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On-going Events

• Step Aerobics at the Rec Park, 4-5 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays. \$5 per class.

• At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, various exercise classes. Call Jeanette Fisher at 828-526-1FIT.

Mondays & Wednesdays

• Middle School students After School Program from 3-5 p.m. at the Rec Park. The program is free and will include a snacks, homework help, arts/crafts, sports, community involvement projects, and mini field trips. Parents will be required to register their child(ren) upon their second day of attendance and children will be required to sign in daily. Call 526-3556.

Mon., Wed., & Fri.

• Open AA meeting noon and 8 p.m. at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.

Mondays

• Recreational Bridge 1 p.m. at the Rec Park. \$3 per person.

Tuesdays

• Highlands Rotary Club meets at noon at the Highlands Conference Center.

Wednesdays

• Highlands Mountain Top Rotary Club meets at the Highlands Conference Center at 7:30 a.m.

• Men's interdenominational Bible Study at 8:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church.

Thursdays

• Al-Anon meeting, noon at the Episcopal Church on Main and Fifth streets.

Friday & Saturday

• Live music at The Rib Shack every Friday and Saturday night from 8-11 p.m.

Friday-Sunday

• At Skyline Lodge & Restaurant. Hal Philips at the piano, 7-9 p.m. Flat Mountain Road. 526-2121.

Saturdays

• Live music at Cyprus Restaurant at 9:30 p.m.

Through September

• Hudson Library hosts a display of needlework featuring two years of work of the Sapphire Valley Chapter of the American Needlepoint Guild

Through Oct. 1

• At Summit One Gallery, at Second Street and Helen's Barn Ave. "Two Realities" paintings by Edward Rice and Philip Morseberger.

Thursday, Sept. 11

• Patz and Hall Wine Dinner at OEI's The Farm. \$169 per person, in-

clusive of tax and gratuity. For reservations, call 866-526-8008.

• At Highlands School, first PTO meeting at 6 p.m.

• The Highlands School varsity and junior varsity girls basketball team spaghetti dinner in conjunction with the PTO meeting. 4:15 and end at the beginning of the PTO meeting. Also to-go orders.

• At Highlands School, Book Fair from 5-6 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 13

• At ITC, singing duo, Steve Gillet and Cindy Mangsen at 8 p.m. Call 828-342-9197 for tickets.

• At Cyrano's Michael Davidoff will sign copies of a book featuring his father's photographs of the Kennedy era by Bob Davidoff from 1-3 p.m.

• Vintage Car Show at Pine Street Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring vehicles of all types 1978 and older.

Sunday, Sept. 14

• At First Presbyterian Church, WCU Vocal Concert at 3 p.m.

• At the Episcopal Church, the last Great Performance featuring Negro spirituals at 5 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 15-20

• Christmas Sale at Mountain Findings on Spruce Street with 50% markdowns in the "holiday" section of the store.

Wed., Sept. 17

• "Evening at Lakeside" restaurant to benefit the Highlands Community Child Development Center. Mention the organization and 15% will be donated.

Thursday & Friday, Sept 18-19

• At The Bascom, the art of shibori is the subject of Janet Taylor's workshop from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$108 for Bascom members and \$120 for not-yet-members. For more information or to register, call (828) 526-4949, ext. 4#.

Beginning Thursday, Sept. 18

• Collections for men and women overseas at Chestnut Hill Retirement community. A wide variety of items currently are needed contact Jeremy Duke in our community office at (828) 787-2114.

Thursday, Sept. 18

• A Miner Vineyards Wine Dinner at OEI's The Farm. \$169 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuity. Call 866-526-8008.

• At CLE, Your Dog's Lifetime Developmental Stages: What's to Know? Please call 526-8811 to register.

Fire destroys Big Bearpen water pump station

Area citizens asked to conserve usage

By Richard Betz
Town Administrator

As most of you know, the Town declared a Water Shortage Condition last month,

asking water customers to conserve water as much as possible. We are now asking customers in the Sherwood Forest, Big Bearpen, Little

Bearpen, and Bowery areas of Highlands to do the same again over the next few weeks.

The reason for this emergency is
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USFS trail cleared by 'Over the Hill' hiking group now open



Macon County Commissioner Brian McClellan, project leader Jim Whitehurst, Mayor Don Mullen and USFS Ranger Mike Wilke cut the ribbon to the Ranger Falls Interpretative Trail which begins at the old USFS Ranger Station on Flat Mountain Road. Whitehurst was presented a plaque depicting the trail as a memento for his steadfast determination and all the work he initiated making the trail accessible to the public.

Photo by Jim Lewicki

It took the "Over the Hill" hiking group two years, but finally a long defunct trail from Flat Mountain Road to Cliffside Lake is open and ready for hiking. The three-mile trail that drops 600 feet in elevation traverses past 16 interesting sites on its way down the mountain including a waterfall and an old homesite complete with rock walls, drainage ditches and ornamental plants. The trail is accessible from either the old Ranger Station on Flat Mountain Road or from the Cliffside Lake picnic area off U.S. 64 west.

Highlanders named to TDC board

About a year has passed since it was first discussed, but the county has adopted the bylaws governing two newly developed Tourism Development Commissions (TDC).

At Monday night's Macon County Commission meeting, the board unanimously adopted the bylaws for the Highlands Area TDC and the Franklin-Nantahala

TDC.

As advisory boards, the TDCs will decide how the county's room tax proceeds will be spent to promote trav-

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Variances OK'd for tiny lot

Zoning variances for a home on a lot off Cobb Road heard and granted September 2005 were heard again Wednesday night.

Since the structure was never built, owner Richard Boger's zoning certificate and the variances attached to it expired. That meant he had to return to a board made up of different members and headed by a different Zoning Administrator.

At the Sept. 10 Zoning Board meeting, he requested two minor variances – as defined by the state – to build at 864.60 sq. ft. structure on a .16 acre of land in the Critical Area III Watershed along Lake Sequoyah.

The built-upon limit in the CA-III Watershed is 12%. He requested a 13.8% built-upon.

Prior to the meeting, in an email to Boger, the Environmental Management Commission said even if he

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Weekend Weather:

FRI	SAT	SUN
70-58°F	77-59°F	78-60°F

• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• FORUM •

Bristol Palin's pregnancy highlights the prevalence of teen pregnancy

Every 28 minutes an N.C. teen becomes pregnant

The revelation of the pregnancy of Vice Presidential Candidate Sarah Palin's daughter Bristol, 17, brings the issue of teen pregnancy to the national forefront once more.

"Our hearts go out to the Palin family as they deal with this difficult issue under a national spotlight," said Kay Phillips, Executive Director of the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Campaign of North Carolina. "This issue is too common in America today and deserves a frank look at what we can do to help teens become adults without the fear of an early pregnancy. Unfortunately this also highlights what doesn't work, and we hope that both campaigns will take a hard look at the research and commit to backing programs that work instead of ineffective abstinence until marriage programs. All children deserve to know that abstinence is the best choice, but if they choose to engage in sex, they have options to prevent a pregnancy or potentially dangerous STI (sexually transmitted infection)."

In North Carolina, a teen girl becomes pregnant every 28 minutes.

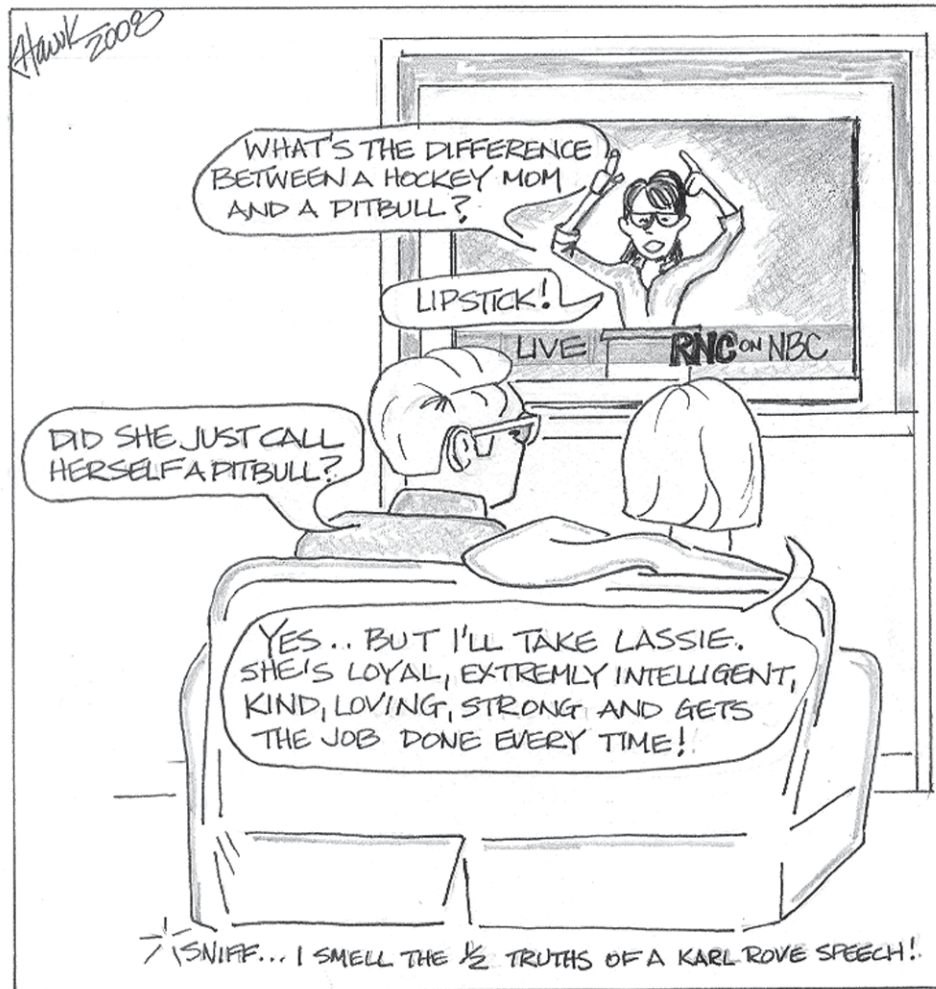
"This is an issue that can happen to anyone, anywhere; parents need to take this opportunity to speak to their children about sex and the consequences of sex.

Teenaged mothers are less likely to complete high school and less likely to go on to college. If we are committed to building a better life for our daughters, we must provide them with information about sex and how to prevent becoming pregnant, either through abstinence or contraception."

For further information and statistics on teen pregnancy in North Carolina, please visit our website at www.appcnc.org or call (919) 226-1880 for information.

• The Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Campaign of North Carolina (APPCNC) is a nonpartisan non-profit that works with health workers and those who work with teens to prevent teen pregnancy and promote better teen parenting skills. Its services include training, resources, advocacy and information as well as community mobilization. Its services are available to all 100 counties in N.C.

• HAWK'S EYE VIEW •



• LETTERS •

Lets tally up the tab!

Dear Editor,

After reading Mayor Mullen's comments about the Town Hall and the police department being an embarrassment, I felt compelled to answer. As a native of Highlands and a former mayor for 14 years, I care deeply about the town that I grew up in and have lived in all of my life.

The Town Hall has served this community very well for many years and with refurbishment and an addition could continue to do so for a long time. This could probably be accomplished for less than \$2 million. As for the police station, while some improvements are needed it can be done without a 6,000 sq. ft. facility inside the proposed Town Hall.

The new Town Hall encompasses 20,000 sq. ft. with approximately 6,000 of them dedicated to the police department. Going from less than 1,000 sq. ft. to 6,000 seems excessive and unwarranted. Plus, 1,000 sq. ft. has been appropriated for the Chamber of Commerce which is a private organization. I don't believe it should be part of a government building. The remaining 13,000 sq. ft. is dedicated to the town government. This includes multiple offices which I assume will be filled with additional employees. The decision to change to a manager form of government requires hiring more people at higher salaries to accomplish the same objectives. Is this a good use of taxpayer money?

The cost of the proposed project with the moving of the ABC store and the loss of its income during the process could cost the taxpayers in excess of \$10 million. In regards to the Kelsey-Hutchinson Park, with the infrastructure required and the moving of the existing road plus construction of the park and the cost of acquiring the property, it will be a \$2 million to \$2.5 million project when completed. Macon Bank owns a good portion of the green space and as far as I know does not have a long-term lease agreement with the town. I see no point in moving the road.

With major storm water projects proposed at a cost of millions, I would like to know if this is a Federal or state mandated program.

Also, the town is discussing a new recycling project. The county presently provides a recycling center at Buck Creek which should be more than adequate. It would be very expensive for the town to duplicate this service.

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LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

We reserve the right to reject or edit submissions. No anonymous letters will be accepted. Views expressed are not necessarily those of Highlands' Newspaper.

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gency is entirely different and is not related to the drought: a major water pumping station was destroyed by fire early Saturday morning.

The fire was apparently caused by an electrical malfunction – no vandalism or foul play is suspected and there was no forced entry to the pump station house.

The pumping station will not be operational for many weeks — perhaps as long as two to three months. Not only will the building have to be replaced, but new pumps, electrical components, and controls will need to be ordered and installed.

The pumping station controls water to the large water storage tank on Big Bearpen Mountain, which in turn provides water by gravity to customers in those areas of town. About a quarter of the town's population is serviced by the pump station.

Fortunately, town crews have been able to place an older pumping station into service on a temporary basis. It is providing water to the storage tank, but not at the level required for the number of customers in the area.

We are therefore asking that customers in this area limit use of water as much as possible.

It would be helpful, for example, if you could avoid car washing, and limit lawn, garden, and shrubbery watering to the bare minimum. Other ways to conserve water include not leaving faucets running unnecessarily, limiting the use of clothes washers and dishwashers, limiting showers to no more than



Authorities think the fire at the Big Bearpen pump station began in the electrical box. Town Administrator Richard Betz says nothing like this has ever happened in the 22 years he's worked for the town.

four minutes, limiting flushing of toilets, and using paper cups and plates if possible.

We assure you that our crews are working to maintain minimal water service and replace this pumping station as quickly as possible. In the meantime, your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.



Town crews immediately put an older pump station into service and began cleaning up the site. Photos by Jim Lewicki

He makes winning look easy



Ryan Bryson of Bryson Motorsports, celebrated in Victory Lane Saturday night, Aug. 30, at Toccoa Motor Speedway in Toccoa, Ga. He qualified on pole and lead all the laps to make this his third win of the season. He is sponsored by B & S haulers, Highlands Construction, Sam's Grading, Steve's Grading, Appalachian Tree and Bryson's Grading and Trucking.

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While I appreciate the mayor and the Town Board and their hard work on the difficult issues at hand, I am very concerned about the financial burden that may be placed on the taxpayers of Highlands. Sales tax this year is down by 30%, construction is down 60%, real estate sales are severely down and many merchants are struggling as well. This is not a time to go millions of dollars into debt.

Highlands is still a small town and that is what attracts people here. Good government is not about fine buildings. We do not need to go back to horse and buggy days, but we do need to be financially responsible!

John Cleaveland
Highlands

New Town Board members need time

Dear Editor,

This letter is in regards to the article in the Sept. 4 edition concerning the hiring of the new town manager. I read

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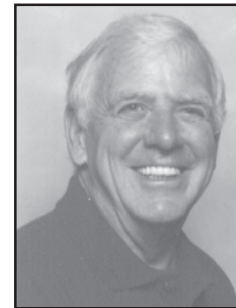
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• **LAUGHING AT LIFE** •

The 'Golden Rule'

I'm not a Jay Leno fan, mostly because I can't stay awake long enough to watch his show. I am told by my insomniac friends that a guy named Conehead O'Brien, or something like that, comes on after Leno. The Conehead O'Brien show coincides with my first trip to the bathroom. Make note.



Fred Wooldridge

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Anyway, I know Leno likes to go out in the street to interview citizens and ask them really easy questions. Sooooo, I thought it would be fun if I hit Main Street, Highlands, with a mike and tape recorder to do the same. Here's what transpired.

Me: "Excuse me, sir, may I speak with you? What does the term 'The Golden Rule' mean?"

"How does the IRS know about my gold in Zurich? I can explain. Do I need a

lawyer?"

Me: "I'm not from the IRS. This has nothing to do with your gold. Do you know what the term 'The Golden Rule' means?"

"Oh that... phew! Wait, let me think. I've heard of that rule. Give me a moment. OK, I got it. It means do unto others before they do it to you. Wait, sir, why are you walking away? Was I right?"

Me: "Excuse me, lady, may I speak with you?"

"Keep away from me, you creep. I moved to

Highlands to get away from perverts like you. If you persist, I'll call the police."

Me: "Hello sir, may I sit next to you on this bench and ask you just one question?"

"Hey pal, I know what you're going to ask. You've got the wrong idea. I am not gay. I made one mistake a long time ago and you people have been hounding me ever since. Go away or I'll call the police."

Wow, I'm thinking this interviewing stuff is not as easy as Leno made it look. I decided to walk into a few stores on Main Street and interview merchants.

"Good morning, sir. We have many items on sale... like everything in the store... including the store."

Me: "Thank you, young lady but I'm here to ask you what the term, 'The Golden Rule' means?"

"Did my ex send you here? Well, you can tell that low life, good for nothing preacher he's not getting another penny from me. Now get out of my store or I'll call the police."

Me: "I haven't been sent by your ex. I just want to know what the term 'The Golden Rule' means."

"Oh, please forgive me. I just assumed... let's see, we did stock them last year, but if my memory serves me correctly, we found they were gold plate and discontinued them. We have them in mahogany and pewter. May I show you one? Wait, sir, don't leave. I may have a gold one in the stock room... bye, have a nice day."

Me: "Good morning, sir. You certainly have a nice store. May I ask you a question?"

"Why are you sticking that microphone in my face? Where's the camera? May I see some identification? I'm clean and have been since I was released. Will you people ever stop bothering me?"

Me: "You have the wrong idea. I want to know if you know what the term 'The

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• THE VIEW FROM HERE •

Clarify, I will

Readers have taken me to task, some quite personally for my comments on John McCain's choice of a running mate. One guy asked how my words tasted as I was eating them. Pretty good with enough salt. Another suggested that MR. Governor Palin, the one with the DUI, should kick my butt. The same guy questioned my ability as a doctor as well as a columnist.

I was wrong about two things. I said that Gov. Palin would make a smaller splash than a Chinese diver. I still like the visual image, although it may be a little too subtle for some readers. I just wish I had applied it to Joe Biden, a guy who hasn't produced a ripple for the Obama ticket.

The question remains if Gov. Palin's big splash is a "10" or a belly flop. Time will tell. All she has shown so far is demonstrate that she can do a heck of a job reading someone else's words. Most politicians don't read speeches nearly as well, so score one for Sarah. She described herself as a pit bull with lip stick. I'm not sure that a puppet with lip stick might not be more accurate. She seems like the kind of person who knows pit bulls, who has a few around the house. I'm very concerned if she abused gubernatorial power in her effort to have her former brother-in-law removed from the State Police, although it seems pretty obvious that he was a rogue cop. If she went after this guy for personal reasons and ignored the misconduct of other officers, then she was guilty of abuse of power. Period. The fact that she fired the Director of Public Safety who refused to fire her former brother-in-law escalates the misuse of her position and evokes memories of Richard Nixon's Saturday night massacre.

Another reader pointed out that I had written that the Governor was a self proclaimed "soccer Mom." He suggested sloppy writing. The fact is that I'm from the lower 48 and can't spell "hockey."

Governor Palin has distorted her record, but no more than other politicians. Both McCain and Obama have jumped around their positions so much that it looks more as if they're in a double Dutch competition than a run for the nation's highest, and world's most powerful position.

She is proud that she opposed the "Bridge to nowhere," but neglects to mention that she supported it until it became a source of national shame and ridicule, the poster project for pork barrel waste. I don't know when "pork barrel" became "ear marks." I may research that for some future



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

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column, or as one kind reader expressed it this week, "who is this old so-and-so dreaming up an article to write?"

Actually, as I have acknowledged in the past, "dreaming up an article to write" can sometimes be taxing, but this one came to me full grown, like a pit bull from an oyster shell.

I was wrong. Palin has livened up the race, juiced up Republicans who had little enthusiasm for John McCain. One reader wrote that Sarah

Palin had brought down 12 moose. That should energize the (machine) gun lobby and, as resumes fillers go, is as good as runner up to Miss Alaska.

Someone once asked rhetorically, lamenting the state of American politics, how it was possible that when we were a fledgling nation of a few million, clinging to the Eastern seaboard, we could

have produced leaders of the caliber of Washington and Jefferson, but when we grew to 250 million, our choices for president were Johnson and Goldwater. I remember it as Johnson and Goldwater, but I guess it could have been Ford and Carter, or almost any other presidential match in recent memory.

The difference is that Washington, Jefferson and other great leaders were our very

best. They were citizens who rose to serve their country; farmers, planters, inventors, doctors, and merchants who set aside other pursuits to serve their country. Today we are cursed with professional politicians.


Bill Clinton prepped for the presidency his entire life. True or not, it has been suggested that John Kerry accepted Swift Boat

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• OBITUARY •

Jerry (Turtle) Lee Dowdle

Jerry (Turtle) Lee Dowdle, 51, of Otto, NC, died Sunday, September 7, 2008 at a local hospital. He was a native of Macon County, the son of Arthur "Buck" Dowdle and Madge Shope Dowdle. He loved the outdoors, and attended Coweeta Baptist Church.

He is survived by two daughters, Brittany Sanders of Clayton, GA and Amber Cobb of Seneca, SC; one son, Shawn Cobb of Franklin, NC; two sisters, Nancy Lowe and her husband Jimmy of Highlands, NC, and Julia Heston and her husband Greg of Otto, NC; two brothers, George Dowdle and his wife Kathryn of Asheville, NC and Ronnie Dowdle and his wife Ruth of Otto, NC; four grandchildren also survive.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, Sept. 13 at 4 p.m. at Coweeta Baptist Church, with Rev. Davis Hooper officiating. The family will receive friends from 3-4 p.m., one hour prior to the service at the church.

Byrant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

... COACH'S CORNER from page 7

BYU game was certainly bogus — it also had a negative effect for the Huskies in that it magnified another close home loss under Tyrone Willingham. Willingham was under fire before the season started, and it looks like Washington is definitely going to need to make a change soon.

I think that in the spirit of Karl Rove, the Huskies should attempt to hire Carl Dorrell as their new coach. He will bring about a new face to Washington, thus appeasing the fan base, while still upholding the excitingly low standards set by the previous regime.

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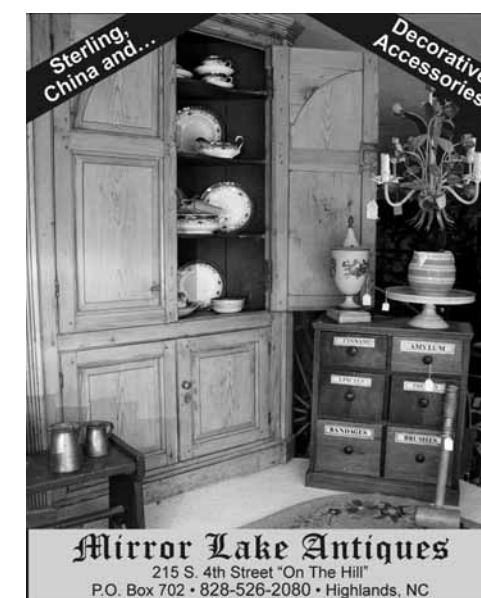
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• COACH'S CORNER •

Football thoughts from a terrific weekend on the gridiron

What a great weekend for the NFC South, as the Atlanta Falcons unexpectedly dominated the Detroit Lions, Carolina upset a serious Super Bowl contender in a thrilling last second victory at San Diego, and my New Orleans Saints escaped the Superdome with a win against Tampa Bay.



Ryan Potts
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Out of the three victories, the Carolina win in San Diego is certainly the most surprising, especially considering that the Panthers were without all-pro receiver Steve Smith. The Chargers were the trendy pick to go the distance in the AFC, and they still have the look of a quality team, but not many people gave the Panthers a chance in week 1 and Carolina's victory surely raised a lot of eyebrows. I was three for five in my NFL picks from last week, not great, but not too shabby either. I call this kind of performance the Eli Manning special -- while it's not spectacular, it is good enough to get the job done more than 50% of the time. Better than 50% would be a bonus right now if you were an Oakland Raiders fan.

In case you didn't know, there was this guy that played football this weekend named BRETT FAVRE. I picked against him and would have been right if Chad Pennington hadn't thrown a jump ball into the end zone in the closing seconds. Of course, BRETT FAVRE threw a jump ball into the end zone earlier in the game and it was caught for a touchdown. This happened because he's BRETT FAVRE. Dadgumit (copyright Roy Williams) I hate it when teams make me look dumb; unfortunately, it happens a lot.

Speaking of media darlings who play quarterback in the Northeast, Tom Brady (male quarterback) is out for the season with a knee injury. Bill Belichick has yet to disclose the actual injury to Brady, and has not yet confirmed that Brady does indeed have this "knee...that you speak of." Many NFL experts think that the Patriots' chances of winning the Super Bowl are finished due to this injury to Brady and the unknown status of backup Matt Cassel. However, I am not an expert, and therefore can pick the Patriots to win the AFC East despite the injury to Brady. If the Patriots do come out of the AFC East, remember this bold pick. If the Patriots take a nosedive, remember that I am not an expert and therefore have a built in excuse.

While the Florida, Miami college game was interesting for about three quarters this weekend, the OTHER battle of Florida turned out to be the much more exciting ball game.

South Florida and Central Florida (led by former Highlands basketball coach Bill Lanford....OK not really, but there is a bit of a resemblance) put on quite a show in Orlando Saturday

night. One of the most amazing things about both of these games is the amount of football talent that the state of Florida produces each year. It's simply incredible the amount of athletes that they have down there in a state that is usually known for cockroaches and old people. And finally, while the unsportsmanlike conduct at the end of the Washington -- the

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• CONSERVATIVE POV •

It's now or never...

We've known it for a long time but for me it's never hit home like it is doing now. The National media has unashamedly officially gone over to the other side. That fact has been graphically demonstrated beyond doubt on the cover of U.S. Weekly, a gossip rag that unfortunately is widely read by a wide female audience. Two months ago, they ran a cover showing a lovey dovey couple, the Obamas, and the headline message "Michelle Obama: Why Barack Loves Her." This week (last week to you) they ran a cover showing Sarah Palin, holding her five-month-old baby, with the headline screaming "Babies, Lies And Scandal."

The smaller print on the Obama cover reads "She shops at Target, loved Sex and the City and never misses the girls' recitals. The untold romance between the down-to-earth mom and the man who calls her 'my rock.'" The caption on the Palin cover reads "Under attack, admits her daughter, 17, is pregnant. Investigated for firing sister's ex-husband. Mom of five: New embarrassing surprises."

Jane Hall is an associate professor at the American University School of Communication. I've seen Hall frequently and know her to be of liberal persuasion. Hall said "New embarrassing surprises? Really? You couldn't

have a stronger contrast, at least between these two covers." That's how bad it is.

It comes as no surprise that the publisher of U.S. Weekly is a huge Obama supporter.

Our TV is pretty much on Fox News. One of their reporters was able to get Bradley Jacobs, U.S. Weekly senior editor on air to defend his magazine's "Palin" cover. Jacobs lied, squirmed and otherwise denied their intent to unduly smear this fine woman. Limbaugh said "she undressed him" and she did. Now, even though U.S. Weekly has 12 million readers, I am certainly not suggesting that they represent the "media." Unfortunately, they are not alone in their over-the-top one-sided coverage of the campaign.

There will be more piling on Palin's supposed shortcomings in the days ahead, and the reasons are the threat she poses to Obama as the catalyst to the McCain candidacy. Let's face it; so far, the race has centered on Obama – either you're for him, or you're against him. The real question was, if you were against Obama, was your opposition strong enough to



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actually support McCain? Probably not - up until now. For the first time, the R's are seriously on the offensive and the D's are seriously concerned.

But I digress. My point is not the election, but rather, media coverage of it in specific, and news coverage in general. We understand that the face of the delivery of the news has changed dramatically. Newspaper and magazine circulation is

plummeting and television network news shows are losing their viewers in droves. Fox News is taking some market share but overall, TV's losing it.

The popularity of accessing internet news sources has exploded and, for almost anybody under 40 (and many over it) the net is it. The popularity of talk radio remains strong and is a valuable source of information for conservative listeners (and anyone who is open minded). It is obvious that the left sees it as a serious challenge to their domination of news distribution because they are doing their best to kill it.

The Fairness Doctrine has bobbed on and off the radar screen since 1949. It essentially gives the FCC power to force broadcasters to give equal time to opposing points of view. Reagan vetoed it as did GHW Bush which kept it quiet for several years. The libs would love to reinstate it because it would put talk radio out of business. Prominent Democrats, Pelosi, Durbin and Kerry have said as much.

There are some that think this would be a good thing. They forget the pendulum swings both ways. Anytime the government can dictate broadcast content, the freedom of the people is in jeopardy. "The press is our chief ideological weapon" – Nikita Khrushchev. Control of the press worked well in the USSR to subjugate their people for several decades.

The Heritage Foundation says "The result of a reinstated fairness doctrine wouldn't be fair at all. In practice, much controversial speech heard today would be stifled as the threat of random investigations and warnings would discourage broadcasters from airing what FCC bureaucrats might refer to as 'unbalanced' views."

The recent interest in reviving the Fairness Doctrine is obviously an attempt to silence any opposition to the cabal consisting of the three branches of our Federal government, a biased press and a biased media. Ultimately, it's a bad deal for everyone.



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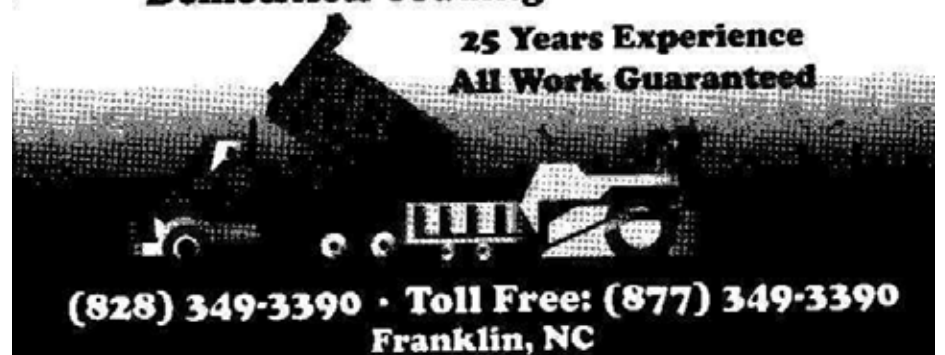
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Vice presidents and democratic choice

John McCain certainly stirred things up with his pick for vice-president. Liberals are outraged and conservatives (at least some of them) are thrilled. George Will isn't thrilled; last week he wrote: "The man who would be the oldest to embark on a first presidential term has chosen as his possible successor a person of negligible experience."



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On the other hand I thought Barack Obama's selection of Joe Biden was startling in its dullness.

The furor over Sarah Palin got me thinking about vice-presidents and the strange and decidedly undemocratic way they are selected. The presidential candidates are democratically chosen by voting during the primaries. But when that person is chosen he (or maybe someday she) deliberates secretly with his top advisors, calculating the political pay-off of an assortment of candidates. Then one day, with great ceremony, the announcement is made and the running mate is revealed.

Think about this for a moment. The presidential candidates are chosen by the people. But the vice-president is chosen by the presidential candidate without any input from the people.

Be honest. How many of us even heard of Sarah Palin a couple of weeks ago? From many newspaper accounts she was poorly "vetted" by McCain's staff, and she has some serious potential problems, including an ethics investigation into the firing of the Alaska state public safety commissioner. And she could be our president in a few months.

How about Joe Biden? The few times he has run for president he has never made it out of the pack to attain anything like front-runner status. Somehow he doesn't connect with people as a presidential choice. But he could be our president in a few months.

I did a little checking on how we came to pick our leaders in such a curious fashion. Article II, Section 1 of the United States Constitution sets out the rules for our presidential elections. First, there is the curious fact that the Founders did not think the President should be elected through direct vote of the people (that is, the white male property owners they invested with the right to vote). Instead, the state legislatures were to appoint Electors, "equal to the whole number of Senators and Representatives to which the State may be entitled in the Congress." These Electors vote for President.

Second, the Constitution was written before political parties existed in this coun-

try, so the authors envisioned an open race among individuals. The person gaining the most votes would be President and the man with the second most votes would be Vice-president.

This worked for a couple of elections, but after the contentious election of 1800 between President John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, which Jefferson

won, it was clear the rules needed to be changed.

Political parties had come into existence by this time, and it was obvious that a President from one party and a Vice-president from the other party could not work together, and could in fact set the stage for a coup d'état. As a consequence the Twelfth Amendment to the Constitution was written (ratified in June of 1804) which instructs the Electors to each choose a candidate for President and Vice-president.

The candidates themselves were chosen by caucus — a meeting of Congressional leaders held every four years to put forward nominees. This system collapsed in the 1820s, and the national convention was born. This was the era of the political machine and smoke-filled back rooms — again, not very democratic.

At the turn of the century, one of the Progressive Era reforms — along with secret ballots and the direct election of United States Senators — was the invention of primary elections to take the selection of presidential candidates out of the hands of the political bosses.

In 1910, Oregon became the first state to establish a presidential preference primary in which the delegates to the national convention were required to support the winner of the primary at the convention. By 1912, 12 states either selected delegates in primaries, used a preferential primary, or both. By 1920 there were 20 states with primaries.

I'm thinking it's about time for another reform; one where the vice-presidential candidate is also chosen by primary. Partisans of Hillary Clinton who urged Obama to choose her as his vice-president were mocked as sore losers, but maybe that is what should have happened. She was the Democratic voters' second choice. Likewise, Mike Huckabee or Mitt Romney should have been the Republican vice-presidential candidate.

Think about this when we have President Palin or President Biden.

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• HIS & HERS •

The straight-shooting governor

I wasn't going to talk about presidential politics for a long while, especially since my prediction last year ago of a Giuliani / Hillary Clinton race, with America's Mayor winning narrowly. Wow, did I miss the mark on that one.

Last week I got a call from a young woman who said she was a pollster for the Democratic Party of North Carolina.

After a little back and forth, I was satisfied that this was a real poll, and I answered her questions.

The fact that she didn't ask any demographic questions at the end raised doubts about the legitimacy of the call. A pollster should ask questions about whether I voted in past elections and which ones, to determine whether I'm a likely voter. She should have asked my age, education, and income level, among other questions which allow calculation of how representative the responders to a poll are, as a group. But that's not what I came to talk about.

The lady's money question was, "If the election were held today, would you vote for Barack Obama or John McCain?" I said, "Neither one. I have good reasons for opposing both of them. Different reasons, of course." She was puzzled, and after a pause, said, "Well, who WOULD you vote for?" I said, "Governor Sarah Palin. But to get her I have to vote for McCain."

About two months ago, I read a fairly thorough biography of Sarah Palin. I've been discussing on the net with other political junkies which candidates might be not just an ordinary, but extraordinary choice for McCain's Vice President. In the semi-privacy of those on-line discussions, I said I'd favor Gov. Palin as the best choice. I never put that in my column. The odds were so long I thought I'd just embarrass myself. Again.

I'm not going to describe any details of her remarkable career. If you're interested, that's all available on the net. While you're looking that up, look up the background of a gentleman who was elected back in the 30s. The highest and most responsible position he held before becoming president was two years as Governor of New York. His name was Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

What is both unprecedented and pathetic in this election is the level of just plain garbage being directed at Governor Palin and her family, especially on the net. Going back to my days as a professor for night school students, I'm a firm believer in the see-it-for-yourself theory of learning as



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opposed to the here's-how-it-is theory.

When you hear any criticism or question about Sarah Palin, ask yourself these two questions: First, was a question asked that hasn't been, wouldn't be, asked of male candidates for the same office? Example: What about the ankle-biters on the Net and even some people who pretend to be reporters, who ask whether it is wrong for

her to run for Vice President while having five children?

When was the last time any male candidate with children was asked that question? I'll wait while you think on it. Yep, the answer is never. That means questions like this are bigoted against women as candidates, especially women running for high office.

Secondly, is this a question being asked of a Republican / conservative candidate that hasn't been, wouldn't be, asked of a Democrat / liberal candidate for the same office? If you want an apples with apples comparison, look at questions raised today with Sarah Palin, and recall whether the same questions were asked of the only other woman who ran for Vice President, Geraldine Ferraro in 1984.

You'll probably have to look that up. Being a political junkie, I remember that campaign. Heck, I was there when a woman was nominated for President at a major party convention. That was Margaret Chase Smith. In the Republican Convention in 1964, in San Francisco. (Yes, I'm older than dirt.)

If you see a question like that, it is not bigoted against women, it is only bigoted against Republicans and conservatives.

I think by using those comparative methods, you'll identify a great amount of bigotry in the coverage of Governor Palin. If so, you can rightly conclude that these sort of personal attacks are the last refuge of people who want to attack, but have no real issues to raise. The great English Prime Minister, Lady Margaret Thatcher made that observation, long ago. She was right.

Because this election is going to be the journalistic equivalent of a tornado in a trailer park, I hope these suggestions will help you cut through the flying debris in 2008.

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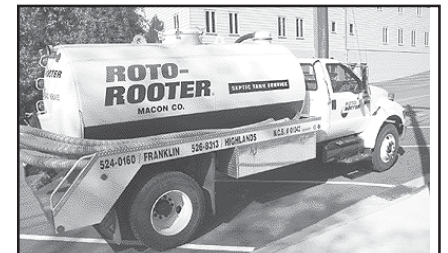


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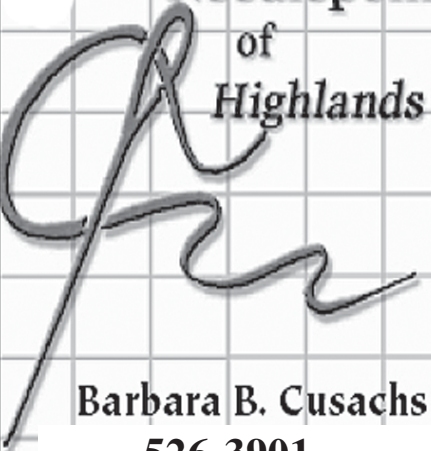
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The reason for the attack on Afghanistan was to get Bin Laden and our attack on Iraq was due to their possession of weapons of mass destruction. In one month it will have been seven years since the first attack and we now know there were no weapons of mass destruction and Bin Laden is still unaccounted for.

There are 17 official Intelligence agencies within the government of

the United States and after seven years of looking we haven't found Bin Laden. With all our satellites, spies, informers on the payroll and assorted assets at our disposal the question must be asked. Why haven't we found him? That question begs another question. Is the reason he can't be found because Bin Laden is already dead? Perhaps he has been for a long time, which is why no one has seen him in years.

Now we know that the reasons given for the war in Iraq were false, but what do we do? Do we admit it and leave? No. We change the reason why we are there. We justify our mistake by saying that Saddam Hussein was evil. Yes, that it true he was, but it does not justify what we now do. On the day of this paper's publication it will be the anniversary of the tragedy of September 11. I am wondering how many speeches will be made and how many times politicians raise the names of those killed to justify what we do now, that we are now fighting to avenge their deaths. I believe we do

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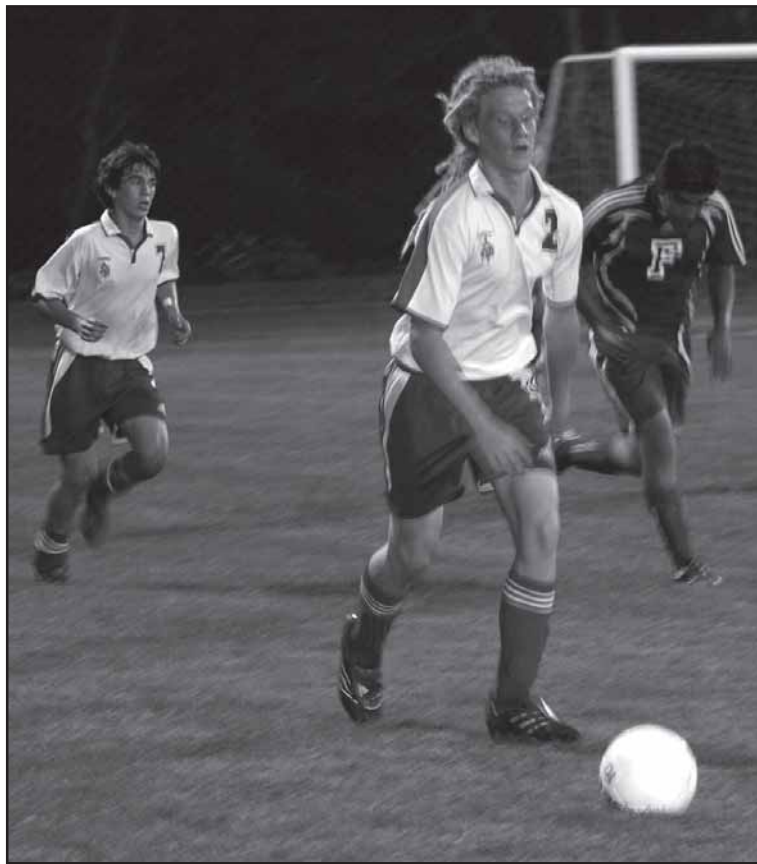
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The Highlands Varsity Men's soccer team rebounded from a couple of close early losses to edge rival Franklin 3-2 last Thursday at Zachary Field.

The Highlanders got a much needed goal from Byron Gordon at the end of the first half to tie the game at one, and second half goals from Taylor Parrish and Luke McClellan kept the momentum going in favor of the home team as they held off the Panthers late to get the win.

After the game Coach Chris Green praised the effort and intensity of his players. "We came out so much more intense than the game down there (at Franklin), and I think it made a tremendous difference in every facet of the game."

Coach Green specifically praised the crisp passing of the Highlanders as one of the other factors in the victory. The Highlanders played yesterday at home against Hayesville, but results were not yet available at press time. The Highlanders will take to the road this weekend as they travel to Tallulah Falls on Saturday to face the Indians.

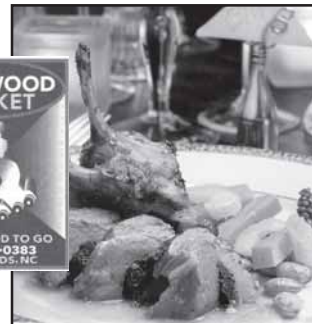
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'Name the Park' contest still on

Bill Nellis, developer of Old Highlands Park on Harris Lake, wants help naming the public park area of the condominium complex.

The winner of the "Name the Park" contest will get dinner for four at Wolfgang's Restaurant and Wine Bistro courtesy of Nellis Communities.

All entries should be sent to namethepark@awisp.net.

The public park is along Harris Lake. The park is complete except for the entry which has been delayed due to a sewer realignment project that should be completed within a year. People can enter the park from the corner of Smallwood Avenue and 5th Street.

The park contains two covered picnic tables, two benches, lots of grass and three boulders salvaged from the clearing of Bridal Veil Falls. This is a "walk-to" park with no area designated for parking but fishing is allowed. The lake itself is owned by the Potts family.

The "name" selection committee is Mayor Don Mullen, John Cleaveland, Ran Shaffner, Richard Betz, Bill Nellis and Kim Lewicki. Entries will be accepted through Sept. 30.

Some of the entries so far – all of which end in the word "park" are: Tranquility, Cerca del Cielo (Close to Heaven), Veiled Brides, Veil Rock, Highland Walk, Broken Veil, Goose Lane, Mae Potts, Angel, Harris, The Park, Reflections, Paradise, Founders, Oasis (pOtts hArriS nellIS), Potts Town, and Cleaveland Common.

Many more names have been submitted. Can you do better? Email ideas to namethepark@awisp.net.

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County finance director awarded for excellence

"Not every county gets to read what I'm about to read," said Acting Commission Chairman Ronnie Beale at Monday night's Macon County Commission meeting.

Once again the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded Macon County — specifically to its Finance Director Evelyn Southard — by the Govern-

ment Finance Officers Association of the U.S. and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report.

Southard came out of retirement to assume the job of finance director on a temporary basis but after several years it has become a permanent position.

Commissioner Jim Davis said the business of county finances are "a whole different paradigm now, and I know you will retire someday, but I'm glad you're not retiring now."

Commissioner Bob Simpson said Southard has made the commissioners' jobs easier. "You have made the finances of this county understandable," he said.

Commissioner Brian McClellan agreed. "You do a great job and are clear and straightforward. When someone comes to you with questions, you give clear answers and you never try to set policy you just present us with the numbers."

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command to reawaken images of John Kennedy and PT 109 in preparation for a presidential run.

Today our leaders are motivated not by desire to serve, but by lust for money and thirst for power. Clinton had additional lust issues, as well. There is little room for a citizen politician in America today. The slots are all occupied by pros who have been grooming themselves for high office since they ran for student body president in junior high school. That's one thing about Sarah Palin. She does not fit that mold, although she seems to be enjoying her accidental celebrity immensely.

She ran for the School Board to improve education, just as Barack Obama be-

Chairman Charlie Leatherman had more to say.



Macon County Commissioner Jim Davis presented Finance Director Evelyn Southard with her award at Monday night's meeting.

"The record keeping of the county's finances are under constant scrutiny by a particular group that misrepresents data and Evelyn is someone who has the character and fortitude to keep her composure despite the onslaught directed at her," he said. "Even after I had our CPA firm come to a meet-

ing and verify that our fund balance is 24%, this group had the audacity to still say it was 41%. While tolerating this kind of onslaught everyday she displays more grace than I could afford in her position. Rumors are rampant but facts speak for themselves."

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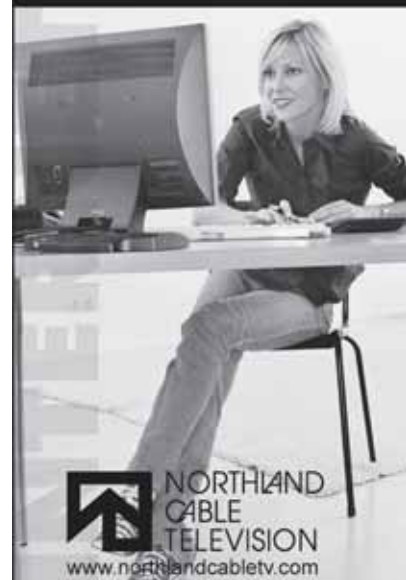
Southard said she appreciates the support of the board.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving about 17,000 government finance professionals.

came a community organizer after college. Or maybe he saw that apparently selfless decision as a path to power. Perhaps Gov. Palin is more like Thomas Jefferson than Dan Quale. My concern is that the closest parallel might be Jesse Ventura, the iconoclastic bombastic outsider, who was swept into power by Minnesota voters eager for change. It wasn't long before they tired of him.

I have nothing against Governor Palin, unless John McCain is elected and dies in office. Splash? Sarah Palin would be my choice to win a cannon ball contest in any pool in America. I'm just not convinced that she is among our best and brightest.

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this article and was highly offended that the community focus group bashed our new commissioners, complaining that they haven't made much change yet.

Some focus group members said the future town manager should "Keep his mouth shut, his eyes open and learn" and "Get his feet wet, don't try to change everything at once, don't have an agenda and take the time to listen and learn." Shouldn't the same principles apply to the new commissioners? I am sensing unfairness to the new commissioners and they've just gotten their feet in the door.

They've barely gotten started in their new jobs and the mud slinging has started. Give them a chance to do their jobs. I know that at least one of the new commissioners has worked very hard to get raises for the town employees. It looks like to me that the ball has started rolling for the commissioners. I'd rather see the ball roll slowly than not at all. It might

continue to roll unless a bunch of mud gets in the way.

No one can change the town's problems in a day, week or month. It takes time to achieve such accomplishments, with all working together in harmony. I do hope that the community focus group has more patience with the new town manager than they do with the new Town Board members.

Personally, I think that we should try to find something good and wonderful to say about our new Town Board commissioners and report that in the news in honor of them instead of bashing and slinging mud.

Thank you to the new members of the Town Board for all you have done of this fine town. Thank you in advance to the new town manager for all the good that you will do for this town as well.

L.E. Webb
Otto, N.C.

No, what was HE thinking?

Dear Editor,

This is in response to Dr. Henry Salzarulo's column in the Sept. 4 issue of this paper entitled "What was he thinking?"

What kind of doctor are you, Dr. Salzarulo? If you are a medical doctor I sincerely hope I am never sent to you for some sort of emergency and I do mean sent because I would never go on my own.

But there are all kinds of educated doctors that ain't got enough sense to get in out of the rain. Strange thing about that education, sometimes it robs people of their senses. I have even noticed they go to school because they can't do anything else, some stay for years. I hope that has not happened to you. I work for all kinds of educated people, have a few educated friends, see a lot of them on the television, matter of fact I graduated from college myself, but most of us have clung to our senses, but I really wonder about you.

I will try to explain why I am worried about you. A long time ago I heard a very common quote "It is better to keep your

mouth shut and be thought ignorant than open it and remove all doubt." Are beginning to understand my concern for you? I am afraid that you have violated this old timey saying. You should not have opened your mouth, picked up a pen, sent your e-mail; whatever you did.

You did not even make enough sense as to explain why you are so outraged. If you were going to vote for Obama you should be elated that McCain, in your opinion, has made such a mistake. If Sarah Palin is that bad of a choice, then McCain has driven the nails in his own coffin. Problem solved! I can only assume you are a McCain man and you are furious at him for picking that woman because now he will lose the election. I think that she is a fine specimen of a female gender. Or is because she is the apex of the feminist movement — pretty, smart, tough (word has it she has taken 12 moose) but still a woman? A woman with five children implies that she has no desire to swap genders. She looks all woman to me.

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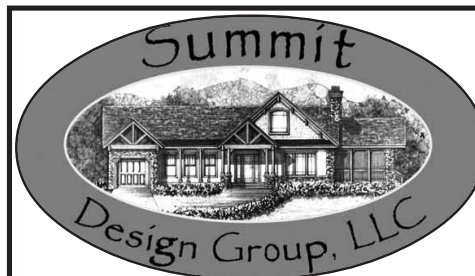


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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

About this thing called "Hope"

By Mark Schmidt
Contributor

By "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." (1 Corinthians 13:13). Much has been written about love and faith. We know that there are different kinds of love, and different ways love is expressed. We know that faith is believing that which we can not see, and that faith the size of a mustard seed can move mountains. Somehow hope has been overlooked but given the present state of the country, and the fact that this is an election year, it may be time to give hope a little more attention.

We hope for many things. As a child, we may hope that we get a certain toy for Christmas. We may hope that our team makes the play-offs. A young man hopes that she says "yes," when he asks her the "big question." Later he may hope that he can pay the monthly mortgage payment, or that the medical test comes back with a desired result.

But what is the Biblical view of hope? Is it merely the trusting or the confident expectation of a positive outcome in the unknown future? Where does one find hope, especially when a situation seems hopeless? Is it enough to just hope?

It should be no surprise the word, hope, appears so often in the books of Job and Lamentations. When things are not going well, hope is sometimes the only thing that is left. As Job shared, "At least there is hope for a tree: If it is cut down, it will sprout again, and its new shoots will not fail." (Job 14:7). Not the most optimistic outlook for one's future. Joel Osteen clearly was not around at the time.

Jeremiah, the author of Lamentations, cautions us on where one should place his hope, "This is what the Lord Almighty says: "Do not listen to what the prophets are prophesying to you; they fill you with false hopes. They speak visions from their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord." (Jeremiah 23:16). Jeremiah also offers some direction, "But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him." (Jeremiah 17:7)

David had his share of ups and downs, so it is also not a surprise to find the word used in Psalms and Proverbs quite frequently. David is also cautious about where one places his trust, "Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save." (Psalm 146:3), and "A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save. (Psalm 33:17) David also provides some direction, "Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord" (Psalm 31:24) and "We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield." (Psalm 33:20)

Both Jeremiah and David caution against placing our hope and trust in men, and the things of this world, but rather point us to an all powerful God. We are told in Isaiah 40:31 " .. those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

What a fantastic image, one that is joyful to visualize, and so motivating when taken to heart. It is why I love the Bible, not only is it so poetic, and it promises the free gift of eternal life, but it also feeds me in my daily life. It is the kind of real hope that only a Christian can know. Paul talks about it in Romans (15:13) "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Don't know about you, but it makes me want to fly like an eagle.

So is that all there is to hope? Think all you have to do is just sit back, hope, and lay it on the Lord? Better take a

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Concerning that "feminist" part you were writing about — how do you know so much about feminine traits. Have you been getting in touch with your female side? I was just wondering. I am over 50-years-old, married, have two daughters, but I haven't a clue what makes them tick. But if you've got that figured out, then I should quit worrying about your intelligence, because you would be the smartest man in the world.

Strange that you would bring up experience as a presidential qualification. Seems to be as key a word as "change" in this presidential race. Poor old Obama doesn't have buckets of experience either. Again, I am really concerned about your method of thinking. Let's evaluate this. We have a presidential candidate who has gone to some very good schools, but has done nothing in his tenure — wait a minute, I did read somewhere he worked on a couple of bills — and we have a vice presidential candidate who has been a mayor and is a governor. You know that mayor job and that governor job are pretty much stand-alone jobs. The lights are pretty much on that kind of position. Sounds like she has stood up for her beliefs so you don't have to wonder about her opinions and beliefs. I can respect a person without agreeing with them, but it is difficult to respect a person who wavers.

You brought up the subject of average Americans. I hear Obama talk about how he is in touch with the average person because of his "poor" background, and McCain is out of touch because he has seven houses.

I have a difficult time understanding the proper time to be in touch. Can a woman from Alaska or a man from Hawaii both be in touch? You aren't making any sense.

You said yourself you want a qualified person. Again, you don't make any sense. Do you want a successful person who made enough money to buy seven houses or an educated person that has only been successful enough to buy one house. By the way, does that Obama feller still owe money on his? You are going to have to

decide on how to qualify a candidate. You are going to vote, aren't you?

Hair and glasses? You're one to talk, I don't see any hair on your head but I do see glasses. I like her hair. I like hair on all my women. You think Mrs. Palin needs a little help with her vision like you? Maybe you two just wear glasses to make you look smart.

Poll dancer? If she were to sue you for slander, I would contribute to the cause. If her husband wanted to whip your butt, and that's what would happen if you were talking in person to her, I would make sure no one came to your rescue. I would say he is a pretty healthy boy, being from Alaska. You have really showed your ignorance. You should really be ashamed of your article. I don't know you nor do I want to, but there could not be one gentleman bone in your body. You should not degrade any woman in this manner, what's the matter with you?

Lastly, there is one great point that I will make. It does not matter how many abbreviations you have before or after your name, you still get only one vote, same as me and all the rest of us average folks.

**Bert McCall
Highlands**

On calling a spade, a spade

Dear Editor,

I am writing in reference to Dr. Henry Salzarulo's column in the Sept. 4 issue of this paper, "What was he thinking??"

Doc, thanks for your article pointing out what dismal candidates we have this election cycle. An empty suit and a political hack on one side and an novice governor and a broken down war hero on the other. Keep up your light fare that is so delightfully amusing and a welcomed addition to the paper.

**Richard Norris
Highlands**

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Golden Rule' means."

"Do I know what it means? It's that dumb rule that got me five years in the slammer. It says you should do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Me: "Thank you, thank you, sir. You're the first person on Main Street who got it right, but how did following that rule get you locked up?"

"Turn off the mic and I'll tell you. I used to own a store just like this in New York. I got a little behind on a gambling debt so two thugs walked into my store one morning and shot the place up. So, following 'The Golden Rule' I got out my

shotgun and went over to the bar owned by the guy who hired the thugs and did unto him what he did unto me, except I got caught and did five years. So take your 'Golden Rule' and put it where the sun doesn't shine."

As I ran from the store, I was stopped by the young lady merchant from down the street. "Sir, I found the golden ruler you were looking for. I only have one left and can give you a great deal."

• Who is the czar of one word sentences? Read Fred's book, [I'm Moving Back to Mars](#)

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look at Hebrews 6:10-12 which advises us to be diligent and not lazy to the very end in order to make our hope sure. Reminds me of the story about the pastor in the life raft who says "Pray, but keep rowing toward shore".

The Biblical view of hope does not allow us to be lax. We still have to do our part.

God has a wonderful plan for each of us who are reading this article, all we have

to do is put our hope and trust in Christ; not in man or the things of this world. This promise is not part of a man-made campaign slogan, but it is found in the book of Jeremiah (29:11) "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

All quotes are from the New International Version of the Bible

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no honor to those who died in 9/11 by starting a war in Iraq against those that had no hand in their deaths. The mission should have been a singular purpose, find Bin Laden.

As I was walking through Reeves on Saturday a friend showed me the following passage in a book by Thomas entitled "Sailing the Wine-Dark Sea."

"What used to be described as thoughtless acts of aggression was now regarded as the courage one would expect to find in a party man... (and) any idea of moderation was just an attempt to disguise one's unmanly character. Fanatical enthusiasm was the mark of a real man... Anyone who held violent opinions could be trusted and anyone who objected to them became suspect... (their) Society became (a) divided camp in which no man trusted his fellows."

Cahill wrote this historical novel about the Greek empire describing the Greeks incredible gains in art, culture, and science. Beyond these positive movements for humanity, the Greeks also developed a brutal and bloody militaristic view that elevated the warrior mentality, which led in part to their demise as a world power. What struck both my friend and me about the above passage is its almost frightening similarity to our situation today.

Some cannot see the misgivings of this war. Those in power have created laws that stripped away our rights, gave them patriotic names and cheered them with "Fanatical enthusiasm." They state that those who do not support the policy and the war or seek a less violent path are those of "unmanly character" and those that speak out "became suspect."

On August 30, 2006, Rumsfeld compared Iraq war critics to those who believed Hitler could be "appeased" and on September 2006, Cheney announced "war critics aid terrorists." Senator McCain's policy states he would stay in Iraq a 100 years and that Senator Obama's plan to exit on a timetable would "let victory slip away." I cannot image what the world would be like if we did remain. I do fear a McCain Presidential victory could lead to an even more deadly war; a war in Iran.

On morning after September 12, 2001 we had the sympathy and support of the entire world; today we simply do not. Cahill's book tells us how the world of today remembers ancient Greece. I have wondered how history will remember us. Some would say well. I have Another Point of View; I think it will remember these past seven years as our worst.

• Next Week I will present Another POV.

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Thanks for worthy vehicle

Dear Editor,

Just a note to express my gratitude on behalf of the Church in the Wildwood for printing our photograph and the weekly listing in the ongoing events.

We had wonderful attendance with many new people and I know the information in your newspaper was a factor! We had our best season ever.

So thank you for caring and bringing a quality, relevant paper to Highlands.

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• BUSINESS NEWS •

Bel Canto has sold-out performance

As expected, Sunday's Bel Canto's performers Roy Cornelius Smith, John Packard and piano accompanist Stephen Dubberly wowed the audience at the sold-out performance at the PAC. As a special treat, new artistic director Stella Zambolis sang "All That You Are" in honor of past Bel Canto founder Richard Joel.

The reception that followed was held at the Highlands Country Club and included a lavish and elegant sit-down dinner.

Pictured below are Stell Huie, Bel Canto Chair, John Packard, Stella Zambolis, Roy Cornelius, Smith, Stephen Dubberly and seated is Richard Joel.



Above, during the reception at Highlands Country Club, Roy Cornelius Smith stops to talk to Helen Moore. Also pictured are Ann and Luther Turner. Below, John Packard chats with Sara and Bill Mann.

Photos by Kim Lewicki



Literacy Council hires program coordinator

The Literacy Council of Highlands welcomes new program coordinator Laura Miller. This position has been vacant since the departure of Breta Stroud, the former executive director of the Literacy Council. Previous program coordinator Melody Mendez assumed the duties of executive director, until the post could be filled. Miller has worked as a tutor in English as a Second Language (ESL) at Blue Ridge School, as well as private tutoring in Algeria. She holds a B.A. in English from WCU. The position of program coordinator is funded by grants from the Hayes Foundation, the Greehey Foundation, and the ladies of the Cullasaja Women's Outreach, among others.

ESL and one-on-one Wilson tutoring begin Monday, Sept. 15, and After School CALS begins Monday, Sept. 22. For more information about our programs, or to volunteer, please call the Literacy Council at 828-526-9938 ext. 240.

Major progress ahead for The Bascom's site

By the end of this week, construction on The Bascom's new campus will be able to go full speed ahead from now until the project's completion, with no concern about foul weather. The roof will be fully installed, so crews will be able to work continuously until The Bascom moves in.

Crews are finishing framing on the main building as well, then putting up sheetwork, installing windows and developing all the details of the building, interior and exterior.

In addition the buttresses are up on the covered Will Henry Stevens Bridge, and the rafters for the roof are in progress.

The Crane Barn is mostly done -- only water and final electrical work remain.

The Bascom will occupy the campus in spring 2009.

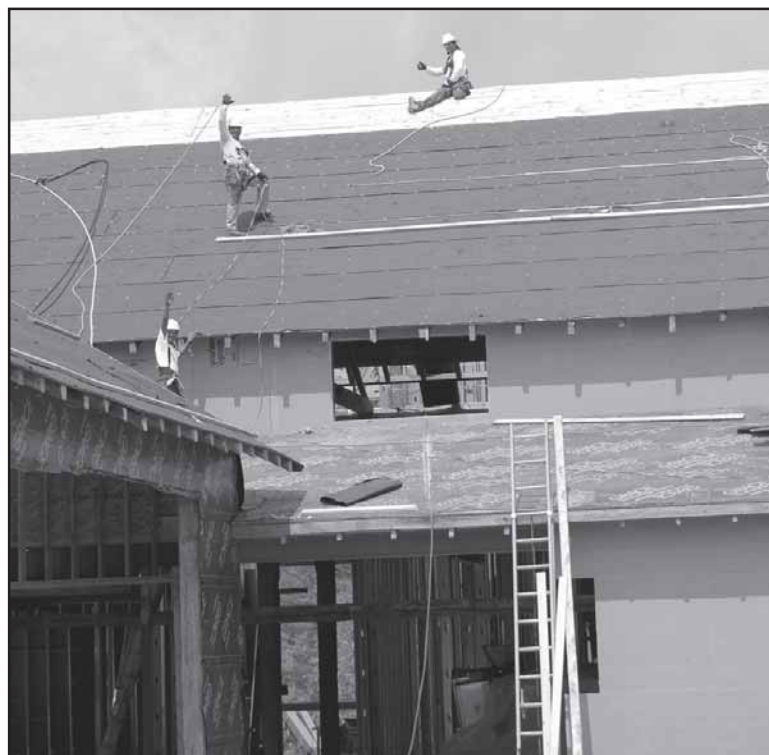
For more information about the new campus or about how to support The Bascom's capital campaign for the new building, call (828) 526-4949, ext. 8#.

Photo by Pat Taylor

Centerline Auto Parts makes splash at Bristol Speedway



Mark and Mandy Talley represented Centerline Auto Parts at the Bristol Speedway on Aug. 22-23. Centerline Auto Parts was featured on the back panel of the #9 Elliot Sadler car during the Friday night race. Go by the new store located 2 miles from the post office on the Walhalla Road or give them a call at 828-526-3708.



Construction is progressing at The Bascom. The roof will be fully installed this week, so crews will be able to work continuously until The Bascom moves in with no concern about foul weather.

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Signing of new book by Kennedy Family photographer at Cyrano's Saturday

This Saturday (September 13), Michael Davidoff, son of late society photographer Bob Davidoff, will be at Cyrano's Bookshop from 1-3 p.m. to sign copies of his father's just published — posthumously — book, "The Kennedy Family Album: Personal Photos of America's First Family," featured in this month's online Vanity Fair magazine blog.

Michael Davidoff is himself a photographer (here in Highlands, as well as Palm Beach) who worked with his father has his own memories of the Kennedys.

In its obituary of Bob Davidoff (who died in 2004, aged 78), the Washington Post called him "the court photographer of the Camelot years of the Kennedy clan in Palm Beach."

For almost 50 years Davidoff, who lived in the tony winter resort, chronicled the Kennedy family at their homes there and in Hyannis Port and Sun Valley, Idaho.

Davidoff took pictures of other visitors to Palm Beach: Winston Churchill, Frank Sinatra, the Duke and Duchess of Windsor,

Bob Hope, Muhammad Ali, Marlon Brando, Jayne Mansfield and Paul Newman. But Mr. Davidoff was a society photographer, not a paparazzo, a distinction he considered important. He never allowed unflattering images of his subjects, whether political figures, tycoons or movie stars, to find their way into print.

This discretion allowed him to be the long-time house photographer of the Breakers Hotel, and he and his sons were the official photographers at Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago Club.

Yet his closest association was with Kennedys. Whether it was President John F. Kennedy on the tarmac at the West Palm Beach airport; First Lady Jackie; clan matriarch Rose Kennedy at a society ball; or their family and famous guests, Davidoff was there to capture the private glance, the party, the drive to church, the relaxed moment on the lawn.

The family was at ease in his presence

and many of the never-before-published images reproduced in "The Kennedy Family Album: Personal Photos of America's First Family," have an aura of happiness about them that belie the Kennedys' tragic roles in American history.

The photographs are accompanied by text from Emmy-ward winning reporter Linda Corley.

Cyrano's Bookshop is located at 390

Main Street in Highlands, North Carolina. Books can be reserved for autographing by calling (828) 526-5488 or sending an e-mail to cyranos@nctv.com.

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On-going Events

• Refuge Youth meets every Sun. night at 6:30 pm downstairs at Cullasaja Assembly of God. If you are in grades 6th-12th then this is the place to be! The

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Welcome to the Fourth Annual Highlands Playhouse Antique Show

Dear Friends,

In 2005, a vision became reality when the first Highlands Playhouse Antique Show was brought to Highlands. With your support the show has grown and improved each year. We welcome each of you to this year's Fourth Annual Highlands Playhouse Antique Show. This spectacular event brings the finest antique dealers from all over the United States, France and England to Highlands.

This event would not be possible without the generosity of our sponsors and advertisers who are listed in this program. Let them know their efforts have been noticed and please support them by visiting the wonderful local merchants, eat in their fabulous restaurants, and enjoy the finest accommodations to be found anywhere.

We have just completed a fantastic season at the Highlands Playhouse this year while celebrating our 70th Anniversary. With your support of this Antique Show, as one of our major fundraisers, the Highlands Playhouse will continue to bring quality professional live theatre to Highlands for many years to come.

Thank you so much for coming and enjoy the show.

Sincerely,

Dwight E. Bryant and Joanna M. Baumrucker
Co-Chairpersons
Highlands Playhouse Antique Show



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Letter from the Mayor

Dear Guests of Highlands,

On behalf of the Town of Highlands, I would like to extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you attending the 2008 Fourth Annual Antique Show sponsored by the Highlands Playhouse.

We are extremely happy to welcome the show back to Highlands this year and hope you enjoy this wonderful event.

The Highlands Playhouse is a wonderful treasure to the Town of Highlands. This year they are celebrating 70 years of bringing professional live theatre to the area. We join in thanking them for their vision in creating this special event for the community and hope they have a successful show.

Sincerely,

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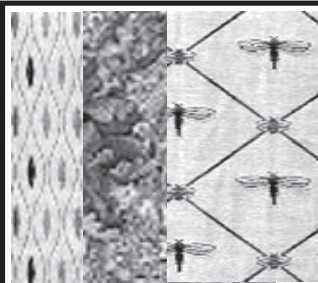
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• Yoga at the Rec Park, 7:30 a.m Monday and Wednesdays. Call 526-4340 for information.

• Yoga in the bottom floor of Jane Woodruff Building. 10:30 a.m. Thursdays. Call 526-4340.

• NA open meeting every Saturday at 7:30 p.m. of the ACC Satelite Group at the Graves Community Church, 242 Hwy 107 N. in Cashiers. Call 888-764-0365 or go to the website: www.ncmana.org.

• Step Aerobics at the Rec Park, 4-5 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays. \$5 per class.

• At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, various exercise classes. Call Jeanette Fisher at 828-526-1FIT.

• "The Circle of Life" support group continues at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital at the Jane Woodruff room 201, 10 a.m. until noon. Call Barbara Buchanan at 526-1402 or Florence Flanagan at 743-2567.

Mondays & Wednesdays

Library card sign-up month includes prizes



Librarian Mary Lou Worley displays "prize" book.

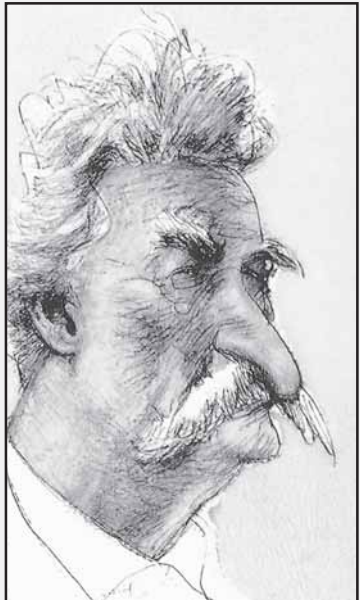
The Hudson Library is offering prizes as an incentive to sign up for a library card. Everyone who signs up for a new library card during September will be entered into a drawing. Librarian Mary Lou Worley has selected three special books for the winners of three age categories. Children under the age of 11 will have the chance to win a delightful book called "Dog" with lots of moving parts. Library patrons aged 12-18 will be eligible to win the new edition of the extraordinary tale "The Book Thief" by Markos Zusak. Adults might win a fascinating look at the history of Great Britain told through food: "Taste: The Story of Britain Through Its Cooking," by Kate Colquhoun.

Every year the American Library Association observes the beginning of another year with Library Card Sign-up Month because a library card has always been the most important school supply of all. Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning.

Libraries are about more than books! The library has reference materials, newspapers and magazines, CDs and DVDs, and Internet access.

For more information on how you can sign up for your library card, visit the Hudson Library at 554 Main Street, call 526-3031 or visit the library's Web site at www.fontanalib.org/highlands. Libraries hours are Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

'Diaries' coming to ITC



Mark Twain caricature by Mike Caplanis

Mark Twain's Diaries of Adam and Eve plays at the Instant Theatre Company's Studio on Main Sept 19-20 at 8 p.m. This highly original two-character performance piece costars David Milford and Madeleine Davis.

Aside from being a popular writer, Mark Twain was one of the great entertainers of his day. He served as a kind of ambassador of American sensibility to the world. He showed his own countrymen what it meant to be an American as well. "The Diaries of Adam and Eve" sparkles with Mark Twain's wit and humor, poignancy and pathos. Call the ITC box office for reservations at 828-342-9197. The ITC's Studio on Main is located at 310 Oak Square, Main Street, Highlands. Visit our website at Instanttheatre.org.

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• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Jazz at PAC Sept. 27



New York-based guitarist and recording artist, Pete McCann, will make his third appearance at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 8 p.m. as part of the sixth program of "Jazz at the PAC."

PAC will once again provide a program of jazz on Sept. 27 featuring Pete McCann who has been an integral part of the New York City scene for more than 17 years. He has performed with such jazz greats as Kenny Wheeler, Dave Liebman, Lee Konitz and Peter Erskine. In 2007 he toured Japan with vocalist Patti Austin and performed with her at the Kennedy Center on New Year's Eve. McCann has appeared on over 50 CDs.

In the first half of the program McCann will be accompanied by Winston-Salem bassist Nathan Scott, who is making his fifth appearance here. As a high school senior Nathan was selected as first-chair bassist in the National Orchestra and best bass soloist in the country by ASTA. He is now working on his graduate degree in performance at the North Carolina School of the Arts. Nathan will be joined by John Wilson on drums and local pianist and composer Paul Scott.

In the second half of the program vocalist Caroline Jones Wiedner of Columbia, SC will be featured, along with blues harpist, Joe Mauldin. Ms. Wiedner was a regular at the Highlands Playhouse in the mid-1980s with roles in "1940s Radio Hour" and "Pump Boys and Dinettes." She has performed in theatrical and musical roles in numerous venues including Chicago and New York. She was selected as the vocalist for the Water Street Big Band for three years and vocal soloist with jazz quintet "Body and Soul."

Tickets to "Jazz at the PAC" are available now for \$20 each. Call 526-9047.

- Pilates Classes Level 1 of Jane Woodruff at the hospital at 4 p.m. \$10 per class. Call 526-5852.

- Middle School students After School Program from 3-5 p.m. at the Rec Park. The program is free to all who choose to attend and will include a snacks, homework help, arts/crafts, sports, community involvement projects, and mini field trips. Parents will be required to register their child(ren) upon their second day of attendance and children will be required to sign in daily. For more information please call 828.526.3556.

Mon., Wed., & Fri.

- Open AA meeting noon and 8 p.m. at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.

First Mondays

- Participate in your hospital by joining the Auxil-

ary of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Auxiliary meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at the hospital.

Mondays

- Recreational Bridge 1 p.m. at the Rec Park. \$3 per person.

Tuesdays

- Highlands Rotary Club meets at noon at the Highlands Conference Center.

- Weight Watchers meets at the Highlands Civic Center. Weigh-in is at 5:30. The meeting starts at 6 p.m.

Wednesdays

- Highlands Mountain Top Rotary Club meets at the Highlands Conference Center at 7:30 a.m.

- Men's interdenominational Bible Study at 8:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church.

Every Third Wednesday

- Study sessions at the Universal Unitarian Fellowship Hall in Franklin. A \$5 soup-supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. Study sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information call 828-524-6777 or 706-746-9964.

1st & 3rd Thursdays

- The local affiliate of NAMI NC (National Alliance on Mental Illness), NAMI Appalachian South, meets from 7-9 p.m. at the Family Restoration Center, 1095 Wiley Brown Road, Franklin. NAMI offers peer support, education, and advocacy for individuals suffering from serious mental illness and their families and loved ones. Contact Ann Nandrea 369-7385, Carole Light 524-9769 or Mary Ann Widenhouse 524-1355 for more information.

Thursdays

- AI-Anon meeting, noon at the Episcopal Church on Main and Fifth streets.

Friday & Saturday

- Live music at The Rib Shack every Friday and Saturday night from 8-11 p.m.

Friday-Sunday

- At Skyline Lodge & Restaurant. Hal Phillips at

the piano, 7-9 p.m. Flat Mountain Road. 526-2121.

Saturdays

- Live music at Cyprus Restaurant at 9:30 p.m.

Through September

- Hudson Library hosts a display of needlework featuring two years of work of the Sapphire Valley Chapter of the American Needlepoint Guild

Through Oct. 1

- At Summit One Gallery, at Second Street and Helen's Barn Ave. "Two Realities" paintings by Edward Rice and Philip Morseberger.

Through Nov. 12

- The Village Green in Cashiers, NC presents Sculpture on the Green 2008 1st Bi-Annual Invitational Exhibition. Last summer the 12.5 acre park began to integrate sculpture into the landscape and installed 5 sculptures to its Permanent Collection. Starting this summer, it is hosting a six month exhibition of 10 works from sculptors from all over the nation. Cast your vote for the sculpture to be added to the Permanent Collection

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'Fly-in' Sept. 13 at 9 a.m. in Otto



The Macon AeroModelers is hosting its annual radio controlled airplane Fly - In on Saturday, Sept. 13 beginning at 9 a.m. The event is held at their flying field in Otto, N.C. BBQ lunches are available Contact Gerry Doubleday at 526-8414 for more information.

Christmas in September at Mtn. Findings



The week of Monday, Sept. 15 all holiday items are on sale at 50% off the marked prices in the holiday section of Mountain Findings, which is overflowing with beautiful, unique ornaments and decorations. Located on Spruce Street, Mountain Findings is open Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Since its beginning almost 40 years ago, proceeds from sales at Mountain Findings have been donated to local organizations each year.

Attorney Billy Clarke to speak at UCWA meeting



The Upper Cullasaja Watershed Association will hold its Annual Meeting on Sept. 25 at the Highlands Community Building. The meeting will begin at 5:30 and refreshments will be served afterward. A brief UCWA business meeting will precede the speaker.

Featured speaker will be Asheville Attorney Billy Clarke with the law firm of Roberts and Stevens - Asheville. Clarke is well known in the Highlands area having successfully represented Whiteside Estates - David and Earl Young - vs. Highlands Cove in a precedent-setting environmental action.

Several years later, Clarke represented Riverwalk against claims made by the Town of Highlands.

Clarke's presentation will address sedimentation, erosion and stormwater issues related to enforcement in the public and private sector.

The meeting is open to the public and there is no charge for admission.

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

at the Green.

Thursday, Sept. 11

• Patz and Hall Wine Dinner at OEI's The Farm. \$169 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuity. For reservations, call 866-526-8008.

• At Highlands School, first PTO meeting at 6 p.m.

• The Highlands School varsity and junior varsity girls basketball teams will be hosting a spaghetti dinner in conjunction with the PTO meeting. They will start serving around 4:15 and end at the beginning of the PTO meeting. We will accept go orders.

• At Highlands School, Book Fair from 5-6 p.m.
• The movie "When Harry Met Sally" (1989) is

the story of Harry (Billy Crystal) and Sally (Meg Ryan) who have known each other for years and are afraid that sex will ruin their friendship. The movies are shown in the Library Meeting Room at 7 p. m. on Thursday nights. The movies and popcorn are free, but donations are appreciated. Movies are among the many services provided to the community by the Friends of place in Franklin. The theme for 2008 is "Preserving Our Heritage". Pack up your projects of art work, garden vegetables, canning, baking, photography, sewing, flowers, or other hobbies you may have, and enter them at the fair. Entry day is Tuesday, September 16 at the fairgrounds, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. It is FREE to enter your exhibits and to attend the fair. Macon County 4-H is in charge of entries for ages 9-19. Those in this age category will bring their entries directly to the youth department and register. A \$20 premium will be given in the two age categories (9-13 and 14-19), for the youth that wins the most awards, with a \$10 runner-up premium for the next highest award winners. Contact Kathy Kuhlman, 4-H Agents for additional information at 349-2046.

Friday, Sept. 12

• Angel Medical Center Blood Drive (120 River-view Street) 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please call 369-4166 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Saturday, Sept. 13

• At Cyrano's Michael Davidoff will sign copies of a book featuring his father's photographs of the Kennedy era by Bob Davidoff from 1-3 p.m. Cyrano's Bookshop is located at 390 Main Street in Highlands, North Carolina. Books can be reserved for autographing by calling (828) 526-5488 or sending an e-mail to cyranos@nctv.com; to learn more about our store please visit www.cyranosbooks.com

• Vintage Car Show at Pine Street Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring vehicles of all types 1978 and older. Trophies will be awarded to the top 25 as voted by the registrants with highest vote getter receiving Best of Show. Attractions will include: F1 racing simulator, Two race car display including Ferrari world champ racer, food by Fresser's, boiled peanuts, coke trailer, various prizes for registered car owners and viewing public, and awards ceremony with Mayor Don Mullen presenting, mMusic by 4 Cent Cotton from Atlanta, Highlands Motoring Festival baseball caps and event posters available for purchase. All proceeds to benefit the Hudson Library.

Sign up for 'Star Night' at PAC



Got talent? Time is running out to register to demonstrate it at this year's "Star Night" talent competition scheduled Saturday, September 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street. Whatever your talent, whatever your age, you are eligible to compete if you register before Tuesday, Sept. 16. Chuck Cooper of WHLC Radio will again be master of ceremonies. Summit One Gallery is providing the prize money: \$200 for the best student performer, \$200 for best adult, and \$200 for best overall. There is no charge to enter, but you must register by Tuesday, September 16. Registration forms are available at the Performing Arts Center, 507 Chestnut Street. Tickets to the show are \$10 each, available at the door.

• At ITC, singing duo, Steve Gillette and Cindy Mangsen at 8 p.m. Call 828-342-9197.

Sunday, Sept. 14

• At First Presbyterian Church, WCU Vocal Concert at 3 p.m. It's free.

• At the Episcopal Church, the last Great Perfor-

All Male Chorus to perform Sept. 19 at PAC



Stell Huie, shown with accompanist Angie Jenkins, will be one of three soloists featured in the upcoming performance of the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center's Male Chorus. The other two include Wayne Coleman and John Greene. The Male Chorus will appear at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street on Friday evening, Sept. 19 at 8 p.m.

The director, Orville Wike, has planned a varied program, including spirituals, barbershop harmonies, operetta music and others. Early reservations are recommended, since concerts by the Male Chorus are usually sellouts.

Call 526-9047 to charge tickets by phone. Admission price is \$12.



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CHURCH is actively seeking a responsible and energetic individual to fill the full-time position of Director of Children and Youth Ministries. Bachelor's degree or five years related experience required. Send resumes to HUMC, P.O. Box 1959, Highlands, NC 28741. Attn: Scott Roddy or email inquiries and resumes to humcsc@dnet.net.

ASSISTANT MANAGER - for Ladies boutique in Highlands. Experience preferred. Call 526-8555.

PART-TIME CLEANERS NEEDED TO CLEAN BANKS - in Highlands area. Call Linda at 828-691-6353.

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mance featuring Negro spirituals at 5 p.m. It's free.

Monday, Sept. 15-20

- Christmas Sale at Mountain Findings featuring 50% markdowns in the "holiday" section of the store. Mountain Findings is open Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Spruce Street.

Wed., Sept. 17

- "Evening at Lakeside" restaurant to benefit the Highlands Community Child Development Center. Mention the organization and 15% will be donated.

- The next dutch lunch meeting of the Blue Ridge Sigs will be at 12:30 p.m., Wednesday at the Country Club of Sapphire Valley, 120 Handicap Drive, Sapphire, NC. Questions/attending give brother Lester Freeman a call (828) 743-9013; or E-Mail: Lester1421@verizon.net.

Thursday & Friday, Sept 18-19

- At The Bascom, the art of shibori is the subject of Janet Taylor's workshop from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Taylor's shibori class for The Bascom will be held at the Highlands Community Center. Cost is \$108 for Bascom members and \$120 for not-yet-members. For more information or to register, call (828) 526-4949, ext. 4#, or visit www.thebascom.org.

Beginning Thursday, Sept. 18

- Collections for men and women overseas at Chestnut Hill Retirement community. A wide variety of items currently are needed, including books and magazines, CDs and DVDs, and small pocket books, which fit neatly in the BDUs (Battle Dress Uniforms). Phone cards, lounge pants, grey or black t-shirts, and cards of encouragement are also in great demand. Consumables such as insect repellent, lotions, and other hygiene products must come new, in original packaging. Monetary donations to fund the flat rate APO shipping at \$10.95 per box should be left at the front desk of Chestnut Hill. The drop point for all items will be under the flagpole at the Chestnut Hill Clubhouse on Clubhouse Trail. For any questions, or to schedule a drop-off, contact Jeremy Duke in our community office at (828) 787-2114.

Thursday, Sept. 18

- A Miner Vineyards Wine Dinner at OEI's The Farm. \$169 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuity. Call 866-526-8008.

- At CLE, Your Dog's Lifetime Developmental Stages: What's to Know? Please call 526-8811 to reg-

ister.

- "Cat Ballou" (1965) is the story of Cat (Jane Fonda) who seeks revenge for her murdered father. She hires a famous gunman (Lee Marvin), but finds

he is very different from what she expects. Marvin won the Oscar for his performance in the great western comedy. The movies are shown in the Library

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Singing duo returns to ITC, Saturday



Cindy Mangsen and Steve Gillette by Irene Young

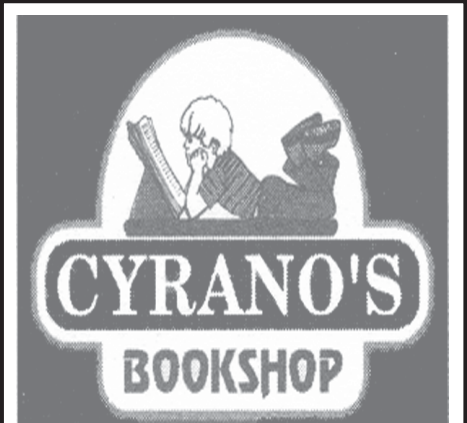
The Instant Theatre Company will present the return of Steve Gillette and Cindy Mangsen in Concert for one performance only at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13 at The Studio on Main, 310 Main Street Oak Square.

According to the *Sing Out Magazine* review of Steve and Cindy's latest album, *Being There*, "Steve and Cindy have hit on a combination that consistently produces high quality recordings and entertaining stage shows. Their voices and styles meld seamlessly with a gentleness and a maturity that is unmatched in the world of folk duos."

Steve and Cindy have been featured

on National Public Radio's *All Things Considered* and *Mountain Stage*, and have delighted audiences across North America and Europe with their music, warmth, and humor. They have recorded four duet albums: *Live in Concert* (1991), *The Light of the Day* (named Best Folk Album of 1996 by WFMT and WDET), *A Sense of Place* (2001, Redwing Music), and *Being There* (2006, Compass Rose Music).

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Call the Instant Theatre Company box office at 828-342-9197. Visit the ITC website for all upcoming performances at www.InstantTheatre.org



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September 20

1 to 3 pm

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September 27

1 to 3 pm

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"The Church in the Wilderness"

October 5

1 to 3 pm

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FOOD SERVICE MANAGER needed at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Full-time position. At least two years experience in institutional/food service environment with knowledge of therapeutic diets,

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pice, and Cardio-Pulmonary. Must be able to provide leadership for managers and staff, and conduct recruitment and retention activities. Masters degree with a background in nursing leadership required. This position reports directly to the CEO/President of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, working closely with the QA Nurse Manager and the VP of Operations. Full benefits, or the option to opt out of benefits for an increase in pay, available after 30 days of full-time employment. Pre-employment screening required. Call Human Resources at 828-526-1301 or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

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Meeting Room at 7 p. m. on Thursday nights. The movies and popcorn are free, but donations are appreciated. Movies are among the many services provided to the community by the Friends of the Library.

Friday & Saturday, Sept. 19 & 20

• The Diaries of Adam and Eve, by Mark Twain at 8 p.m. at ITC. Stars Madeleine Davis and David Milford. For reservations call the ITC Box Office at 828-342-9197.

Friday-Sunday, Sept. 19-21

• At Acorn's on Main Street, two trunk shows: a Match Trunk Show. Table furnishings of pewter, crystal and ceramics handmade in northern Italy and a

Blossom Bath and Body Trunk Show. Pomegranate bath and body products that embody a lifestyle of maintaining internal beauty.

Friday, Sept. 19

• This year the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center's Male Chorus will give its annual concert at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street on Friday evening at 8 p.m. The director of the Male Chorus, Orville Wike, has put together a concert of songs ranging from barber-shop to spiritual to operetta. Angie Jenkins accompanies the Chorus at the piano. The concerts are usually sellouts, so early reservations are recommended. Tickets are \$12 each and may be charged by phone at 526-9047.

Saturday, Sept. 20

• "Star Night" at PAC. Got talent? Time is running out to register to demonstrate it at this year's "Star Night" talent competition at 7:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street. Whatever your talent, whatever your age, you are eligible to compete if you register before Tuesday, September 16. Chuck Cooper of WHLC Radio will again be master of ceremonies. Summit One Gallery is providing the prize money: \$200 for the best student performer, \$200 for best adult, and \$200 for best overall. There is no charge to enter, but you must register by Tuesday, Sept. 16. Registration forms are available at the Performing Arts Center, 507 Chestnut Street. Tickets to the show are \$10 each, available at the door.

• At CLE, Spokes of the Wheel: Indian Cooking Cuisine. Please call 526-8811 to register.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a strenuous 11-mile hike on the Lower Ridge Trail from the Standing Indian campground to the top of Standing Indian Mountain. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 8:00 a.m. Drive 25 miles round trip. Bring water, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader Don O'Neal, 586-5723, for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

Sunday, Sept. 21

• Readings and book signing by Ib Raae, "Colors of My Life" at the Episcopal Church at 5 p.m. with a program of classical piano music by Robert Henry.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take two hikes, mostly downhill, in the Wayah Bald area. Hike 1, from Wayah Bald to Wayah Crest, is a 4.2 mile easy-to

moderate hike. Hike 2 will spend some time on the Wayah tower, then hike from Wilson Lick Ranger Station to Wayah Crest, an easy 1.5-mile hike, suitable for children over ten. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 2:00 p.m. Drive 35 miles round trip. Bring water, a snack if you wish, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations or more information. Visitors

are welcome, but no pets please.

Monday, Sept 22

• At CLE, Digital Photography-Put Pizzazz in your Fall Photos. Please call 526-8811 to register.

Tuesday, Sept. 23

• "Birder Friendly Business Training Program" at the Rec Park from 10 am to 4 pm Learn how to market your business to birders. Registration deadline: September 16. Limited to 25 participants. Regis-

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Sat & Sun: (2), (4:15), 7, 9:15

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rated PG-13

Mon - Fri: (4:30), 7:15

Sat & Sun: (4:30), 7:15

SWING VOTE

rated PG

Mon - Fri: 9:05

Sat & Sun: (2:15), 9:05

WCU Vocal Concert planned at First Presbyterian Sunday at 3 p.m.



The music committee of First Presbyterian Church and the music department of Western Carolina University will co-sponsor a faculty showcase concert on Sunday, Sept. 14 at 3 p.m. which will last approximately one hour.

Faculty members will be bringing several star vocal students to perform with them. These students are recent competition winners in the statewide National Association of Teachers of Singing auditions.

Featured faculty will be Mary Kay Bauer, soprano, Bill Martin, tenor, Robert Holquist, bass-baritone, and Bradley Martin, piano.

Please make plans to come and enjoy an afternoon of beautiful music. The public is cordially invited to this free concert in the First Presbyterian Church sanctuary at 471 Main Street.

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Needlepoint samplers on display at the library



Needlepoint sampler by co-designer Sandy Nelson.

During the month of September the Hudson Library is host to a very interesting display of needlework. The Sapphire Valley Chapter of the American Needlepoint Guild has worked for two years on a sampler project.

Two members of the Chapter, Sandy Nelson and Joanne Wilkinson, conceived the sampler concept: blocks of varying sizes and shapes, each filled with a different stitch. Each member was given a template of the basic design, which was then transferred to her choice of canvas.

The project has attracted notice in the national needlepoint community. Teachers at the Callaway Gardens School of Needle Arts have suggested that this project be published as a book, with photos of the varying samplers to show the results of different choices of color combinations.

New members are always welcome, and beginners are encouraged to join. Come to a meeting or stop by Needlepoint of Highlands for details.

tration application available on NC Birding Trail Website, www.ncbirdingtrail.org. Participating businesses will be listed in trail guide and web site, and receive instruction and materials helpful with attracting birders

Wednesday, Sept. 24

- "An Evening with Casablanca" at Jack's at Skyline Lodge. Dinner, dancing, movie and prizes for the best character representation. Limited seating. \$50 per person. Prime Rib, Trout Muniere or Stuffed chicken. Call 526-2121 for reservations.

- The Village Nature Series is a free summertime lecture series co-hosted by Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust & Village Green. "Weaving Nature and Community into a Poetry of Place" with Brent Martin. Everyone is welcome. Lectures are held at the Albert Carlton Library in Cashiers. Lectures begin at 6:30 PM. Refreshments follow. There is no charge but donations are graciously accepted. Call HCLT for info: 526-1111.

- At CLE, The Art of Coffee. Please call 526-8811 to register.

- At Jack's at Skyline Lodge on Flat Mountain Road in Highlands, "An evening with "Casablanca" featuring dinner, dancing, a movie, and prizes for "best character representation. 6 p.m. Limited seating. \$50 per person. Call 526-2121 for reservations. Menu: Bogey's Beef (Prime Rib), Ingrid's Choice (Trout Muniere), Humphrey's Hens (Stuffed Chicken).

Thursday, Sept 25

- At CLE, Pencil Drawing. Please call 526-8811 to register.

- "The Odd Couple" (1960) shows Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau at their comedic best. They are the odd couple who share an apartment, but have very different ideas about housekeeping and life styles. The movies are shown in the Library Meeting Room at 7 p.m. on Thursday nights. The movies and popcorn are free, but donations are appreciated. Movies are among the many services provided to the community by the Friends of the Library.

- The Upper Cullasaja Watershed Annual Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Highlands Community Building. Featured speaker will be Environmental Law Attorney Billy Clark who successfully represented Whiteside Estates and RiverWalk. The meeting is open to the public and free.

Spiritual concert on Sunday at 5 p.m.



African American singers perform here Sunday – Dr. Lawrence Weaver and tenor soloist Darrell McGhee and wife Betsy are welcomed by Mrs. Fletcher Wolfe to their Sky Valley home.

This Sunday afternoon, Sept. 14 at 5 p.m., a program consisting of all Negro spirituals will be given at the Highlands Episcopal Church of the Incarnation as the last performance of its "Great Performances" series. The widely acclaimed group of African-American soloists will be directed by well known musician Dr. Lawrence Weaver.

Many of your favorite spirituals will be performed along with some less familiar ones having a long relationship to the black church movement on its journey to freedom.

Some of these spirituals were collected and arranged by several well respected black composers of the past. Included among these was Dr. Wendell Whalum, late director of the famous Morehouse

University Choir. This choir is well known for its annual Christmas appearances with Robert Shaw and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.

Dr. Weaver, accompanist for the Morehouse Choir when a young student there was closely associated with Dr. Whalum for many years and because of his own extensive musical studies in the area of spirituals brings an authentic and appealing presentation of these pieces.

Some of the familiar spirituals you will recognize on this program include "Every time I feel the Spirit," "Nobody knows the Trouble I've Seen," "Ride on Jesus," and "Stand Still Jordan" among others.

Please come early to get a good seat. Admission is free, everyone is invited and a reception will follow.

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ness references required. One year minimum. Washer and Dryer. \$950 a month plus utilities. Call John Dotson. 828-526-5587.

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Public Notice is hereby given **Absentee Voting By-Mail:**

Absentee voting will be allowed pursuant to G.S. 163-302(b). Absentee voting by mail begins on Monday, September 15, 2008 and will end on Tuesday, October 28, 2008 (G.S. 163-230.1 (a2) (3)). These requests may be made in person at the Macon County Board of Elections Office or the voter may request an application by writing to the Macon County Board of Elections at 5 West main Street, Franklin NC 28734. All requests must include the name, address, date of birth of the voter and must be signed by the individual voter. If the voter is unable to request an absentee by mail or in person a near relative may also request an absentee ballot using the same format as listed above, and must also include the relationship to the voter, and the near relative's contact information. (Near relative includes: spouse, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, stepparent, or stepchild). All absentee voted ballots must be returned to the Macon County Board of Election Office by Monday, November 3, 2008 (G.S. 163-

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231(b). These ballots must be received by mail, commercial courier service, in person by the voter, or by the voter's near relative 5:00 p.m. on this day.

Sara R. Waldroop, Chairman
Macon County Board of Elections 9/18

TOWN MANAGER TOWN OF HIGHLANDS, NORTH CAROLINA

Highlands, population 1,100 (18,000 summer), is seeking a Town Manager who is a visionary and has strong leadership skills to manage the Town's functions. A scenic community located in Macon County in the southwestern North Carolina Mountains, Highlands is a full-service Town, and has a Mayor and five Commissioners. The Town has an \$11.5 million operating budget, and 56 fulltime, 17 part-time, and 26 seasonal employees. Departments include Administration (includes Planning), Police, Fire, Street, Sanitation, Recreation, Water, Wastewater, and Electric. The Town Manager will be responsible for recommending to, and implementing policies and programs approved by the Town's Commissioners, and the general direction of the Town's operations.

A Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration, Business Administration, or related field is required; an MPA is preferred. A minimum of five years of progressively responsible experience in local government management is preferred, and significant consideration will be given to experience as a Town Manager or Assistant Manager. The preferred candidate will be a strategic-thinking individual with strong management skills, good verbal and written communications skills, and will possess the ability to relate to elected officials, Town staff, and citizens.

The starting salary will be dependent on qualifications.

Position is open until filled; however, in order to receive full consideration, a cover letter and resume should be submitted by September 26, 2008, to Wilder Consulting, 5206 Waxwind Lane, Charlotte, NC 28226; or email to bwilder@carolina.rr.com. Telephone number is (704) 540-8236. Questions should also be submitted to the above. 9/11

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POLICE & FIRE LOG ENTRIES

The following is the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for Aug. 8-Sept. 5. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

Aug. 8

• At 1 p.m., a homeowner on Arnold Road reported his boat dock vandalized with repairs estimated at \$250.

Sept. 4

• At 4:35 p.m., a purse found in the woman's stall of the public bathroom was turned in to the police department.

Sept. 5

• At 1:15 a.m., officers were called to Trillium Place regarding a loud party. The participants were told to quiet down.

• At 8:15 a.m., larceny from a vehicle parked on Oak Street involving missing diesel fuel estimated at \$125 was reported.

• At 5:40 p.m., the police department assisted EMS at a home on Wilson Road to make sure a large dog in the residence wouldn't harm emergency personnel.

During the week, officers issued 3 warning tickets and responded to 1 alarm activation.

The following is the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the week of Sept. 3-9

Sept. 3

• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS

with a medical call at a residence on Dog Mountain Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 4

• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Wahoo Trail. The victim was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 6

• The dept. was called to investigate a fire inside the town's water pump station on Big Bearpen Road. It is believed the blaze started from an electrical problem. The building was already burned out when reported.

Sept. 7

• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call on Main Street. The victim was transported to the hospital.

• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Rolling Woods Drive. The victim was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 8

• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on S. 4th Street. The victim was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 9

• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on White Clover Lane. The victim was transported to the hospital.

There were no reports from by the Macon County Sheriff Dept. the week of Sept. 3-10.

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el and tourism in the county — specifically in the areas they represent.

Both TDCs will work with the Highlands Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Center and the Franklin Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Center but the chambers won't be the only recipients of the room tax proceeds nor solely decide how the funds are to be spent.

Any organization whose purpose is to promote tourism in the county may apply for funds through either TDC, though each TDC will likely focus on organizations and events in its district.

Monday night the board also accepted Commissioner Brian McClellan's nominations for the eight-member board in Highlands, but who will fill which staggered term will be decided at the county's continuation meeting Thursday, Sept. 18 at 6 p.m.

For the Highlands TDC, McClellan will represent the county commission, Commissioner Hank Ross will represent the Highlands Town Board and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bob Kieltyka will be the ex officio, non-voting member.

Two owners of lodging establishments will be on the board — Sabrina Hawkins of the Highlands Inn and Hampton Inn who represents an establishment with more than 10 rooms, and Helene Siegel, of the 4 1/2 Street Inn, representing an establishment with 10 or less rooms.

The one member from the Highlands Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors is Jerry Moore, owner of Kilwin's.

Two individuals interested in tourism but not members of the lodging industry are Wolfgang Green of Wolfgang's Restaurant and

Wine Bistro, and Gary Drake of Drake's Diamond Gallery.

County Commissioner Bob Simpson, who questioned placing members of the chambers on the TDC in the past, asked McClellan if all his nominees were members of the chamber of commerce.

McClellan said in Highlands it would be hard to find people for the TDC if not being a chamber member was a criteria.

Though it's not true, McClellan said, "Every business in Highlands is a member of the Chamber of Commerce."

On Sept. 18, the commission will hear nominations for the Franklin-Nantahla TDC from Simpson and it will decide exactly when the two new TDCs go into effect — Oct. 1 as originally suggested, July 1, 2009 or Jan. 1, 2009.

For budgeting purposes, by Feb. 1, 2009, County Manager Jack Horton said the TDCs should determine the scope of services and costs associated with them. "Organizations need a reasonable expectation as to revenue," he said.

Finance Director Evelyn Southard will be in charge of the room tax fund disbursements once allocations are decided.

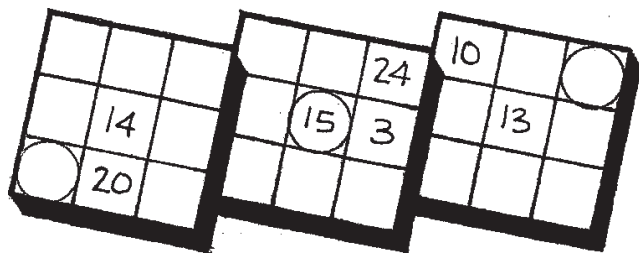
For 2007-2008 room tax money generated in Highlands was about \$240,000. In Franklin-Nantahala about \$150,000 was generated.

Three percent room tax is levied by every lodging establishment in the county. The town of Franklin levies an additional three percent room tax of which it is the sole recipient and not subject to county scrutiny.

— Kim Lewicki

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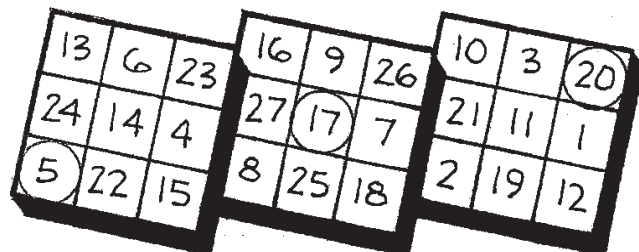
The cube has 27 consecutive numbers in it, arranged in three layers with 9 numbers each. These numbers are arranged in a special pattern: For each layer, the sum of the three numbers in each row, column or diagonal, is 3 times its center number. Eight diagonals connect all 3 layers by running through the center number of the middle layer. Each diagonal contains 3 numbers equalling the total of the three center numbers. One of the diagonals is shown with circles.

THE CHALLENGE:

Start with the three center numbers for each layer and the other numbers given. Now pour a cup of coffee, pick up a pencil and eraser and try to figure out where the other numbers belong. Good Luck!

Email: pseudocube8@aol.com.

Solution to #DZ3E in Sept. 4 issue



N-Cryptoku[©]

Object: Assign 9 different letters to each cell of 9 columns and 9 rows. In addition, nine 3 x 3 cells in the layout have the same nine different letters (this is similar to Sudoku but uses nine letters instead of nine numbers). A 'mystery word or phrase' using all nine different letters is designated by circled squares (other short words appear when solving, for which a list of meanings is provided). Every puzzle has a different 'mystery word or phrase' (no spaces).

How to Solve: Determine the nine different letters among those given. Try to solve the mystery word using the clue given and write it in. Other small words will appear in the puzzle. As in conventional crossword puzzles, a list of meanings for these ACROSS/ DOWN words is given and number positions shown. Doing them will speed up your solution to the puzzle. Using your powers of induction, inference and insight, place missing letters in all blank squares according to the rules noted above. Focus attention where the least number of letters are needed to complete a line, column or 3 x 3 cell. Email: pseudocube8@aol.com. Feedback encouraged!

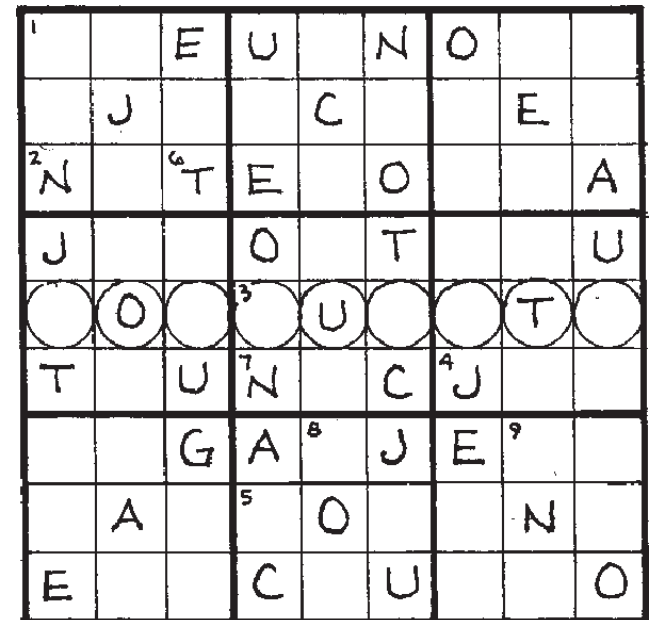
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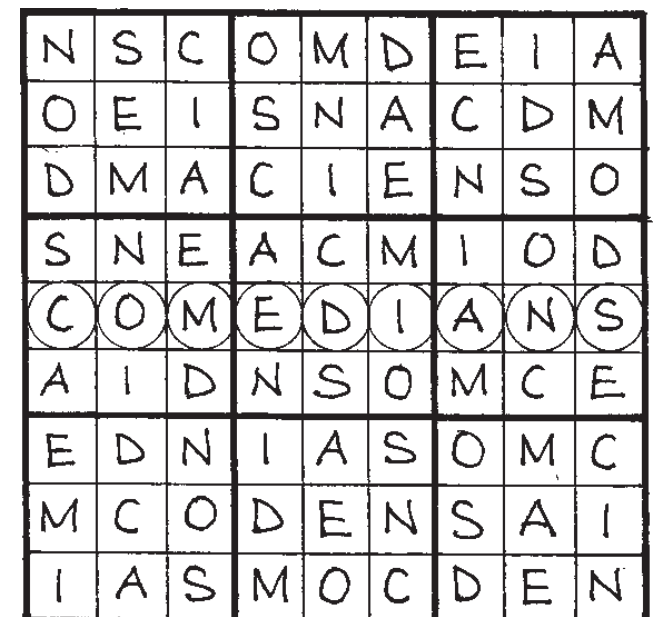
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2. Tree seed (3)
3. Pitcher (3)
4. Trot (3)
5. Move (2)

Down

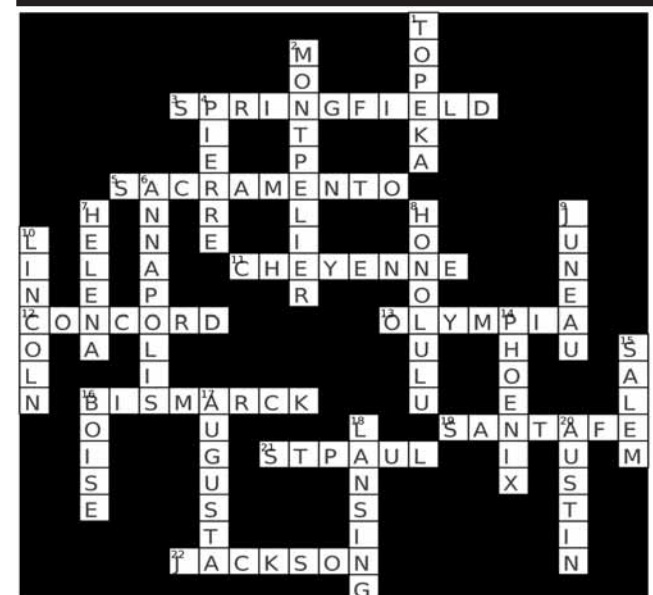
6. Light brown color (3)
7. North American (abbr) (2)
8. 2,000 pounds (3)
9. Girl's name (3)
10. Fast plane (3)



Solution to Sept. 4 puzzle



SEPT. 4 CROSSWORD ANSWERS



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was exempted from current EMC requirements concerning built-upon requirements, the EMC recommended a minimum 30-ft. vegetative buffer be maintained.

The board considered that when addressing the variance request to encroach into the 50-foot watershed buffer area.

After taking into account septic field setback regulations, road setbacks, property line setbacks and the watershed buffer setback, Boger and his architect Paul Schmitt had a mere 718 sq. ft. to build upon. They needed more.

After almost two hours of discussion, the four-member board, voted unanimously to grant both variances – one with exceptions. With one member absent, the vote had to be unanimous to pass. If a full board is seated, a 4/5 vote is needed. Allen Frederick was absent.

Since Highlands' 50-ft. watershed buffer went into effect in 1998, after Boger's property was platted and purchased, but since the state's 30-ft. buffer requirement was on the books when he bought the property, the board granted his request to build in the buffer but only to the 30-ft. mark not to within 16-ft. of the lake, as requested.

Though they said it was a tight site when it was platted and a tight site when he purchased the property, they agreed to the 13.8% built-upon on the grounds that various restrictions imposed by the town's ordinance rendered the lot unusable for its R-1 zoning and intended purpose.

A variance of up to a 10% built-upon increase over the 12% limit – or 13.2% — is considered "minor" by the state and the town, which means the state doesn't have to be consulted, but the variance granted by the Zoning Board amounted to a 13.8% built-upon. That put it in the "major" category, but not by much.

To be safe, Zoning Board member Tony Potts suggested verification of approval from the state concerning both variances "saying that Boger is exempt from adhering to its requirements due to the minor nature of the variances."

Zoning Administrator Joe Cooley said he had spoken to the EMC and they said they weren't going to hear the case because it was considered minor but he said he would get it in writing.

Schmitt said he will reconfigure the plans and pull all structures – decks, walkways and the dining pod – out of the 30-ft. buffer to set closer to the main structure.

– Kim Lewicki

