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PHOTO BY KEN MOORE Wayne Poole displays some of his collection of broomstraw brooms.

# FLORA BY KEN MOORE

## A clean sweep for the new year

ocal storyteller Wayne Poole is passionate about brooms. I mean, he is really into showing and talking about old-timey brooms. I can listen for hours to the stories Wayne spins about wild nature and our local culture. A couple of weeks ago, I joined him on a local jaunt to find some materials to make brooms.

Now, Wayne is as opposite in disposition to me as one could imagine. I am fast-paced, easily distracted and boisterous, bordering on the obnoxious. Wayne is quietly centered, easy-going and deliberate in his movements. We have worked very successfully together at Schoolhouse of Wonder, so I know that opposites can move to a single drummer from time to time. So I had already determined that I was going to experience broom-making at Wayne's speed. It was a truly memorable experience of slowing down to "smell the roses," except the fragrances in this case were the subtle aromas of tawny-colored broomstraw. Wayne began my introduction to sedge brooms by bringing out his collection of varioussized brooms, some a decade or two old. He explained that over the years of gathering broomstraw, or sedge, as some folks prefer, he noticed that "there's more than one kind of broom out in those fields." acknowledged that, yes indeed, there are several different species, and he had a keen eye to detect their differences.

# Keep your pipes working in the cold

#### **BY BETH MECHUM** Staff Writer

As the Carrboro-Chapel Hill area buckles in for one of the coldest stretches in recent memory, homeowners and renters have worries beyond their own frozen extremities. Frozen pipes would sure make those necessary hot showers harder to take and those mugs of hot chocolate harder to make.

Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA) offers suggestions on how to make winter water issues easier to handle.

The first objective is to keep pipes from freezing in the first place.

Keeping water moving through cold-water faucets by letting them drip slowly could keep the pipes from bursting. Insulating pipes in unheated areas, such as in an attic or crawl space, also is prudent. Another way to keep those pipes in unheated areas safe is by wrapping them in electrical heating tape.

Terry Sparrow of Sparrow & Sons Plumbing in Carrboro said he's had a flood of calls due to the cold weather. He estimated most problems occur during a long, severe cold event of below 25 degrees for at least four hours.

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# Smoking ban clears the air at some establishments while hurting others

#### **BY BETH MECHUM** Staff Writer

The North Carolina smoking ban, which outlaws lighting up in most bars and restaurants, went into effect Jan. 2.

Given North Carolina's ties to tobacco, passage of the law took many by surprise, and could have a significant impact on many businesses. But in Carrboro and surrounding towns, it wasn't a huge step.

Even before the law went into effect, you were more likely to find an establishment in Carrboro that didn't allow smoking than one that did. And some places, like the Orange County Social Club and the Reservoir, chose to prepare their customers early.

Reservoir went smoke-free in November. "We figured we've got to do it in January anyway, might as well do a pre-emptive strike and get everybody prepared," Lyle Collins, a bartender at Reservoir, said.

Collins said he hadn't heard many complaints from patrons,



Garrett Lagan readies another turn at a backgammon game at Hookah Bliss.

with no ash trays and a multitude of "no smoking" signs, people got used to the routine of heading outside to light up.

Keith Allen of Allen & Son Bar-B-Q said his restaurant has been non-smoking for years, though he doesn't necessarily agree with what he considers interference with the

"[I]f you don't smoke, you don't want someone sitting beside you that does smoke," he said. "But you have a right to leave just like you have a right to smoke. What you have to have is mutual consideration from both sides."

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# Kinnaird to seek another term

**BY KIRK ROSS** Staff Writer



Saying she wants to see through some of the efforts she began at the start of the last session, state Sen. Ellie Kinnaird announced Wednesday that she will run again for re-election. "This last term has been a challenge

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#### and after the first couple of days rights of smokers.

# Pride, no prejudice, Orange County-style

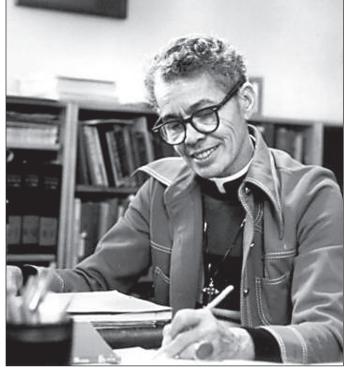
#### **RECENTLY ...** BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

Pauli Murray didn't spend much time in Orange County. She visited the plantation house on Smith Level Road named after her kin who had been among the largest land- and slave owners in the county; and I expect she visited the family home in Hillsborough, the site of the rapes of her great-grandmother, a slave bought for the Smith daughter.

Murray recounts the story in her third book, *Proud Shoes: The Story of an American Family*, published in 1956,

Mary Ruffin Smith was the eldest of three children. When she turned 18, her father, Dr. James S. Smith, bought her a slave, beautiful 15year-old Harriet. When Mary's brothers, Francis (a doctor) and Sidney (a lawyer), returned home to Hillsborough after studying in Chapel Hill, they became obsessed with Harriet, even though by then she had married and given birth to a son. Dogging her every move, the brothers snarled at each other and together beat and ran off her husband.

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Pauli Murray

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COLLECTION

for the state budget, just like it has for families throughout the state, but I have been able to provide the leadership to write and guide legislation benefiting every person in the district and in the state," Kinnaird said in an announcement emailed on Wednesday morning.

Kinnaird, who is serving her seventh term in the Senate, saw her seniority rise over the past couple of months.

Sen. Tony Rand, the powerful majority leader who with Senate President Pro Tem Mark Basnight has led the body for more than two decades, announced last fall he would step down.

Also leaving the Senate are David Hoyle, a conservative Democrat from Gaston County, and R.C. Soles from Columbus County, who faces a criminal investigation.

Hoyle, who has held onto an increasingly Republican district, often sparred with Kinnaird over economic issues. Although the legislature has no formal rules on seniority, during last year's session Kinnaird ranked 11th in overall seniority and eighth among her fellow Democrats. The departures of Hoyle, Rand and Soles moves her three notches up the list.

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# Local, national chambers of commerce square off

#### **BY KIRK ROSS**

Staff Writer

Anyone can start a chamber of commerce. And as Aaron Nelson, president and CEO of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, points out, many people have – there are about 30 of them in the Triangle alone.

But it's not a local group that concerns Nelson and others; it's the Washington, D.C.-based U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the biggest chamber of them all and a lobbying behemoth that has gone toe-to-toe with the Obama administration over climate change, health care reform and other issues.

"Lately, [the U.S. chamber] has more often frustrated than pleased us," Nelson said in a recent interview.

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro chamber is a dues-paying member of the

U.S. chamber, a long-running relationship that Nelson says allows access to the national chamber's professional development programs. He emphasized that those dues do not go to support the lobbying and policy programs of the national group.

Tita Freeman, the U.S. chamber's vice president of communication, said she couldn't confirm that's the case. It would depend, she said, on whether the dues go directly to the professional development foundation.

Although not familiar with the specifics of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro chamber's concerns, Freeman said they are similar to those of other

chambers around the country that have objected to some of the organization's stands.

Chambers in San Francisco and Seattle recently distanced themselves from the national chamber, and several companies, including Apple and Pacific Gas and Electric, withdrew their membership over a dispute over the chamber's stand on greenhouse gas emissions.

"The chamber works on hundreds of issues," Freeman said. "We're never going to have 100 percent of our members agreeing on everything."

The U.S. chamber works through consensus, she said, and any member organization is welcome to weigh in on the issues. The U.S. chamber, she said, also has been targeted by groups such as Moveon.org. "There's a lot of misinformation out there about our positions," Freeman said. She said the organization supports controlling greenhouse emissions but not through the means spelled out recently in legislation passed by the U.S. House of Representatives.

Nelson said concerns about the relationship between the two chambers were raised two years ago after the U.S. chamber sponsored robo-calls in this area in support of the candidacy of Republican Elizabeth Dole in her race for U.S. Senate against Democrat Kay Hagan. Hagan won heavily Democratic Orange County with 70 percent of the vote. The robo-calls prompted a slew of email complaints to the local chamber.

#### MUSIC CALENDAR



#### **THURSDAY JAN 7**

Blue Bayou: Joshua Jay. 9pm. Free The Cave: LATE: Applesauce, Will Dawson

General Store Cafe: Bernie Petteway. 7-9pm

Local 506: Old Avenue, Blue Light Music, Catie King. 9:30pm. Free

#### FRIDAY JAN 8

Blue Bayou: Tim Alexander Band. 9:30pm. \$6/8

The Cave: EARLY: Loose Screws. LATE: Old Bricks

General Store Cafe: Nixon, Blevins and Gage. 8-10:30pm

Harry's Market: Big John Shearer. 7-9pm

Local 506: Erie Choir, Audubon Park, Butterflies. 10pm. \$8 **Open Eye Cafe:** The Brothers Marier. 8pm

#### SATURDAY JAN 9

ArtsCenter: Big Mama E and The Cool, Will McFarlane Band ft. Armand Lenchek. 8:30pm. \$15 Blue Bayou: Spoonful of Soul.

9:30pm. \$8/10

Cats Cradle: Abbey Road live. 9:30pm. \$12/15

The Cave: EARLY: The Bros. Marler LATE: Puritan Rodeo, Angela Fave Martin

General Store Cafe: Over The Hill Band. 8-10:30pm

Local 506: Transportation, North Elementary, The Library, Adam Price and Matt McMichaels. 9:30pm. \$6

Nightlight: Old Avenue, Blue Light Music, Catie King. 9:30pm.

#### **SUNDAY JAN 10**

ArtsCenter: Robin and Linda Williams, 7pm, \$18 Cats Cradle: R|D2, The Constellations, Happy Chichester. 9:30pm. \$15/17 The Cave: EARLY: Cole Park, Old

86.\$5 Local 506: Mysterium Tremendum

Resevoir: Billy Joe Winghead,

#### Pinche Gringo MONDAY JAN II

The Cave: LATE: Sub Verso, Goodbye Titan, Boat Buring

**TUESDAY JAN 12** The Cave: LATE: Money Local 506: Dark Water Rising, 100 Yorktown, River City Ransom.

9pm. \$5

WEDNESDAY JAN 13 **Local 506:** Jemina Pearl, The Ettes. 9:30pm. \$10

**THURSDAY JAN 14** Cats Cradle: Elliott Yamin. 8pm.

\$20/23 The Cave: EARLY: Patrick Phelan LATE: Willie Neal Heath, John

Howie Jr and The Sweethearts. \$5 General Store Cafe: Bourban

Street Jazz. 7-9pm Local 506: Jocelyn Ellis, Lucky Five.

9:30pm. \$8 Nightlight: Tomahawks, Bellman

Barker, Dylan Sneed. 9:30pm. \$5 **Resevoir:** Lollipop Factory, Jokes

and jokes and Jokes, Gutter Glitter

FRIDAY JAN 15 Blue Bayou: Swamp Doctors. 9:30pm. \$8/10

Cats Cradle: The Old Ceremony, Dex Romweber Duo. 9:30pm. \$10 The Cave: EARLY: Bob Funch and The New World Heroes LATE: A Night of Danny Mason and Friends, Fuse Band, Shithorse

General Store Cafe: Sin Savage Tigers. 8-10:30pm

Local 506: The Public Good, Bustello. 9:30pm. \$7

SATURDAY JAN 16 ArtsCenter: Catie Curtis, lindsay

Mac. 8:30pm. \$18 Blue Bayou: Robin Rogers.

9:30pm, \$14/16 Cats Cradle: Who's Bad (A Trib-

ute to Michale Jackson) 10pm. \$15 The Cave: EARLY: Left on Frank-

lin LATE: Blair Crimmins and The Hookers

General Store Cafe: Nikki Meets the Hibachi. 8-10:30pm

Local 506: Movits. 9:30pm. \$8/10 Open Eye Cafe: Mercurial and Evenkeel. 8pm

#### **SPOTLIGHT: 2nd FRIDAY ARTWALK**



#### Old Ladies at the Beach, by Daniel Vaughan

The next 2ndFriday Artwalk is in Carrboro and Chapel Hill this Friday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. Many of the galleries will have live music and other art-related entertainment. Admission is free.

2ndFriday Artwalk brochures, maps and lists of venues are available at any participating art location and at 2ndfridayartwalk.com

The Center Gallery at The ArtsCenter will display work by Daniel Vaughan, a local pastel artist. His large-format landscapes include scenes of North Carolina as well as the American West, Canada, Iceland and Europe. John Wendelbo's geometric abstractions also will be on display at The ArtsCenter, in the East End Gallery.

Twig at Village Plaza will have work by Michelle Lyon and Julie Mullins. Lyon's Peculiar Pets are stuffed creatures made from vintage textiles and wool felt. Mullins' functional creations are made from scrap cloth and cording sewn into a display of color and texture. Sewing support was provided by a local Montagnard refugee cooperative.

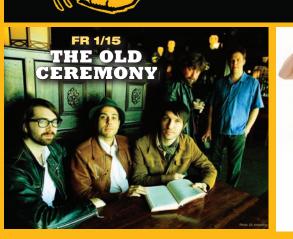




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# **News Briefs**

#### **Transit in Orange County tweaked**

Chapel Hill Transit (CHT) will implement schedule changes this Monday.

Time adjustments will be made to weekday routes F, G, NS and V to improve schedule reliability and better reflect actual travel times.

Time adjustments will also be made to Saturday routes CM, CW, DM, FG and JN. While the service hours for Saturday will not change, many routes will operate fewer trips.

New schedules are available at www.ci.chapel-hill. nc.us/index.aspx?page=1176 and will be provided on buses starting Friday.

#### Public forum on solar energy

UNC's Solar Energy Research Center will hold a public forum and information session to explore the crucial energy issues of the coming decades. The free event, "A Sustainable Energy Future-Mapping the Way," will be Friday, Jan. 15, at the William and Ida Friday Center in Chapel Hill. It begins at 5 p.m. with interactive displays and videos, followed by an open-discussion panel at 7 p.m.

The panel will feature experts on current and developing energy sources, conservation and efficiency and politics and public policy. Panel members will include leaders from the environmental, scientific and business communities.

For more information, visit serc.unc.edu/outreach.pdf

#### Chapel Hill Rec programs coming soon

Registration has begun for Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation winter-spring programs. Residents of Chapel Hill and Orange County may register now; non-residents may register beginning Monday, Jan. 18. Camp registration begins on Feb. 1 for Chapel Hill residents, Feb. 8 for Orange County residents and Feb. 15 for non-residents.

Pick up a brochure of parks and recreation programs or visit townofchapelhill.org/register to browse and register.

#### **Saturation patrol**

Carrboro police were on saturation patrol in downtown Carrboro from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. on New Year's Eve. There were 28 charges, including DWI arrests, speeders, reckless drivers and a man carrying a concealed weapon.

A saturation patrol involves a large number of officers concentrated in a small geographic area.

#### Transit plan input sought

There will be a public-information session on the final draft of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro 2035 Long Range Transit Plan on Tuesday, Jan. 12 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber of Chapel Hill Town Hall. The plan may be viewed at townofchapelhill.org/index.aspx?page=1284

If you are unable to attend the information session, you may submit comments by email to chtransit@townofchapelhill.org, by phone at 969-4900 or faxed to 968-2840.

# Tar Heel Temps to shutter operations this month

**BY KIRK ROSS** Staff Writer

UNC CAMPUS — Tar Heel Temps, the university's temporary staffing service that has operated for 17 years, will close at the end of the month, officials announced this week.

In an email to department heads and senior staff, Brenda Malone, vice chancellor for human resources, said the decision was a difficult one and "made with a heavy heart."

In addition to being one of the largest local sources of tempohas proved an informal route to permanent jobs on campus.

Malone cited a drop in temporary hiring, tight budgets and an increase in administrative overhead as the key reasons for the closure.

In an interview Tuesday, she said her department is working on long-term plans and strategies for handling temporary staffing.

She said the number of employees in the Tar Heel Temp system has dropped considerably in the past two years as a budget squeeze led to a de125 temps are employed under the system — down from about 200 this time last year and far below normal levels. The number of university departments and other units using the service has declined as well.

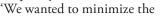
"It boils down to economics," Malone said. "Our business is down."

Malone said once the decision to close the service was made, the task became designing a new system for departments who rely on temporary labor.

rary work, for many the service crease in hiring. Only about disruption to university units that employ temporary workers," she said.

> At the end of the month, current Tar Heel Temps employees will be converted to department payrolls and each department will take over hiring its own temporary workers either directly or through other temp services.

> Malone said she is hoping that by reallocating and reassigning roles within her department she can avoid layoffs for the eight human resources staff members who administered the temps program.





Chilly weather hasn't stopped work on downtown Carrboro's newest public parking lot. Manuel Turner and Chad Dusenberry work on marking off some of the roughly 90 spaces soon to be available at the corner of Roberson and Greensboro streets.

PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

### **CHAMBER**

FROM PAGE I

Calls made by the U.S. chamber in support of candidates, Nelson said, are not often clear about which chamber is calling.

With the U.S. chamber's rising profile in opposition to a public option in the recent health care reform debate, more

complaints to the locals have been lodged. Nelson has occasionally tried to point out the difference between the national and local groups, and last month he and his board of directors took the unusual step of including a note about it in its annual membership reminder.

has taken positions on health care and gas emissions that are getting lots of publicity, and we

wanted to be clear about the relationship between our organizations," Joanne Fiore, chair of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro chamber's board of directors said in a recent email response to The Citizen. "We are a separate, autonomous organization and set our own agenda with our own local members' needs in mind."

Nelson said he and the board have become increasingly com-

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fortable with distancing themselves from the national organization.

"We want to make that real clear to everybody," he said.

There's been no formal split as yet, he said, but local officials recently sent at least one indication of their displeasure. When dues time recently rolled around, Nelson said, instead of the usual check for about \$600 he wrote one out for \$1.



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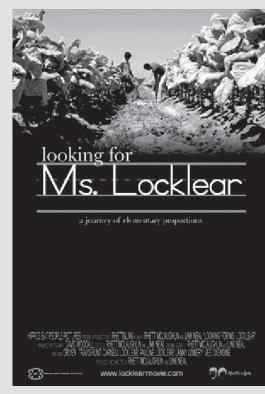




# Community

### **Community Briefs**

#### Film follows buddies' journey



ChathamArts' Sustainable Cinema Series starts the new year off with a Jan. 29 screening of the documentary *Looking for Ms. Locklear*. Lillington-based filmmakers Rhett McLaughlin and Link Neal will be on hand for a post-film discussion.

The show begins at 7 p.m. in the Fearrington Village Barn on U.S. 15-501 in Chatham County, midway between Pittsboro and Chapel Hill. Special event admission is \$10 at the door or online at chathamarts.org

Rhett and Link have been friends since meeting in Ms. Locklear's first-grade classroom in Buies Creek. During the summer of 2006, they decided to search for her by relying solely on face-to-face contacts. *Looking for Ms. Locklear* chronicles that journey.

*Locklear* won the 2008 Southern Lens Award from South Carolina Public Television and the Audience Award at the Secret City and Ace film festivals.

# Diversity events on UNC campus

Actor and producer Danny Glover will give the 29th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Lecture on Jan. 21 at UNC. The free public talk will be at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall, preceded by a candlelight vigil starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Old Well on Cameron Avenue. The vigil is intended as a time for reflection on King's messages.

The events are part of the 29th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration, Jan. 17-22, which also will include a film and oratorical contest, a march down Franklin Street and a talk by Cleve Jones, creator of the AIDS quilt. Multiple organizations across

Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration. Tickets for the Glover lecture are free but

required. Carolina students with UNC One cards may pick up tickets at the Memorial Hall Box Office on Cameron Avenue starting Jan. 12. Others may begin picking up tickets Jan. 14.

For a full schedule and details on the weeklong celebration, visit unc.edu/diversity/mlk

#### **Entertainment for the kids**

Trish Miller will perform at the Carrboro Century Center on Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 10:30 a.m. Miller uses movement, songs, shakers, puppets, and her big blue guitar to entertain and capture the imaginations of pre-schoolers. Themes like colors, numbers, shapes, stop & go, reading, letters and opposites are presented in a lively, interactive format.

Admission is \$3. For more information, call the Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department at 918-7364 or the Carrboro Library at 969-3006.

#### Jig the night away

A night of jigs, reels and anything Celtic, led by accordionist David DiGiuseppe and multi-instrumentalist Rob Sharer, will take place Friday, Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Carrboro Century Center. Bring your tunes, songs or instruments, or just come to listen. Admission Fee is \$3.

#### Antarctic art on display

A free public exhibition of paintings and photographs of the Norwegian Arctic and Antarctica called "Ice Counterpoint" will be on display from Jan. 7-May 31 at the FedEx Global Education Center on the UNC campus.

The mixed-media exhibition includes photography, videography and environmentalsound recordings by Brooks de Wetter-Smith, the James Gordon Hanes Distinguished Professor of music at UNC, and paintings by Carrboro artist Nerys Levy. The works were inspired by trips to Antarctica and the Norwegian Arctic in recent years. The FedEx Global Education Center is at the corner of McCauley and Pittsboro streets. The exhibit will be accompanied by a free public concert on Feb. 23 at 7 p.m.

This exhibit of 20 large artworks will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays.

# Gold award received by local Girl Scout

Kami Mainwaring will receive a Gold Award, the highest award for Girl Scouts between the ages of 14-18, this Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of the Cross dining room. This award recognizes Marinwaring's leadership and commitment in originating, planning, and carrying out a project to support the Ronald McDonald

# **Community Calendar**

#### THURSDAY, JAN 7

Joshua Jay — Blue Bayou Club presents a free show with Joshua Jay at 9pm. Blue Bayou Club is located at 106 S. Churton St, Hillsborough. More info at bluebayouclub.com.

#### Chatham County Christmas

**Tree Disposal** — Chatham County residents can dispose of non-artificial Christmas trees at the Waste Management Office west of Pittsboro from 7 am to 3:30 pm on Jan. 4-8 and Jan. 11-15.

#### SATURDAY, JAN 9 Parental Educational Clinic

— In this free workshop designed for parents and caregivers of special needs children, participants will explore conflict resolution and communication skills. 10am - 12pm at Orange United Methodist Church, 1220 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Chapel Hill. The registration deadline is Jan. 7. To register: julie@mhaorangeco.org, 942-8083 ext. 2.

Square Dance — NC Squares square dance with live music by Kenny Jackson and Big Medicine. 8pm at Pleasant Green Community Center. The event costs \$8, \$6 for students. More info at ncsquares. com.

#### SUNDAY, JAN 10 Artist Reception — The

Preservation Society of Chapel Hill presents the January exhibit at Horace Williams House: paintings by North Carolina artist Thomas Teague. The display will run from Jan. 10 to Jan. 31. There will be an opening reception with the artist on Jan. 10, 2-4pm.

#### THURSDAY, JAN 15 New Exhibits at Ackland Art

Museum — The Ackland Art Museum at UNC will present two special exhibitions: "Color Balance: Paintings by Felrath Hines" and "Jacob Lawrence and The Legend of John Brown." Both exhibits will run from Jan. 15 to May 9, 2010. More info at ackland.org.

Contra Dance — The Carolina Song & Dance Association will present a contra dance at The Century Center at 100 North Greensboro St. in downtown Carrboro. Live music will be provided by Kolodner, Furman & Lloyd. There will be a newcomers' workshop at 7:30pm, and dancing will begin at 8. Bring a pair of clean, soft-soled, smooth-soled shoes to change into after arriving inside the hall. \$8 donation requested. Bring a partner or come without, all are welcome. More info at 967-9948 or csda-dance.org.

#### Ongoing

**Cancer Support** — Support groups for cancer patients and their families. 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

**Yoga for Everyone** — UNC

Comprehensive Cancer Support Program presents Yoga for Everyone. Each class will include a full yoga practice as well as exploration of physical movement, meditation, breathing techniques, and relaxation. All levels are welcome. Classes will be held on Mondays from 11am - 12:30pm. Carolina Pointe II, 6013 Farrington Road, Suite 101 in Chapel Hill. 966-3494.

**DivorceCare** — Support group for those separated or divorced. Mondays, 7pm, Orange United Methodist Church. 942-2825, connect2orange.org

#### Meditative Yoga — UNC

Comprehensive Cancer Support Program presents Meditative Yoga: A calming, stress-relieving yoga class to stretch and strengthen the body gradually. Classes will be held on Fridays from 10am-11:30am. Carolina Pointe II, 6013 Farrington Road, Suite 101 in Chapel Hill. For more information, 966-3494.

**Family to Family** — A series of 12 weekly classes structured to help family members understand and support a family member suffering with mental illness. The class is free and sponsored by NAMIOrange. Contact Gove Elder at 967-5403 or gbelder@bellsouth.net.

**Garden Tour** — Free tour of the N.C. Botanical Garden display gardens. Saturdays, 10am, in front of the Totten Center at the Garden. 962-0522, ncbg.unc.edu

**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-IIam, 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

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 for more information. Reservations recommended for groups of five or more people. **Breastfeeding Café** — An informal drop-in gathering of breastfeeding moms will be held every Monday from I-2pm at the Red Hen. A La Leche repersenative will be there to provide information and answer questions, 201 Weaver St.

**Tutoring** — Hillsborough Police Department and UNC Habitat for Humanifty offer tutoring sessions for students in Orange County School's K-5 classes at the Community Policing Station, 501 Rainey Ave. Tutors are students from UNC. Call 732-2441, ext. 26 to register.

#### Kids

**Toddler Time** — Carrboro Branch Library. Thursdays, 4pm. 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, 11:30amnoon, Kidzu Children's Museum, 105 E. Franklin St. \$2. 933-1455, kidzuchildrensmuseum.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

**Meals on Wheels** — Seeks volunteers to deliver meals and/or bake simple desserts for recipients in the community. 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. Carr Mill Mall, Second Floor, 636-4457

Send your submissions to

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# Weekly SUDOKU

#### by Linda Thistle

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#### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: \*

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### PETS OF THE WEEK

**PAWS4EVER** – Here's Alex! Alex is new here at p4e. He's a 3-yearold German Shepherd Mix. He isn't looking his finest just yet, but he is on his way to becoming the big handsome man he should be. He's been on some different medicine, so he hasn't been able to interact with the other dogs. (except sniffing noses through



the fence) We have noticed that he doesn't seem to like male dogs, and seems to prefer the ladies. He loves all his human friends, and going for walks. As big as he is, he has been a gentle giant. He has wonderful leash manners, enjoys playing with tennis balls with his human pals, and so far his favorite thing is a good roll around in the grass. As he improves and is able to start playing with the other dogs, we will update his bio. Any further questions please give us a call or send us an email. We will be happy to reply. Please come by the shelter and take a look, at Paws4Ever, 6311 Nicks Road, Mebane, or call 304-2300. You can also go online at paws4ever.org

ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES — Ring in the New Year with Suzie! This lovely Russian Blue girl is around a

year old and a striking beauty for sure. She just came back from foster

care with her three cute kittens and is busy dropping the baby pounds for the new year. She's a loving and social cat, but will check you out first (like any good mom). Once she knows you come with good intentions, she will be your best friend and companion. Start your new year off the right way. Come visit with Suzie today! You can see her at Orange County's Animal Services Center, 1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill or call 942-PETS (7387). You can also see her online at co.orange.nc. us/animalservices/adoption



#### **PIPES**

#### FROM PAGE

His advice is to complete the simple tasks that can keep your pipes working.

"I want this to go out to every person out there," Sparrow said. "Take the hoses off your outside hose connections.... Hoses left on outside hose bibs just make an antenna for the water to freeze."

Another simple thing to do is to make sure vents are closed so as to not let in cold air that can freeze the pipes. Sparrow said once the pipes are frozen, though, there isn't much he can tips and advice on its website at do but repair them if they burst.

Sparrow also urged owners of older houses with exterior pipes to check very carefully for leaks.

Tim Peck, another local plumber, said frozen pipes are not the type of business plumbers look forward to.

"It's a difficult business from a plumber's point of view because people are irritated," he said.

Peck said there has been a decrease in frozen-pipe issues over the years because of the popularity of cheaper plastic pipes that won't burst when frozen.

OWASA offers a full list of owasa.org/home/index.aspx

#### Plumbing tips for cold weather

- Protect pipes in unheated areas with electrical heating tape.
- Remove and drain hoses from outdoor spigots.
- Turn off valve and drain water from pipes in unused, unheated areas.
- Identify shut-off valves in plumbing system in case of emergency.
- Make sure vents are closed.
- Drain water out of pipes and fixtures to protect them from freezing.



#### RECENTLY FROM PAGE I

For protection, Harriet nailed her cabin door shut at the end of every day. But one night, Sidney broke down the door, nailed it back up to keep her in, beat her, then raped her for hours. Her shrieks of terror each time she saw him thereafter only fueled his desire, resulting in repeated rapes, until the night Francis accosted Sidney after he left Harriet, beating him unconscious. After that, Sidney let her be; but his offspring grew inside her. The child would become Murray's grandmother, Cornelia Smith Fitzgerald, a half-sister to the three daughters Harriet would bear from the rapes that followed during the next eight years by Francis, during which time the shamed family moved from Hillsborough to

the country plantation.

# **OBITUARIES**

#### Thomas E. Hyatt

Thomas Edwin Hyatt died on Dec. 27, 2009, at the age of 91.

Born on Aug. 12, 1918, Mr. Hyatt was raised in Haywood County, N.C., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Richardson Hyatt. He was a 1939 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Mr. Hyatt and his family lived for many years in Canton where he was employed by Champion International Paper Factory During this time, he was an active member of Central United Methodist Church and served on the Haywood County Board of Education. After 37 years with Champion Papers, Mr. Hyatt retired as the director of employee relations.

Mr. Hyatt and his wife retired to Fearrington Village in order to be close to his beloved alma mater, UNC-Chapel Hill. In retirement, Mr. Hyatt was an active member of University United Methodist Church and Christ United Methodist Church, enjoyed volunteering with Meals on Wheels of Chatham County and, most of all, loved cheering on the Tar Heels at every opportunity.

Mr. Hyatt is survived by his wife of 64 years, Doris Patterson Hyatt; three children, Thomas Edwin Hyatt Jr. and wife, Anne, of Wilmington, N.C., Nona Hyatt Fine and husband, Austin, of Morrisville, N.C., and Craig Kendall Hyatt and

wife, Cathy, of Chapel Hill; one brother, James Frederick Hyatt and wife, Helen, of Waynesville; four grandchildren, Christopher Brant Hyatt and wife, Robin, of Raleigh, Michael Aaron Hyatt of Wilmington, Kari Leigh Fine of Athens, Ga., and Laura Fine Ledford and husband, Rodney, of Durham. He is also survived by three great-grandchildren, Luke Alexander Hyatt, Savannah Claire Hyatt and Edwin Austin Ledford.

#### **Dorothy Hrabak**

Dorothy Durham Hrabak, age 78, died on Thursday, Dec. 24, 2009.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Donald L. Hrabak, and her brother, Dallas D. Durham. She was a lifelong resident of Chapel Hill.

Dorothy is survived by her children, Michael Hrabak of Cary, Donna Gates and husband, Billy, of Chapel Hill and Teresa Cooper and husband, Buddy, of Pittsboro; and her sister-in-law, Shirley Durham, of Chapel Hill. She had 10 grandchildren, three great grandchildren and her very-much loved dog, Molly. She has many wonderful nieces and nephews that meant so much to her.

She worked for Orange Mental Health for years. Dorothy was a very big Tar Heel fan up until the very end and was always watching or asking about the games. She will be greatly missed by all. We loved her dearly.

Pamela L. Holder

Mrs. Pamela Lorrain Holder, 28, died Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2009, in her home. She had been disabled with diabetes. She was born in Tennessee but attended Orange County schools.

Surviving are her daughter, Erica Lee Harrington, of Hillsborough; her son, Dakota A. Hawkins, of Hillsborough; her mother, Susan Holder, of Durham; her father, Roger Holder, of Hillsborough; her paternal grandparents, Janice and Paul Holder, of Hillsborough; her maternal grandparents, Marla and Richard Bullock, of Hillsborough; and two sisters, Shannon Holder Carroll of Hillsborough and Jessica Holder of Durham.

#### **Erin Brett** Lindsay-Calkins

Erin Brett Lindsay-Calkins, 26, of Efland, N.C. died Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2009, following a cartrain collision. Her son, Nicholas Aedon Lindsay, 5, also was killed. Her 4-month-old daughter, Aven Brooke Lindsay-Calkins, survived the accident.

Born Nov. 16, 1983 in Raleigh, N.C., Erin attended Fuquay-Varina Elementary and West Lake Elementary and Middle School and was homeschooled in high school. She earned an associate's degree from Central Carolina Community College in Pittsboro and a bachelor of arts in women's studies from UNC-Chapel Hill. Erin recently took maternity leave from work as a research assistant at the Center for Spirituality, Theology and Health at Duke University Medical Center.

People meeting Erin were always struck by her physical beauty. Those who knew Erin saw her inner beauty as far more striking. Erin practiced compassion in her daily life, always ready to listen to anyone troubled or to save an injured animal in need. She volunteered as a crisis hotline responder with the Family Violence and Rape Crisis Center and with her family's animal-rescue program. Growing up, Erin was active in the 4H horse program. She was a talented writer and artist. She loved the simple things of nature. Erin was totally devoted to her son, Nicholas, and newborn daughter, Aven. She found joy in her life with her husband, Mike, her true soul mate. Her sister, Brittany, remembers Erin as the "best sissiepoo" ever.

Survivors include her husband, Michael Curtis Lindsay-Calkins, of Efland and formerly of Manteca, Cal.; daughter, Aven Brooke Lindsay-Calkins, of the home; parents, Steve and Nadean Ferguson Lindsay, of Chapel Hill; sister, Brittany Megan Lindsay, of Chapel Hill, grandparents James and Gerry Lindsay, of Vass, N.C.; parents-in-law, Curtis and Diane Calkins, of Mocksville.; sisters-inlaw, Sarah Calkins and Christina Redfearn and husband, Nick, of Mocksville; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Preceding her in death were grandparents Thomas and Mildred Ferguson of Florence, S.C.

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King Jr. and Gloria Steinem,

as the first black woman ordained an Episcopal priest an event recorded by CBS for Charles Kuralt's On the Road program. Murray died in 1985; but since 1990, her example of living is revisited in Orange County each February with the giving of three awards in her honor.

The staff of the Orange County Human Rights and Relations office and members of the commission of the same name ask that you look back over last year and consider making a nomination for its Pauli Murray Awards, to be presented Feb. 28 at 3 p.m. in The Little Theater at New

Hope Elementary School.

Collins of Cliff's Meat Market in Carrboro, for his example of embracing change while making life easier for the Latin American immigrants who have relocated here.

People such as Nerys Levy, who has worked tirelessly to keep a library in Carrboro; Elaine Jerome, an octogenarian selflessly galvanizing people to create more healthy opportunities for our youth; or Margaret Gifford, who started a donation program at the Carrboro Farmers' Market to provide fresh food to those in need. Who could you nominate for their service in 2009?

Nomination forms are at every town hall and public li-Each year, an individual, a brary in the county, as well as at co.orange.nc.us/hrr/pmurray.asp 'The effect of labels divides us and separates us, denying opportunities for us to genuinely embrace our differences,"

said James Spivey, a humanrights specialist in the county office, which investigates allegations of discrimination in housing and other race-based issues and assists with diversity training in the schools. "We are unbiased fact-finders who try to be more proactive than reactive to help enlighten and empower people."

Make your nominations by Jan. 15 and mark your calendar for the awards event, which promises to be a stimulating close to February, designated as Black History and National History month.

Intelligent people learn and grow from history, no matter how dirty it is, gaining the power to clean it up.

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> young person (18 or younger) and a business are honored for their examples of how to promote human rights, diversity and equality – such as last year's business winner, Cliff

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



#### FROM THE EDITOR

#### The new outsiders

The change in this state's attitude toward tobacco has been an interesting transition to witness. Twenty-five years ago, you were some kind of puritan if you didn't light up after a swell meal.

I smoked my last cigarette sometime in the first week of January 2003, when we shifted to an outside-only rule at the house. One cool morning, the air just tasted so much better, and I was done.

My consumption had dwindled a good bit and I'd quit a few times for a lot of reasons – even once out of anger when the telephone rang and I caught myself reaching for a cigarette before I reached for the phone.

You start to notice things when you quit. Not just the usual things, like flavors and less windedness, but also the herd-like instincts among people with a shared addiction.

This is not meant to be derisive to smokers (you know, some of my best friends . . .), and there is nothing wrong with the social ritual of stepping out for a chat and a smoke, except for what it does – sooner or later – to the human body.

I started up as a social smoker, realizing that the short breaks at the restaurant I worked at were more meaningful and congenial among those taking a smoke break.

That was back when you could light up just about anywhere and anytime. Now that pool of places is drying up, and this state, naturally, is one of the last to sign on to the end of the era. Drive almost anywhere else and you'll see billboards, funded by tobacco trust money, noting some powerful statistic of death and disease. We don't seem to have as many here. I don't wonder why.

Tobacco, the grand commodity, is still revered here, even as its end products are reviled. Here, the two tides clash mightily. And last year with the passage of the Go Smoke Outdoors Act of 2009, the anti side prevailed. (Unless, of course, you happen to be a member of a country club; but what else is new.)

Perhaps you've noticed that it is cold outside, and, maybe, in the mad dash from auto to the door you've caught glimpses of the new outsiders, the huddled groups of humanity driven from bistros, bars and even the swankiest joints onto the sidewalks and patios.

The times have indeed changed. Stay warm everybody.

#### Lemonade

Kudos to the Town of Carrboro and the owners of the property at the corners of Roberson and Greensboro streets for taking one of the fruits of a sour economy (the stalled condo/office complex approved for the site) and squeezing something beneficial from it in the form of scores of new downtown parking spots.

# Opinion

LETTERS

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Growing up in town

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**BUDDY KELLY** 

Chapel Hill

Mens' Soccer Team.

and playing Rainbow



# It's time to fix the state health plan

#### ADAM LINKER

North Carolina now has an unprecedented opportunity to fix its broken State Health Plan.

The State Health Plan Blue Ribbon Task Force that recently convened in Raleigh brings together lawmakers, state officials and other stakeholders to discuss ways to improve the insurance plan that covers more than 660,000 current and retired state employees. And the group faces formidable problems.

Former State Health Plan executive director George Stokes signed a no-bid contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield several years ago without first consulting a lawyer. The onerous terms of that contract nearly bankrupted the State Health Plan last year.

In the last session of the General Assembly, a State Health Plan bailout bill was passed amid mounting panic. The legislation was subject to intense lobbying. Arms were twisted. The untouchable Blue Cross escaped untouched. Pharmacists and drug companies emerged unscathed. State employees got smacked with higher out-of-pocket expenses and benefit cuts. That's where we are now. budget. But lawmakers have shown a willingness to cave when special interests apply pressure. Legislators are now meeting regularly to get updates on State Health Plan finances. But the interest of lawmakers is fleeting; when the plan is back on autopilot, legislative oversight likely will be sporadic. Then another crisis will hit.

To maintain strong and consistent oversight, the State Health Plan should be moved to an independent commission or to the executive branch. That is how it's done in most states.

Along with the impressive cost sharing imposed on state employees in the State Health Plan bailout bill, lawmakers also added downright bizarre wellness provisions that will require all employees to undergo random testing for nicotine use. The General Assembly adopted these measures in a desperate bid to save money. Now it's clear that the proposals are not likely to save money. They are also intrusive and unfair.

The idea is to test state employees for tobacco use. Workers who are upfront about smoking will have the chance to join a smokingcessation program or move to a less generous insurance plan. All state employees will be randomly tested to ensure that everyone is telling the truth about tobacco use. Originally, the State Health Plan said it would do cheek swabs at work. Now state employees will be required to get a cheek swab at an offsite location before or after work.

In two years, the state will start charging more to obese employees who do not meet body mass index standards, although there are no plans for random weight checks.

The Blue Ribbon Task Force should kill the random-testing idea. It is remarkably invasive. It is also not cost-effective. No other state does random testing of the sort proposed in North Carolina because it doesn't make sense.

The idea of shifting overweight employees into a new insurance plan also should be nixed. The State Health Plan is not going to successfully bully people into slimming down.

That leaves us with the smoking provisions. The State Health Plan could design a fair system that encourages employees to stop smoking. We could ask state workers whether they use tobacco products. Users of tobacco products then could be encouraged to join a smoking-cessation program. If they decline the smoking-cessation program, then the State Health Plan could charge an annual fee. Any fees state employees are charged for declining to join a smoking-cessation program should be adjusted according to income. The State Health Plan could charge an annual \$150 fee to employees earning \$30,000 per year and \$500 to employees earning \$100,000. If at some point during the year, the employee joined cessation counseling, then the fee should be refunded. Employees should not be fined for smoking. They should only be fined for not attempting to quit.

And under no circumstances should a state employee move to a new insurance plan as punishment for violating wellness requirements.

These are only a few small steps to fix the damage that already has been done by the State Health Plan bailout bill. There are better ways to save money in the future. But state employees are already suffering from higher out-of-pocket expenses. It is unconscionable to shift them back and forth between insurance plans and subject them to random testing.

Administrators at the State Health Plan do not make fairness to state employees a top priority. But state legislators represent the people, not the State Health Plan. They should rewrite the wellness provisions, surrender control of the State Health Plan and make recommendations to strengthen benefits for the public employees who make our state great.

Is it too much to hope that this will deter those who tie up the intersection of Main and Greensboro by trying to make a left into the parking lot in front of Open Eye?

Would that it were so.

#### Errata

An ill-placed break in the timeline for 2009 that we ran in last week's paper could have led some to believe that very little happened last May. Plenty did. You can read the much-more-accurate version online at carrborocitizen. com/main/2010/01/01/timeline-2009/

Also in last week's edition, we noted that state Sen. Ellie Kinnaird is likely to retire. If you noticed the front page of this week's paper, you know that was, um, inaccurate.

The dynamics of the Senate changed dramatically recently with the retirement of Tony Rand and the announcement by several other senators that they won't be running again either. Regardless, I should have picked up the phone and checked first. Sorry about that.

# CITIZEN

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The State Health Plan desperately needs structural changes.

Lawmakers want to retain control over the plan because it constitutes a significant chunk of the state Adam Linker is a policy analyst at the North Carolina Health Access Coalition.

## 2009: Wall Street bounced back, Main Street got shafted

In September 2008, as the worst of the financial crisis engulfed Wall Street, George W. Bush issued a warning: "This sucker could go down." Around the same time, as Congress hashed out a bailout bill, New Hampshire Sen. Judd Gregg, the leading Republican negotiator of the bill, warned that "if we do not do this, the trauma, the chaos and the disruption to everyday Americans' lives will be overwhelming, and that's a price we can't afford to risk paying."

In less than a year, Wall Street was back. The five largest remaining banks are today larger, their executives and traders richer, their strategies of placing large bets with other people's money no less bold than before the meltdown. The possibility of new regulations emanating from Congress has barely inhibited the Street's exuberance.

But if Wall Street is back on top, the everyday lives of large numbers of Americans continue to be subject to overwhelming trauma, chaos and disruption.

It is commonplace among policymakers to fervently and sincerely believe that Wall Street's financial health is not only a precondition for a prosperous real economy but that when the former thrives, the latter will necessarily follow. Few fictions of modern economic life are more assiduously defended than the central importance of the Street to the well-being of the rest of us, as has been proved in 2009.

Inhabitants of the real economy are dependent on the financial economy to borrow money. But their overwhelming reliance on **ROBERT REICH** 



Wall Street is a relatively recent phenomenon. Back when middle-class Americans earned enough to be able to save more of their incomes, they borrowed from one another, largely through local and regional banks. Small businesses also did.

It's easy to understand economic policymakers being seduced by the great flows of wealth created among Wall Streeters, from whom they invariably seek advice. One of the basic assumptions of capitalism is that anyone paid huge sums of money must be very smart.

But if 2009 has proved anything, it's that the bailout of Wall Street didn't trickle down to Main Street. Mortgage delinquencies continue to rise. Small businesses can't get credit. And people everywhere, it seems, are worried about losing their jobs. Wall Street is the only place where money is flowing and pay is escalating. Top executives and traders on the Street will soon be splitting about \$25 billion in bonuses (despite Goldman Sachs' decision, made with an eye toward public relations, to defer bonuses for its 30 top players).

The real locus of the problem was never the financial economy to begin with, and the bailout of Wall Street was a sideshow. The real problem was on Main Street, in the real economy. Before the crash, much of America had fallen deeply into unsustainable debt because it had no other way to maintain its standard of living. That's because for so many years almost all the gains of economic growth had been going to a relatively small number of people at the top.

President Obama and his economic team have been telling Americans we'll have to save more in future years, spend less and borrow less from the rest of the world, especially from China. This is necessary and inevitable, they say, in order to "rebalance" global financial flows. China has saved too much and consumed too little, while we have done the reverse.

In truth, most Americans did not spend too much in recent years relative to the increasing size of the overall American economy. They spent too much only in relation to their declining portion of its gains. Had their portion kept up – had the people at the top of corporate America, Wall Street banks and hedge funds not taken a disproportionate share – most Americans would not have felt the necessity to borrow so much.

The year 2009 will be remembered as the year when Main Street got hit hard. Don't expect 2010 to be much better – that is, if you live in the real economy. The administration is telling Americans that jobs will return next year, and we'll be in a recovery. I hope they're right. But I doubt it. Too many Americans have lost their jobs, incomes, homes and savings. That means most of us won't have the purchasing power to buy nearly all the goods and services the economy is capable of producing. And without enough demand, the economy can't get out of the doldrums.

As long as income and wealth keep concentrating at the top, and the great divide between America's have-mores and have-lesses continues to widen, the Great Recession won't end - at least not in the real economy.

Robert Reich was the nation's 22nd secretary of labor and is a professor at the University of California at Berkeley. His latest book is Supercapitalism.

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# **School Briefs**

#### Volunteers needed

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Programs Include: School reading partners: Help beginning readers practice reading skills. Training is scheduled for Jan. 26 or 28 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Preregister at srp@chccs. k12.nc.us or 967-8211, ext. 28336.

### **SMOKE**

FROM PAGE

"For the most part, people seem to enjoy it a little bit better.... They don't have to have their niceties dry cleaned every time they leave the bar," Collins said. "The work environment is definitely better."

Providing a healthier work environment was in fact one of the primary arguments made by sponsors of the bill, which passed in May.

But that's a sticking point for local business owner Adam Bliss. He's angry about the bill, and at his local representatives for not exempting his business.

Bliss owns Hookah Bliss, a bar specializing in water pipes used to smoke mostly fruity-flavored tobaccos, on Franklin Street. While a similar business, such as a cigar bar, falls under an exemption from the ban, Hookah Bliss does not.

Bliss fought the ban for months by lobbying the legislature and trying to get help from state Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, who represents Orange County, but said he was disappointed with what he felt was a lack of support.

"They just never really gave me a good answer for why we weren't

#### **KINNAIRD** FROM PAGE I

Two years ago, Kinnaird said she wanted to retire. She decided against it after failing to recruit a woman to run for her seat. Her decision rankled then-County Commissioner Moses Carey, who had announced he would run for the seat. The two engaged in a cordial but competitive primary in which Kinnaird won with 65 percent of the vote. She went on to easily defeat Republican Greg Bass in the fall.

ESL Volunteers: Help K-12 students who are learning English during the school day. Training is scheduled for Jan. 27 or Feb. 4 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Preregister at gmccay@ chccs.k12.nc.us or 967-8211, ext. 28339.

Coach Write: one-on-one conferencing with students to improve their writing skills. Training is scheduled for Jan. 11, Jan. 28 or Feb. 1 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Preregister at sphillips@chccs.k12.nc.us or 967-8211, ext. 28369.

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Call 967-8211, ext. 28281 or email volunteer@chccs.k12. nc.us for more information on any volunteer opportunities.



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vised on how to follow the letter of the law, and then be given the opportunity to comply, before being fined. After that, businesses could be fined up to \$200 a day.

As of Tuesday, four days after the law went into effect, Summers said she hadn't received any complaints. She also said that if a health department official saw a violation, he or she could work to enforce the law, but there was no intent to seek out violators.

"There's no health department that has the staff to go out and police, looking actively for violations," she said.

and Youth Services committee. She is vice chair of the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources committees and serves on the Senate Finance, Health Care and Judiciary I committees. She is a member of the Select Committee on Economic Recovery, the State Energy Policy Council, the Environmental Review Commission and the State Advisory Council on

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In addition to working on

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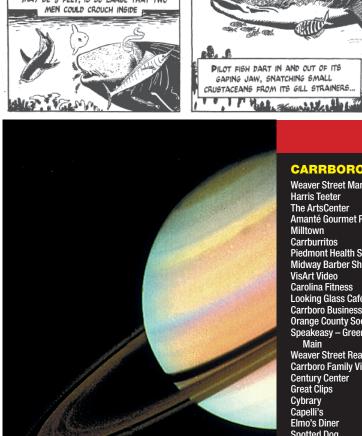
Kinnaird serves as co-chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety and co-chair of the Senate Mental Health

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# Almanac



Sweeps of broomstraw color some of the fields at Mason Farm.

#### FLORA FROM PAGE I

The one I believe is most commonly used for broom-making is old-field broomstraw, or broomsedge, Andropogon virginicus. We walked out into Wayne's front yard and discovered he had two different species right there. Wayne was disparaging of his front-yard broom because it wasn't as tall as what was growing in an adjacent field. I guessed that he had mowed his yard midway during the summer, which he acknowledged, and that accounted for his native broom grass being shorter than the unmowed nearby field.

Broomstraw is a native grass, and native grasses generally grow actively during the warm months of the year. It is in sharp contrast to the popular lawn-turf exotic fescue, a cool-season grass, which prefers cooler growing conditions. Broomstraw begins to really express itself in the mid-summer and doesn't become noticeable until it begins to shoot up in August and September and sports those delicate plume-like seeds in October and November. If mowed in late summer, it never quite catches up with its unmowed neighbor.

It is one of the pioneer native species to appear in an abandoned field and it can hold on for several

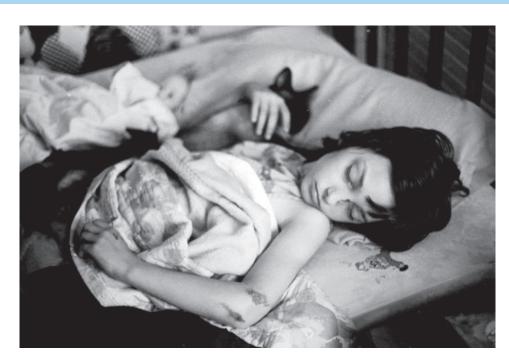
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years before other perennials and shrubs and trees begin to move in, the classic "old-field succession" of ecology texts.

Beginning in October and continuing well into the following springtime, broad sweeps of copperreddish broomstraw across the native landscape are a beautiful sight to behold.

Next time you are out walking, pause from time to time to discover subtle differences and be appreciative of the old-timers who utilized those wild grasses to keep clean their hearths and yards.

I'm very proud of the broom I made under Wayne's tutelage, and I have it proudly displayed next to my back door.



From the mouths of babes, 1977

ear reader, permit me the indulgence of sharing an old image from the Lauterer family album that speaks to our times. In this new year and new decade, who better than a wise 8-year-old to offer advice for the future? Back in 1977, I had just taught Selena how to ride her bike, a process with many ups and downs. As the little girl, scraped but happy, snuggled into bed with Max the Cat, she con-

cluded drowsily, "Sometimes life is like learning to ride a bike — you just gotta keep pedaling — no matter what!"

So Happy New Year, y'all — and keep on pedaling.



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