

PIPES
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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 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 tips and advice on its website at 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.



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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.

One hundred years ago this November, two generations after this sorry, though not uncommon, story, sprang one of the linchpins of the Civil Rights movement. Born in Baltimore, Anna "Pauli" Murray spent her later childhood in Durham with grandmother Cornelia and grandfather Robert Fitzgerald, before moving to New York and finding her way through the obstacle course life presented for a mulatto woman continually striving to better not only herself but seeking equal rights for all. Even before the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill refused to enroll her in 1938 based on her race, she was an activist. After graduating at the top of her class from Howard University in 1944 with a fellowship to pursue a law degree at Harvard, she was rejected due to

her gender. But the door was open at the University of California at Berkeley, where she titled her master's thesis *The Right to Equal Opportunity in Employment*. After receiving a doctorate from Yale in 1965, she taught law in Ghana and at Boston and Brandeis universities while remaining active in the movements toward equality that provided her friendships with Eleanor Roosevelt, Martin Luther King Jr. and Gloria Steinem, among others.

She long recognized the courage and effects of Mary Ruffin Smith, the great-great-aunt who accepted her bastard nieces as family, raising them in the Big House and taking them with her to attend services at Chapel of the Cross, where they were relegated to sitting in the balcony, and where, at age 66, Murray celebrated her first Eucharist

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.

Each year, an individual, a 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

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 car-train 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, Calif.; 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-in-law, 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.

said James Spivey, a human-rights 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.

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 library in the county, as well as at co.orange.nc.us/hrr/pmrays.asp

"The effect of labels divides us and separates us, denying opportunities for us to genuinely embrace our differences,"

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.

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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.

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