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## Ithaca Ponders Limits On Public Smoking

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The Ithaca Common Council is considering legislation that would limit outdoor smoking in public places by early 2010.

According to alderperson Eric Rosario (I-2nd Ward), chair of the subcommittee that reviews smoking regulations, the subcommittee's proposal to the Council focuses on restricting smoking in highly trafficked public areas. The areas being considered for the ban include areas that people have difficulty avoiding, such as outdoor dining areas, as well as areas frequented by children, such as playgrounds and schools.

Rosario said that the idea of smoke-free zones

was brought to the Council in 2007 by Tobacco Free Tompkins. The group, known as "T-Free," is a coalition of groups and individuals dedicated to decreasing the presence of tobacco in the community. When

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### Play it again, Sam

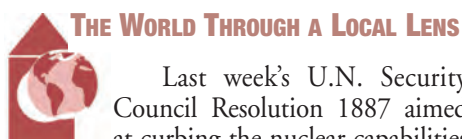


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Michael Clarkson, tenor (right), with pianist Graeme Bailey, performs at Barnes Hall Auditorium yesterday at a concert featuring selections from Vaughan Williams.

## C.U. Profs Doubt U.N.'s Ability To Enforce Nuclear Restrictions

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### THE WORLD THROUGH A LOCAL LENS

Last week's U.N. Security Council Resolution 1887 aimed at curbing the nuclear capabilities of Iran, North Korea and other nuclear-aspiring nations was merely the first development in setting the international stage for this Thursday's talk in Geneva, Switzerland regarding the fate of Iran's nuclear future.

Acting as Chairman of the Security Council — a first for an American president — President Barack Obama advanced a resolution that would close the gaps in interna-

tional nuclear regulations that are often exploited by nations seeking to establish weapons programs.

The resolution aims to make it more difficult for countries to convert peaceful nuclear programs into weapons projects. At the Security Council meeting last Thursday, Obama sought to generate wide-ranging support for rewriting old agreements such as the 1972 Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty and encouraging countries to adopt new restrictions on the transfer of nuclear material and technology.

As the members hammered out details of the resolution, there was talk of a "nuclear free zone" in the Middle East. However,

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## Judge Dismisses Charges in Zambian Article Controversy

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A Zambian judge dismissed on Sept. 25 the contempt charges against a major Zambian newspaper, which were filled as a result of an article written by a Cornell professor. The charges were initially filed on Aug. 31 after Prof. Muna Ndulo, law, penned a controversial article that was published in the Post-Zambia.

Lusaka High Court Judge Albert Wood dismissed the charges, citing a lack of foundation and a procedural error that occurred when the charges were filled.

"The facts from the record show that the alleged contempt, which is an article in a newspaper, was not committed in the face of the court," Wood said upon

making his decision. "The contempt proceedings before the Learned Chief Resident Magistrate cannot simply stand, I therefore quash all proceedings relating to the contempt proceedings in the court below."

Prof. Ndulo's column, entitled "The Chansa Kabwela Case: A Comedy of Errors," was heavily critical of the government's treatment of Post-Zambia editor Chansa Kabwela. Kabwela sent a number of graphic images of a breech birth that occurred as a result of a hospital strike in June to government officials. This medical complication, in which a baby exits the womb in a way other than head first, most likely would have been

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**Pleasure to meet you** | President Barack Obama greets President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni of Uganda during Thursday's session of the U.N. Security Council.

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