

# 'Walk to School Day' gets kids treading

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Guy B. Phillips Middle School will offer students chances to win prizes like footballs, soccer balls and even tiaras today — just for walking to school. Their event, like many others at elementary and middle schools in Chapel Hill, is part of the International Walk to School Day, which began in Chicago in 1997. The day is designed to encourage children to walk or bicycle to school to promote better health and environmental awareness.

Nearly 3,000 schools from all 50 states and about 44 countries are registered to participate in the event.

"Our hope is that Walk to School Day will increase interest in walking and bicycling issues and have parents and students who don't normally walk to school to try it out and see the benefits of it," said Raquel Rivas, marketing manager for the National Center for Safe Routes to School.

Rivas said another goal of the program is to promote safety for pedestrians. The National Center

for Safe Routes to School provides funding for infrastructure that allows children to walk to school safely.

Edwina Zagami, a Phillips Middle School nurse, said the goal of the program is to keep people moving.

"I think people need to understand, especially with the energy crisis and stuff, that you win both ways," she said. "You win by not using your car and you win by getting exercise."

Zagami said the school used to have a program called Walking

Wednesdays that offered prizes to students who walked to school often.

Ephesus Road Elementary School will offer refreshments and stickers for children and parents who walk to school.

Ephesus Road Assistant Principal Victoria Creamer said the school has a large population of students who walk to school from nearby neighborhoods, and she expects many people to participate.

"First, it's for their own good health," Creamer said. "Second, it's

ecologically friendly ... and third, it really builds community and helps bring the kids together to have a common goal and try to reach that goal."

Estes Hills Elementary School will also participate with "walking school buses" — parents and students will meet in a designated location near the school and walk as a group.

Schools registered with the National Center for Safe Routes to School receive promotional ideas and certificates to give to children. But Rivas said many schools and

organizations might participate without registering.

Stephanie Willis, health coordinator for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, said that Active Living by Design, an organization that promotes physical activity and better health, helped to promote Walk to School Day and that many schools were supportive of the event.

"It's a tiny little piece of the overall effort to get children to be active," Willis said.

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## Leaving dog droppings is civil penalty in Carrboro

### Aldermen hope people self-regulate

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The next time you don't pick up after your dog unloads himself in Carrboro you might have a \$25 fine coming your way.

After a humorous discussion among the Carrboro Board of Aldermen about whether or not to make it a criminal charge to not pick up a dog's feces, the board decided to make it only a civil penalty.

"I think that there are some times and places where it is up to us to find out what social norms are appropriate," Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton said.

The aldermen discussed the need for them as town leaders to set moral and respectable standards for the citizens of Carrboro to abide by.

Alderman Lydia Lavelle said that she hoped that this civil penalty would be very self-regulated much like the no-littering law.

"Kind of like no littering, hopefully this will be somewhat of a deterrent," she said.

Her thoughts were mirrored by Alderman Jacquie Gist, who said that she believed the police force

had better things to do than try and enforce a law about dog feces.

"I just came out as anti-five-story, I don't want to come out as pro-dog-poop," she said, referring to the recently passed development at 300 E. Main St.

"But I don't want to make a law that isn't enforceable."

Alderman Randee Haven-O'Donnell said she would like to revisit this topic at a later date to discuss the issue with people picking up after their cats.

In anticipation of the night's presidential debate, Chilton said at the start of the meeting that he and the board would like the meeting to be finished before the debate at 9 p.m.

With that in mind the alderman passed all three non-consent items on the agenda with minimal discussion.

### Disc golf course update

The board also received an update on the Carrboro Parks Project's fundraising initiative for a new disc golf course at Hank Anderson Community Park.

The board approved the project

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JACQUIE GIST, ALDERMAN  
in March.

After a brief presentation from Katie Allman, a representative of the Carrboro Parks Project, board members said they were impressed by the efficiency of the fundraising.

So far the Carrboro Parks Project has raised \$4,000 of the needed \$8,500 for the course, thanks in part to a sizable donation from Zach Ward on behalf of Dirty South Improv Comedy Theater.

"I personally want to recognize DSI for their contribution, which is no laughing matter," Alderman John Herrera said.

The Carrboro Parks Project is holding a fundraiser to start raising the rest of the needed \$4,500 on Nov. 2 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the UNC disc golf course.

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## National and World News

### FROM THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

#### Palin says Obama is a risky choice

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (MCT) — Republican presidential candidate Sarah Palin ended a two-day swing in Florida portraying Democrat Barack Obama as a dishonest politician and a risky choice for president.

She also promised that she and running mate John McCain would implement a federal spending freeze and balance the budget.

For the third time in three days, she linked Obama to a 1960s radical who helped plan bombings of the Pentagon and U.S. Capitol.

#### Political writer is detained in Kenya

NAIROBI, Kenya (MCT) — Jerome Corsi, the controversial author of a much-criticized book slamming Sen. Barack Obama, was detained in Kenya on Tuesday for an immigration violation as he arrived for a press conference to promote his book.

Authorities in Kenya, where Obama's father was born, said Corsi had entered the country as a tourist and wasn't allowed to work there. A Kenyan aide to Corsi said that he was en route to the airport Tuesday evening and would be deported.

#### Fed promises to buy short-term debt of corporations based in the U.S.

WASHINGTON (MCT) — In another aggressive move to try to prevent vital credit markets from freezing up, the Federal Reserve announced Tuesday morning it would buy the short-term debt issued by major domestic and foreign corporations based in America.

The action was prompted by the largest monthly drop ever, \$153.5 billion in September, in a market once considered among the safest investments.

The announcement is also an acknowledgement that its strategy of making \$600 billion worth of

emergency short-term lending to banks has failed to break the crisis of confidence gripping the banking sector. Banks are using the lending to hoard capital instead of lend it.

"The Federal Reserve's move should go a long way toward unlocking the commercial paper market. It had become too clear the strategy of providing reserves to banks with the hope those banks would lend to each other and to corporate borrowers had failed," said Howard Simons, an investment strategist for Bianco Research in Chicago.

#### Violence disrupts a shaky Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (MCT) — A wave of violence from Islamic extremists against politicians in Pakistan intensified Monday with a suicide bombing that left at least 18 dead.

The latest attack is a blow to the fragile hold of democracy in anti-terror ally Pakistan, which is struggling to cope with an Islamist insurgency and an economic crisis bordering on bankruptcy.

Pakistan's security forces are fighting a fierce battle with Taliban militants after a short-lived policy of seeking peace deals with the extremists collapsed.

#### Russian journalist commemorated

MOSCOW (MCT) — Despite heavy rain, hundreds gathered Tuesday in Moscow to commemorate investigative journalist Anna Politkovskaya, who was gunned down near her home in the Russian capital in 2006.

Politkovskaya, who wrote for Novaya Gazeta, gained international recognition for her criticism of the Kremlin and her reports of military atrocities against civilians in the troubled Caucasus republic of Chechnya.

The man suspected of pulling the trigger remains at large, and it is still unknown who was behind the killing.

## Commissioners talk about airport, schools, county lines

Concerns about a new airport, plans for a Montessori school and an ambiguous Alamance/Orange county line were all on the table for the Orange County Commissioners on Tuesday.

### AIRPORT CONCERNS

Members of Preserve Rural Orange, a group of residents fighting the possible placement of a new airport in their area of southwest Orange County, presented a petition with hundreds of signatures requesting that the board help resist approval of the site.

A 2005 consultant's study that UNC officials now say uses dated information named the site in White Cross, in southwestern Orange County, as a favored option.

Orange County Voice, another group of active residents, said it was mounting a countywide effort against UNC's

right to take rural land for the new airport by eminent domain.

Jay Bryan, chairman of the Orange County Planning Board, also told the commissioners that the planning board had resolved that a new airport could have serious environmental implications.

### THE NEW SCHOOL

Commissioners unanimously approved a special-use permit for a new Montessori school, which focuses on a hands-on teaching method, on 711 Terry Road in northwest Orange County.

There had been substantial resistance to the permit from residents since a public hearing in June because of concerns that the school will cause traffic problems in the area.

"Schools can actually provide a very

good supportive part of a rural community, and I would hope that people come to look at this school in the same way," Chairman Barry Jacobs said.

### FINDING THE BOUNDARY

Assistant County Manager Willie Best presented a report to the board on efforts to locate the exact Orange/Alamance County line.

Several residents referred concerns to the board that their property would fall into a different county after the official line was finalized, changing the taxes they pay.

The proposed line runs along Ninth Street in Mebane and would transfer 278 taxed acres to Alamance while adding 11 students to Orange County Schools.

—COMPILED BY EVAN ROSE

## GROUPS

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Masala, an umbrella organization that unites more than 14 campus cultural groups, is an example of the type of council student government hopes to create.

Masala has worked as a connection between groups such as the Black Student Movement and Japan Club.

"It's meant to be a support aspect," said Masala President Sanjit Misra.

Masala Co-Vice President Anish Thakkar said the organization works as a vehicle by which groups can find out about what other similar groups are doing.

Masala also hosts international events throughout the year, including a multicultural fashion show, that bring together many of its groups.

One such event student govern-

ment has held so far was a sustainability social Sept. 29. About 80 students in environmentally related groups gathered at the Campus Y to discuss current projects and how to better work together.

Baxa said student government is looking at feedback from students in the various groups about working together more efficiently.

"They are the life of the University," Baxa said. "They play a huge part in what it means to be a Tar Heel in Chapel Hill."

The co-chairmen of the student body outreach committee said student government also would be open to suggestions about how groups could work together.

"We hope over the next year to find a way to connect organizations that may not work together currently," Waters said.

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## HOSPITAL

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400 officers on the blocked-off section of Franklin Street alone.

But until Halloween arrives, EMS, police and hospital services will be busy preparing themselves for the oncoming "perfect storm."

"Halloween is a big event for emergency services in Chapel Hill," Strickler said.

"That fear and concern is always there."

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9.

Solution to Tuesday's puzzle

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**ACROSS**  
1 Token booth  
6 Kick out  
11 2nd sight  
14 Celestial hunter  
15 Shearer of "The Red Shoes"  
16 Blanc or Tillis  
17 Beginning of autumn  
19 Bikini part  
20 Taking the place (of)  
21 Just released  
22 Sillitoe or Paton  
23 Strays from the script  
25 Thin pancake  
26 Shade tree  
28 Cam-controlled tool  
31 Subject matter  
34 Freeway access  
35 Russian horseman  
37 Pain reliever  
41 Infamous cow owner  
43 Steps over a wall  
44 Windblown vegetation  
48 Favorite  
49 Assumed name  
50 One-ups  
53 Cold War power  
54 Bashful  
56 As an example  
59 Verizon, once

**DOWN**  
1 Diplomat Annan  
2 Turkey neighbor  
3 Old light sources  
4 Unbroken  
5 Prepare to pray  
6 Flightless bird  
7 Becomes part of  
8 "kleine Nachtmusik"  
9 Cornfield critter  
10 Uncle Sam's take  
11 Insignia  
12 Mexican shawl

13 Board smoother  
18 Bow out  
22 Deodorant spot  
24 Former NBC anchor  
25 Bivouacs  
26 Space-saving abbr.  
27 Old card game  
29 Devout request  
30 Doesn't lack  
32 Weather-map line  
33 Phones  
36 Middling grade  
38 Indelicately unwraps  
39 Land in la mer

40 Ping pong partition  
42 Keyed in again  
44 Instructed  
45 Long overcoat  
46 King novel  
47 Hilary of pop  
51 One of Potter's rabbits  
52 Babble  
54 Trough chow  
55 Center of activity  
57 Well-kept  
58 Humorist Bombeck  
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