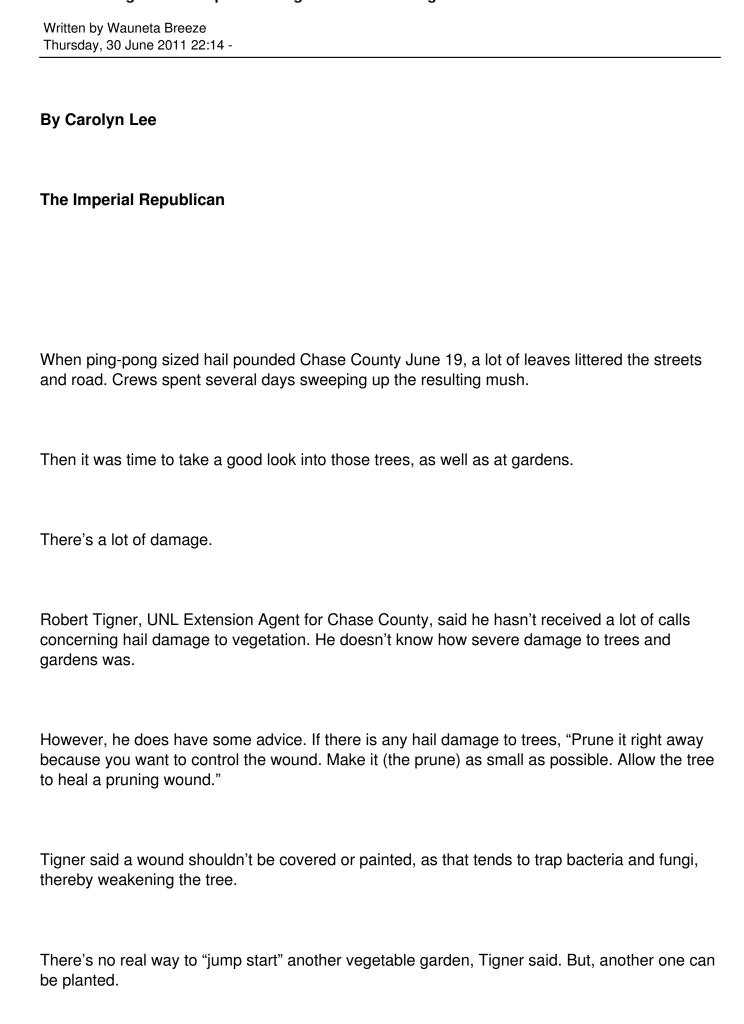
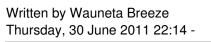
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"Choose appropriate day-length vegetables. Look for the maturity date of plants and consider our early frost dates in October."

If the hail storm had occurred in May, Tigner noted, gardeners may have had a chance to use transplants, or to start plants in a cold frame to generate the heat units.

"You'll end up with lower yields," no matter what gardeners do now, he observed.

Tigner said he has been receiving calls regarding pine diseases in trees in Chase County.

"The trees are more likely to succumb to disease and rust because of the very high humidities," he explained. In addition, "Rain and hail tends to spread spores around to other plants by splashing."

Standard commercial products can treat bacteria, and fungus treatment products can treat fungi, Tigner said. There is no treatment for viral diseases. The Extension Office, located at 135 W. 5th Street, has available brochures concerning both treating diseases and pruning storm damaged trees.