodney Trice, the district's director of curriculum and instruction, serves as interim principal.

Hillsborough lawyer and land surveyor Steve Yuhasz beats Leo Allison in a Democratic primary runoff for the new District 2 seat on the Orange County Board of Commissioners.

In July

Polarizing political figure and former U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms, who as a television commentator often editorialized against UNC students and administration, dies.

Town of Chapel Hill employees targeted by racist graffiti demand action by town officials.

Under pressure from residents, the Town of Carrboro agrees to

move up the pace on a sidewalk project for James Street. Proposed cuts in hours and staff at the Carrboro Branch Library at McDougle Middle School lead to protests and the resignation

of the library's longtime director Jake Leher. County officials later reinstate funding to roll back part of the cuts.

Provisions authorizing the creation of a joint university- and UNC Health Care-run airport authority to site and build an airport to replace Horace Williams are added to a UNC capital projects bill and passed by the General Assembly. An amendment offered by Rep. William Faison requires the airport to be built in Orange

School officials reinstate advanced-placement and honors courses at Carrboro High after complaints.

Weaver Street Market celebrates its 20th anniversary. A series of heavy weekend thunderstorms downs trees and clogs

stormwater systems throughout southern Orange County. Thieves stealing catalytic converters hit local park-and-ride lots. Towing of cars by the owners of Abbey Court leads to mass pro-

tests by residents, charges of discrimination against Latinos, appeals by town leaders and a forum at Town Hall. Residents and town officials complain that new fence along the

perimeter of Estes Park Apartments blocks a path used by pedestrians and bikers to get downtown. Police arrest a suspect who is reported to be toting a shotgun

during a series of daytime armed robberies.

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APRIL 61.0

MID 70.5



In August

asks that the family's privacy be respected.

tenced anyone to death since 1973.

Cotton bike path and Brewer Lane.

In September

flooding in spots around the community.

limit on towing fees.

Partly in response to towing at Abbey Court, Carrboro passes a

John Edwards admits to an affair. His wife, Elizabeth Edwards,

Kelly Batten, an assistant principal at Leesville Road High School in

District Attorney Jim Woodall announces the state will seek the

Wake County, is named principal of Carrboro High School.

Mohammed Taheri-Azar, who drove a rented SUV into a crowd

of people in the Pit on the UNC campus in March 2006, pleads

death penalty against Demario James Atwater, one of two suspects

in the murder of Eve Carson. An Orange County jury has not sen-

Atlas Fraley, a star football player and a rising senior at Chapel

Hill High School, dies in his home after playing in two scrimages.

tal Disabilities, Carrboro declares Aug. 7 Ellen Perry Day.

students founded by former slave Morris Hogan in the 1880s,

Carrboro approves The Butler, a five story condominium

Tropical Storm Fay brings heavy rain and causes flooding.

Kevin FitzGerald, executive associate dean for finance and

administration in the UNC School of Medicine, is appointed by

to lay the groundwork for a 15-member airport authority that will

be charged with locating, constructing and managing a new airport.

Tropical Storm Hanna dumps rain on the area, causing localized

Chancellor Holden Thorp and School of Medicine Dean Bill Roper

complex planned for the former Butler's Garage site near the Libba

After she wins an award from the N.C. Council on Developme

Morris Grove Elementary, named in honor of a school for black

guilty to nine counts of attempted first-degree murder.







The body of Joshua McCabe Bailey, a young man missing for

more than a month, is found in Chatham County. Six young men

are charged with first-degree kidnapping and murder. The parents

of one of those arrested are also charged with helping move the

body from a site in western Orange County, where it is believed

name of Airport Road to Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

In October

the School Nurse Association of North Carolina.

Chapel Hill Town Council member Bill Thorpe dies. Thorpe

served on the council twice and helped lead the effort to change the

Stephanie Willis, health coordinator for Chapel Hill-Carrboro

Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton's motorized scooter is stolen.

City Schools, is named School Nurse Administrator of the Year by

Carrboro approves the 300 East Main development, a

507,500-square-foot project that includes a 150-room hotel, a

five-story parking deck, a central pedestrian plaza, three large

New UNC Chancellor Holden Thorp kicks off a weeklong

statewide tour with a visit to science classrooms at Chapel Hil

Missy Julian Fox is named director of the UNC Visitor's

Cy Rawls, a beloved member of the local music community

The Orange County Board of Commissioners votes unani-

mously to approve a special-use permit for Buckhorn Village,

a 1.1-million-square-foot development at Buckhorn Road and

beating her former employers, pleads guilty to two counts of

James Taylor plays a free concert on campus in support of

Fourth District U.S. Rep. David Price, a Chapel Hill Demo-

The Animal Protection Society of Orange County changes its

A community meeting in White Cross on a proposed airport

In a year in which record-setting numbers of new voters were

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen approves a land-use ordinance

amendment to allow for the development of a day-care center in

crat, faces off against his Republican challenger, B.J. Lawson of

first-degree murder and one count of assault with a deadly

Barbara Clark, the Pittsboro housekeeper accused of fatally

commercial buildings and extensive changes for Cat's Cradle

Bailey was killed.

and The ArtsCenter.

weapon with intent to kill.

presidential candidate Barack Obama.

draws hundreds of concerned residents.

registered, early voting opens with heavy turnout.

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Cary, in a lively debate at UNC.

name to Paws4Ever.

High School.









In an indication that a slumping economy might delay downtown development, the site for the Roberson Square project, approved earlier in the year, is put on sale.

After an extensive effort intended to reduce turnout, Halloween crowds on Franklin Street are much thinner than expected

In November

Record turnout leads to sweeping Democratic victories in North Carolina. The state's Electoral College votes go to Barack Obama, the first African-American to be elected president of the United States.

Bev Perdue is elected the state's first woman governor. Sen. Kay Hagan unseats Sen. Elizabeth Dole. Voters elect Beradette Pelissier, Pam Hemminger, Valerie Foushee and Steve Yuhaz to the expanded board of county commis-

A Chapel Hill Transit driver is charged with a misdemeanor in

the death of a pedestrian near UNC Hospitals. James Merritt, who was raised in Chapel Hill's Northside neighborhood, is chosen to fill out the council term of the late Bill

Five cases of whooping cough are reported at Estes Hill Elemen-

Mel Rashkis, a businessman and philanthropist who with his wife Zora was an outstanding supporter of local schools, dies.

Local supporters of rights for gay and lesbian individuals join a statewide rally in Raleigh to denounce California's passage of The Chapel Hill High community mourns the loss of another student and member of the football team, when senior Rodney

Torain is killed in an early-morning crash after the car he was riding in is sideswiped. The driver of the other car has not been found. Sen. Ellie Kinnaird confirms that she and UNC law professo Daniel Pollitt are engaged.

With state revenues down, university officials prepare for another round of budget cuts.

Gregory McElveen, a corporate market researcher at IBM and father of six, is chosen to fill the seat of Pam Hemminger, who was elected to the Orange County School Board.

In December

After winning another term, Valarie Foushee is elected chair of the board of county commissioners.

Already facing state charges in the same case, Demario James Atwater pleads not guilty to federal carjacking and firearms charges in the slaying of Eve Carson.

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen votes 5-0 to support civil marriage for same-sex couples.

Commissioners vote to approve a 147-acre parcel on N.C. 54 near Orange Grove Road as the preferred site for a new waste trans-

fer station. Two men are arrested and charged in the May killing of Irina

Faced with an uncertain market for bonds, Chapel Hill officials

put off financing plans for a library expansion. Furniture Follies' owner announces plans to close the store at the

end of the year. A coalition of White Cross residents plans to mount a legal challenge to a proposed waste transfer station.

Three pedestrians in a group of seven attempting to cross N.C. 54 west of the South Columbia Street Bridge are stuck by a car,

UNC Chancellor Holden Thorp offers assurances to Orange County officials and residents that the university will abide by county zoning rules should it opt to pursue a new airport.

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A chicken pox outbreak at Carrboro Elementary prompts school officials to ask parents of unvaccinated children to keep them home from school.

Southern Village developers meet with residents about a new five-story building with a hotel proposed for a spot in the commercial center of the development.

Phoenix Academy, the alternative high school in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools system, celebrates 10 years of operation with a move to a new facility.

A large holly tree in downtown Pittsboro, more than 100 years old, is cut down. Triangle Transit increases the number of express routes to Dur-

loween, which fell on a Friday this year.

Chapel Hill officials consider ways to reduce crowd size on Hal-

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JULY 76.5

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AUGUST 76.9

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Water Watch 2008

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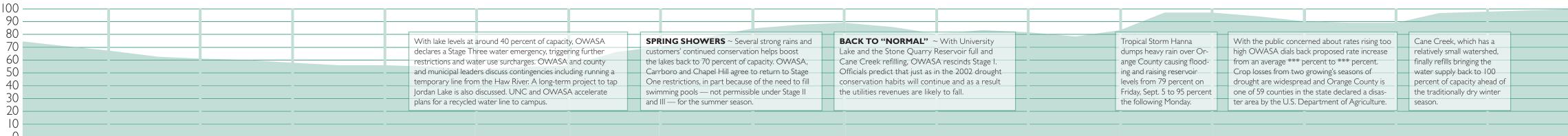
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THE SCENARIO: With a very hot, dry summer and weather patterns steering tropical systems away from the Carolinas, the drought, which began in *** 2007 worsens. Even with conservation measures taking hold by

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the beginning of September, 2007 lake levels had dropped below 70 percent of capacity. At the end of the month OWASA declares a Stage 1 water emergency further tightening restrictions on use.



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