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Thursday, May 10, 2007

On-going

• Registration is on for summer's nature day camps at the Highlands Nature Center. Call 526-2623.

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

• At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Osteoporosis prevention exercise classes, a total body and muscle-toning workout exercise class, and Pilates classes. Call Jeanette Fisher at 828-526-1FIT.

• Live music at Fressers in Helen's Barn with Cy Timmons 6 p.m. until.

Every Monday

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

Every Tuesday

• At 4:30 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church Chapel "Companions in Christ." Call 526-3175 for information.

Every Wednesday

• Wednesday Noon Prayers noon at First Presbyterian Church.

Thurs.-Sun. May 10 - May 13

• HCP's 'Enchanted April' is at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street. Evening performances begin at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees begin at 2:30 p.m. Call: 526-8084 for reservations.

Saturday, May 12

• Macon County Rabies Clinics at the Highlands Conference Center from 1-2:30 p.m. and at the Scaly Mountain Post Office from 3-4 p.m., both with Dr. Amy Patterson. The cost is \$5 per pet, cash only, no checks. Keep pets in vehicle, on leashes or in carriers. All dogs, cats and ferrets over 4 months old must be vaccinated.

• Peace Jones at Cyprus Restaurant at 9:30 p.m. \$10 cover.

Monday, May 14

• Remind MC Commissioners that Highlands is a big part of Macon County. Attend the MC Commissioner meeting, 6 p.m. in the boardroom of the courthouse in Franklin.

• The Rotary Club of Highlands 19th annual Golf Tournament at Trillium, with a shotgun start at noon, followed by a cocktail buffet and awards ceremony. Registration for individual players is \$125. Call Bill Futral at 526-8645.

Tuesday, May 15

• The Celebrate Women 2007 Spring Event, 6-8 p.m. at the Oak Street Café. \$3 at the door for or Kid's Place.

Wednesday, May 16

• ...on the Verandah's Guest Chef Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Featuring Tom Rushing of Concentric's Restaurants and Stephen Corley of Monticello Vineyards. \$95 per person. Reservations required. Call 526-2338.

Commission dissatisfied with 'Plaza' look

The Highlands Plaza face lift hasn't turned out the way it was presented to the Appearance Commission back in October 2006 and members are concerned.

At the May 7 meeting, members said Al Bolt, who represented his mother who owns the

Highlands Plaza property, indicated that the façade of the existing plaza would be upgraded to match the Car Spa.

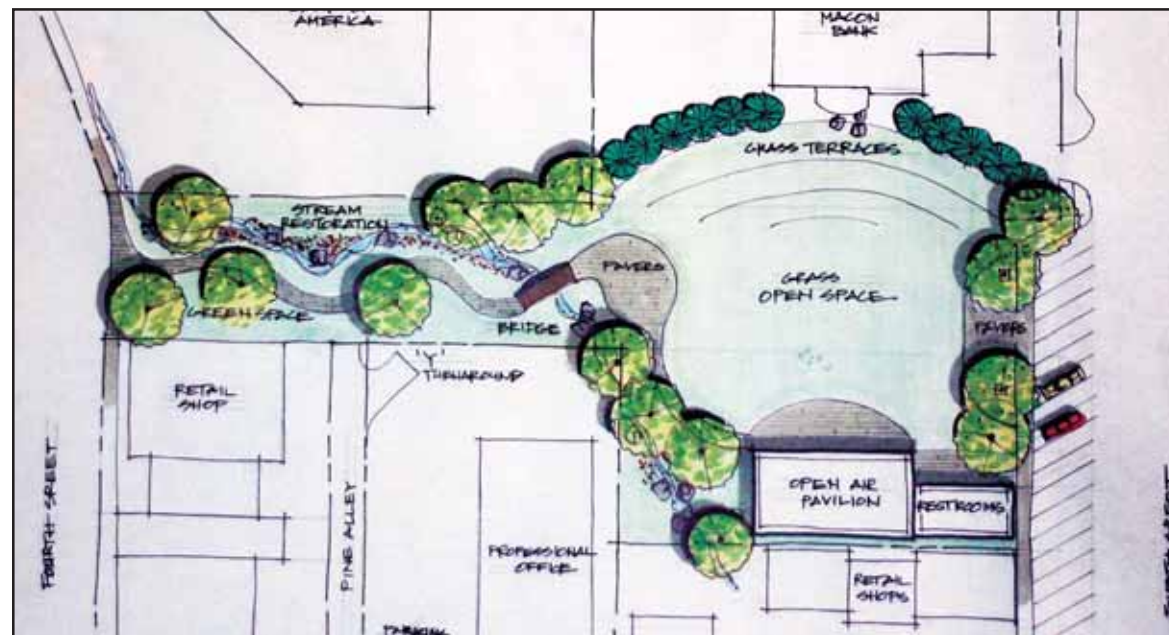
"He was supposed to use shingles like he did on the Car Spa," said member Mark Pittman.

Chair of the commission,

Rick Siegel, said he heard that Bolt couldn't get the shingles in the quantity he needed so stucco was substituted.

Members said though the colors are OK, nothing ties the look of the plaza together.

Old metal siding was re-
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The crowd was most pleased with version "C" for the Pine Street Park which entails closing Pine Street completely.

Citizens voice ideas for Pine Street Park

About 30 people attended the Pine Street Park Public Meeting, May 7, and enthusiastically submitted their opinions for the park.

The crowd broke into four groups and outlined items of importance to them. Out of that came four main points:

- a park that focuses on a pavilion offering restrooms, a kitchen facility, grills, storage, a faucet, expansion via a tent, amplification, electricity and skylights;
- a park that focuses on green

space with benches, shade trees, grass, a water faucet, creek, a space for a tent, and picnic tables;

• a park that requires the closing of all of Pine Street, a portion of the street or none of the street.

• and, a park that hosts non-exclusive events – that is, events open to anyone who might wander by versus a Chamber of Commerce event or ticketed arts event.

Since the creek, which runs from the Episcopal Church property under Fifth Street, through Village Square and under Pine and Fourth streets before emptying into Mill Creek often backs up, its remediation is a big part of all the Pine Street Park plans.

Two plans involve rerouting it after it leaves Village Square into a meandering format which would add a feature to the park

while slowing stormwater flow.

But the plan that would forever fix the stream problem involves bringing the entire stream above ground from where it leaves Village Square to Mill Creek and incorporating it into the park setting in a meandering fashion.

"The problem with the creek is it makes five 90-degree turns from the church property to where it enters Mill Creek and streams don't like to do that," said Landscape Architect Hank Ross, who has been designing the park scenarios.

Ross's "A" rendition has a pavilion on green space on the old Post Office site across the street from the back of the Macon Bank property. Rendition "B" has half of Pine Street blocked off and re-

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Alcohol permits required of nonprofits

Just as the season is opening in Highlands, a damper of sorts has been put on the bevy of non-profit functions offering alcohol and wine as part of their venue.

"One-time permits allowing alcohol are required for each function even if the drinks are free," said Police Chief Bill Harrell.

Evidently, the N.C. Alcohol Beverage Control Commission put the word out about two weeks ago when representatives learned that alcohol was being offered at nonprofit functions in town.

"Even if drinks are given away, it is construed as a sale," said a representative from the ABC Commission. "Sometimes the non-profit is looking for donations, sometimes tickets are purchased for an event they are sponsoring or presenting. Either way, there is an exchange of money one way or the other which is the deciding factor."

Each permit application costs \$50 and must be applied for 14 days prior to each event. There aren't any umbrella permits for ongoing events that occur over several weekends or days. However, only one permit is required for a "run."

"For instance, if a function runs Thursday through Sunday of the same week, only one permit is needed," said the ABC representative. "But if it runs again the next

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Weekend Weather:

FRI	SAT	SUN
72-52°F	70-50°F	67-49°F

• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• FORUM •

No good deed goes unpunished



Kim Lewicki
Publisher

I never understood that saying, but now I do. One Sunday afternoon in late October, my daughter Megan and I went to Wal-Mart to stock up on dorm supplies prior to her heading back to Appalachian State University.

After we checked out and transferred our bags from the checkout counter to the cart, I noticed a wallet on the counter.

I picked it up, walked back toward the cashier who was already dealing with the next customer in line and said "Someone left their wallet" as I tried to give it to her.

I knew the cashier heard me and saw that I was trying to give her the wallet, but she wouldn't acknowledge my statement or the wallet.

I thought it was odd. Megan was in a hurry to hit the road back to ASU and had no patience for the cashier's lack of interest or my trying to give the wallet to the appropriate person.

"Just put it down, Mom," she said. "Let's go. They obviously don't care."

I put the wallet back on the counter, followed Megan as she wheeled the cart out of the store – the cart full of our purchases and my black handbag. All was quickly forgotten.

Then, the week of Thanksgiving, I got a call from a detective from the Macon County Sheriff's Department.

"Would you come down to the department to answer some questions?" he asked.

"What for?" I asked.

"We think you might have some information about a lady's wallet."

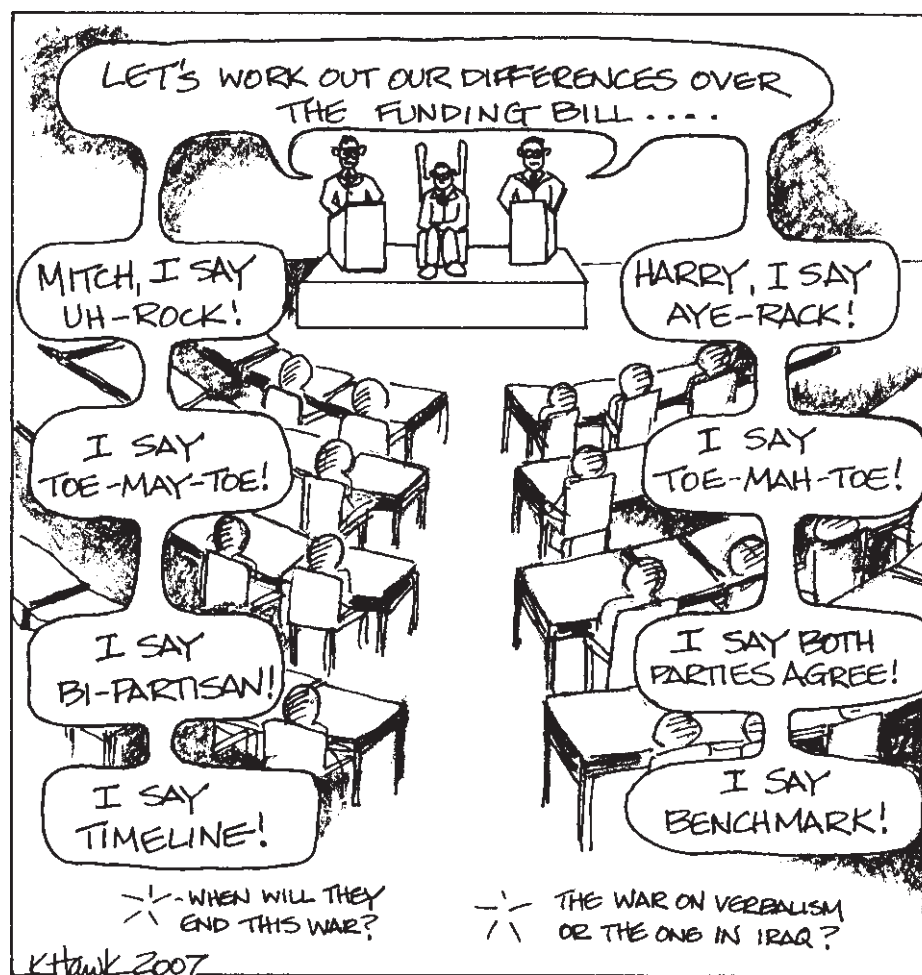
I didn't have a clue what he was talking about – and had totally forgotten the Wal-Mart incident.

I had a school board meeting in Nantahala the Monday after Thanksgiving so I stopped at the Sheriff's Department before heading that way.

I was politely escorted through the lobby doors and into a back room. I took a

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• LETTERS •

The right to bear arms

Dear editor,

Further response to Dr. Salzarulo would seem to be a futile endeavor since he holds blindly to the notion that the militia is only a unit of government like the National Guard. That is not the case, but he is certainly entitled to believe that if that is what makes him rest easy. But for those who would rather know the truth, the fact is that rights, by definition, belong to the citizens. And it is also a fact that the militia is composed of able-bodied men between the ages of 18 and 45 and being in the military or NG has nothing to do with it.

In the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson wrote that "all men are created equal" and "are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights," while governments derive their "powers" from the consent of the governed. The Constitution and Bill of Rights repeatedly refer to the "rights" of the people and to the "powers" of government. The Second Amendment clearly states the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. The purpose of this right is to protect the security of a free state from the centralized government by maintaining a militia. A militia by definition is made up of able-bodied ordinary citizens. This definition precludes the National Guard units run by the individual states as being the militia alluded to in the Second Amendment.

And his strawman argument about the Patriot Act is preaching to the choir, at least with me. I have NEVER supported it because it is unconstitutional. But keep on building those strawmen, Doctor. Someone else may have a use for them.

Finally, Dr. Salzarulo said that, "As far as domestic despots, I don't care much for George Bush and you may not have liked Bill Clinton, but even in the case of Bush infringement of person(al) liberties has been modest..." The fact is that neither George Bush, Bill Clinton nor any and all of the members of Congress, Senate or the Judiciary have the right to infringe on personal liberties one iota. A "modest" infringement only leads them to believe that major infringements are also fine so long as they can justify it in their own minds (and those who would rule over others can ALWAYS justify tyranny in their own minds).

Danny Crane
Highlands

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• MILESTONES •

Highlands School grad honored



Alia Schultz, center, and five other New College of Florida students and fellow 2007-08 Fulbright Scholars, met with Florida Senate President Ken Pruitt in his Senate office in the Florida capital in Tallahassee on April 26. Schultz, a senior, received a Fulbright Grant to teach English in Germany for a year. She graduates May 25. The New College Fulbrighters were also invited on to the floor of the Florida House of Representatives and were recognized by Florida's State University System Chancellor Mark Rosenberg and local representatives.

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chair opposite the detective aware that if this took too long I would be late for the school board meeting still an hour's drive away.

"First, I want you to know that there are two exits to the building; one right outside this door and one in the front of the building where you came in."

I'm thinking... "Yeah, OK, whatever."

"I also want you to know that you are not under arrest."

"Under arrest? Why would I be under arrest?" I asked baffled. "Wait a minute. Is this about me?"

"Were you in Wal-Mart on October 22?" he asked.

"Probably," I said somewhat disturbed at this point. "I go to Wal-Mart a lot. Why?"

"Because our records show that someone used your debit card that day."

He then produced a document itemizing all the purchases I made Oct. 22.

I looked it over and recognized the items. "Yes, I made these purchases."

"Do you remember anything about a wallet?"

Slowly, very slowly, the flicker of a memory about a wallet ignited, but I really couldn't remember details because I had completely dismissed the incident.

"A wallet?" I instinctively grabbed my bag and realized that was stupid. The only wallet ever in my bag is my own. "I do remember something about a wallet," I said haltingly.

"We have a video showing you picking up a wallet that was on the counter and putting it in your bag," he said calmly.

"What! What are you talking about?"

"If you just return the wallet, everything will probably be all right."

"But I didn't take a wallet," I said.

"What is this about?"

Turns out a widow-lady from Florida, saved up all her money — \$500 — to come to Western North Carolina for the leaf season. On Sunday, Oct. 22, she shopped in two stores in Franklin, both of which have video surveillance cameras. She left the first store with her wallet and the \$500 cash inside but then left it on the Wal-Mart check-out counter after making her purchases there. All she wanted was her money back.

"We have a video showing you picking up the wallet," he said.

"Wait a minute," I said. "Hold on, I'm going to call my daughter."

The detective began running the video.

I grabbed the cell phone, hoping Megan would pick up. As part of a course project, she had given up using her cell phone for a month. As expected she didn't pick up her phone, so I called her sister and luckily she was with her.

"Hey Meg. Do you remember an incident at Wal-Mart that day we were shopping for shelves for your dorm room when I picked up a wallet?"

"Yes, Mom. Don't you remember? You found..."

"Stop," I said. "Don't tell me any more. I'm with a detective at the sheriff's department and he thinks I took the wallet. Please tell him what happened." I handed the phone to the detective and continued watching the video.

It showed Megan and I entering Wal-Mart, taking a cart and walking through the store. Then it cuts to the far side of a check-out line where a lone wallet lies on the counter. Though shot from behind me, after a few minutes, the video clearly shows me picking up the wallet turning back to-

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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

'The sky is falling, the sky is falling!'

Surely you remember that cute little Walt Disney chicken guy with horn-rimmed glasses who got everyone's shorts in a wad because the sky was falling. Here's a piece of inconvenient truth you may not be ready for. Rumor has it that Mr. Little, or I guess you can call him Chicken, is now working with Al Gore, running around unscrewing light bulbs. As we have learned from Mr. Gore, burning light bulbs helps contribute to global warming. Global warming, loosely translated, means the sky is falling. Therefore, they are a great team.

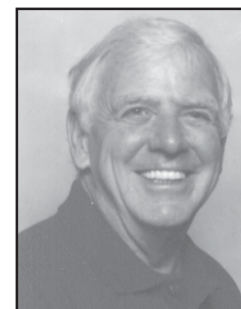
I am now doing my part by having sex in the dark. Other than that, I am ashamed to tell you I have done little else to help keep the Atlantic Ocean out of my Florida bedroom. This is scary because, if my calculations are correct, our simple abode here in Highlands will go under water in 6024. Yikes!

I want to do more than just have sex in the dark. I want to pitch in and make an impact. First, I have to sell all the survival stuff I bought back in the 70s when cone-headed buffoons scared me into thinking the next ice age was starting. Remember that era? Wait a minute, who's the buffoon here? I went out and bought the dumb stuff.

I think my ice age survival gear is stored next to my Y2K survival equipment which I am saving for the Y3K crisis. Once I have sold my triple-padded parkas, insulated snow boots and instructions on how to build and make love in an igloo, I will have enough money to head to Italy where the real global violations are taking place.

Why Italy, you ask? A recent study by IDGAP (don't ask but the first two letters may stand for 'I don't.') revealed that Italians, in mass, are having sex with the lights on. Why this occurs, I don't know. Maybe the men are afraid the women will abscond with their wallets. We must put a stop to this. I may even invite ole stinky butt Cheryl Crow to go with me.

Before leaving, and pu-leeese don't tell Big Al about this, Chicken and I are sneaking over to all of Al's mansions and unscrewing his light bulbs. This may take some time because, at last count, there



Fred Wooldridge

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were 64,249 of them burning away. There's a small cloud of dastardly carbon dioxide over each mansion and heated pool.

In the meantime, here's a statistic you can chew on. If everyone on the planet simultaneously held their breath for one minute, Al could keep his lights on one extra day. Now that's something to strive for.

Here's another fun fact you may not be aware of: burned out fluorescent bulbs are considered hazardous waste material. I am not making this up. Soooo, while you're running

around throwing out your perfectly good light bulbs and replacing them with expensive fluorescent bulbs filled with cancerous mercury vapor that produce unfriendly surgical light, India, China, millionaires, oil companies, refineries and Al Gore (oops, I already mentioned millionaires) are busy punching bigger holes in the ozone layer in one day than all us little guys could ever punch in a lifetime. Write that down.

Now, having said that, have you ever noticed whenever there's a crisis, demands are always placed on the little people (that would be us) to take action. When everyone in the world is required to turn off their electricity and not drive their cars, then I'll know the crisis is real.

Does Al Gore have stock in fluorescent lighting? Does he wipe with one sheet of toilet paper? Pray he doesn't. Was he somehow involved in the Y2K crisis? Did he really invent the Internet? Was he the mastermind of 9/11? Maestro, circus music, please!

By my calculations, a nasty stinking city bus belching diesel fumes from its engine can do more damage to our planet and your lungs in one day of operation than all of your light bulbs burning constantly for a year, but where's the outrage to shut them down? If they did away with diesel engines I could have sex with the lights on. Since that isn't going to happen, I will try to keep you informed of my light-burning Italian adventure.

To make sure I get lost in Italy, I'm bringing my Italian wife, the li'l missus, who will drag me off the beaten path and into harm's way. Pray she doesn't get gang pinched. Capisce?

• ANOTHER VIEW •

Who knew?

Until a few days ago, I had never heard of the Orangeburg Massacre, nor had Lizzie, Helen, anyone in the operating room, nor any of several folks gathered at Frank Cathey's Valley Pharmacy in Dillard, Georgia. I didn't know if it referred to an Indian attack on settlers, slaughter of civilians during the Revolutionary War, or a lopsided football victory. I learned that that it took place in 1968, two years before similar events in Jackson, Mississippi, and Kent, Ohio. The tragedies I will describe bore remarkable similarities, but one major difference.

On February 8, 1968, students of South Carolina State College, now South Carolina State University, gathered to protest a segregated bowling alley in Orangeburg, S.C. Police responded to the demonstration. Students hurled insults and non-lethal objects at the police. One policeman was injured. As one might expect, students and police offered differing explanations of what happened next. Police claimed that they were fired upon. Protesters denied the charge. No conclusive evidence supports either side. Police opened fire. Three students were killed and 27 injured in the ensuing barrage. Charges were brought against the police for use of excessive force. All were acquitted.

Two years later, May 14-15, 1970, a group of students spurred by an untrue rumor that Charles Evers, mayor of Fayette, MS, and brother of slain civil rights leader, Medgar Evers, and his wife had been shot and killed, gathered in protest, started fires and overturned a dump truck. Firemen, attempting to quell the fires, attacked with taunts and bricks. They called police for back-up. About seventy-five heavily armed local and state police responded. The National Guard had been issued weapons, but no ammunition. After the fire department extinguished the blaze, firemen departed and police marched on the student demonstrators. As one might expect, students and police offered differing explanations of what happened next. Police claimed that they were fired upon. Protesters denied the charge. No conclusive evidence supports either side. Police opened fire. Two students died and a dozen were wounded in the fusillade. FBI investigators estimate that police fired 460 rounds. Ambulances were called to take the wounded students to the hospital, but not until law enforcement officers policed the area and removed their spent shell casings. No charges were filed nor arrests made.



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

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Everyone knows what happened at Kent State University on May 4, 1970. Students gathered on campus to protest the Viet Nam War and expansion of the war into Cambodia. After several days of campus unrest, Ohio's governor called in the National Guard to restore order. Students taunted the Guards who ultimately advanced on and fired into the crowd of students, killing four and injuring nine. As in the cases described above, details of

exactly what transpired will never be known. The National Guard claimed that they were taking incoming fire and responded with a prolonged volley into the demonstrators. Surviving students denied that any of them were armed. Charges were filed, trials held, and all the Guards acquitted.

What is fascinating is that everyone I asked was aware of the tragedy at Kent State, often in considerable detail, but not one person had any idea of eerily similar events in Mississippi and South Carolina. Students gathered in a time of national unrest. Law enforcement officers and/or National Guard were summoned to the scenes. Officers claimed to have come under lethal attack and responded with fatal fire. Outside agitators were implicated but not identified. Charges were brought in two of the cases, but the only convictions obtained were against students for disruptions in the days leading up to the shootings. The only significant difference was the race of the victims. In South Carolina and Mississippi, the victims were African-American, while those in Ohio were white. Two stories were unworthy of extensive coverage, the other was etched forever into the National consciousness. White stories sell. Black stories don't.

Before succumbing to the easy explanation that these events took place 35 years ago, and that things have changed, let's look at more recent history. Remember the little beauty queen from Colorado Springs? How about the teen-aged daughter of a Salt Lake stock broker? And of course there was the Alabama high school graduate who disappeared in Aruba. All pretty, blond, and white. Surely during recent years little black children have been murdered and kidnapped. These kids find their way onto milk cartons, but not onto CNN. Do the media pander to the insatiable curiosity of the audience, or do readers and viewers create the circus? I don't have the answer to that one. Do you?

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• COOKING ON THE PLATEAU •

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This Mother's Day, get Mom out of the kitchen! Fire up the grill, grab a bottle of McWilliam's wine, and enjoy a g'day with good eats.

Grilled Chardonnay Shrimp

Prep time: 15 minutes

Marinate time: 1 hour

Cook time: 8 to 10 minutes

Serves: 4

3/4 cup McWilliam's Hanwood Estate Chardonnay

6 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

3 tablespoons honey

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

1 tablespoon ground coriander

1/2 teaspoon salt

Freshly ground pepper to taste

1 to 2 cloves garlic, minced

1 1/4 pounds large shrimp, peeled and deveined

4 cups arugula leaves

1/2 cup coarsely chopped macadamia nuts

1/2 cup diced red bell pepper (optional)



Whisk together wine, lemon juice, honey, olive oil, coriander, salt, pepper and garlic in medium bowl. Set aside 1/4 cup marinade and add shrimp to remaining marinade. Cover and refrigerate 1 hour. Remove shrimp and discard left over mari-nade. Thread shrimp onto short skewers and grill over medium heat 4 to 5 minutes on each side or until completely pink. Place skewers on arugula and drizzle with reserved marinade; sprinkle with nuts and bell pepper. Pair with same wine used in the marinade.

Blackberry Cabernet Marinated Steaks

Prep time: 15 minutes

Marinate time: Several hours to 2 days

Cook time: 10 minutes

Serves: 4



3/4 cup McWilliam's Hanwood Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

1 1/2 cups fresh blackberries, crushed

3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil

1/2 teaspoon salt, Freshly ground

pepper to taste

4 grilling steaks such as New York, rib-eye, or tenderloin

Chopped fresh basil (optional garnish)

Stir together wine, blackberries, balsamic vinegar, olive oil, basil, salt and pepper in resealable plastic bag. Remove 1/2 cup marinade and set aside. Place steaks in bag; seal and refrigerate steaks and reserved marinade for several hours or up to 2 days. Remove steaks from marinade and discard contents of bag. Grill steaks over medium heat 5 minutes on each side or until cooked to your liking. Remove from grill; spoon reserved marinade over top and sprinkle with chopped basil. Pair with same wine used in the marinade.

• All materials courtesy of McWilliam's Wine & Family Features

• FROM MY PERSPECTIVE •

From my perspective

A week ago I received a note from the North Carolina Department of Transportation regarding the availability of funds for "roadway improvements for bicycle safety on state and local designated bike routes."

The division operations engineer, Reuben Moore, in Sylva wanted to know if we were interested. Of course, we are.

I immediately asked him to consider an extension of our bike route from town down the Dillard Road which is due for repaving this month. He responded that indeed this roadway was eligible for these funds and it would be given consideration.

It is my hope that we will improve pedestrian and bike safety along that very busy stretch of road within the town limits. Hopefully, we will hear from the state soon on this project and it will be included in the construction which will take place in May.

Our 40-year-old pool at the recreation center is showing signs of its age and recent bad weather has resulted in damage to the surface of the pool requiring emergency repairs to get the pool up and running by summer. The cost of these repairs will be \$47,000 but the Board of Commissioners felt like they had no choice but to get the pool ready for the season as quickly as possible. It should be ready by early June which is later than usual but at least it will be open for use for the summer.

So, folks should know that the pool will be a little later opening this year.

On a couple other matters regarding the recreation center, first, it looks like the new porta-chocere at the rec center is almost completed and is looking good. The replacement of the roof led to the necessity of re-doing the porta-cochere.

We also will be putting into the budget for this coming year's fund to replace the nautilus equipment in our exercise and gym area. This has been requested by many people over this past year and it is time to replace the ancient equipment we have there.

Hopefully, with new equipment, we will be able to increase the membership and use the equipment more than it has been used recently.

The Pine Street Park committee held an important meeting this past Monday afternoon at 5:30 at the community center on 4th Street.

The purpose of that meeting was to get public input and support from the community on not only the appearance



Mayor Don Mullen

and management of the future Pine Street Park but also on the trails that are being purposed through and around town.

Our town needs a green space such as the developing Pine Street park for relaxation and special events and the community needs to have major input in what they want in such a facility. There was a good turnout and some good discussion

at that meeting.

Next month there will be another meeting for the same kind of discussion. If you missed this one, try to get to the one in June.

Kudos to Alia Schultz for becoming a Fulbright Scholar. Alia graduated from Highlands School four years ago and soon will graduate from New College in Florida. Alia is the daughter of Allan and Jan Schultz, owners of Fireside restaurant. Because of this honor Alia and several others from her school appeared before the Florida house of representatives to be recognized for their outstanding work. She will be going to Germany to teach English with the Fulbright Grant.

Congratulations again to Alia Schutz.

Three MC commissioners lobby in Raleigh

Hundreds of county officials from around North Carolina traveled to Raleigh on Wednesday, May 2 to take part in the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners annual County Assembly Day.

Officials from Macon County spent several hours lobbying for legislation on such important county issues as Medicaid relief and additional revenue options, like a land transfer tax.

"We appreciate the hard work this day and general dedication to making Macon County a better place to live," said NCACC Executive Director David F. Thompson. "We are hopeful that the hard work of county officials from around the state will benefit all counties by the end of the 2007 legislative session."

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several years. H1424 was introduced April 11 with 119 of 120 members of the House signed on. It would cap Macon County Medicaid costs at 2005-06 levels, a savings of at least \$249,029 for Macon County's 2007-08 fiscal year.

The land transfer tax is an important revenue option for counties. Residential property tax cannot continue to pay for

the growth that is occurring in counties. The counties of North Carolina are in an infrastructure crisis. A one percent land transfer tax would generate \$3,801,567 annually to Macon County.

The Macon County Commissioners who participated in the County Assembly Day were Ronnie Beale, Jim Davis and Brian McClellan

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• REFLECTIONS FROM TURTLE POND •

The birds and the bees

I have decided to call this the spring that went backwards. I took a photo of my house on April 7 to capture the tulips blooming before they were killed by the freeze. The picture included Fork Mountain and up near the top you could see the red blush of budding leaves. I took a picture of the same scene just a couple of days ago and there is less color on the mountainside in this picture than the one taken a month before.

I have lived here in these mountains almost 20 years now, and I have gotten used to the incredible precision with which the hummingbirds arrive. Every year they are here on April 15th; the latest I ever saw (before this year) was on the 16th. I have been in this house 12 years and if I don't have the feeders up on the morning of the 15th a male hummingbird will hover outside the kitchen window to remind me.

This year I started to worry as the days passed and still no hummingbirds. I called someone knowledgeable about birds on the 20th, and she thought that with the freeze there weren't enough flowers to support the hummingbirds so they stayed south a little later. I had a mental image of the birds lounging around a pool in Florida watching the Weather Channel. They arrived the next day.

The resilience of nature has always fascinated me. When I see the rhododendrons growing out of the rock over Bridal Veil Falls blooming, I marvel at the strength of the life force.

Scientists say there have been five major extinction events in the history of life on this planet. The worst was the Permian-Triassic extinction event which occurred approximately 251 million years ago. About 96 percent of all marine species and 70 percent of terrestrial vertebrate species went extinct. Yet even after that cataclysm, life rebounded.

For a long time I believed that between the resilience of nature and the ingenuity of humankind we would find some way to solve our environmental problems. Now I'm not so sanguine.

Have you heard what's happening to the bees? The beekeepers call it "colony



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collapse disorder (CCD).” The bees become disoriented and fail to return to their hives. Many theories have been postulated about the disorder's cause including pesticides, genetically modified crops, cell phone towers and high-voltage transmission lines.

“More than a quarter of the country's 2.4 million bee colonies have been lost — tens of billions of bees,

according to an estimate from the Apiary Inspectors of America, a national group that tracks beekeeping.

“So far, colony collapse disorder has been found in 27 states [North Carolina is one]. A recent survey of 13 states

showed that 26 percent of beekeepers had lost half of their bee colonies between September 2006 and March 2007. Honeybees are arguably the insects that are most important to the human food chain. They are the principal pollinators

of hundreds of fruits, vegetables, flowers and nuts.

“In the late 1990s, French beekeepers reported large losses of their bees and complained about the use of imidacloprid, sold under the brand name Gaucho. The chemical, while not killing the bees outright, was causing them to be disoriented and stay away from their hives. The beekeepers labeled the syndrome ‘mad bee disease.’” *New York Times*, “Bees Vanish, and Scientists Race for Reasons,” April 24, 2007

An alarm went off in my head when I read imidacloprid: this is the chemical being used to fight the hemlock wooly adelgid.

I called a friend who has some bees in Otto. He told me that what is so disturbing about CCD is that the bees simply disappear. When pesticides kill bees, you find them dead on the ground around the hive-box. When they have starved you find them dead in the box. My friend had two hives; this winter one of them vanished.

He also steered me to a *Franklin Press* article published last Friday. “John Henry, a former president of the Macon County Beekeepers Association and a beekeeping

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• HIS & HERS •

Maman

What can you write about your mother that doesn't sound corny? When the occasion is Mothers' Day, how do you keep from sounding like a bad greeting card?

Let me tell you a bit about my Mom. She's in good health, and turning 80 in November. It seems to

run in the family. Her mother, Suzanne, made it to 96. My mother was born in Paris, the third of four children. A gifted student, she skipped a grade, and this love of learning and education is a life-long passion of hers.

Maman was in her early teens when the Germans invaded France, marking her deeply. In spite of this, she never complained about the privations of war. I never knew why my mother had such a terror of water, only to learn from her last year that she was in a train which was bombed, and the carriage she was riding in plunged off a bridge into a river. My brother and I not only learned to swim, we were on a swimming team, and later became lifeguards. *Maman* made us swear we'd always save her first.

She met my father, an American GI from Schenectady, New York, at the end of the war. He fell head over heels for her; she couldn't understand why he was interested. In photos from those days, my father looks like Gary Cooper. My mother is stunningly beautiful, in a very elegant, reserved way. The U.S. government sent the soldiers home before they allowed the GI war brides to come to America. It may surprise people to learn that Eleanor Roosevelt, that crusader of human rights, wanted to make it illegal for American soldiers to marry foreign brides. Go figure.

My mother, the daughter of comfortably middle-class parents (my grandfather was an architect) had a rude shock on discovering my father's family. They did nothing to make my mother feel welcome, yet she never said a word against them when I was growing up.

Maman discovered her calling in life almost by accident. She was asked to fill in as a French teacher for a local military school. That led to her teaching French at Stuart Hall, in Staunton, VA. She discovered that as shy as she was, she blossomed in front of a classroom



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of students. The only problem came from her lacking certification, and a degree. The father of one of my mother's students was so impressed with her teaching abilities that he paid for my mother's college education. She took classes at the University of Virginia, in Charlottesville, and eventually earned her B.A. from James Madison University (Madison College in those days). And all while juggling a husband, two children, and a teaching job. Later on, she obtained her Master's Degree from SUNY Fredonia – teaching all day long, driving to night school, and getting home late. She persevered, eventually teaching at the college level. Though she's been retired for years, she still hears from many of her former students. Interestingly enough, they aren't all her best students, but ones whose lives she changed for the better.

There isn't room enough in this article, or even this paper, to tell you how proud I am to be her daughter. I can, however, pass on a little bit of her wit and wisdom.

Some of *Maman's* best advice:

- Never go out of the house looking a mess. You never know who you're going to run into.
- The only people who think obnoxious children are cute are their parents.
- Never talk during concerts, plays, or movies. Ever.
- At a party, in a restaurant, never have the loudest voice in the room. People aren't paying to listen to you.
- Buy few things, but buy quality. No one really has enough money to buy junk.
- Don't give novelty gifts; they are an expensive joke. No one really wants to have a T-shirt with stuff on it they wouldn't want their grandmother to read.
- Always marry a tall man. They're easier to find in airports.
- Be kind. People remember kindness, but will never forgive you for humiliating them, especially in front of others.
- Nothing makes a house feel more like a home than a purring cat.
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week, another permit is needed."

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"They all fall under the nonprofit cate-

gory and they all need permits," said Harrell. "I know no one did anything wrong on purpose, but as far as the state is concerned ignorance of the law is no excuse."

The one-time permit is available on line or by calling 919-779-0700 so it is easily accessible. However, the representative requesting the permit must undergo a crimi-

nal background check prior to permit approval. This is handled by the Clerk of Court at the Macon County Courthouse in Franklin not at the Highlands Police Station.

Harrell said once the background check is on file and if the same person requests the one-time permit each time, subsequent checks aren't necessary.

Notarized signatures are required on each permit and a local law enforcement

official must sign it before it can be processed by the ABC Commission. The official can be the magistrate or someone at the police department.

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Well, shut my mouth...

Have you noticed that there have been an increasing number of natural disasters lately? Reports of earthquakes are a daily occurrence, hurricanes have wreaked havoc recently, tornados tearing up the landscape, tsunamis making occasional appearances, hot streaks, cold streaks, it's getting downright spooky out there. Religious people will tell you that the increasing frequency of these quirks of nature foretell the end times.

Not to be outdone by such goings on, humans seem to need to create their own personal disasters, mostly, but not exclusively, by mouth. In an effort to be fair and balanced, the first verbal booboo I'll mention was that by Rush Limbaugh. When given an analyst's job on Monday Night Football, he led off his comments by telling the world that that the extraordinary favorable press that was given to Donovan McNab was due to his blackness, not his prowess. Big mistake. Gone.

Then there's Howard Dean, who parlayed a medical career and that of being the Governor of an obscure state (Vermont, I think) into the national spotlight in his quest for the 2004 Democratic nomination. After coming in an embarrassing third in the Iowa caucuses, Dean gave his infamous "I have a scream" speech which pretty much ended his presidential aspirations for the time being. A curious sidelight of Dean's background is that he got his medical degree from the Albert Einstein School of Medicine. I'm not sure why, that just struck me as ironic.

The man Dean lost to, John Kerry, could tell you some tales about how your mouth can betray you occasionally. During his recounting his heroic combat experiences while serving in Viet Nam, he often managed to contradict himself and painted himself in some verbal corners, according to some close to him in the field. My personal favorite Kerryism was "I actually did vote for the \$87 billion before I voted against it." Thanks for sharing.

Now, about Hillary. Hillary has an excellent support staff who deflects her from speaking unscripted. When she speaks, what she says has been well thought out in advance, and verbal errors are rare. However, occasionally, she tends to get over enthused about her own words and screeches like a banshee. More frequently these days, Hillary, when



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speaking in Southern climes, adopts an accent which can only be described as Northern Southern, if I make myself clear.

Even though Gore has uttered a wealth of funnies, I'm going to lay off. A lady responded to a recent column that Al is actually the second coming so, just to play it safe, no comment! (I lean toward the antichrist, myself, but I defer).

Lately, there has been a spate of celebs embarrassing themselves which provides fodder galore. I didn't watch Don Imus much, practically never, but when I did, I saw a strange looking duck who seemed to always be rambling on about a ranch which he evidently owned, and invited numerous disadvantaged kids out there to enjoy the wide open spaces. I thought that was nice. Now don't get me wrong, women's basketball is way down on my list, but what he said about the Rutgers team was as stupid and he deserved his fate.

Rosie O'Donnell is a complete mystery to me. How on God's green earth she has achieved star status defies explanation. She is physically unattractive, to say the least. She is vulgar, a loudmouthed bully, I am convinced she is well off center, and an embarrassment to anything in which she is involved. Given the opportunity, she offended a roomful of women and their daughters with her vulgarity and the next day she announced she was leaving the View. No coincidence in my view.

And then there is Alec Baldwin. This creep's political views have rankled me for years and he seemed bulletproof, protected by the adoring media. However, sooner or later, these types undo themselves and Baldwin undid it up right. Not only did he insult his daughter unmercifully, it sounded to me like he threatened her. If being caught on tape isn't bad enough, predictably, he blamed everyone and everything else for his rant rather than take responsibility for his own misbehavior.

You will note there is no mention of either Ms. Pelosi or Mr. Reid, although they have supplied enough ammo recently to fill several columns. But that is for another day.

I don't know how to explain these verbal outbursts. Is this what it takes to attract the public to public interest these days? The cable news channels are certainly loving it.

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placed with a circular green space including walkways and a pavilion. The third scenario, unveiled last, has all of Pine Street closed incorporating a large amount of greenspace as well as a pavilion, seemingly including everything the crowd wanted.

With the Town looking at redesigning its complex, proponents suggested a new Town Hall constructed where the restrooms now stand on the "cliff" which would put it at the base of the Pine Street Park thereby incorporating it into the park scheme.

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moved from the façade and stucco put in its place but Interim Town Planner Richard Betz and member Pat Taylor said Bolt replaced a nonconforming material with another nonconforming material.

Stucco is considered nonconforming if it covers more than 30 percent of one side of a building. Members believe the percentage of stucco on the Highlands Plaza façade exceeds 30 percent.

"If he was going to change the plan he submitted, he should have come to us," said member Ginger Slaughter.

Betz said he didn't know if anything could be done at this point but members disagreed.

"He's not finished with the job yet," said Slaughter.

Vice Chairman Thomas Craig said Eddie Madden, a previous zoning administrator, required him to buy three feet of property from an adjoining neighbor when after his building was built they realized the roofline was in the setback. "Letting this slide sets a bad precedent," he said.

In the end, the commission agreed to have Code Enforcement Officer Josh Ward look at the project and report back to the Zoning Board for its opinion.

In other Appearance Commission business, members finalized a letter des-

Proponents said "lost" Pine Street parking could be gained by configuring spaces differently on adjacent streets or by constructing a parking garage in the vicinity.

The project is expected to cost \$1,200,000. So far \$800,000 has been raised.

The next meeting is June 7 at 5:30 p.m. at the Highlands Community Center on U.S. 64 next to the ballfield. Citizens are encouraged to participate.

timed for the Town Board concerning fences and other structures erected in town without Appearance Commission approval. "Anything that affects the look of the town should come before us," said Siegel. The board was referring to a fence erected at Helen's Barn.

Betz said the town ordinance would have to be revised because as it reads now, no board has to consider such items.

After much discussion, the commission decided to leave the ordinance concerning metal buildings in the ETJ as it stands – that metal is allowed for the skeleton, but the exterior must be covered with something other than metal and conform to town ordinances.

Members also nixed a request for a mural painted on the back of the Performing Arts Center on the grounds that "nature is better."

Several members said that while the idea of murals is great, when they fade and begin to peel, maintenance becomes another issue.

"This request has the potential to open the door to other people who want to paint murals on buildings," said member Dixie Barton. "There is nothing more beautiful than nature. Just plant trees," she said. The commission agreed.

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hobbyist of 25 years, said that over a period from November 2006 to February

2007 he lost every one of his 20 hives to a combination of factors that he thinks was partially due to CCD. He said CCD probably caused him to lose 30 percent of the bees. It marked the first time he has ever lost anywhere near that many bees. "Beekeepers stay upbeat despite troubles," By Colin McCandless.

We are currently in the middle of our planet's sixth major extinction event. The sixth extinction is not happening because of some external force. It is happening because of us, *Homo sapiens*, an 'exterminator species,' as one scientist has characterized humankind. "The Sixth Extinction," Text by Virginia Morell, *National Geographic* Feb. 1999.

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Concerned about coyotes

Dear Editor,

Coyotes, yes, coyotes have become a nuisance and threat to our community. Please be aware of this growing problem if you have small pets and children. My parents' small dog escaped an attack by these animals and we hope that this incident might alert others in our community to take precautions and become aware of these creatures that might be living in your backyard.

Most of the coyote reports are in the Harris Lake vicinity. Harris Drive and Smallwood Avenue appear to be the areas where these creatures are consistently present. As early dusk approaches, children, parents and pet owners living in this area, cringe when the call of the coyotes begins. At first it sounds like a group of children playing loudly and then you begin to hear the eerie reply of one coyote to the next. You feel trapped in between the calls. Sometimes the loud howling will wake you in the middle of the night. It sounds like they are lurking on your front step. My mother has often been awakened in the middle of the night by these menacing creatures.

My parents' Chihuahua, Peanut was attacked and left for dead by these animals. We are still shocked to believe that he escaped alive- barely. He ventured out of

my dad's reach Friday night as the howling began. My dad could hear him barking but could not get him to return. Many hours later after the howling had ceased he made it back barely alive. He had severe puncture bites on his back and abdomen. He could barely walk and his eyes were swollen and blood shot. The next evening as the coyote howling began again, Peanut was safely tucked away in his bed but he cried and moved his aching body closer to the main level of the house. We knew without a doubt that the coyotes were responsible for his injuries.

After talking with neighbors in this area, similar stories are emerging. Stories are being told of injured cats, rabbits and a terrifying tale of these animals coming too close to the homes of small children. One neighbor reports several coyotes coming into her yard in plain daylight. She tried to scare them off but they only howled as if laughing at her. These once nocturnal animals are getting too comfortable with humans and are literally living in our backyards. The coyote signs are within a mile of the school and Main Street!

As our days grow longer, more children are playing outside and more folks are walking small dogs. Please become aware of this situation. I encourage any concerned resident to respond if you have any

suggestions on how to solve this issue without anyone getting hurt. I plan to research this issue more thoroughly to protect my children and our animals. If we don't solve this situation soon- we are really going to have an epidemic on our hands as these animals reproduce extremely fast.

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Entryways provide invitation to home

Does your home's front entrance cause people to take notice or drive on by? Is it inviting or just another entrance? Much like a manicured lawn and well-maintained exterior add curb appeal to a home, so does the front entrance.

"Ten years ago, homeowners personalized their entry by incorporating decorative glass," says Jeff Kibler of Peachtree Doors and Windows. "Today, homeowners desire more dramatic entries and an entire entry system."

If you're considering remodeling your front entry or building a new home, you face many decisions about a door's basic material and performance, complementary windows, accessories and security.

Basic Materials

Entry doors are primarily constructed of steel, fiberglass or wood. The material that is right for your home will depend on cost, desired look and, to a limited degree, geography.

Steel is the most economical and popular material and is also sturdy, secure and can be painted to match a home. Steel is susceptible to denting, rusting and corrosion in coastal areas, however.

Wood, the second most popular material, has an inherent richness in texture, provides security and can be painted or stained. Wood requires regular maintenance to prevent rot and keep it looking good.

Fiberglass doors make up the fastest-growing segment of the entry door market. A smooth fiberglass door provides the characteristics of steel but won't dent or corrode in coastal climates. Textured fiberglass looks like a wood door but does not require extensive maintenance.

Performance

Energy performance is a growing concern today, and Energy Star ratings indicate more energy-efficient products. Generally steel and fiberglass doors, because of the dense insulation inside, are more energy efficient than wood doors.

Another source of inefficiency can be the frame system. Components

of the entry should fit snugly into the frame without gaps in the seams. Peachtree uses a single frame system for a door, sidelights and some transoms, which provides cleaner sightlines, minimizes spots for air or water infiltration and prevents sagging.

If you're interested in reducing maintenance, a fiberglass door with a frame clad with aluminum or another material may be your best option.

Decorative Elements

Mechanics aside, most homeowners are interested in an entry's looks. Windows of various shapes and sizes can be incorporated into a door for style. Decorative glass, available in many patterns, can add panache to the entry door, sidelights and transoms.

"Homeowners continue to use decorative glass to put a signature on their front entry," Kibler says. "It reinforces an architectural style of a home and dresses up an entry."

Where and how to buy

Entry doors are generally sold through lumberyards, home centers and window and door dealers.

The installation of a new door, especially a door with sidelites, transoms and complementary fixed windows, can be quite involved. Installation should be left to a professional contractor or a skilled do-it-yourselfer.

• All materials courtesy of Peachtree Doors and Windows & Family Features



'Derby Day' winners



"Derby Day" was held at Jody Read's home and a large crowd attended. Everyone brought a covered dish and mint julips were plentiful. Ladies wore fabulous hats and a great time was had by all. Pictured are winners Sue Schulte, Bill Hall and Joy Gunn.



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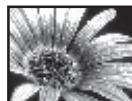
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Show your 'Endless' Love for Mom

By Carla Gates

It's that time of year again! We are all shedding our winter hats, gloves and coats for those spring and summer shorts and flip flops. You know the feeling, the smell of spring is in the air. The sun, warm on your face and yes, the sight of all of our beloved plants, trees and shrubs starting to bloom. May brings many things and when you talk to people one of their favorite things about spring is their gardens.

Something else very special occurs in the month of May. Mother's Day....a time honored celebration of the people that gave us life. We take this day to give thanks for all of the selfless, wonderful (and sometimes thankless) things our dear moms do for us! Personally, I think we should do this every day.

Growing up my Mom always told me that, "You only have one Mom....and that no matter what, she will be your best friend and never turn her back on you." How true this is! Now that I am a Mom of two beautiful boys myself, I see the unconditional and endless love she has always talked of.

My husband, Philip and I are in our eighth season at Gates Nursery here in Highlands and Mother's Day week is a buzz with people flocking into the nursery on a mission to find the perfect gift for Mom.

Hanging baskets, custom containers, and many varieties of roses are among the favorites but for those that are looking for that extra special treat for Mom, may I suggest the Endless Summer Hydrangea? With their rocketing popularity, the Endless Summer Hydrangea has taken the garden centers across America by storm.

Hydrangeas have always played a prized role in establishing a classic garden landscape. Over the years, many different selections have become available giving gardeners a wide range of choices. *Southern Living* called the Endless Summer (Hydrangea macrophylla 'Bailmer') "the most exciting hydrangea discovery in years!"

Developed by a Minnesota nursery,

this mophead type hydrangea produces large, showy blooms that really make a statement in gardens, vases or potted in a beautiful container. The Endless Summer is a perpetual flowering hydrangea meaning it will bloom all summer and will flower on new wood. After choosing your quality hydrangea, planting it correctly is of the utmost importance. Well drained soil, rich in organic matter will make this shrub very happy. Always use good soil amendments such as Nature's Helper and Peat Moss. You have a choice whether you want your blooms blue or pink. It's best to acidify with Aluminum Sulphate to the soil if you desire the blooms to be blue. After planting, continue to use an acidifying fertilizer such as Cottonseed Meal, an organic slow release fertilizer that will maintain the acidity level and

keep your blooms blue.

Some people prefer the blooms to be pink and that is just as easy. Adding lime several times a year will raise the pH in your soil and help you achieve these beautiful blooms of pink. Use a fertilizer low in nitrogen and high in phosphorus to encourage blooming.

The ideal growing conditions are partial sun/partial shade.

The Endless Summer is hardy for Zones 4-9 (Highlands is a 5A). They require very little pruning and in fact, do best if left alone for the first couple of seasons after being planted. Deadheading the blooms will encourage blooming throughout the summer. Leave your last blooms at the end of the season to insulate the new buds from the cold and remove them in the spring.

Hydrangeas are beautiful for creating borders, backdrops or a focal point in your lawn or garden. Growing to 3-ft. to 5-ft. in height and spreading to about the same size at the time of maturity the Endless Summer really makes a very nice impression in your landscape.

So take a minute to stop by and visit us. You might just find that perfect gift for mom....and show her your "endless love."



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• HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL •

Summary of combined April meeting of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Board of Directors

To keep the news media and the public better informed about Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, we are providing you with a summary of the more significant actions and discussion items coming before the hospital's board of directors at its most recent meeting on Thursday, April 26.

Foundation director Russell Harris gave a brief report, saying he is in the process of contacting donors who recently completed fulfilling their pledges to the Challenge Campaign (conducted five years ago) to introduce himself and to ask for their continued support for the hospital.

CEO Ken Shull gave a report on utilization of hospital services by area physicians and their patients. He presented a number of graphs covering last year and the first six months of this year that showed that utilization is generally growing.

During the Finance Committee report CFO Mike Daiken told the board the hospital is emerging from the winter months in better financial shape than anticipated. He reported that while the hospital showed a small operational loss in March, it was significantly less than had been budgeted. And through the first six months of this fiscal year (the slowest time of year), Daiken said operational losses were approximately \$310,000 less than for same period the prior year, and more than \$200,000 under what had been projected for this year.

He also reported that the average daily acute census in March was up nearly 67 percent, and up by nearly 50 percent for the fiscal year (which began Oct. 31, 2006). ER visits grew by nearly 15 percent over the previous March, and total visits for the first six months of this year are up as well – though not by quite as much. The total number of patient days at the Eckerd Living Center was also increased during the first six months.

The board discussed efforts to recruit additional physicians. A new Physician Recruiting Committee has been formed to help the administration in its efforts to bring in physicians, particularly a general surgeon. The committee reported that efforts are under way to encourage more of the retired physicians in the area to use their connections to identify potential candidates. Shull reported later in the meeting that the hospital is currently in discussions with seven different general surgeons who have expressed interest in possibly relocating to the area.

Board members also discussed a half-page advertisement that appeared in the previous week's newspapers criticizing the board and the administration for not solving the hospital's financial and physician recruiting problems quickly enough. Several board members pointed

out that the ad contained a good deal of wrong or out-of-date information, and all agreed that the hospital should respond to set the record straight. Several board members pointed out that continued criticism, even if it may not have wide support in the community at this point, hurts efforts to recruit physicians, and also sabotages the morale of both the current medical staff and hospital employees.

The board unanimously authorized a committee to issue a response in the form of ads in both the Cashiers and Highlands newspapers, and also agreed unanimously with a suggestion from Chief of the Medical Staff and board member Mark Wagner, MD, that board members pay for the ads themselves rather than using hospital funds.

Shull reported that the hospital had conducted an internal disaster drill, simulating what would happen if a fire destroyed the hospital's business office, as well as the computer system where patient records are stored. He also said hospital staff responded by turning to backup paper systems so that patient care was not interrupted. He said the hospital's emergency disaster plan for dealing with a major computer crash also checked out. All of the data is backed up at a remote, secure site, maintained by the company that provides software to this and other hospitals around the country. The hospital also stores backup data tapes in a local bank safety deposit box.

The NC Department of Labor recently conducted an unannounced OSHA inspection of the Fidelia Eckerd Living Center, Shull told the board. Inspectors not only found no significant problems, but also gave the center the sixth highest rating of the 70 nursing facilities surveyed thus far in the state.

Shull reported that the architects hired to design a new medical office building on the Oakmont property in Cashiers have met with a number of groups to assess what their needs might be. The board hired the Greenville, SC, firm of McMillan Smith and Partners, PLLC, last month to come up with a design. So far they have met with Cashiers area physicians, including Dr. Toby Lindsay and Drs. Mark Heffington and David Wheeler, as well as representatives of several hospital departments, such as radiology and lab, that will be providing services at the future facility. The architects have been charged with coming up with an exterior design that has an attractive "mountain feel" that is appropriate to the area.

Shull said the hospital's first community health screening of the season, held on April 21 in Highlands, drew a near record crowd, and a number of enthusiastic comments from those who attended.

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GA so don't be surprised if some of her well-known dishes show up on the buffet. Value-priced at only \$19.95, the food will please your tummy and soothe your soul. Wine can be purchased with your meal or set-ups are available. (Dress is resort casual and reservations are requested for parties of six or more).

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For more information, give Gary or Debbie a call at 828-526-2590.

OEI announces 'Champion' Awards

Old Edwards Hospitality Group is pleased to announce Service Champions for April 2007, Department of the Month and Manager of the Quarter. These recognition programs are utilized to reward and recognize associates who go above and beyond the call of duty to meet and exceed the resort guest's expectations.

Throughout the year, associates are nominated for the Service Champion Program. Each month, associates are recognized at an appreciation gathering. Associates with the most qualifying nominations

are awarded gold, silver and bronze awards with monetary prize equivalents of \$250, \$100 and \$50 respectively. At the end of the year, three Champions are selected from these recipients and prizes are awarded in the gold (\$1,000), silver (\$500) and bronze (\$250) categories.

At the annual Associates Picnic, the following awards were given. April 2007 Service Champions: Bruce Bunnell, Front Office, Bronze; Tim Hanson, Maintenance, Silver; Daniel Smith, Front Office, Gold

"By setting goals and rewarding the staff members regularly, we encourage positive motivation and set a standard for excellence that is not only attainable, it becomes second nature. This level of service is what sets us apart as the award-winning property that we have become," said Mario Gomes, Old Edwards Hospitality Group Chief Executive Officer and General Manager.

Additionally, Gomes announced the Warehouse Department as Department of the Month for April, and Acorns' Manager Joe Extine received the award for Manager of the Quarter.

Lodge at OEI receives AAA Four-Diamond Award

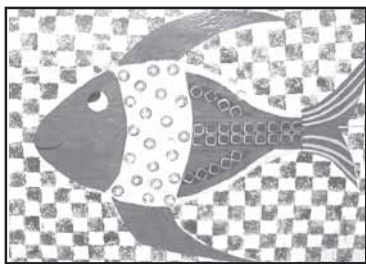
The Old Edwards Hospitality Group in Highlands, North Carolina is pleased to announce that The Lodge at Old Edwards Inn has received the Four-Diamond Award from AAA for 2008. According to the prestigious Association, The Lodge is one of an exclusive group of establishments that has successfully passed a thorough evaluation and is worthy of the coveted mark. The property is one of only two properties in Highlands, NC that have been awarded 4-diamonds (Old Edwards Inn and Spa is the sister property to The Lodge).

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Club helps PTO show appreciation

Members of The Girls' Club-house took two weeks to honor the teachers, staff and administration at Highlands School -- a project requested of them by the PTO. The first week they made posters saying "Thanks" to teachers and the last week they hung them up all over school so they would be on display: Teacher Appreciation Week May 7-11. Missing are the sixth-grade members who were on their school trip.

Photo by Kim Lewicki

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ward the cashier and attempting to hand it to her. At that point, my right hand with the wallet go off camera. There was no video showing me putting it in my bag. I noted that fact to the detective.

"We figured your bag was off-camera," he said.

I knew two things. One, I typically carry my bag in my right hand and two Megan had my bag in the cart which she was wheeling toward the exit.

Finally, the detective thanked me for coming in and said he would call if he needed anything else.

I left and raced to Nantahala for the school board meeting.

Then the week of Good Friday, I got another call from the detective.

"We'd like you to take a polygraph test," he said.

I was absolutely blown away. "This is crazy," I said. "I didn't take the wallet."

He then told me that the Wal-Mart security guard had told the women with the missing wallet, that there was a video showing a woman putting the wallet in her handbag.

"Well, where's that tape?" I asked. "Because the one I saw didn't show that, it showed my arm going off-camera so no one can see anything after that point. So maybe it's a tape of another woman."

"They can't produce it," he said.

"Just get video from another angle or get the video immediately following my transaction," I said.

Turns out the camera that would clearly show the back of the cashier, the cash register drawer and the faces of the people filing along the checkout counter was not working so no tape was available.

I suggested they check out the people who were in line behind me. "Perhaps one

of them took the wallet after I put it back on the counter," I said.

No good. They all paid cash, so there was no way to find out who they were. Nor was there footage of their transactions.

Well, I'm a big fan of CSI and Law and Order and after seeing what happens to people on those shows, I was wary about taking a polygraph.

"But I'm innocent," I said.

"Then the polygraph will show that and we can close this case once and for all," he said.

Since the Wal-Mart security guard told the woman that there was video of a woman putting the wallet in her handbag, she was absolutely sure that all of Macon County was trying to protect me instead of arresting me.

"This woman has been calling everyone in the county all the way up to the DA's office to get to you and if we can tell her you passed the polygraph, she will know we've done everything in our power to solve this crime," said the detective. "Hell, if I had the money, I'd give it to her just to end this at this point."

I called a couple of lawyers. They said not to take the test. "They obviously think you're guilty. Don't take it," they said.

I talked to my husband, Jim. In a past life, when polygraphs were analog with results somewhat iffy, he took one as part of an employment requirement and subsequently as part of his job as Personnel Manager at Lone Star Industries in Texas, he routinely ordered polygraphs.

He was wary, too, but after much discussion and after learning of the exact procedure I agreed to take it.

So, Friday, May 4, Jim and I drove to the NC State Bureau of Investigation head-

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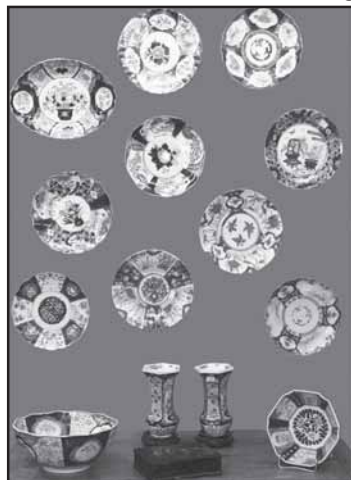
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By Senator John Snow

Last week I told you that House budget writers would be waiting on the final revenue figures to come in before they released their budget. On Monday those figures came in and the House released their budget - sort of. The document that House budget writers released was more of a list of spending priorities as opposed to a full blown budget with all that normally goes with it, including the financing piece.

The House is still probably a week, maybe two, from releasing a full budget which it can vote on and send over to the Senate. Normally, the budget writers hold onto the budget very tightly until they are absolutely ready to release it, not so this year. This year advocacy organizations will be spending the next two weeks preparing arguments for why certain programs need more money and why others do not. Likewise, the political pundits across the state are going to have plenty to talk about on radio and write about in their newspapers and blogs.

While an incomplete budget document was released, it does show that House writers have a paradigm with which they are working from. This, I hope, means that they can complete their budget very soon and send it to the Senate for our consideration. We have slightly under sixty days left before the new fiscal year starts and as much time to put a budget in place that will keep State Government functioning.

Budget Details, Smoking, Commissioners, Property Taxes, Expensive Elections, and Bullfrogs

Budget Details

There were a number of new items that have not been part of any budget released before by the General Assembly. One of the first of these is increased support for Dropout prevention is one of the first things that can be found in the budget documents released by the House. As such, \$7 million looks to be put towards a grant fund to support innovative programs that keep kids in school. In addition to this grant funding \$3 million will go to providing extra mentors for new principals in our public schools. On the savings side House budget writers have proposed cutting 188 middle management jobs within the UNC system, which is experiencing explosive growth, saving roughly \$19 million. House budget writers would like to cut the anticipated inflationary increase for Medicaid by half to save \$37 million. This could provide serious funding problems for many health care providers. The House budget writers are proposing a 6.4% tuition increase for community college students.

While nothing is set in stone for state employees or teachers in terms of pay the preliminary documents show teachers receiving a 5% increase and new teachers would receive a \$250 bonus. State employees look to receive a 2.5% increase and a one time

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\$400 bonus. Community college faculty might receive a 5% increase.

In addition to these new plans and pay increases early budget documents show about \$177 million being spent for new construction and renovation for state buildings. No matter what these early documents show nothing is set in stone. Included in the budget is about \$17 million in new spending for health and human services. Many mental health advocates have been advocating for around \$170 million to combat the mental health problems that we have in this state.

The bottom line in all of these early budget figures is that they are not written in stone and we are still a long way off from having even the semblance of a final budget. To those of you who still want to advocate for certain programs you still have plenty of time.

Smoking

Since the idea of a smoking ban first appeared in the House the citizens of the 50th district have done a more than ample job of telling me where you stand on this issue. However, it looks like the Senate will not have to vote on the smoking ban as it failed in front of the full House during a floor vote this week. House members voted 61-55 against the measure. More than a dozen Democrats from counties where tobacco is grown or manufactured opposed the ban. The bill that was voted on by the full House was a watered down version of the earlier bill which prohibited smoking in most every place. The bill voted on this week excluded restaurant-bars that are age-restricted and smoking-designated hotel rooms. It also gave local governments the authority to override those exceptions with stricter regulations.

Commissioners

Last week county commissioners from across North Carolina and our district came to Raleigh to lobby us about the issues that they would like to see passed during this session of the General Assembly. Their message was clear: stop the bleeding and fund the growth. The bleeding that they are referring to is the Medicaid burden which counties currently shoulder. Over the last few weeks I have talked about some of the plans that are being discussed down here in terms of reforming Medicaid. I feel that the Medicaid issue is going to be taken care of during this session which should relieve the counties of these Medicaid costs. The growth that the county commissioners talked about is something that we know all too well about in our counties. As more people come to North Carolina we need more roads, schools, and sewer capacity amongst other things. The county commissioners would like to see much of this growth funded by a transfer tax. There is a storm brewing between the county commissioners who want a transfer tax and realtors who are against it. My hope is that by taking the Medicaid burden from the counties we can free up enough money in

the county budget to ensure that the infrastructure that we need is able to be purchased. As the winds of this storm begin to howl I will let you know what comes of this debate. See related article, page 7.

Property Taxes

A few weeks ago I wrote about the Property Tax bill that I was going to introduce in the Senate. This week this bill was introduced in the Senate Finance committee. Senate Bill 1442 works like a circuit breaker in your house. If the taxes rise too much in comparison to your income then it activates and you won't have to pay the full bill. This bill, unlike the current homestead exemption, does not have restrictions about age or disability. The bill considers only a person's income when it comes to activating the breaker. This bill will help out families with kids and elderly folks who are living on a fixed income. What's more if a person is able to qualify for the current homestead exemption, and this exemption benefits them more, then they can elect to use the current exemption. This bill is just starting its journey through the General Assembly and has a long way to go before it is finished. I will keep you up to speed on its progress.

Expensive Elections

This week the Program on Public Life, a part of the Center for the Study of the American South at UNC Chapel Hill, released a report about the 2006 elections cycle. As you might expect the costs for a seat in the General Assembly went up. When adjusted for inflation, overall spending rose moderately from the 2004 election, from \$26.4 million to \$28.7 million, an increase of 8.4%. This is more than double the increase of only 3.84% from 2002 to 2004. In North Carolina it now costs \$168,650 to obtain a seat in the North Carolina General Assembly, nearly a \$3,000 increase over 2004. Despite the increase in money spent the voter turnout was down to 37% statewide. This is a new low for voter turnout in North Carolina. However, the 50th Senate District and most of the 11th congressional over performed most other areas of the State. In many ways this is atrocious. Most folks can not afford to stand for public office due to the cost prohibitions that are in place. There are several efforts under way in the General Assembly which will seek to remedy this. However, these remedies will only apply to council of state races and not to the General Assembly.

Bullfrogs

A fourth grade class in Plymouth North Carolina is lobbying us hard about what the State amphibian should be. Their choice: the bullfrog. However, like all things here in Raleigh there is guaranteed to be a battle royale over what the state's amphibian will be. The State's Herpetological Society has jumped in suggesting a number other amphibians but they seem to really want the salamander. This could prove to be an especially slimy situa-

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tion for more than the obvious reasons. A few years ago it was suggested that the strawberry be named the official state fruit. This did not play well with the blue berry growers or some of the other fruit growers in the State. Needless to say I don't think the legislature is going to favor taking on a time consuming bill that won't provide real dividends for its citizens.

At the federal level

By U.S. Congressman Heath Schuler

The House of Representatives passed the first three pieces of legislation in the *Innovation Agenda*. The *Innovation Agenda* was put together by the Democrats in Congress to make certain America is able to compete in the economy of the 21st Century which will be dominated by technology, information, and innovation.

To compete globally we will need to make certain that our students are receiving a superior education, especially in math and science. We cannot allow our students to fall behind other nations in these subjects, but right now that is happening. In fact, a recent report from the National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, and the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies entitled, *Rising Above the Gathering Storm*, found that, "the scientific and technological building blocks critical to our economic leadership are eroding at a time when many other nations are gathering strength."

The first bill of the *Innovation Agenda* we passed was the 10,000 Teachers, 10 Million Minds Science and Math Scholarship Act, HR 362. The bill will improve K-12 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education by recruiting the best and brightest college students to teach by expanding scholarships offered by the National Science Foundation's Robert Noyce scholarship program. This scholarship program reduces the cost of college for those students in STEM fields who commit to teaching after their graduation.

The bill will also provide for more professional development and continuing education of teachers by establishing many summer institutes, workshops, and graduate programs to help our teachers continue to grow and thrive in their profession. These programs will improve content knowledge, prepare teachers for Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate programs, and improve support for master's degree programs.

The second piece of the *Innovation Agenda* we passed last week was HR 363, the Sowing the Seeds Through Science and Engineering Research Act, which will assist young scientists. HR 363 authorizes the NSF to create a grant program to help researchers pursue innovative or transformative research by young faculty and establishes a National Coordination Office for Research

Infrastructure at the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) to identify and prioritize research infrastructure needs at universities and national laboratories. Finally, the bill will establish a Presidential Innovation Award for individuals who develop unique scientific or engineering breakthroughs in the national interest.

In the 20th Century America dominated scientific discoveries – from medicine to aviation to engineering. It is imperative that we continue to be at the forefront of scientific discoveries. Doing so will require us to invest in our schools, students, teachers, and young scientists. Our *Innovation Agenda* does that, and I am extremely pleased we had such bipartisan support on these first two pieces of *Agenda* — HR 363 passed 389-22 and HR 363 passed 397-20.

The final piece of *Innovation Agenda* passed last week was HR 1322, the Small Business Lending Improvement Act of 2007.

Opening and operating a small business is not an easy endeavor. Yet, small businesses account for over half of all jobs in the U.S. and create over 60% of all new jobs created. For our small businesses to continue to grow, prosper, and hire more workers, we must make sure they have access to capital. Without access to capital, our small businesses are often forced to turn to much more costly lending alternatives, like personal credit cards with extraordinary interest rates and fees.

HR 1332 will grant American entrepreneurs the access they need to capital by updating and streamlining the SBA's 7 (a) and 504 loan programs, which operate as public-private partnerships limiting the cost to the government.

These SBA programs have been tremendously successful. Over the past 10 years the SBA has approved more than 424,000 loans for over \$90 billion dollars. These loan programs have accounted for close to 40% of all long-term small business borrowing in America.

But the number of lenders in the 7(a) program has steadily declined in recent years, especially in rural areas like Western North Carolina. The Small Business Lending Improvements Act will address that issue by establishing a rural lender outreach program to reduce the paperwork burden associated with the loans, making it easier for small lenders to assist local small businesses.

Additionally, this bill will eliminate loan fees for veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, making it easier for these brave men and women enter the private sector.

HR 1332 was passed out of the Small Business Committee, on which I sit, with a unanimous voice vote, and then passed the House of Representatives with tremendous bipartisan support, 380-45.

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The adventure of life continues for Leon of DonLeon's

Sometimes you turn a corner in life and see a whole new way to go. That's what has happened to Leon and Susan of DonLeon's Deli Café.

The recent loss of his older brother just before Leon's 65th birthday got Leon thinking about the rest of his life.

"There's more I want to do," he said. "Travel, visit the grandchildren, maybe settle somewhere else. And of course, join the circus."

With the sale of DonLeon's Deli Café to Ellen Westnedge, a longtime employee, suddenly the sky was the limit and the freedom of the open road was calling.

Leon Hanninel, 65 and his wife Susan Cox, 58, are about to embark on another adventure. Fans of RVing, the road will be their home – at least for the foreseeable future. After that, "Who knows?" they say.

Though they'll be helping out at the restaurant for awhile, their next stop is the circus.

While RVing out west between Christmas and Easter, Leon saw an ad in a local paper looking for people to join the circus.

"We called and they liked that we had our own place to live – the RV -- so we signed on," said Leon.

For four hours a night, Leon will don typical circus attire – top hat, red jacket, white shirt and black pants – and be the greeter at the tent door. Susan will sell tickets. The pay is good, the hours are perfect and it's a chance for another adventure — but only until the road calls again.

In the fall, they may head down to Big Bend National Park. The two answered an ad for job openings there, too, and when the manager heard Leon could speak five languages she wanted him right away. Tourists from around the world visit the park and park personnel have a hard time communicating.

But Texas summers are too hot for Leon, so he told her he might come by sometime in the fall or winter.

The road to Highlands was long and winding for Leon. He's lived a checkered life which included designing jewelry and selling it in at least two of his own well-heeled jewelry stores in Texas.

He moved to Highlands in 2000 and briefly operated a jewelry business in the Village Square where the needlepoint shop is now located. But by mid-April he was ready for something new and bought the

sandwich shop behind the Exxon station on N.C. 106 – the now famous DonLeon's Deli Café.

For the Jewish people, seven is a sacred number and as a Jew, seven is a special number for Leon, too.

"I was born February 7, the seventh child in my family, and I owned the restaurant for exactly seven years to the day," he said.

Susan joined up with Leon shortly after he started the business, just before he was about to incorporate. She was a bit wary of this strange little man, but felt a strong connection to him. That was May 7.

She consulted a psychic about him and his business plan. "I really like this guy. He's weird and offbeat. I don't want to jump too fast, but it feels right," she told her.

The psychic's advice. "Do it. What you're going to be doing day to day isn't about food. You are creating a place of light. A center of laughter, joy and fun."

As they drew up the incorporation papers, the two struggled with a name. Finally, Leon suggested Ormakom. In Hebrew it means "place of light."

Only then did Susan tell Leon of her trip to the psychic and her words of wisdom and light. She also revealed that the psychic said Leon was a "naughty angel" who wants to have a ball being alive and experience absolutely everything. Susan knew she'd never be bored.

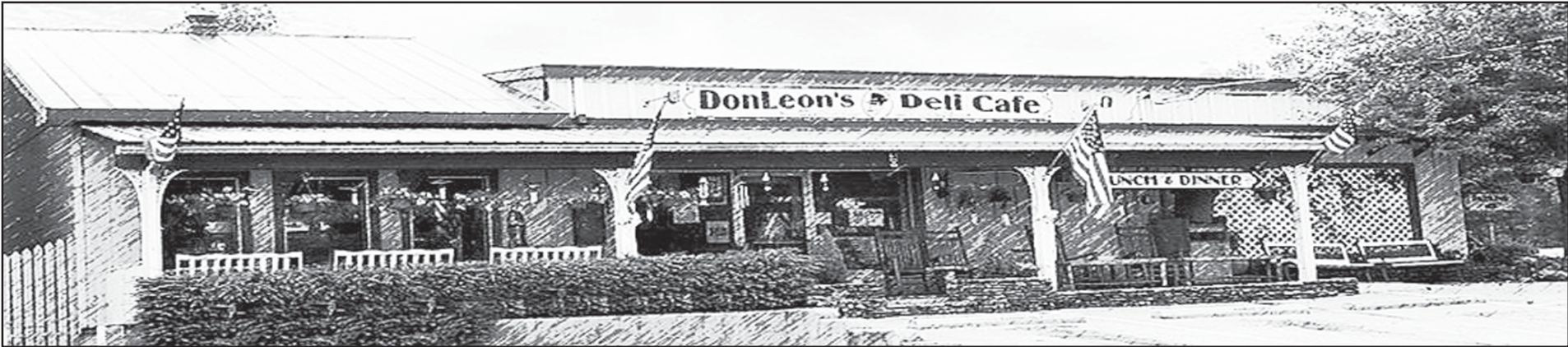
Seven years is a good chunk of time, but it didn't take long for DonLeon's Deli Café to soar. People poured in for his famous fries, a healthy helping of attitude and a cup or Joe on the house.

Though he's taking his attitude with him, nothing much else will change. New owner Ellen has all the secret recipes and knows just what it will take to continue to grow DonLeon's Deli Café.



New owner Ellen Westnedge, Annette Gills, and Leon Hanninel and Susan Cox.

The future of DonLeon's Deli Cafe is Bright!



We're happy to take this opportunity to thank the community for a wonderful seven years of business in Highlands. Through our restaurant we have met many, many good friends and they will always be in our hearts. Also, I would like to encourage you to stop by so I may introduce you to Ms. Ellen Westnedge, the new owner of DonLeon's Café.

Ellen previously worked for us and I can assure you that she will work hard to maintain the DonLeon's tradition of excellent homemade food and family atmosphere...using the same menu. We hope you will continue to support the Café.

Susan and I have found this business to be the most exciting, fun and rewarding experience of our entire lives. However, the time has come for us to be free to travel and visit our grandchildren. We will always have a homebase in Highlands. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on our visits to Highlands.

Leon & Susan

• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

“Lord of the Dance”

Matt 11:16-19
Part One



Rev. Hunter Coleman
First Presbyterian Church

John the Baptist was Essene. A sect of Judaism that believed the way to please God was to reject the world. He lived away from the charms of the world in the wilderness. He wore skins of animals as clothing. He had locust and wild honey as a steady diet. He wailed but no one joined him in his moaning ...no great mystery why.

Jesus, on the other hand, believed the way to please God was to embrace the world. Compared to John the Baptist, Jesus was very worldly. He sat at the table and raised a cup of cheer with questionable but entertaining company. He did it in the name of the kingdom of God so often that his adversaries accused him of being “a wine bibber and friend of harlots.” He loved children and said that adults needed to be more like them if to enter into the kingdom of God. But few took him up on his offer. He played the flute but no one danced.....a mystery, indeed.

One can understand why John the Baptist's lifestyle had very little appeal. Who wants to live in some remote desert with sand and scorpions, dressed in animal skins, eating bugs? But why reject Jesus' way? Why no great appeal in a way of living that invites one to plant her feet firmly on the earth and enjoy it? Shouldn't the Christian life have its moments of sheer joy, times when we sing and dance? Can't we look silly if looking silly is fun?

Is it that we don't trust God's love? Is it that God is some kind of bluenose killjoy who doesn't want anyone to have any fun? Is faithfulness synonymous with being serious, level headed, practical? Is serving God the same as never veering from propriety and conformity? Is decorum the only way of expressing obedience?

Jesus shows us how faithfulness behaves, what obedience looks like. It plays a flute. It dances. It sits down for a meal with all kinds of “malcontents” and “has beens” and lifts a cup of cheer in God's holy name. It laughs. It knows joy. Jesus was free enough in the love of God not to have to be so practical, so careful, so glib, so somber, all the time. Don't get me wrong. Jesus could get serious in a heart beat: “Don't you know I must be about my father's business.” “Leave the dead to bury the dead and follow me.” “Get behind me. You're not on my side, but Satan's.” “Woe to you scribes, you snakes, you brood of vipers.” “It would be better for you if you tied a millstone around your neck and jumped into the sea.”

Jesus could get serious alright, dead serious. But, he wasn't that way all the time. As tough and frightening and unpredictable and complex and unmanageable as things were, Jesus was free enough in the love of God to be able to throw a lot of “stuffy stuff” to the wind, including caution, fashion, manners, and traditions.

• See PART TWO in the May 17 issue.

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Coyote in the wild.

Coyotes in our midst

By **Susanna Hearn**
Reporter

Some residents in Highlands are concerned about a surge in the coyote population in the area with one resident reporting an attack on a small dog.

Coyotes are indeed prevalent throughout the United States. Their habitat ranges from Alaska to Panama, and they can adapt easily to suburban life. With humans and coyotes crossing paths more and more, conflicts are bound to occur.

The last known human death caused by a coyote was in California in 1980, but a recent attack on a small child in the New England area has raised concerns again about how to control coyotes and what has spurred some to turn to humans for food. This loss of fear for people is often caused by humans feeding coyotes — an unsecured trashcan or scraps thrown out near a home encourage coyotes to see humans as a source of food.

Coyotes are carnivorous, and generally prey on small rodents, though they will eat fruit and vegetation if prey is limited. They will also scavenge from carrion and road kill. They live together as pairs, or at times band together like wolves. They also roam alone. The

coyote, which means “barking dog,” is a close relative of the Gray Wolf.

Coyotes are one of the few mammals that have managed to extend their range and habitat despite the encroachment of human civilization, and coyotes’ extensive hunting habits.

Coyotes arrived in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park in 1985, and are considered a relatively new addition to the wildlife population there. Their arrival was a natural range expansion, and by 2005 they had expanded into every county in North Carolina.

Coyote attacks on small pets are common. Limited food resources make dogs and cats easy prey for hungry coyotes. During the spring when pups are born coyote mothers will do whatever it takes to find food for their young even if it means coming into people’s backyards.

The Audubon Society suggests keeping pets indoors, on a leash, or within a fenced yard to protect them from coyote attacks. Always keep pets indoors from dusk to dawn when coyotes are most active. They also suggest installing a motion-sensitive lighting system or coyote proof fencing, as well as clearing brush away from the house and securing garbage bins.

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Two author signings at Cyrano's Bookshop, May 18 & May 19

Two acclaimed authors with regional connections are visiting Cyrano's Bookshop. On Thursday evening, May 18, from 5 to 7 p.m., Marisha Pessl will autograph her novel "Special Topics in Calamity Physics;" Rob Neufeld will sign copies of his new book "Mountains, Heroes & Hootniggers: A Popular History of Western North Carolina" on Friday afternoon, May 19, from 1 to 3 p.m.

"Don't hate her because she's beautiful" the New York Times Book Review begged its readers, "her talent and originality would draw wolf whistles if she were an 86-year-old hunchbacked troll." But Marisha Pessl is in fact a glamorous twenty-something native of Asheville whose first novel the Times declared one of the ten best books published in 2006. "Special Topics in Calamity Physics" is a combination mystery and coming-of-age story heaped with encomiums by publications ranging from People Magazine to The New Yorker. Its heroine, Blue van Meer, attends the St. Gallway School in Stockton, North Carolina, which sounds a lot like Asheville, where Ms. Pessl grew up (she now lives in New York). When, during a hike in the Smoky Mountains, Blue finds the corpse of her favorite teacher hanging from an electric cord, she wonders if it really was a suicide — or murder.

"Special Topics in Calamity Physics" is organized as though it were the syllabus of a great books course, with its 36 chapters named after such literary classics as "Othello," "Madame Bovary," "A Moveable Feast," "Heart of Darkness and "Paradise Lost." Unlike the required high-school readings it refers to, Ms. Pessl's work carries its readers along its rippling intellectual quest without the threat of study hall. "If Vladimir Nabokov had created a female Holden Caulfield, he might have written this delightful fiction debut" said the Dallas Morning News. Funny, smart and subversively informative, "Special Topics in Calamity Physics" is a page-turning treat, and the omni-talented Ms. Pessl has interspersed her tale with illustrations contributed by her character, Blue van Meer.

Rob Neufeld likes to say he grew up in Northern Appalachia (in New York's Rockland County); he moved to Asheville almost 20 years ago and now writes admired weekly books and local history ("Visiting Our Past") columns for the Asheville Citizen-Times. "Mountains, Heroes & Hootniggers: A Popular History of Western North Carolina" is a compilation of his articles from the newspaper which covers subjects ranging from

prehistoric Cherokee myths and modern business people to jazz singer Nina Simone, who grew up as Eunice Waymon in Tryon. (Hootniggers, by the way, were spirits or "little people" that the area's early settlers believed lived in the woods and aided passers-by.) The author's visit to the Cashiers Historical Society's Zachary-Tolbert House provides an opportunity to discuss differences between the local folk and their wealthier summer visitors in the 19th century.

Mr. Neufeld explores how people make sense of their own history through family stories and community memory and confesses that he has "joined the crowd" and "developed an unending interest in the Civil War," and his pages on the conflict are very, very interesting. Were there as many Union sympathizers in the mountains as people have claimed? Did the last Confederate victory of the conflict take place at Swannanoa Gap? What are the historical foundations for Charles Frazier's "Cold Mountain"? Mr. Neufeld says the way to understand our past "is through research and empathy — that is, by walking in another's shoes." Readers will find that Rob does "walk the walk."

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.cyranosbookshop.com.

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good china. The people you should try to impress are your family, not guests.

You don't make chicken salad out of chickens. (Yes, folks, she really says this.)

The true test of a woman is to remain a lady, even when the men around you are not being gentlemen.

Merci, Maman.

• About the Author: Michelle A. Mead is a writer and translator who grew up in Waynesboro, Virginia, before wasting her youth and good looks in Baltimore, Sydney, Paris, and New York. She's been living in Highlands since mid-November 2006, and is a member of the Highlands Writers Group. Michelle has dual nationality — American and French.

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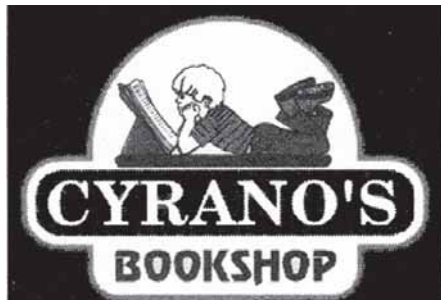
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Rob Neufield

"A Popular History of Western North

Carolina – Mountains, Heroes &

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May 27

• 2-4:30 p.m.

Danny Berstein

"Hiking the Carolina Mountains"

June 2

• 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Toni Meyers

"I Heard it on the Mountain, I Think I'll

Tell It"

• 2-4 p.m.

James Costa

"The Other Insect Socieites"

& Brad Sanders

"Guide to Williman Bartram's Travels."

June 9

• 1-3 p.m.

Barbara Brown Taylor

"Leaving Church"

June 16

• 5-7 p.m.

Natalie Dupree

"Shrimp and Grits"

Ms. Dupree will hold a cooking class at Wolfgang's on Main earlier the same day.

• 5-7 p.m.

Jack Bass

"Strom"

June 23

• 12:30-2

Bill Alexander

"Biltmore Nursery:

A Botanical Legacy"

• 2:30-4:30

Ann Ross

"Miss Julia Strikes Again"

June 30

• 1-3 p.m.

Don Brown

"Treason"

• 5-7 p.m.

Gayden Metcalfe

"Somebody is Going to Die if Lilly Beth Doesn't Catch that Bouquet"

July 7

• 1-3 p.m.

Charles Martin

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

On-going

• Beginning Memorial Day Weekend, services at the Church in the Wildwood in Horse Cove. Sunday's at 7 p.m. through Labor Day. Dress is casual. Old fashioned hymn-sing.

• Registration has begun for this summer's nature day camps at the Highlands Nature Center. Please call 526-2623 or visit the Nature Center webpage at www.wcu.edu/hbs.

• 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.

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

• Yoga Classes at the Rec Park. Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. Bring your mat. \$7 per person per class or \$50 for a monthly pass.

• Beginners Clogging class Tuesday, 6-7 p.m. at the Sapphire Valley Community Center. Come have lots of fun and exercise. Call 743-7663.

• At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Osteoporosis prevention exercise classes, a total body and muscle-toning workout exercise class, and Pilates classes. Call Jeanette Fisher at 828-526-1FIT.

• A Grief Support Group is held every Friday from 10-12 at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital for anyone who has lost a loved one through death or is dealing with a progressive illness with a loved one. If interested in attending, please contact Helen Moore (Hospice) 526-0727 or Martha Porter (Chaplain at HCH) at 787-1463.

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

• Live music at Fressers in Helen's Barn with Cy Timmons 6 p.m. until.

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

• Children's classes ongoing at Bascom-Louise Gallery – cost is \$5 per student. Mondays: For Homeschoolers, classes are from 1-3 p.m. For 2nd to 5th graders, classes are from 3:15-4:15 p.m. Tuesdays: classes for pre-school are 11-11:30 a.m.; for kindergarten-1st grade, classes are 3:15-4:15 p.m. and for young adult independent study, classes are from 1-2:30 p.m.; Wednesdays classes are for middle school students from 3:15-4:15 p.m.

First Mondays

• Be more informed and participate in your hospital by joining the Auxiliary of the Highlands/Cashiers Hospital! The auxiliary does many things to benefit the Hospital and the Fidelia Eckerd Living Center such as providing teaching tools and scholarships and having programs for residents of the Living Center. The beautiful wildflower quilt, which is raffled at the Community Center in October, is made by Auxiliary members and friends. Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at the hospital.

Every Monday

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

Every Tuesday

• For eight weeks on Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church Chapel "Companions in Christ." This study is an exploration of the forgiven and forgiving life written by Marjorie Thompson. Books are \$12 and will be available in the church

office. Call 526-3175 for more information.

• Open Studio Night Figure Drawing Informal instruction available for beginners. Bring your sketch pad or paint box for a leisurely session of figure drawing/painting. Cost is \$12, \$10 for "Friends" of the Gallery.

Every Wednesday

• Wednesday Noon Prayers noon at First Presbyterian Church. A brief service of 20-30 minutes, led by Don Mullen, for reading of scripture, silence, meditation, prayer and communion in the sanctuary. A midweek time to come in adoration and prayer.

Every Third Wednesday

• As part of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Franklin's "Life-Span Learning Curriculum," there are "Wednesday Night Chautauquas" which are media enhanced study sessions at the UU 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.

Thursday-Sunday May 10 - May 13

• HCP's 'Enchanted April' is at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street. Opening Night reception, Thursday night is being catered by Wolfgang's On Main. Evening performances begin at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees begin at 2:30 p.m. Call: 526-8084 for reservations. "Enchanted April," a romantic comedy set in England and Italy in 1922. For ticket information and reservations call 828-526-8084. The production is sponsored in part by "The Galleries," Summit One Gallery and Drake's Diamond Gallery. The box office opens for season subscribers on May 3 and for the public on May 5.

Saturday, May 12

• Macon County Rabies Clinics at the Highlands Conference Center from 1-2:30 p.m. and at the Scaly Mountain Post Office from 3-4 p.m., both with Dr. Amy Patterson. The cost is \$5 per pet, cash only, no checks. Please keep pets in vehicle, on leashes or in carriers. All dogs, cats and ferrets over 4 months old must be vaccinated.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 8 mile-hike from Timber Ridge to Beech Gap in the Standing Indian area. Meet at Westgate Plaza (opposite Burger King) at 9 a.m. Drive 35 miles round trip. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader Bill Van Horn, 369-1983

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy-to moderate hike to 80-foot high Kings Creek Falls and Spoonauger Falls. The elevation change is moderate. Meet at Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at 10 a.m. Drive 30 miles round trip. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leaders, Mike and Susan Kettles, 743-1079.

Monday, May 14

• Remind MC Commissioners that Highlands is a big part of Macon County. Attend the MC Commissioner meeting, 6 p.m. in the boardroom of the courthouse in Franklin.

• The Rotary Club of Highlands 19th annual Golf Tournament will be held this year at Trillium, with a shotgun start at noon, followed by a cocktail buffet and awards ceremony. Get together a foursome and sign up for an afternoon of golf and good fun. 100% of the money raised by this annual

event is used to fund local projects and community needs. Registration for individual players is \$125. Sign up sheets are available from Rotary member Tony Potts at Macon Bank in Highlands. Call this year's Rotary golf chairman Bill Futral at (828) 526-8645 for further information.

Tuesday, May 15

• The Celebrate Women 2007 Spring Event, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Oak Street Café. Use the Main Street entrance, please. \$3 at the door to be donated to R.E.A.C.H. – battered women outreach or Kid's Place. Door prizes will be given at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 16

• ...on the Verandah's Guest Chef Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Featuring Tom Rushing of Concentric's Restaurants and Stephen Corley of Monticello Vineyards. \$95 per person. Reservations required. Call 526-2338.

Friday-Sunday May 18-May 20.

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Thursday, May 17

• "Meet the Artists/Movie Night" from 6-8 p.m. at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library in the Carlton-Olliff Meeting Room. At 7 p.m., see Victor Borge performing Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody #2 with the London Philharmonic. Light refreshments. Comedy and entertainment guaranteed. For information call Kathie Blozan 743-1765.

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• If you're from anywhere around this area when you hear the word "Dance" you think Hurricane Creek Band. So start thinking now about coming to the Spring Fling Dance with Hurricane Creek at The Instant Theatre Company's Studio on Main. For reservations call the box office at 828-342-9197. These dances are very popular, so make your reservations early. The doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the band cranks up at 8 p.m. The Studio is located at 310 Oak Square, Main Street.

• Highlands-Cashiers Hospital FREE Health Screenings. Re-registration is required for all screenings. People can sign up by calling the hospital at 526-1434, or by completing the registration form on line at www.highlandscashiershospital.org

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 3-mile moderate-to-strenuous hike to three little-known waterfalls on Middlecreek (near Scaly Mountain community) – The trail is primitive and steep and can be muddy, but the falls are gorgeous. Meet at the Ski Scaly parking lot at 10 a.m. Drive 4-miles round trip. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy shoes with good tread. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader Virginia Talbot, 526-4904.

• Georgia ForestWatch is holding a large native plant sale, 2-6 p.m. at Tiger Mountain Vineyards, two miles south of Clayton, Georgia, on Old U.S. 441. This benefit includes several concurrent, bonuses: Appearances by noted authors Peter Loewer and Patricia Kyritsi Howell, as well as food and wine for the tasting. Admission, \$20. The public is invited. Rain or shine – the event is under a big tent. For further information, call 706-635-8733, or contact info@gafw.org.

Sunday, May 20

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 1.5 mile hike with very little elevation change at the Highlands biological station. In Franklin, meet at the Bi-Lo center at 2 p.m. Drive 50 miles round trip. If coming from Highlands or Cashiers, call leader for alternate meeting place. Reservations are required. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820.

Tuesday-Thursday, May 22-24

• Additional volunteers are needed now to proctor end-of-grade and end-of-course testing at Macon County Schools. To volunteer, please contact the school of your choice or Jennifer Jones at 524-4414 x 324 or jennifer.jones@mcsk-12.org.

Thursday, May 24

• The Highlands Rotary Club will sponsor an evening of Bingo at the Highlands Community Center. Number calling begins at 6:30 and will last until about 8:30. Proceeds from Bingo will go to Rotary's Community Fund, which benefits the Highlands Community. Prizes are half of the individual game receipts and Bingo cards are on a pay per game per card basis. Refreshments will be offered by Highlands Boy Scout Troop #207 in this

family and fun event.

• Wine Tasting 6-8 p.m. at the Bascom-Louise Gallery.

Friday & Saturday, May 25 & May 26

• The Highlands Playhouse is having a yard sale and would appreciate any donations. There will be a "Preview Sale Party" on Friday night, May 25. A donation of \$15 will entitle anyone to purchase items the night before the sale on Saturday — along with complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres. The yard sale and preview party will be held at the Highlands Playhouse. Please call 828-743-5625 (Dianne Ray) for more information or to make a donation.

Saturday, May 26

• Thea performs at the Instant Theater featuring selections from her new CD "My Mother's Garden," 8 p.m.

• Groundbreaking of Fine Arts Center 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Barbeque, Music and Fun.

• Village Square Art and Craft Show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Food available.

• The Mountain Garden Club plant sale will be held 9 a.m.-1 p.m., May 26, at the baseball park on the corner of Highway 64 East (North 4th Street) and Hickory Street in Highlands.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 4.5 mile hike (with car shuttle) from the Fish Hatchery to Burrell's Ford (along Chattooga River). Meet at the Highlands Bank of America at 9:30 a.m. or the Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at CWB at 10 a.m. (return 4-5 PM); R/T Drive Length: 30-40 miles. Bring a lunch, a drink, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader Virginia Talbot, 526-4904.

Monday, May 28

• Weigh Down Workshop Information Seminar 6 p.m. at the home of Sarah Chambers on 2199 Flat Mountain Road. Call 200-0366 for directions. Learn to lose extra weight by following God's perfect will regarding food.

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Saturday, June 2

• Special sports physical clinic for school athletic programs are being held at the Macon County Public Health Center in Franklin. The clinics are open to rising 7th grade –12th grade students who plan to participate in school athletics anytime during the 2007-2008 school year. Appointments are required and may be scheduled at the Macon County Public Health Center by calling 349-2081. There will be a charge of \$10 for the physical and all proceeds will go to the Schools' Athletic Fund

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Hurricane Creek coming to ITC May 19



Hurricane Creek will play its Spring Fling Dance at The Instant Theatre Company's Studio on Main at 8 p.m. on May 19. When is the last time you got to dance, dance, dance the night away to live Rock n' Roll? You don't need to go any further than Main Street to do just that. The Studio on Main has been dubbed the best dance floor around. Dancers and on-lookers alike are delighted with the streaming colored lights and changing patterns created by the ITC's lighting designer, Alan Snyder. Every monthly Hurricane Creek Dance has been flat sold out. So make plans now to "boogie...oogie...oggie" at the Studio on Main on May 19th. If you don't make your reservations early the chances are you won't get in. For reservations call the ITC Box Office at 828-342-9197. Tickets are \$20. The Box Office is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The ITC's Studio on Main is located at 310 Oak Square, Main Street, Highlands.

Land Trust Day is a special day when businesses who partner with Land Trusts donate a percentage of their sales to the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust. In exchange the Land Trust promotes each business. For more information, call Julie Schott with the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust at 526-9936 ext. 254.

• Join the Nantahala Hiking Club and the Konnarock Crew for lunch and work on a 6-mile section of the Appalachian Trail in celebration of National Trails Day. Meet in front of the Nantahala Outdoor Center store in Wesser at 9 a.m., returning by 5 p.m. Call Bill Van Horn, 369-1983, to make reservations by 11 a.m. May 30.

Tuesday-Friday, June 5-8

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June 6 - July 25

• Weigh-Down Workshop at Highlands United Methodist Church. Lose your extra weight permanently by following God's perfect will regarding food. The 8-week course costs \$125 for the materials. Classes are 6:15 p.m. Wednesday evenings. Call Sarah Chambers at 200-0366 for more information.

Thursday, June 7

• Come share your ideas for the design of the new Pine Street Park at a public meeting held to gather suggestions from the community about what kind of activities it would like to see happen at the park, which is located on the corner of Fifth and

Pine Streets. The public meeting is being held at the Highlands Community Center (next to the ball field, on the Cashiers Rd.) at 5:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to come share ideas with members of the Pine Street Park Committee.

Saturday, June 9

• The Highlands Historical Society will hold an Open House from 4-6 p.m. at the Highlands Historic Village located adjacent to the Civic Center on Highway 64 East. Everyone is invited to enjoy the Village, refreshments, and twin dulcimer music by Balsam Gap.

• Three book signings at Cyrano's Book Shop, at 390 Main Street. From 11-1 it's Toni Meyers "I Heard it on the Mountain, I Think I'll Tell It;" from 2-4 p.m. it's James Costa "The Other Insect Societies" & Brad Sanders "Guide to Williman Bartram's Travels." and from 1-3 p.m. it's Barbara Brown Taylor's "Leaving Church."

Saturday & Sunday, June 23 & 24

• Paws on Parade — a two-day-fun-filled summer event for the family and the family dog. Paws on Parade will be held Saturday, June 23, in Sapphire Valley Resort. Family lunches will be available at the Four Seasons Grill on the ski slopes. Any organization or business who is dog-related and would like to have a booth may call 743-1683.

Thursday, June 28

• Lambert Bridge Vineyards Wine dinner at OEI's The Farm. Each dinner is \$169 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuity. Reception begins at 6 p.m. and guests will be seated for dinner at 6:30 p.m. Seating is limited, and advance reservations are required. Call 828-787-2604.

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THREE-FAMILY YARD SALE - Saturday, May 12, starts 8 a.m. at 196 Cherokee Drive, Highlands. Toys, children's items, household goods, linens, books, bikes, sporting goods, tools.

THE HIGHLANDS PLAYHOUSE YARD SALE - Friday & Saturday, May 25 & May 26 and looking for donations. There will be a "Preview Sale Party" on Friday night, May 25. A donation of \$15 will entitle anyone to purchase items the night before the sale on Saturday - along with complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres. The yard sale and preview party will be held at the Highlands Playhouse. Please call 828-743-5625 (Dianne Ray) for more information or to make a donation.

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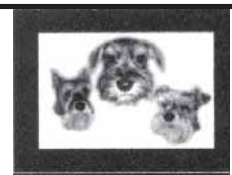
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'Enchanted April' is HCP's play for the month of May

Excitement is running high for cast, director, and production team. It's opening night for the Highlands Community Players production of "Enchanted April," which begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street in Highlands. The opening night audience, as usual, is invited after the performance to a reception catered by Wolfgang's on Main.

Performances continue this weekend, Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12, 7:30 p.m. The Sunday matinee, at 2:30 p.m., on May 13, Mother's Day, is perfect for an outing with your mother to celebrate the day. Performances continue through next weekend, Thursday, May 17, — Sunday, May 20.

The play lives up to its name — it's enchanting! It begins in England during a rainy winter month shortly after the end of World War I when Lotty Wilton, a London housewife, notices an "advert" offering a small castle for rent in Italy, complete with "sunshine and wisteria." Knowing that her husband will not approve of such a venture and aware that she cannot afford the rent using her own resources, Lotty recruits three other women willing to share the expenses.

The scene shifts to Italy; the month is now April. The four women, of different ages, backgrounds and temperaments, take up residence in the charming old

castle, soon encountering difficulties adjusting to each other's personalities and habits. But amid San Salvatore's flowers and sunshine, spirits are refreshed; unexpected romances and friendships flourish along with the wisteria.

Several of HCP's most accomplished actors are cast in play, as well as two newcomers. Madeleine Davis, Becky Schilling, Jody Read, Shirley Williams, Stuart Armor, and Jim Gordon are well known to HCP audiences for their excellent performances. Gina Pauratore, new to HCP but with a long list of theatrical credits from New Orleans and elsewhere, is a welcome addition; while Jim Loring, a Londoner himself, is on stage for the first time and doing a most creditable job.

Tickets for HCP may be reserved or picked up at the HCP box office in the Performing Arts Center, between 10: a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Tickets for the Sunday matinees can be purchased at the box office starting at 1 p.m. before the 2:30 matinee. Tickets for adults are \$15; for students, \$8; and for groups of 10 or more, \$12. Pay by cash or check. Call 526-8084 for reservations or to leave a number for a call back.

"Enchanted April" is suitable for young people, but young children will probably not find it of interest.



Lotty Wilton, played by Madeleine Davis, introduces her husband Mellersh, played by Jim Loring, to Lady Caroline, played by Gina Pauratore, both newcomers to the Highlands Community Players' stage. "Enchanted April" runs May 10 - May 20. Call 526-8084 for tickets.

MC Public Library to host award-winning author

Charles Frazier, winner of the National Book Award for his novel "Cold Mountain," will be a guest speaker at the new Macon County Public Library on Saturday, May 12.

Frazier will lead a book discussion about his latest novel, "Thirteen Moons," at 1 p.m. in the library's meeting room.

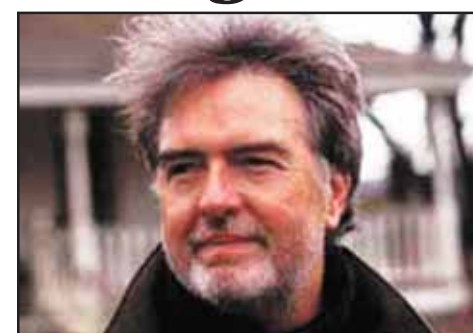
This historical novel is set in the Southern Appalachians during the early nineteenth century.

Although it is based on factual events

and people, Frazier reminds us in his Author's Note that this is a work of fiction, anyone seeking historical or geographical fact should look elsewhere.

The audience is encouraged to participate with comments and questions about the novel. The book discussion is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact the Macon County Public Library at 524-3600. Or visit the library in its new location at 819, Siler Road, Franklin.



Charles Frazier

Rotary golf day coming

On May 14, the Rotary Club of Highlands 19th annual Golf Tournament will be held this year at Trillium, with a shotgun start at noon, followed by a cocktail buffet and awards ceremony.

All the money raised by this annual event is used to fund local projects and community needs.

Registration for individual players is \$125. Sign up sheets are available from Rotary member Tony Potts at Macon Bank in Highlands or call Bill Futral at 526-8645 for further information.

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quarters in Asheville.

The interrogator, whose main function is administering polygraphs, explained the process step by step. I was nervous, obviously, but he explained that the machine — \$20,000 worth of computer equipment and peripherals that could fit in a modest attaché case — could decipher nerves from lies.

For about 20 minutes he talked to me about the case and my family and asked various questions including "In the last 15 months have you taken any illegal drugs?" and "Have you ever stolen anything from an employer?"

I looked at him like he was a little crazy for asking me the drug question. He said it's just a way to determine a base line and that the week before, he had asked a 74-year-old woman that same question.

"First she said no. But I looked at her and said, 'I know you're not telling the truth.' Then she admitted that the week before she had smoked a joint with her grandson."

The investigator said he's been doing this so long and has been accredited and reaccredited at so many institutions for the administration of polygraphs, that he can pretty much tell, even without the machine, when someone is lying.

So, the answer to the first question was easy, but since I have taken pens home from various places of employment, I said "Yes" to the second question.

He looked at me oddly. "I mean money, equipment — big stuff."

"Oh, well in that case, no," I said.

Based on the base line 20-minute interview, he formulated 10 questions to ask during the polygraph. Only four of them were about the crime, the other six were general and never veered from the questions previously asked.

In fact, one of the questions was, "Do you believe that I will not ask you any questions other than the ones discussed?" I said "yes" and he was true to his word.

He asked me the same set of 10 questions four times; once prior to strapping the equipment on me and three times after.

A blood pressure-type cuff was affixed to my right bicep. Two finger monitors were attached to fingers on my left hand. A strap was put around my upper chest and another around my abdomen. Then the questions were asked three times with a break between each session.

I was paranoid that breathing heavily or clearing my throat would affect the outcome. It did, but only indicating that there were times when I breathed heavily or cleared my throat.

Two algorithms were used to decipher the results. One was based on a scale of 1 to 10 and one was based on a percentage scale of 1 to 100.

In both cases, the higher the number the better the chances that the person is "not being deceptive."

I scored a +10 and a 99.7 percent. He said it was the highest score he'd ever seen.

"I told you I was innocent," I said.

Thanks to the results, the Macon County Sheriff's Department can close the case of the stolen wallet knowing it did everything to exhaust all leads and as a result exonerated me.

The moral of the story? That's a hard one.

Don't assume the law is out to get you. If you are innocent, playing the game can exonerate you of any and all charges. Polygraph testing can't be used in a court of law, but it can help law enforcement officials solve, dismiss and close cases. Like it or not, law enforcement officials do believe that people who refuse to take a polygraph test have something to hide — if only concerning the case.

Finally, think twice before being a Good Samaritan in Wal-Mart. Everything you do there can and will be used against you even if some of the surveillance cameras don't work and especially when the security guards "play cop."

• POLICE & FIRE •

The following is the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for the week of May 1-8. Only the names of persons arrested or public officials have been used.

May 1

• At 9:35 a.m., officers responded to a call of a parked vehicle on Mt. Lori obstructing traffic.

May 3

• At 9 a.m., a suspicious call to High Country Photo by a person requesting a large number of Canon products prompted a call to the police station.

• At 11:10 a.m., officers received a call from Ann Jacobs Gallery asking for help in escorting a person from the shop.

• At 5 p.m., a motorist on 28 South was cited for speeding 51 mph in a 35 zone.

• At 8:20 p.m., a motorist at Main and Third streets was cited for speeding 36 mph in a 20 zone.

• At 8:50 p.m., a motorist at 28 South and Shelby Place Road was cited for driving without the proper documentation.

May 7

• At 12:30 p.m., officers were called to The Pizza Place to help with an employee dispute.

The following is the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the weeks of May 3-7

May 3

• The dept. responded to an alarm activation at Old Edwards Inn & Spa which was accidentally set off by workers.

May 5

• The dept. provided mutual aid to Scaly Fire & Rescue concerning a wreck but the call was cancelled en route.

May 6

• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Joe Pye Trail.

May 7

• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Ravenel Ridge where a man had shot himself in the knee with a nail gun. He was transported to the hospital.

• RE TRANSACTIONS •

Highlands area transactions April 21-May 8

Parcel Id, Grantee Name, Address, Property Description, Date, Acreage, Stamps, Land Val, Build Val, Grantor Name

• Divide the revenue stamp amount by two, and multiply by 1,000 to get the sale price.

• 0500638, EAGER, CAROLYN H TRUSTEE, 902 MOSS WAY, VALDOSTA, GA., 31602, 14 LOT 147 MOOR WOOD RD., 04-23-07, 1.4000, \$0.00, \$393,120., \$411,580., EAGER, CAROLYN H TRUSTEE & EAGER, WILLIAM GRANT TRUSTEE

• 0511661, ARBRA, EDWARD, PO BOX 403, HIGHLANDS, NC, 28741, 14 UNIT 103 HIGHLANDS MANOR II, 04-27-07, 0.0400, \$606.00, \$25,000., \$318,790., CALLON, SIM C SR & CALLON, VERA D

• 0504358, PARKER, HAROLD TRAVIS, 89 NETSI PLACE, HIGHLANDS, NC, 28741, 14 LOT 8 DOBSON RIDGE, 04-27-07, 0.2400, \$850.00, \$255,900., \$186,860., PRIBUS, RICHARD S & PRIBUS, JANICE L

• 0502457, R L JORDAN OIL COMPANY OF NC, PO BOX 2527, SPARTANBURG, SC, 29304, 14 LOTS 102,104 & 106 MAIN & 2ND HLDS SUITE HOTEL, 04-30-07, 0.3300, \$0.00, \$1,965,600., \$2,499,870., JORDAN, R L

• 0516324, R L JORDAN OIL COMPANY OF NC, PO BOX 2527, SPARTANBURG, SC, 29304, 14 LOTS 7,9 & 11 MT HIGH MOTEL, 04-30-07, 0.8700, \$0.00, \$1,301,740., \$0.00, JORDAN, R L

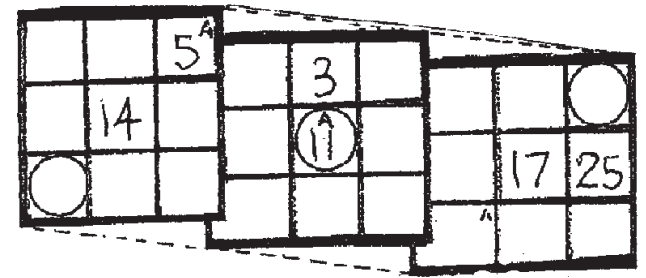
• 0504137, R L JORDAN OIL COMPANY OF NC, PO BOX 2527, SPARTANBURG, SC, 29304, 14 LOT 504-505 4TH & SPRUCE ST, 04-30-07, 0.0200, \$0.00, \$10,000., \$0.00, JORDAN, R L

• 0500141, EVANS, KATHERINE E, PO BOX 453, HIGHLANDS, NC, 28741, 05 RD 1610, 04-24-07, 1.2300, \$0.00, \$61,480., \$176,520., EVANS, JAMES F & EVANS, KATHERINE E

• 0501401, LARMON, W CURTIS TRUSTEE, 4410 CLEAR AVENUE, TAMPA, FL, 33609, 05 LOT 4 SEC B FLAT MTN, 04-27-07, 1.8700, \$0.00, \$370,290., \$848,780., LARMON, W CURTIS & LARMON, BEVERLY L

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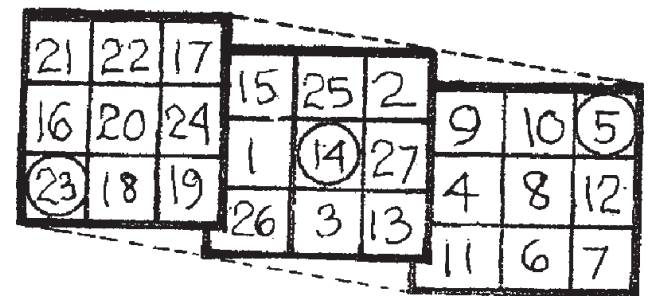
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Solution to CZ1F in the May 3 paper



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achievement for the Old Edwards Hospitality Group," said CEO Mario Gomes. "This accreditation and affiliation reaffirms all of the hard work we have put into making the Old Edwards experience one to treasure."

The overall rating by AAA is determined by averaging the individual ratings for six key areas including management and staff; housekeeping and maintenance; exterior, grounds and public areas; room decor, ambiance and amenities; bath rooms and guest services.

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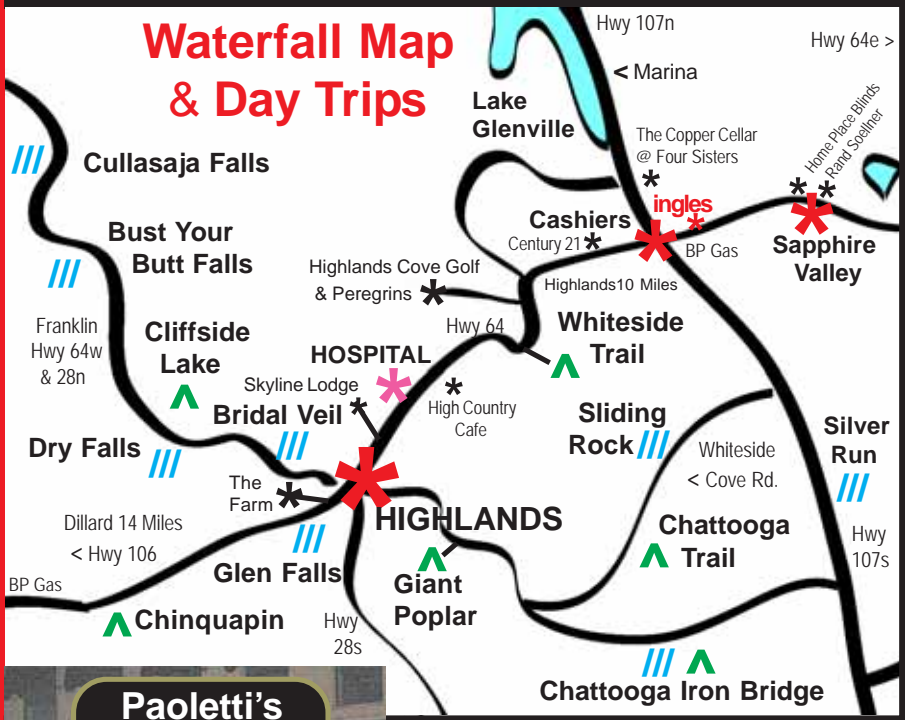
Gomes went on to say, "A high level of guest services is indicative of the Four Diamond Rating, and that is what we offer here at The Lodge. We are delighted to be recognized for that effort."

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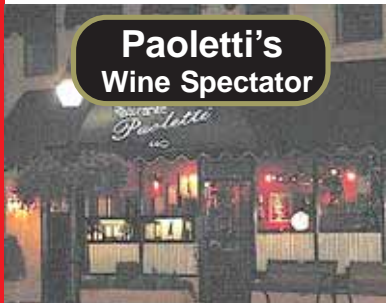


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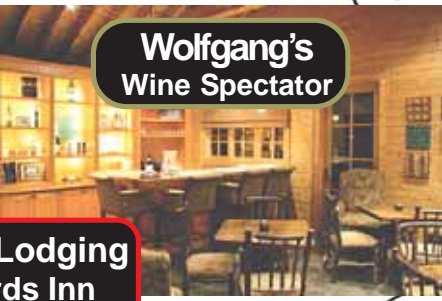
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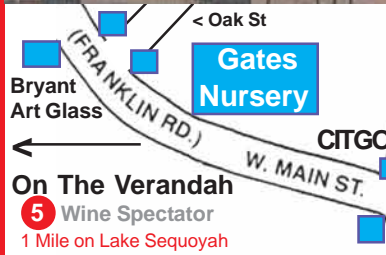


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