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Partly Cloudy
58/41

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Mostly Cloudy
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Year in Review
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River-edge ice patterns reward a winter day's walk. PHOTO BY ROBERT DICKSON

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

New Year's resolve for weekly explorations

This time every year, I encourage folks to resolve to walk a trail through local natural areas at least every weekend, beginning with New Year's Day. That notion was long ago inspired by the Eno River Association (enoriver.org) New Year's Day Hike. Subsequently, there are guided hikes along the Eno every Sunday through the end of spring.

You can avoid crowds if you plan your own walk. A good website to get you started is ncnatural.com/TriangleRec

When *Citizen* publisher Robert Dickson told me that he and his wife, Vicky, were going to explore the White Pines Preserve on Christmas Eve, I responded: "Wow, that area at the confluence of the Deep and Rocky rivers south of Pittsboro is one of my favorite places and I haven't explored it in years! Take some pics for me."

Robert's image of the icy pattern surrounding the moss-covered knee of a submerged log was just one of several appealing "closer looks" that he shared.

Vicky's verbal image of the day's hike was equally engaging: "There's just something about a river — water that comes from somewhere else, and goes somewhere else — that's awe inspiring. And the confluence of two rivers, like the Rocky and Deep, is even more so."

"The stark white sycamores at the edge of the river, the rusted cable that once was part of the bridge kids crossed to go to school, the high bluffs over the river and the silver and rainbow-colored ice that traps the river at its margins are all brought into vivid relief by the starkness of the winter landscape. Your attention is drawn to things you might not notice in any other season."

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Drew Fogleman, 2, and his sister Eliza, 6, of Hampstead enjoyed the snow last weekend during a visit with their grandparents in Chapel Hill. Southern Orange County received about five inches of snow, the bulk of it falling overnight on Saturday and into Sunday morning. The second major snowfall of the year temporarily closed roads with ice and winds, causing sporadic power outages. It was only the 11th recorded snowfall at RDU airport on Christmas Day since the National Weather Service started keeping snowfall records there in 1944.

PHOTO BY HAL FOGLEMAN

The year in review

This year had a somber undertone, the unmistakable impact of an extended period of high unemployment and a fairly stagnant economy.

While by many measures this community fared better than most in riding out the recession, the recent census data shows that over the past year hundreds more families slipped below the poverty line. Those above the line, even far above, were not immune to worry either. Although it was not the best of times, it brought out the best in many people and reminded us of this community's great heart and strong spirit.

Unease about the future colored the year in poli-

tics and policy, challenging institutions and assumptions and forcing a reconsideration of long-planned projects in both the public and private sectors. Going forward, we'll see next spring what will be reaped as a result of elections this past November.

In our annual Year in Review on pages 4 and 5 of this issue, we look at the hundreds of events — large, small, serious, light and just strange — that marked this year, and also feature some of our favorite photos of the year. And on page 6, we recall some of the neighbors we lost along the way.

Have a wonderful New Year.

We'll see you each Thursday in 2011.

VisArt Video closing its doors



BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

VisArt Video, a mainstay in downtown Carrboro, will soon close its doors after more than 20 years renting DVDs and videos to the public.

Manager Cameron Price, who has worked in the store for 14 years, said VisArt will probably close sometime within the next week.

"We still don't know the exact date," Price said, adding that it will depend on whether staff has to remove the racks from the store. VisArt's lease expires in February.

VisArt has seen a steady decline in

business over the last three or four years reflecting a shift in the way people rent movies, according to Price. The small chain of video rental stores has already closed its locations in Durham and Chapel Hill, leaving only the Charlotte store open.

"It all kind of started with DVDs taking over, because it started to get really cheap," he said. "It's all digital downloads and movies by mail and those red boxes."

While the store has a number of loyal customers, there weren't enough to keep VisArt in business.

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Light of a different color

RECENTLY ...
BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

A covering of snow like we saw this past week has transporting properties. Snow days of my childhood in Dallas were generally magical, and as rare as they were here during the mid-20th century. My first snow memory starts with the light in the house before I'd gotten out of bed. Light reflected from the snow on the ground lightened spirits and brightened rooms.

This latest snow remained on the trees throughout the first day, blanketing each one with thick tufts tucked onto all horizontal — and even some vertical — surfaces of rough-trunked trees like loblolly pines. Though each tree was likely cloaked, the uniqueness of the many varieties provided a multi-faceted backdrop as I sat in the hot tub on my icy deck, soaking the swollen knee that otherwise kept me house-bound during the snow event. A nearby dogwood tree towered like a giant cotton plant heavily laden



Along Morgan Creek near King's Mill on Sunday

PHOTO BY JOHNNY RANDALL

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Briefs

Jazz concert to benefit IFC
The Bradshaw Quartet and Christen Campbell will perform a concert to benefit the Inter-Faith Council at 7 p.m. on Dec. 31 at United Church of Chapel Hill.

The Bradshaw Quartet was founded in 2003 to extend the musical fellowship they enjoy as the United Voices of Praise Gospel Choir rhythm section. The group will showcase selected jazz standards, new interpretations of R&B and pop classics and original compositions.

Christen Campbell has performed as a jazz singer in dozens of major cities around the world. United Church is located at 1321 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Music-therapy program receives donation

Voices Together, a local music-therapy program, has received a donation of musical instruments from the Fender Music Foundation.

Voices Together is one of 12 programs nationwide that was chosen to receive instruments funded by the foundation's "Adopt a Music Program. Save a Life" fundraiser.

The program focuses on providing music therapy for individuals with developmental disabilities. Programs had to demonstrate that they taught music to those who would otherwise not have the opportunity and that they were committed to the ongoing success of their program.



More Literacy Bags available at library

Due to popular demand, the Orange County Main Library is offering more Literacy Bags with several books on various themes.

More than 80 literacy bags on a variety of themes are available, including several bilingual bags with books in both English and Spanish. More early childhood education-themed bags and juvenile fiction bags have been added to the collection. With the bags, parents, children, teachers and others can quickly check out 10 books on particular themes.

The loan period is three weeks with one renewal allowed, unless a hold has been placed on that particular bag.

A complete list of the Literacy Bag themes, along with the books each bag contains, is available at the library's Children's Services Desk. For more information, visit www.co.orange.nc.us/library/literacybags.asp or call 245-2532.

China fir selected as Hillsborough Treasure Tree

The Hillsborough Tree Board has selected a China fir as its second Treasure Tree.

The tree, located at 392 St. Mary's Road, is a pyramidal evergreen tree with an exotic appearance. It was selected for its rarity, exceptional height and overall beauty. The China fir, *Cunninghamia lanceolata*, is a highly prized tree in its native country. It was introduced into the U.S. in 1804 and is most commonly found in the South. It has fragrant, reddish-brown bark that sheds in long strips.

The Tree Board encourages citizens to look out for trees with exceptional qualities to nominate as future Treasure Trees. Nomination forms are available on the Tree Board page of the Town of Hillsborough's website, ci.hillsborough.nc.us, or by calling Public Works supervisor Ken Hines at 732-1270, ext. 78.

HOUSE Calls

Practicing family physicians from the UNC Department of Family Medicine have teamed up with *The Carrboro Citizen* to bring you a weekly feature responding to your questions about health and medicine. Send your questions or comments to yourhealth@unc.edu



This week we respond to questions about mercury in fish, herpes infections and bruises.

Dear HOUSE Calls, Can bruises be dangerous? I'm a healthy young person but a klutz. I'm always covered with bumps and bruises. Someone told me that a bruise can turn into a blood clot. Is that true?

A bruise can turn into a blood clot just under the skin or a hematoma, but not the kind of deep blood clot that can occur in the legs or lungs. So don't worry about bumps and bruises. But you might want to worry about the causes of your falls and the potential for more serious injuries. You could consider taking yoga or other martial arts or dance classes to help develop balance and coordination. You could also discuss this with your family doctor to make sure there is nothing causing the klutziness and then develop a strategy for prevention. Good luck.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I understand that fish oil is good for you and my doctor

encouraged me to eat more fish. I am concerned about mercury, especially for my children. Can you give me some guidance?

Efforts to avoid mercury are important. This is especially true during pregnancy and for young children because of the effects of mercury on the developing brain. You should consider eating fish lower on the food chain and not eating those every day. Fish that are highest in mercury are at the top of the food chain (shark, swordfish, tilefish, king mackerel). Fish with lower levels of mercury are salmon, tuna, tilapia, most white fish and most freshwater fish. If you eat fish higher in mercury, consider doing so infrequently and in small portions.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I am 27 years old and recently had unprotected sex with my girlfriend. She's had herpes but was not having an outbreak. The next day, she developed symptoms and three days later I developed two bumps. I saw my doctor, who put me on a

herpes medicine and took a culture that came back positive for herpes. I have heard that you can't get herpes from a partner unless they are having symptoms. Is this true?

We are sorry for your experience. Unfortunately, it seems that you already know the answer to your question. A person is less likely to get herpes from an asymptomatic partner; but infected people without symptoms still give off viruses, albeit at lower levels. So yes, it is possible to catch herpes this way. The good news is that herpes outbreaks are treatable and preventable. But we would be remiss if we did not remind you about the risk of other sexually transmitted infections and pregnancy with unprotected sex.

HOUSE Calls is a weekly column by Dr. Adam Goldstein, Dr. Cristy Page and Dr. Adam Zolotor on behalf of Your Health and the UNC Department of Family Medicine.

Calendar

TUESDAY JAN 4
Movie Night — Stardust, with Claire Danes, Sienna Miller, Charlie Cox, Robert DeNiro and Michelle Pfeiffer. Chapel Hill Public Library, 6:30pm Free

THURSDAY JAN 6
Audubon Society — Monthly membership meeting with Ginger Travis and Norm Budnitz discussing birding and kayaking on Jordan Lake. N.C. Botanical Gardens, 7pm

Movie Screening — The Witness, the story of a man who feared animals for most of his life before becoming an animal rescuer. Internationalist Books, 7pm

SATURDAY JAN 8
Swing Dance — With Russ Wilson and His Mighty Mighty

Men. Carrboro Century Center, 7:30pm lesson/8pm dance \$9/\$12 guests triangleswingdance.org

2011 Antiques Show — 4th annual Antiques Show. Fearrington Barn, 10am-5pm \$10

Youth Performing Arts — Registration begins for new workshops for students in grades 3-12. Artscenterlive.org

Ongoing Cancer Support — Support groups at Cornucopia House, Chapel Hill for cancer patients and their families. cornucopia-house.org

Cancer Support — Support groups and wellness programs sponsored by N.C. Cancer Hospital. unclineberger.org/patient/support/supportgroup.asp

Compassionate Friends — Free self-help support for all adults grieving the loss of a child or sibling. Evergreen United Methodist Church, third Mondays 7-8:30pm 967-3221 chapelhillctf.org

Call to Artists — The Hillsborough Arts Council seeks submissions for a themed exhibition, "Gardens and the Natural World," to be held in the HAC Gallery from April 22 to May 21. Application deadline is Feb. 15. HillsboroughartsCouncil.org

Book Drive — Martin Luther King Jr. Children's Book Drive. Books may be dropped at the Seymour Center Monday-Friday, Jan 3-14. Books will be distributed to children centers, school children, local shelters and the UNC Children's Hospital.

MOVIES We suggest you call for exact show times

CAROLINA THEATRE OF DURHAM
309 W. Morgan St., 560-3030
Black Swan, nightly at 7 & 9:10 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 & 4:10 p.m.; True Grit, nightly at 7:15 & 9:30 p.m.,

Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:15 & 4:30 p.m.; I Love You Phillip Morris, nightly at 7:25 & 9:20 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:25 & 4:20 p.m.

CHELSEA THEATER
Timberlyne, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, 968-3005

Black Swan; The King's Speech; I Love You Phillip Morris

THE LUMINA
Southern Village, 932-9000

Little Fockers; True Grit; The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader; Tron: Legacy; Yogi Bear

REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6
120 Banks Drive, 933-8600
Call for showtimes.

THE SHANTY
123 E. Franklin St., 967-8865
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BLACK SWAN Nightly at 7 & 9:10pm Sat & Sun Matinees at 2 & 4:10pm
I LOVE YOU PHILLIP MORRIS Nightly at 7:25 & 9:20pm Sat & Sun Matinees at 2:25 & 4:20pm
309 WEST MORGAN ST. DOWNTOWN DURHAM
CAROLINATHEATRE.ORG ~ 919.560.3030

Send your Community Calendar submissions to calendar@carrborocitizen.com

SUPER CROSSWORD PAGEANTRY

ACROSS
1 Tiffany treasure
6 Zoom
10 Likely
13 Send the money
18 Novelist Lurie
20 In the thick of
21 Med. test
22 Leave out
23 Injudicious pageant winner?
26 Williams of "Happy Days"
27 Crank's comment
28 Facilitate a felony
29 "I'm homo"
30 Tropical spot
31 Literary lioness
32 Couch kin
35 Mobile homes?
37 Leading man?
40 One of twelve
41 Musical key
43 Argumentative pageant winner?
48 "The Raven" monogram
51 Cookbook phrase
52 Pan-fry
53 Dynamic
start
54 Shade of green
55 Piglet
56 The Brothers
57 Trudge
59 Teach on the side
60 He gave us a lift
62 Homeric character
63 Pound piece
64 Chic, in the '60s
65 Bean's brother
67 Nonconformist pageant winner?
70 Come up
74 Lotta of
75 Start fishing
76 Accounting abbr.
78 "Lang Syne"
79 Aromatic spice
82 Rocker
83 Unwelcome visit?
85 TV's "My Sister Sam"
86 Wet blanket
87 Stead
89 Sweetly, to Solti
90 Dallas coll.
91 Slangy sib
92 Inarticulate
pageant winner?
97 French thrillist
99 Lose one's tail?
100 Cooking fat
101 Play ground?
102 Congenital lift
104 Coaitill
107 "Oh, woe!"
108 Scored, to Sampras
109 Impartial
110 Exec's deg.
113 Dika and Douglas
115 Deceptive pageant winner?
120 "Die Fledermaus" maid
121 PA hours
122 With
25 Down, aquarium fish
123 Expiated
124 Thick
125 Crosses (out)
126 Casanova's cry?
127 "Unlawful"
DOWN
1 Window part
2 Director
Kazan
3 Desire
4 Slalom curve
5 Resident
6 Diplomacy
7 Aussie walker
8 Feel awful
9 Nutritional abbr.
10 Clerical vestment
11 Went on
12 Prong
13 Singer
Chris
14 Weather factor
15 Abusive pageant winner?
16 Sacred cows
17 Shoe size
19 Collars a crook
22 Where goats gambol
25 See
122 Across
31 Marmaduke has two
32 Positive
33 Hesitant's sounds
34 Little one
35 Baseball's Martinezz
36 Chang's sib
37 Explosive mixture
38 Expand
39 Neat
40 Shore sight
42 Bach's "Bist du bei _"
44 Neighbor of
Mex.
45 That is
46 Segue & Cher song, e.g.
47 Mother Judd
49 Commotion
50 Part of MPH
54 Biblical region
57 Oater extras
58 Departed
59 Hen's hubby
61 Remove varnish
63 HS exam
64 Florentine family name
66 Holm of "Brazil"
68 Frazee
69 Actor Power
71 Zhivago's country
72 Star quality
73 Halleys
77 Soft mineral
79 LP replacements
80 Psychic Geller
81 Inaccurate pageant winner?
82 DDT, for instance
84 Narcs' org.
87 Italian bread?
88 "It _ far, tar better
89 Teen title
92 Toby, for one
93 Rips to shreds
94 Slangy suffix
95 Squirrel's snack
96 RN's specialty
98 Art supporters?
101 Playground feature
103 Homes on high
104 Candy quantity
105 Ohio city
106 Declaim
107 "Diary of a Housewife" ('70 film)
108 NYSE rival
109 Baptism site
110 Make money
111 Transvaal resident
112 He's Devine
114 Diocese
116 Hostelery
117 Society oolumn
word
118 Crafty critter
119 Heavy weight

CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody
For example, YAPHCYAPLM is WORDSWORTH. One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the two O's, Y for the two W's, etc.. Apostrophes, punctuation, the length and formation of the words are all hints.
"Never Say Never"
L B F M W Z I S W A F W G O X O I
M A Z P C E A F X O A F D D O G O E
- Q Z Q Q S M J A L C C L G R , F
D L H H O I L F Z K G O I V I Z B
B Z C L G O , L C C . , O C O J W O E
W Z J Z G R I O M M O F I C L O I
W A L M B Z G W A F C Z G R
K L W A B F G S Z W A O I M K A Z
A F E C L W W C O D Z C L W L J F C
O T D O I L O G J O
Find the answer in the puzzle answer section.

Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle
8 9 6
6 5 9
1 2 4 7
8 3 5
2 3 6 1
7 2 3
5 1 4
1 3 8
2 7 9
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★
★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!
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Parmigiano Reggiano \$10.99 lb
NC Pecan Pralines 35% off
Biltmore Wines \$6.99 ea
Vera Bradley, Retired Styles 25-50% off
Holiday Stollen 60% off
Carolina Cupboard Cheese Straws 1/3 off
Ritter Sport Chocolate Bars 40% off
Holiday Decor and Ornaments 50% off
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All Homemade Dips and Spreads 30% off
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Ashe County NC Hoop Cheese \$3.99 lb
Organic Italian Olive Oil, Monte Pollino 50% off
All British Teas 25-40% off
Cranberry Orange Walnut Cookie Tin 60% off
Holiday Gift Baskets and Towers 50-75% off
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Briefs

Rape suspect charged with additional crimes

The Carrboro Police Department announced on Tuesday that rape suspect Frank Cruz, 33, has been charged with additional rapes that occurred in 2005 and 2006.

Cruz, of 224 Rolling Road, Burlington, was already in custody after he was charged with another rape that occurred in March 2006. He was arrested on Oct. 21 after a DNA analysis of evidence at the scene linked him to the crime. The new charges are related to rapes in November 2005 and January 2006 and include second-degree rape, first-degree burglary, first-degree kidnapping, second-degree sexual offense, attempted second-degree sexual offense and communicating threats.

Evidence at the scene of both crimes again linked Cruz to the incidents.

Chatham sets landfill meetings

Chatham County has scheduled community meetings to discuss the evaluation criteria that will be used to narrow the list of potential landfill sites, with the first meeting set for Jan. 11 at 10 a.m. at the Western Senior Center in Siler City. Other meetings will be held Jan. 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Chatham Community Library; and Jan 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Moncure Fire Department.

After the meetings, the project team will narrow the list of nine potential sites to three sites for the next stage of evaluation. Information that will be discussed at the meetings is available online at chathamnc.org/Index.aspx?page=1402

Gordon Allen dies

Gordon Allen, who represented Orange and Person counties and served in both the N.C. House and Senate, died last week. He was 81.

Allen, owner of a Roxboro insurance company, served in the Senate from 1969 to 1975. He was elected president pro-tem and majority leader in 1971 and played a key role during the reorganization of the UNC system and the expansion of the state's community colleges.

After 20 years as a lobbyist for the N.C. Bankers Association, Allen returned to the General Assembly in 1997. He retired in 2005.

Planning board vacancy

Orange County seeks applications from residents of Little River Township to serve on the county's planning board.

Responsibilities of the 12-member board include determining objectives to be sought in the development of Orange County and developing and coordinating these objectives with the Orange County Board of Commissioners.

Citizens interested in planning and development issues are encouraged to apply. General planning knowledge is preferred but not required.

To apply online, visit www.co.orange.nc.us/boards. For more information, call Donna Baker at 245-2130 or Jeanette Jones at 245-2125.

Rabid raccoon

A raccoon found in Chapel Hill tested positive for rabies last week at the State Laboratory of Public Health.

The raccoon was submitted after a resident in the vicinity of Tadley Drive and Ridgecrest Drive saw it in a fenced-off area under a porch while walking a dog. The resident removed the dog from the area and contacted authorities, who euthanized the raccoon and removed it for testing.

The dog was currently vaccinated against rabies and received a booster shot within 120 hours of exposure, which is required under North Carolina law. Animals exposed to rabies that have not been vaccinated must either be destroyed or quarantined for six months.

So far this year, Orange County has received 11 positive rabies tests. If any possible exposure to a bat, raccoon or fox is suspected, call Animal Control at 245-2075 or call 911.

Transportation meeting

The Town of Pittsboro seeks input on the transportation facilities needed to serve projected future growth in and around the town.

A public meeting to learn about the Comprehensive Transportation Plan process and to provide feedback on future planned roadways will be held Jan. 6 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the CCCC multipurpose room.

Holiday closings

Orange County solid waste convenience centers and the landfill – along with all associated services, like the hazardous waste facility and mulch sales – will close at 2 p.m. on Friday and remain closed New Year's Day.

Chapel Hill Transit will operate on a Saturday Service schedule (no U or NU service) on Friday. There will be no service Jan. 1-2.

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Gene Poveromo, development manager with the Chapel Hill Planning Department, said after the presentations on Tuesday night the Planning Board will take public comments. Once it opens the review, he said, the board has 35 days to forward a set of recommendations to the council.

"We think we've got a good design and we expect it will sell itself."

In addition to the Planning Board meeting, the schedule for advisory board review of the IFC proposal is as follows:

- Jan. 13, Transportation Board;
- Jan. 19, Parks and Recreation Commission;
- Jan. 25, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board; and
- Jan. 26, Community Design Commission.

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with enormous bolls of fluff; a red bud tree stood sculpturally majestic with its long beans trailing like tassels out of twisted snow clumps; the wild cherry tree appeared both stately and sinister with its upward-reaching branches clad in white. Cloud-draped, they were all dressed the same, yet individual characteristics of each earth-springing creation stood evident.

The sight took me back to the greatest snow experience of my life, on Feb. 14, 1981, when I lived in Los Angeles but became stranded in New York City during a blizzard that paralyzed the East Coast. Not being able to return home cancelled yearned-for Valentine's Day plans, leaving me feeling helpless and angry. When I could no longer stand being cooped up inside my hotel room, I furiously layered on all the clothes I had with me and walked outside, stomping my way from the westside eastward. When I reached Park Avenue, I crossed onto the median strip and, looking toward what was then the Pan Am building, suddenly realized that not

another person was in sight. I had traveled from Sixth Avenue, breezed across Fifth Avenue and now stood in the middle of Park without having stopped for traffic or passed another pedestrian. In a city where millions lived and millions more worked, I stood alone – the silence broken only by the pounding of my heart. Something awoke inside, replacing the hot-white anger with a caressing warmth that dulled my disappointment and made life again seem wondrous.

Remembering that walk and not being able to venture out in this past snow spurred me to see the doctor who aspirated fluid from my knee, freeing me from near-crippling pain, returning my former abilities, helping me to again rejoice in the wonders of life.

Snow brings light of a different color, solitude within a universal family, and a blanket of uniformity that accentuates differences.

As we enter the second decade of this still-new millennium, may you find the elements required to refresh your senses, restore your balance and open you to the possibilities available to anyone with the courage to strive.

VISART FROM PAGE 1

"They're all just really sad," Price said. "It's hundreds of people saying the exact same thing over and over again."

"You know it's sincere; but at the same time, it's 'where have you been for the last five years?'" he added.

The store is selling its DVDs and other merchandise, much of which is already gone.

"We still have a lot left, but a lot of what we have is stuff people have never heard of," Price said, adding that there were some good movies left, but customers might have to dig to find them.

Frank Heath, owner of Cat's Cradle, next door to VisArt's 7,000-square-foot space, said, "VisArt will be

dearly missed, especially since it's the only independent video store left in town," adding that the store has been a great neighbor for his music club.

Mia Prior, a VisArt customer for 20 years, said she

about movies and could help you find very obscure films.

"VisArt has been a treasure to this town, and has given us access to high art and culture that we cannot get easily elsewhere. In fact, I fear that the closing of the store is closing the door to finding out about a lot of these great movies for many people."

Most of the store's 12 employees have other part-time jobs, Price said, so they won't be unemployed once VisArt closes.

But though he won't be unemployed, Price said he is "really going to miss working" at VisArt.

"There was a reason I worked here for almost 15 years. It was the best job I ever had," he said. "I got to be surrounded by movies all the time."

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Study says tobacco effort working

Tobacco-prevention programs funded by the N.C. Health and Wellness Trust Fund continue to pay dividends: Fewer youth continue to take up smoking, more public places have become smoke-free and more adults that smoke are quitting.

That's the conclusion of the 2010 annual independent evaluation of the programs conducted by researchers at the UNC To-

acco Prevention and Evaluation Program (TPEP).

"Tobacco-prevention programs are a key part of our state's arsenal against fighting cancer – the leading cause of death in North Carolina – and reducing health care costs," said Adam Goldstein, director of TPEP. "For every dollar North Carolina spends on tobacco-use prevention, the state probably saves

at least \$10 in lower long-term medical costs."

The report found that Health and Wellness Trust Fund programs are in part responsible for preventing more than 53,000 youths from starting to smoke since 2003 and last year helped support more than 8,000 North Carolinians through QuitlineNC, a free telephone cessation service.

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THE CARRBORO CITIZEN 2010: The



◆ In January

Citing the poor economy, UNC's Tar Heel Temps announces it will close.

State Sen. Ellie Kinnaird says she will seek another term.

The statewide indoor smoking ban for most restaurants and nightclubs takes effect.

In a move that could aid plans for a new Inter-Faith shelter, the Chapel Hill Town Council approves new shelter guidelines.

The new Orange County main Library opens on Margaret Lane in Hillsborough.

Town and county managers inform their boards that it will be another difficult budget year.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City schools' Phoenix Academy celebrates its first graduating class.

Carrboro and Chapel Hill see a wave of car break-ins.

Real estate markets continue to slow down while the state reports record foreclosures.

◆ In February

The News and Observer Publishing Co. announces the sale of its Franklin Street headquarters to Top of the Hill's Scott Maitland, who plans to open a distillery.

A major winter storm drops eight inches of snow, causing a near-complete shutdown of travel and commerce, days of closed schools and widespread inconvenience.

NASA climate scientist James Hansen, members of the Sierra Club and university students and faculty gather at UNC's co-generation plant and ask that the school stop burning coal.

Local restaurants, clubs and organizations hold a community-wide effort to raise funds for relief in Haiti after a massive earthquake devastates the country.

A debate over plans to pave a section of the proposed Bolin Creek Greenway heats up.

The family of Atlas Fraley, a Chapel Hill High School athlete who died after being left alone at home by a county paramedic, files a lawsuit against the county and the paramedic.

It grows increasingly clear to basketball fans here and elsewhere that this will not be one of the 'Tar Heels' best seasons.

As filing season opens, Hillsborough police Chief Clarence Birkhead announces a run against Sheriff Lindy Pendergrass. Pendergrass, the state's longest-tenured sheriff, files for re-election.

The community mourns the loss of Tom Robinson, who sold seafood here for four decades, most of that time from the little white concrete market in downtown Carrboro.

Chapel Hill holds a public hearing about a potential ban on cell phone use while driving.

Gloria Steinem hosts a fundraiser in Chapel Hill in support of *Private Violence*, a documentary on domestic violence by local filmmakers Cynthia Hill and Rebecca Ceresse.

◆ In March

Civil-liberties champion and longtime UNC law professor Dan Pollitt dies at 88.

Former Hillsborough Mayor Joe Phelps and Carrboro Board of Aldermen member Joal Hall Broun file to challenge incumbent Barry Jacobs in the race for an at-large seat on the Orange County Board of Commissioners.

Chapel Hill adopts an inclusionary-zoning ordinance aimed at expanding the range of housing stock and making more of it available to low- and moderate-income families.

The Inter-Faith Council begins a series of community conversations on the proposed new Community House on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

A raccoon found at the corner of Columbia Street and Mount Carmel Church Road becomes the first confirmed rabies case of the year.

Local health care-reform advocates cheer on the passage of sweeping federal reform legislation after a bruising yearlong battle in Congress.

Two people are killed in a townhouse fire on Legion Road. A wet winter has local growers scrambling to get fields ready for market season.

The Chapel Hill Town Council agrees to hold off for a while on a proposed bond sale for a library expansion.

The historic Pittsboro Courthouse is destroyed by fire.

Hillsborough police Chief Clarence Birkhead resigns.

The UNC Men's Basketball team beats the Rhode Island Rams, 68-67, and advances to the title game in the National Invitational Tournament.

Andrew Douglas Dalzell, a former Carrboro resident suspected in the 1997 disappearance of Deborah Key, is sentenced to nearly 27 years in federal prison for attempting to seduce underage girls in an Internet chat room.

◆ In April

Residents debate an urban deer hunt as Chapel Hill holds a forum on deer population control.

Three suspects are arrested and charged with first-degree murder after allegedly throwing a victim from a car in Northern Orange County on March 29.

Early voting starts in the primaries and the Orange County Schools Board of Education election.

Hillsborough invites the public to submit ideas on a downtown proposed rail station.

Vimala Rajendran, gaining a reputation for her Indian cooking, announces she'll open a restaurant.

UNC is awarded a \$14.5-million stimulus grant to expand its genetic research facility in Bingham Township.

Orange County commissioners cut 21 open county positions and promise to cut more as the county's budget picture dims.

A report by Orange County Emergency Services says the service is failing to meet performance goals and needs additional funding.

A gazebo at the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery is dedicated in memory of Rebecca Clark, who died in 2009.

Hillsborough Town Manager Eric Peterson announces the town is looking into records backdating at the police department.

Chapel Hill and Orange County reach an agreement for an artificial-turf soccer field at Cedar Falls Park.

UNC system President Erskine Bowles criticizes cuts for the system in Gov. Beverly Perdue's proposed budget.

Demario Atwater pleads guilty to federal carjacking, kidnapping and firearms charges in exchange for life in prison without parole in the slaying of UNC Student Body President Eve Carson.

Carrboro and state transportation officials say they've reached a major breakthrough in negotiations on a design for Smith Level Road.

Students hold a walkout at a speech by former Republican congressman Tom Tancredo. His speech on campus a year earlier led to protests and arrests.

Early-vote totals are lower than normal in the primary elections. Census takers begin household surveys in Hillsborough.

Orange County receives a \$150,000 state grant to protect 153 acres of farmland in Schley.

According to statistics kept by the Orange Water and Sewer Authority, April 2010 is the driest April on record.

◆ In May

Incumbents Barry Jacobs and Lindy Pendergrass and newcomer Earl McKee win their primary races.

Secretary of State Elaine Marshall falls short of the necessary threshold for an outright win in the U.S. Senate primary and draws a second race against second-place finisher Cal Cunningham.

At a press conference with state officials and representatives of the Sierra Club, Chancellor Holden Thorp announces the university will end its use of coal by 2020.

Chapel Hill and county leaders meet to try to develop a framework for a deal on library services.

The ArtsCenter celebrates 35 years with an outdoor Cirque des Artes and a major new fund drive.

Rita Bongarten is named the new principal for Frank Porter Graham Elementary School.

Carrboro police conduct pedestrian decoy operations to snare drivers who ignore people using crosswalks downtown, handing out 47 citations.

Former U.S. Rep. Ike Andrews dies at 84.

The Carrboro Farmers' Market launches Truck Bucks — a new currency that allows patrons to use credit cards or government food benefits cards to purchase food at the market.

Pittsboro and Chatham County officials announce a task force to develop plans for rebuilding the Pittsboro Courthouse.

Brothers Joey and Freddie Shelton are hailed as heroes for foiling a daylight abduction in downtown Chapel Hill.

OWASA officials get an earful at a hearing on a proposed rate hike.

Citing concerns about county plans for the area and asking for more information, Carrboro officials refuse to sign off on a change in water and sewer boundaries in Efland.

The Chapel Hill Town Council and developer Roger Perry of East West Partners discuss initial plans for Obey Creek, a major retail, office and residential development on U.S. 15-501 directly across from Southern Village.

Demario Atwater pleads guilty in state court to the first-degree murder of former UNC Student Body President Eve Carson. Under a plea agreement, District Attorney Jim Woodall agrees to drop the death penalty in exchange for a guilty plea carrying a sentence of life without parole.

UNC trustees approve site plans for a new UNC law school in the area occupied by Horace Williams Airport.

Carrboro approves an \$18.5-million budget keeping the town's tax rate steady at 58.94 cents.

◆ In June

Tony Waldrop, UNC's vice chancellor for research and economic development and a former UNC track star, is named provost of the University of Central Florida.

WCOM-FM, Carrboro's community radio station, remains at 103.5 on the dial but moves its studio from the corner of Greensboro and Weaver streets to a building off Main Street near Car's Cradle.

Orange County commissioners hear from the public on a proposed sales-tax hike. The quarter-cent hike would require voters' approval via a November referendum.

Carrboro police say DNA testing helped solve the 1984 rape and murder case of a 7-year-old girl at the Rocky Brook Mobile Home Park. George Richard Fisher, in prison for a similar crime, eventually pleads guilty in the case.

Orange County adopts a \$175.3-million budget and holds the ad valorem tax rate to 85.8 cents per \$100 of valuation.

The Chapel Hill Town Council approves a \$52.6-million budget, holding the town's tax rate at \$49.4 per \$100 of valuation. The council also agrees to sell bonds for library expansion, sidewalk improvements and parks projects.

After an investigation into department record-keeping practices, Hillsborough's police department withdraws from the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies.

OWASA approves a scaled-down rate increase averaging 9.25 percent.

Club Nova cuts the ribbon on a completed renovation including new murals and improvements to its clubhouse.

Hog Day returns to its old spot in Hillsborough. Much barbecue is consumed.

The class of 2010 graduates.

County commissioners agree to a November referendum asking for the authority to hike sales taxes a quarter-cent. The bulk of the money would go to schools and economic-development efforts.

Author and Chapel Hill resident Timothy Tyson along with state NAACP head Rev. William Barber and two others are arrested after a sit-in protest at a Wake County Board of Education meeting.

After failing to get the deal it wanted from the town, the Chapel Hill Museum board of directors announces that the 14-year-old museum will close.

The Town of Carrboro bids farewell to Town Clerk Sarah Williamson, who started working for the town in 1972.

The Inter-Faith Council files for a permit to build a new shelter and move the IFC Community House from downtown to a site near the corner of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Homestead Road.

Brothers Joey and Freddie Shelton receive the keys to the Town of Chapel Hill.

◆ In July

Carrboro United Methodist Church celebrates its centennial.

The Chapel Hill Museum closes its doors and makes plans to distribute its collection.

A crowd of nearly 100 citizens turns out to protest plans for a dramatic hike in sewer fees in Efland.

Chapel Hill High student Kristen Powers, organizer of the school's Green Tiger program, attends a White House ceremony as one of 15 high-schoolers recognized by Vice President Joe Biden as a member of *Parade* magazine's All-American High School Service Team.

Year in Review



Open Eye Cafe's Scott Conary flies to London to be head judge of the 11th annual World Barista Championship.

Carrboro forms its Centennial Committee.

In a summer that eventually sets the record for number of days above 90 degrees, a heat wave of 100-plus temperatures settles in for days.

Carrboro updates its invasive-plants list.

UNC announces a massive expansion of its Bingham research facility off N.C. 54 despite long-running environmental concerns raised by its neighbors.

One man is killed and two are injured in the mid-afternoon crash of a flight at Horace Williams Airport.

UNC says the sluggish economy has led to a change of plans, and a public-private innovation center will not be the first building at Carolina North. University officials also say that its AHEC air operations will likely be moved in 2011 after a new hangar is completed at RDU.

Duke Energy awards Durham Tech \$250,000 for a sustainable-technologies program at the community college's Hillsborough campus.

The NCAA initiates an investigation of the university's football program.

Neil Pedersen, who has served 17 years as superintendent of Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, announces he'll retire.

The family of Dean Smith sends an open letter to the community saying the coach is experiencing memory loss.

A proposed framework for library services and support between Chapel Hill and Orange County gets mixed reviews, with several council members saying it doesn't go far enough.

◆ In August

Carl Maytac becomes the new N.C. Cooperative Extension director for Orange County.

UNC says it will relinquish its \$14.5-million stimulus grant and greatly scale down its plans at its Bingham research facility.

A deal between Alamance Regional Medical Center and UNC clears the way for a new UNC Hospital near the Durham Tech campus in Hillsborough.

Former track star and UNC assistant coach Antonio Pettigrew is found dead in the back seat of his car on a bridge at Jordan Lake. His death is later ruled a suicide.

The N.C. 54 park-and-ride lot goes permit only.

Carrboro engineers and officials hold a series of discussions on the town's pending big dig along Weaver Street.

Weaver Street Market announces that changing the discount system, cost cutting and a hiring freeze saved about \$750,000 and helped the co-op turn a profit after losing \$1.2 million in the previous year.

An electrical fire shuts down The ArtsCenter for a couple of days.

Longtime columnist Eddy Landreth starts writing a weekly UNC sports column for *The Carrboro Citizen*.

Following complaints by a national anti-abortion organization, the UNC system begins allowing students enrolled in the student health plan to opt out of an elective abortion benefit.

Chatham County narrows its landfill search.

A new solar array is dedicated at the Maple View Agricultural Center.

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen deadlocks on whether to shift its banking services to Harrington Bank or BB&T.

Davidson College president and UNC School of Law graduate Thomas Ross is named as the new UNC system president.

◆ In September

UNC head football coach Butch Davis announces the suspension of defensive tackle Marvin Austin. Several more suspensions follow.

The Carrboro High School Jaguars continue the impressive start to their football season by walloping Orange High 30-0.

Mulch sales resume at the landfill.

Carrboro dedicates its new fire station on Homestead Road, showing off its green features.

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen pick Harrington Bank as the town's new banking partner, provided the company can satisfy capitalization concerns raised by its regulator.

Cornucopia Cancer Support Center moves to new digs on Durham-Chapel Hill Boulevard.

Catherine C. Wilson, town clerk for Kiawah Island, S.C., is named Carrboro's new town clerk.

Chatham County and Central Carolina Community College (CCCC) officials hold a joint ribbon cutting to open the new Chatham Community Library and the Sustainable Technologies Building on the CCCC campus in Pittsboro.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro school board member Joe Green resigns to take a position at Marquette University.

A large number of nursing moms gather in Southern Village as part of the World's Breastfeeding Challenge.

The Orange County Board of Commissioners votes 5-2 to close the county dental clinic at Carr Mill Mall and consolidate dental services at the county's Hillsborough clinic.

Two of the six defendants charged with the first-degree kidnapping and murder of 20-year-old Joshua Bailey plead guilty to lesser charges in a plea agreement.

Despite objections by some nearby residents, Carrboro and the N.C. Department of Transportation strike a deal on improvements to Smith Level Road. It took 30 years.

◆ In October

The Chapel Hill Town Council bests the Carrboro Board of Aldermen in a WCHL Quiz Bowl.

Hillsborough selects Duane Hampton, a lieutenant with the Durham Police Department, as its new chief of police.

An oil leak from an old underground tank causes a strong smell of oil near the intersection of Robert Hunt Drive and North Greensboro Street.

Two banks – one in Hillsborough and one in Chapel Hill – are robbed in the same week. Police say the robberies are unrelated.

Chapel Hill suspends and later fires two sanitation workers, sparking protests from the NAACP and others.

Brumley Forest, a 613-acre property between Hillsborough and Chapel Hill, is turned over to the Triangle Land Conservancy. It is dedicated to the family of George and Julia Brumley, who died with their two children and other relatives in a plane crash in Kenya in 2003.

Work begins on a new food-processing center for local farmers in Hillsborough.

Early voting begins in the general election.

Chapel Hill Police Chief Brian Curran announces his retirement.

Chatham County receives a \$25-million Rural Development loan to construct a new judicial center in Chatham County.

Neal Cassada, suspected in the 2008 murder of Irina Yarmolenko, dies a day before he was set to go on trial for the killing.

Business leaders launch a sustained effort to rally support for the quarter-cent sales-tax hike.

Orange County officials announce they have a contract on land on Hillsborough Road in downtown Carrboro as a possible site for a southwestern branch library.

Halloween in Chapel Hill continues to see lower attendance thanks to an effort to make it very difficult to get an automobile into town.

◆ In November

In what President Barack Obama describes as a "shellacking," Democrats lose control of the N.C. House and Senate for the first time since 1898. In Orange County, the GOP does not win a race. In Chatham, the GOP takes all three county commissioner seats.

Orange County voters narrowly reject the proposed quarter-cent sales tax referendum.

James Harris, Carrboro's community- and economic-development director, announces he will retire after 29 years of service.

Residents express concerns about a potential deal to put a new building with a CVS drugstore as the anchor at the corner of Greensboro and Weaver streets.

OPC Area Program, the local governmental agency that oversees publicly funded mental health, developmental disability and substance abuse services, enters into merger negotiations with an agency in Alamance and Caswell counties.

Residents decry a proposal to start a town Development Agreement process on the Obey Creek project, citing decades of consensus on the property. The Chapel Hill Town Council agrees to further study before considering one.

Harrington Bank sends a letter to the town saying it will not meet a year-end deadline to settle issues with regulators. Carrboro's banking contract is later awarded to BB&T.

Chapel Hill Assistant Police Chief Chris Blue, who moved to town when he was 12, is named the department's new chief of police.

Developers brief the Chapel Hill Town Council on the major redevelopment planned for University Square.

A prison inmate at UNC Hospitals for treatment escapes, steals a UNC police car and leads officers from several law-enforcement agencies on a high-speed chase through town. After crashing near Mebane, he is arrested.

Two sanitation workers fired by the town of Chapel Hill file grievances with the town and a complaint with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

◆ In December

Ideas are bandied about for what to do with the old Chapel Hill Library building on East Franklin Street.

Local government, university and business leaders discuss the potential for a new collaboration on economic-development efforts.

Forestry-management plans for about 1,900 acres of OWA-SA-owned land near the Cane Creek Plans Reservoir draw an angry response from hundreds of residents. The utility's board agrees to postpone a decision and extend the public-comment period.

Chapel Hill planners hold a discussion about future development in the Ephesus Road-Fordham Boulevard area.

Plans by management of The Courtyard to build an 88-space parking deck and convert top-floor spaces to apartments wins approval.

Harrington Bank officials say capital problems that led to new enforcement actions by regulators have been resolved.

The Carrboro High School Jaguars end the winningest football season in school history with a hard-fought loss in the third round of the 2A state playoffs.

Residents tell the Chapel Hill-Carrboro school board that a new superintendent needs to be prepared to work hard to close the achievement gap.

In a moving eulogy at a service in Raleigh, Cate Edwards remembers the life of her mother, Elizabeth Edwards.

Brad Broadwell, Orange County's director of economic development, resigns.

Orange County commissioners agree to plans to spend \$1.47 million on renovations to the county health and dental clinic in Hillsborough.

After mixed results in the early season, basketball fans here and elsewhere remain unsure if this will be a good year for the Tar Heels.

Chapel Hill officials announce they're in talks with University Mall owner Madison Marquette about moving the town library into space now occupied by Dillard's instead of expanding the current library.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Reminders

People sure meet a lot around here. Not just at restaurants and nightclubs, but officially, with minutes and presentations and decisions and all that.

Counting all the advisory boards, the number of meeting hours in Chapel Hill and Carrboro is in the thousands. As happens every December after several hours spent compiling our annual year in review issue, the time I spent observing officialdom sinks in.

This year, I logged about 200 hours attending or watching the meetings of the two towns' elected boards. And thanks to the magic of the interwebs, I even got to go back and look at a few of those precious hours twice. Most of what stood out has already appeared in *The Citizen* in the form of a dryly written report to the people on what's being done in their name. Some weeks, trying to get everything that happened into print involves serious triage, and other weeks it really would be easier to describe paint drying.

As you might guess, there are some pretty interesting moments that never make it into the meeting wrap-up. Naturally, there is the occasional expression of outrage and fury. But there are far more moments when passion for an issue comes out in an eloquent, well thought-out statement that you just know somebody sat up half the night thinking how to word.

Then there are the oddball moments, when the process veers outside of Robert's Rules of Order. As when the other evening the county commissioners participated in a demonstration of one of the dozens of defibrillators the county had purchased. Hilarity ensued.

The oddest moment at Carrboro Town Hall came during a lengthy public hearing on Smith Level Road. After a series of opponents of the deal with DOT had made their case, Mayor Mark Chilton, who had worked hard to reach the compromise, uttered the following words: "I'm going to recognize myself." The mayor then walked up to the podium and in a 20-minute soliloquy laid out the realities as he saw them.

My favorite moment from the other side of the tracks came during a slow-moving evening of public hearings by the Chapel Hill Town Council. An engineer working for Lowe's was going through the technical aspects of a proposed expansion of the company's outdoor area and the elimination of a parking lot. Then he came to the reason a particular light pole in the delivery area had to be moved.

"This light post has become a target for most tractor-trailer drivers who come into the parking area," he said, then added: "This light post has lived a hard life."

And, get this, they pay me to watch this stuff.

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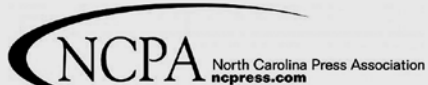
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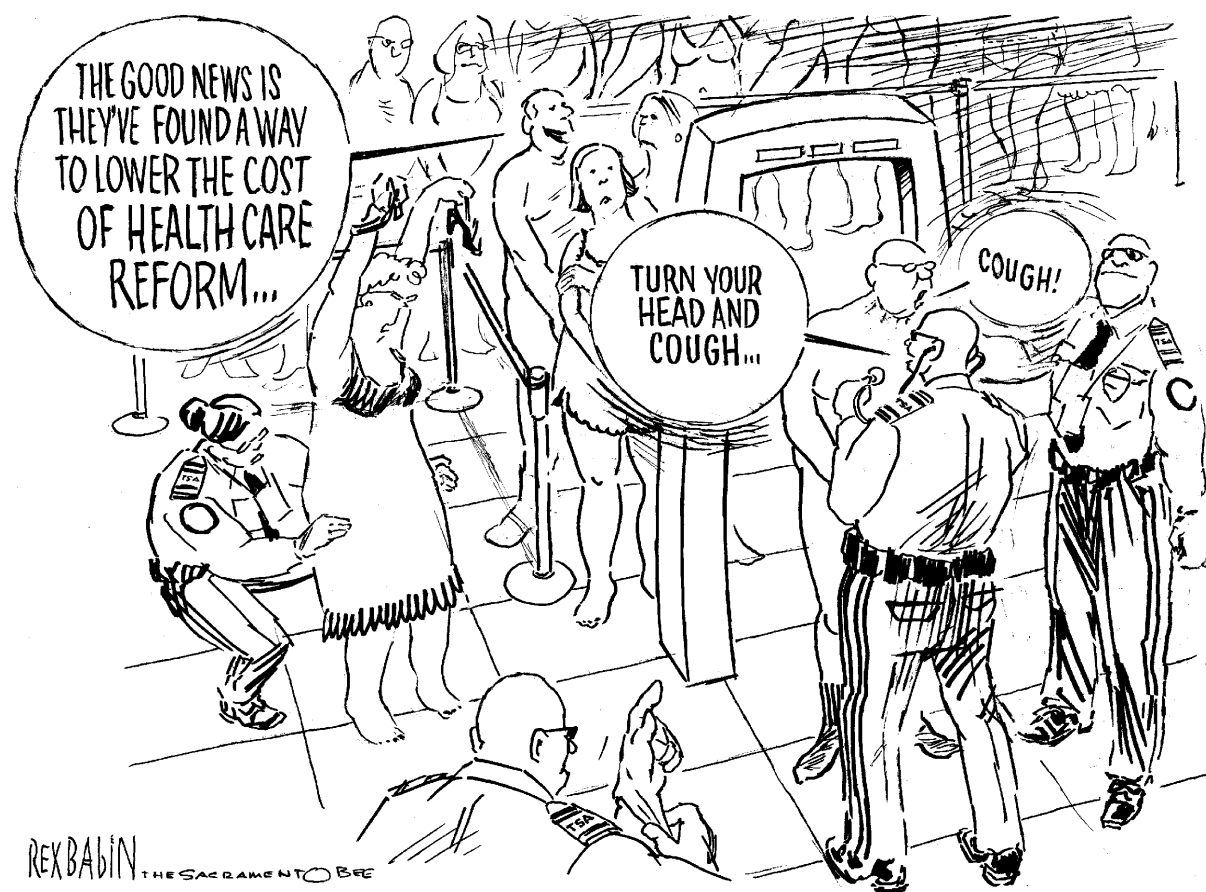
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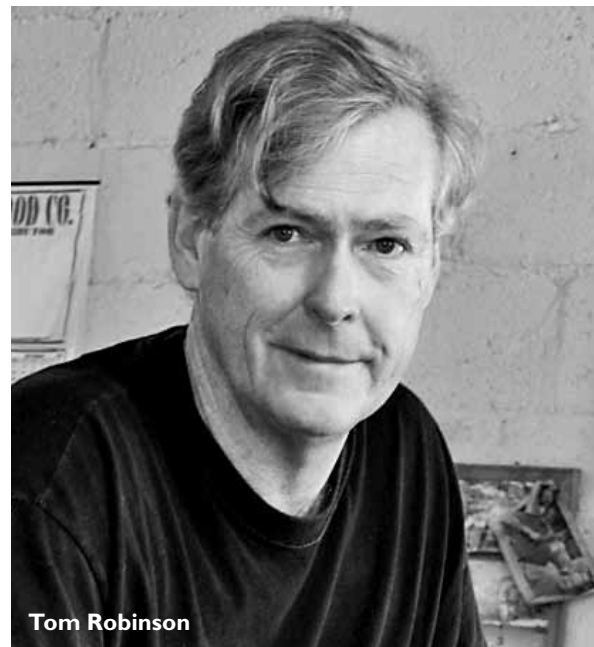
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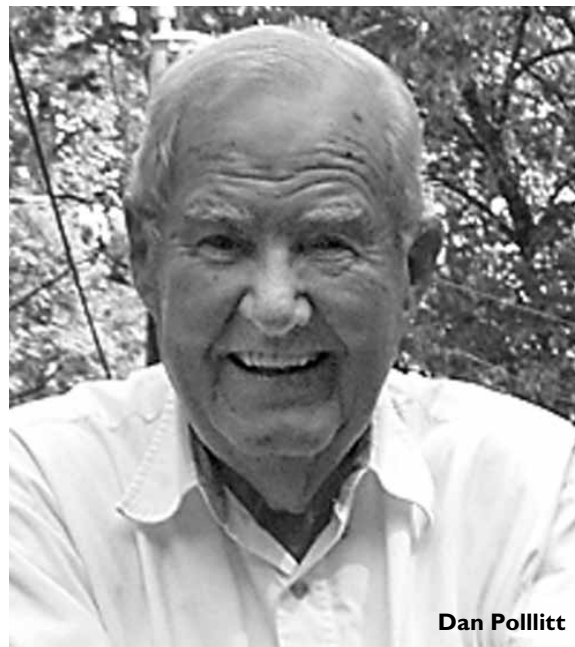
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Kenneth P. Strong, longtime PlayMakers Repertory Company actor and dramatic arts professor at UNC, of cancer.

Carolyn Roycroft Cobb, a member of the Preservation Society and the Cancer Task Force for North Carolina and a Brownie and Girl Scout leader.

Tom Robinson, seafood merchant and a sharp-witted, sometimes-acerbic, honest and forthright individual, following a brief illness.

Dan Pollitt, civil-liberties champion, civil-rights pioneer and longtime UNC law professor, at 88.

Virginia E. Tolliver, teacher, administrator and civic leader.

Pearson H. Stewart, the first vice president of the Research Triangle Foundation and first executive director of the Research Triangle Regional Planning Commission and its successor agency, the Triangle J Council of Governments, at 90.

Andrew John Miketa, professional football player and local dentist, while undergoing emergency surgery.

Ike Andrews, six-term representative of North Carolina's 4th Congressional District, at 84.

Virginia Julian, passionate equestrian and founder and owner, with her husband, of Milton's Clothing Cupboard in Chapel Hill.

Ashley Osment, skilled legal strategist and tactician, fierce champion of justice and advocate for an underdog, musician and mother, at 46, of ovarian cancer.

Toy Cheek, local farmer, active member of both the Orange County Cattleman's Association and the Carrboro Planning Board, at 81.

Warren Nord, founding director of the Program in the Humanities and Human Values at UNC, of leukemia.

Bertha "B" Merrill Holt, the first woman to enroll in the University of North Carolina's School of Law and the only woman in her class.

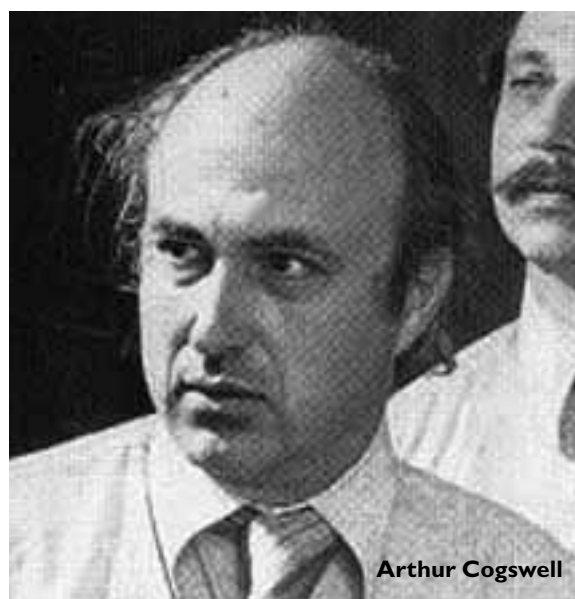
Mary Francis Eldridge, board member of the Friends of the Carrboro Branch Library and longtime community volunteer, at 83.

David Roberts, former Chapel Hill town clerk and tax collector, at Carillon Assisted Living in Hillsborough.

Homer Morrow, the "unofficial mayor of Carrboro" and a familiar face to many, at 68.

Lucy McKerrow, a physical therapist for those with disabilities and a teacher of tennis and bowling to generations of high school girls, at the age of 105.

Rob Hogan, a local farmer and a friend to many, from injuries sustained from a fall while stepping down from his tractor.



Arthur Cogswell

Arthur Cogswell, whose work and mentorship of others inspired new directions in architecture.

Arlene Nutter "Muffin" Brosig, known throughout the community as the co-founder of Maple View Ice Cream and for her charitable work, of cancer, at 53.

June Watson, supervising nurse in N.C. Memorial Hospital's outpatient department, surrounded by family and friends in her Dogwood Acres home.

Wesley Lowder, owner of the Reservoir Bar in Chapel Hill, at 32, of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Howard Pendergraph, a detective with the Chapel Hill Police Department for 35 years, at 86.

Marie Louise "Peachee" Wicker, one of the first women to graduate from UNC with a master's in psychology and a driving force behind the movement to integrate the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

Nancy Sitterson, a member of the first public library board, organizer for Meals on Wheels, active member of Chapel of the Cross Episcopal Church and co-founder of the Carol Woods rose garden, at 91.

Elizabeth Edwards, wife of presidential candidate John Edwards, author and advocate for health care reform, at 61, of cancer.

Gordon Allen, who represented Orange and Person counties and served in both the N.C. House and Senate, at 81.

LETTERS

Dictating medical needs

I am a longtime resident of Chapel Hill as well as a patron of the town's Easy Rider bus service since its inception. To be eligible to use Easy Rider, it is necessary to show that you cannot physically utilize the regular town buses.

Reservations for delivery and pick-up are required to be made at least two days in advance. However, in case of emergencies, one may call on the day that it is needed and hope to be able to be worked into the schedule for that day. Therefore, one-day reservations are made by persons who not only have a physical handicap but also have a particular need that had not been anticipated.

I like to be independent as much as possible, but through the years Easy Rider has come in very handy when I do not have a car or the weather is precarious. On Thursday, Dec. 16, I called Easy Rider since the weather was severe and I needed a ride to the Community Center swimming pool. I have made this same call many times in the past and have always been accommodated.

However, this time I was told that same-day reservations could no longer be made except for medical appointments. When I said that I would be happy to provide a prescription from my doctor stating that swimming was a vital component of my health maintenance, I was told that this "would not fly." My doctor has always praised me for taking care of myself with regular physical exercise so that my severe disability does not require time-consuming and expensive medical interventions.

Since when does the town, rather than my own doctor, dictate what are my medical needs? Since when does the town decide what is important, and what is not important, for a handicapped person who is requesting assistance for something that he or she feels is vital at the time?

My three phone messages to the director of transportation services were never returned. Perhaps he was at a medical appointment. I hope it was "authorized."

CARLA SHUFORD
Chapel Hill

OBITUARY

Timothy Cole

Timothy Christopher Cole departed this life Dec. 23, 2010. He was the beloved son of Anne Cole of Chapel Hill, N.C., and Byron Cole of Cary, N.C. Timothy was born in Columbus, Ohio, but spent his childhood and much of his adult life in Chapel Hill. He attended St. Thomas More Elementary School and Chapel Hill High School. A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, he also received a master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He received his law degree from North Carolina Central University, graduating with honors.

Timothy was with the Orange County Public Defenders Office for several years and practiced law in Hillsborough, N.C. At the time of his death, he was practicing law in Marion, N.C.

An accomplished guitarist and composer, music was a large part of Timothy's life. He also appeared in a number of different roles in community theater. An engaging smile and a charming personality, he was loved by the many who knew him.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by four brothers, Jeffrey Cole of Burbank, Calif., Barry Cole of Durham, N.C., Jonathan Cole of Garner, N.C., and Brian Wang of Houston, Texas; a sister, Lisa New of Baltimore; a nephew, Christopher Cole; and a niece, Kendra Cole of Burbank.

Walker Funeral Home of Chapel Hill handled cremation. A mass will be held at St. Thomas More Church in Chapel Hill on Friday, Dec. 31 at 2 p.m., with interment at the St. Thomas More Columbarium.

Farewell, Timothy. The many who loved you here send their love with you into another life.

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Bees riding out the storm in their winter homes

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What's at Market? Check it out . . .
New Item this Week: Herbs and nettles!, beet greens, savoy cabbage, mint, thyme, brussel sprouts, carrots, broccoli rabe, cauliflower, broccoli, beets, swiss chard, kale, spinach, acorn squash, cheese squash, bok choy, hot and sweet peppers, tomatoes, potatoes, beans, onions, garlic, sweet potatoes, potted herbs, eggs, sun-dried tomatoes, cornmeal, lettuce, arugula, wheat flour, salad mixes (spicy and non), fresh herbs, pecans, goat, beef, pork, lamb, chicken, buffalo, and various specialty meats like liverwurst, bologna, hotdogs, etc, cow's and goat's milk cheeses, breads, doughnuts, tortes, pies, cakes, jams, relishes, local wine, and more.

New Year's Recipe

Bill Neal's recipe for Hoppin' John serves 4-6
(From Bill Neal's Southern Cooking, UNC Press)
2 c. cooked black-eyed peas
2 c. cooked rice
1 c. chopped fresh tomato
1/2 c. finely chopped scal-

lions
1/2 t. salt
1/4 t. freshly ground black pepper
Grated cheddar cheese (optional)
Heat rice and peas separately if cold. (Add 3 T. water

to cold rice, cover and steam briefly.) Combine lightly in skillet or sauté pan, sprinkle tomato and scallions over all and season with salt and pepper. Cover and heat through. Add grated cheese when serving, if desired.

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White pines, relics of the last glacial period, tower above sycamores along the Deep River.

PHOTO BY ROBERT DICKSON

FLORA
FROM PAGE 1

Kathy Buck and I followed in Vicky and Robert's footsteps at the preserve on Christmas Day. We were impressed with the extensive forest of evergreen American hollies, some heavily berried, and most festive at this special winter solstice time. Medieval druids would be happy here.

The occurrence of white pines, *Pinus strobus*, 75 miles east of their normal range, is the special natural feature that led to the White Pines Preserve becoming the first of the Triangle Land Conservancy's several preserves.

Download the preserve guide and map (triangleland.org) before you go. The map will keep you oriented as you explore.

Walking beneath the mature pines, noticing seedlings growing here and there beneath them, one can pause to consider that these characteristic mountain plants are relics isolated here following the retreat of the last glacial period 10,000 years ago. Specific environmental conditions of temperature and moisture, critical for survival of the species, still exist along the steep slopes at the confluence of the two rivers.

You can distinguish white pines from the preserve's

dominant loblolly pine, *Pinus taeda*, if you look for long narrow cones (like a short banana), bluish-green needles that occur five to a fascicle (bundle), tree limbs in whorls around the main stem, like the spokes of a wheel, and smooth dark bark.

Our Christmas Day walk was rejuvenating; I hope we will manage such an outing every week in 2011.

Celebrate this New Year with your own exploration of the White Pines or some other natural area, and resolve to explore a different place every weekend.

Email Ken Moore at flora@carrborocitizen.com.



Jim Shumaker, 1989

When Jim Shumaker died 10 years ago this week, it left a huge hole in local journalism, the J-School and my heart. "Shu," who schooled many a wet-behind-the-ears lad (including *Citizen* editor Kirk Ross) at the old *Chapel Hill Weekly* was famous for his typewriter-throwing tantrums. Why, in a fit, the old editor could shot put his long-suffering Underwood eight feet across the office onto his leather couch. Often as not, yr hmb1 svt was the cause of such exertion. So this week, we celebrate the life of my first editor and second daddy, who went on to more fame and tirades at Howell Hall (before the J-School moved into its posh new digs in Carroll Hall). Shumaker may be better known in pop culture as the inspiration for the late Jeff MacNelly's curmudgeonous editor of the *Treetops Tattler Tribune*. I'm sure MacNelly would approve of us reprinting his cartoon from the 1989 book *Shu* – a collection of Shumaker's stellar columns edited and published by the late, great Roland Giduz, who writes in the book jacket, "Most important to Shu are the frailties and virtues of the common man, the simple life, and a disdain for pomp, puffery and pretense."

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BY JOCK LAUTERER



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Orange County Solid Waste Administrative Office will be **CLOSED December 27, 28, and 31.** We will be open from 8am-5pm on December 29 and 30. Normal hours of operation resume Monday, January 3.

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