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ified contractor." Thalle Construction could not be reached for comment Friday. A construction worker was admitted to UNC Hospitals on Tuesday night with burns to his face, neck and arms. The worker, whose identity has not yet been released, was listed in stable condition Friday. Chapel Hill Fire Battalion Chief Bill Minton said Thalle Construction followed basic procedure for contracting the

job. "That is the responsibility of the contractor to do that before any one can dig. Utilities have to be located, and in this case the contractor did follow the proper procedures and located the utilities." Heidi Henderson, spokeswoman for PSNC Energy, said, "We typically install our gas lines a minimum 36 inches deep." The gas company arrived on the scene Tuesday around 9:15 p.m. After the incident, PSNC Energy employees worked from 11 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. to completely repair the gas line, Henderson said. But officials still are puzzled about what started the fire, which was fueled by the

gas line. "Anything in that area could have set off a spark," Minton said. "Static electricity can make things like that ignite." Ahmad said OWASA and the construction company are now taking steps to ensure the safety of future construction projects. "We know now there are a lot of shallow corridors," he said. "What we are saying is gather all the information, and, if there's a utility tract that is too shallow, let's regroup and come up with a plan to explore the utility in the safest manner possible."

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Senior Week to Feature Petting Zoo

By MIKE CALLAHAN Staff Writer

A petting zoo, field games and a senior bar night are among the highlights of Senior Week, a celebration that kicks off today. The week's events begin at 11 a.m. today with free popcorn in the Pit and run through Thursday. Senior Class Secretary Shawn Brooks said senior week offers a little something for everyone. "Senior Week is important because it marks one of the only times for seniors to come together and unite," Brooks said. Senior class officials said that while the fall Senior Week has not traditionally been as involved as the spring version, they have expanded its offerings this year. Officials also said they have scheduled more events on campus this year to make Senior Week less of a social event and to include the seniors who are not yet 21. "In the past, the primary focus of senior week revolved around clubs and

parties," Brooks said. "This fall it doesn't just focus on social activities." Senior Class Vice President Ursula Dimmeling said funding for Senior Week came from three sources: T-shirt sales, the General Alumni Association and money left over from last year's senior class. The money then funds the activities, which are free to all seniors who want to participate. One of the new on-campus activities is the senior petting zoo, which will give seniors the chance to mingle with baby animals. The zoo will be set up from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Pit. On Tuesday night, the Senior Success Series, which is intended to help seniors prepare to leave UNC and enter the work force, kicks off with an etiquette dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the George Watts Hill Alumni Center. Students must purchase tickets in advance from the GAA. After the dinner, seniors are invited to Gotham night club from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. to participate in a Halloween costume competition. At noon Wednesday, seniors can par-

ticipate in games such as kickball and Twister in Polk Place. There also will be a table set up in the quad where seniors can sign out footballs and flying discs. The Senior Success Series will continue Wednesday night in the alumni center with a seminar titled, "Show me the Money!" The seminar begins at 6 p.m. and will educate seniors on how to negotiate their salary offers and understand benefits when searching for employment. Senior Week comes to a close Thursday night at Lucy's with a Senior Bar Night. There will be a \$3 cover charge that will be contributed to the senior class gift, the Unsung Founders' Memorial. Senior Class President Ben Singer said he is excited about having the senior events on campus all week but that the petting zoo has him especially intrigued. He said with a laugh, "It will be interesting to see all of these animals."

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THE Daily Crossword

By James E. Buell

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include 'Mrs. Marcos', 'Sidewalk eatery', 'Male turkey', etc.

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works almost 30 hours a week with no vacation time at the Water Gun Fun booth. He juggles the rest of his time between another job driving a tractor-trailer and his family in Boston. Costin, like many of his co-workers, follows the fair caravan by truck, spending nights in hotels with his own money, but he said he delights in his daily work. "I cater to the kids," he said with a smile. "I give everything away!" But life on the road is difficult for Costin. "My youngest daughter turned 5 yesterday, and I couldn't even be there for it," Costin said a week ago. "I'm lucky though because some of these guys never see (their families)." For some of the enjoyment of the profession is well worth the demands.

Gustafson, a 48-year-old Michigan native, said he loves "the freedom to work for (himself)." He joined the Strates carnival 28 years ago after a stint in the army. "I was just being a hippie," he said with a nostalgic grin. "I was looking for something to do in the '70s." He likened his carnival work to the Dionysian theater of ancient Greece, which played off audience reaction rather than a set script. "We respond to the people as they come to us," Gustafson said. Before his days of fast food and Ferris wheels, Gustafson spent four years at Grand Valley College in Michigan where he read extensively and wrote for his school newspaper. He said he decided against taking his writing talent to a professional level. "Writing is too personal," he said. "You really put your soul out there." Gustafson said he knows working at carnivals does not garner him the

respect he might have gotten in another field, but, for him, happiness and inner peace are more important goals. "I enjoy my job; I'm free," Gustafson said. "People don't have the sense of values out there that they do here." Gustafson said the benefits of his job are worth the poor treatment, the long hours, even the time away from his four children. The distance isn't a problem, he said. "I can come and go as I like." A schedule like this is hard to find in today's world as most people look for practicality, for stability. But not the carnival workers. Not Richard Gustafson. As he takes four tickets from a fairgoer and retreats into his world of colored lights and caramel popcorn, he smiles thoughtfully. "I am who I am. I'm not going to hide that from anybody."

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