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This Week in Highlands

On-going Events

- Collections for men and women overseas at Chestnut Hill Retirement community. Contact Jeremy Duke at (828) 787-2114.

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

Mon. & Wed.

- Middle School students After School Program from 3-5 p.m. at the Rec Park. Call 828-526-3556.

Mon., Wed., & Fri.

- Step Aerobics with Tina Rogers at the Rec Park, 8-9 a.m. \$10 per class or \$50 a month.

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

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

Thursdays & Fridays

- Live music at The Rib Shack from 7-10 p.m.

Friday & Saturday

- Chad Reed at piano at ...on the Verandah restaurant from 7 p.m.

- At Scudder's Gallery on Main Street Auctions at 8 p.m. 526-4111.

Saturdays

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

Friday, Nov. 7

- Krupp Brothers Wine Dinner at OEI's The Farm. \$169 per person. Call 866-526-8008.

Saturday, Nov. 8

- Junior and Seniors at Highlands School there's a tour of UNC-Asheville and Warren Wilson College leaving Highlands School at 9 a.m. Be at the front of the school at 8:45 a.m. Return is expected by 6:30 p.m. Students will receive admission/information packets at the schools. Questions? Call 526-5587
- A tour of The Bascom's new facilities at 3 & 4 p.m. To attend call 526-4949.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a four-mile moderate hike from Jones Gap to Whiterock Mtn. on Bartram Trail. FOR THIS HIKE ONLY dogs will be allowed but must be on leash at all times. Call leaders Doris & Larry Jelley, 524-4200, for reservations.

NC voters choose 'change' in 2008

Though not every registered voter in Macon County voted in the Nov. 4 presidential election, 68.80% did and that's up 4% from the 2004 election.

"The turnout was more than we've ever seen and definitely more than during any local election," said Macon

County Election Board officials.

In Macon County's 15 precincts there are 25,281 registered voters and on Tuesday 17,394 voters cast their ballots.

Everyone knows Barack Obama won the election — even without North Caroli-

na and Missouri in the mix — grabbing 349 electoral college votes to John McCain's 162. Obama garnered 52% of the popular vote with 63,428,971 votes to McCain's 49% and 56,084,978 votes.

But if Macon County had determined the election, McCain would have won. In

Macon County he got 59.78% of the vote with 10,262 votes.

In the U.S. Senate, Democrat Kay Hagan beat incumbent Republican Elizabeth Dole 53% to 44% with 2,207,821 votes to Dole's 1,855,353.

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Board rules on zoning issues

Two property owners finally got the answer they've sought for almost a year concerning the rezoning of their properties along town corridors.

At the Nov. 5 Town Board meeting, Thomas Young, who owns 369 Franklin Road, requested the .64 acre be rezoned R2 to B4 on the grounds that two of the adjacent properties are of a commercial nature — The Bascom and TLC Realty.

The Planning Board recommended it be rezoned with a 3-2 vote but the Town Board has the final say.

Town Administrator Richard Betz said in the 1970s it was zoned commercial but was down-zoned to R2 in 1989 when the town adopted its land use plan.

"Our reason for that was to cut back on commercial zones on our corridors to lessen the commercial impact,"

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Weekend Weather:

FRI	SAT	SUN
60-38°F	50-29°F	51-30°F

Citizens turn out to exercise their right and their duty on Nov. 4



Of the county's 15 precincts, Highlands, Flats and Nantahala had the highest voter turnout. In Highlands 972 ballots were cast — 40.98% of the 2,372 registered voters. In the Flats precinct, 222 ballots were cast — 49.22% of the 451 registered voters. In Nantahala, which had the highest voter turnout, 320 ballots were cast — 53.42% of the 599 registered voters. Thanks to early voting, the lines were short and moved quickly.

Photo by Kim Lewicki

Eighth-graders to learn of new high school graduation requirements

By Dan Brigman

MC Schools Superintendent

During the summer of 2007, the North Carolina State Board of Education approved a Future-Ready Core Course of Study that is intended to prepare all students for careers and college learning in the 21st century.

The new course of study will be effective with the rising ninth grade class of 2009-10 (current eighth graders).

In a news release shortly following the State Board of Education's unanimous ap-

proval of the new standards, Chairman Howard Lee commented, "The Future-Ready Core will help ensure that students graduate with the academic foundation they need for success in the global economy. The Core gives students the ability to tailor course concentrations to fit their interests and goals — including opportunities for college-level work — while building a strong academic foundation."

Last month, middle and high school principals and

guidance counselors across our state received copies of communication materials on the Future-Ready Core course of study and new high school graduation requirements. In the next few weeks, parents and guardians of current eighth grade students will receive copies of the following materials:

- Student Accountability Standards: Make the Grade to Succeed, and
- Graduating Future Ready.

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Middle East expert presents 'Iraq 101'

This is part 2 of a multi-part series on Sandra Mackey's Oct. 20 talk.

Middle East specialist Sandra Mackey explained the reasons for the political atmosphere and the outcome of military presence in Iraq, Iran, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Israel.

"I spend most of my time talking to intelligent, educated, well-read people who don't happen to be specialists on the Middle East and I find that you are confused and understandably so. This is a very complex area that constantly changes...."

To Recap

"The west and north of Baghdad is the Sunni Triangle and is the real heart of the insurgency. There were tribal groups who were making war on each other and on American army. So we adopted a classic counter insurgency strategy which is when you get them to come on your side by hiring them."

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• LETTERS •

Swanson played into McCain's hand

Dear Editor,

In Don Swanson's column of October 30, you could tell how cleverly he saved up his lame lies until right before voting day. He must think the American people are idiots. That bunk about Obama being a Muslim has been thoroughly discredited. Nobody believed Swanson's three-word Obama "print bite," cousin to the "sound bite." Anyone, anytime, can see what Obama actually said to Stephanopoulos on September 7. Watch the full two minute clip on YouTube. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iQqIpdBOg6I>

And what was all that bunk about the 57 states? Swanson sounds like some kind of anti-masonic conspiracy theorist. His man, McCain, allowed his campaign to promulgate dozens of lame lies, each with itty bitty pieces of truth in them. Just like Obama said, the McCain campaign threw rocks with a hidden hand. Swanson played right into that, doing McCain's dirty work, and he loses all respect by repeating such trash.

What takes the cake for humor is Swanson's whining about the money he lost in the stock market recently — and for him to then turn around and wish upon us all four more years of the very economic policies that caused his misfortune? He's a fish, flip-floppin' on the bank like McCain. Their buddies, Reagan and Bush Jr., each tripled the national debt with their trickle-down economics, making them the biggest taxers of all time, because of the debt that's coming due from us, our children, our grand-children, and probably all the way to great-great-great grandchildren. You betcha.

I've been reading Swanson ever since he started writing for *Highlands' Newspaper*, and I find him thoroughly obnoxious. That's weak, the way he tries to get us to believe he is really some kindly but cranky old curmudgeon like our uncle. If you actually pay him to write the smelly garbage he turns out, you are getting beat.

The only reason some of us keep reading your paper is for the fresh air from Katie Brugger and Matt Eberz; Swanson is nothing but a lame imitation of Bill O'Reilly and Rush Limbaugh.

Kim Bonsteel
Sapphire, NC

• HAWK'S EYE VIEW •



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• LETTERS •

Creation vs. Evolution

Dear Editor,

A while back many people were upset at the thought that Mrs. Palin might want creation taught in our public schools. This led to the question, "If evolution is a theory and Creation is a theory, then why can't they both be taught in our schools?"

Well the argument was that Evolution is a theory based on science and creation was a theory based on religion! But aren't they both based on science? I think that they are! In my view though, Creation has a greater ground to stand on.

Allow me to explain and the reader's can decide for themselves. First, if "evolution" merely refers to a process cyclical (back and forth) variations in response to changing environmental conditions, then evolution is a fact that can be observed both in nature and in laboratory experiments.

One example, when a population of insects are sprayed with a toxic chemical like DDT, the most susceptible insects die but the individuals most resistant to the poison survive to breed and leave offspring that inherit the genes that provide resistance.

After many generations the entire population may be comprised of the DDT resistant insects and then new forms of control may have to be applied. But such changes are not permanent, because the resistant mosquitoes are more fit only as long as the DDT is being applied. But when the environment is clear of the toxin the population tends to revert to what it was before.

Almost all illusions of "evolution in action" in textbooks and museums use this same type of examples. There is no increase in complexity or in any appearance of new body parts or any permanent changes of any kind. This is adaptive variation, not evolution, misleading because microevolution is the grand story of how life supposedly evolved by purely natural process from very simple beginnings to become complex, multi-celled plants, animals, and eventually human beings. Without God's participation being needed in any step along the way. Now Charles Darwin assumed that microevolution was microevolution extended over a very long period of time. Biology textbooks,

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• OBITUARIES •



Nancy Jenkins Welch

Nancy Jenkins Welch, age 62, died Friday, Oct. 31 at Highland-Cashiers Hospital after a four-year battle with cancer. After battling bladder cancer, it went into remission, returned and spread quickly earlier this year.

She was a longtime resident of Bulloch County and was a well known columnist and worked at the Statesboro Herald for 13 years. She was a big part of the community while living in Statesboro, GA.

She moved to Highlands, N.C in 2004 and worked at The Highlander newspaper and later writing for Highlands' Newspaper. She was an inspiration to so many people and will be deeply missed.

Survivors include her husband, Charles A. Welch of Highlands, NC; her daughter, Marsha "Marcy" Welch of Nashville, TN; her son and daughter-in-law, Carter and Christina Welch of Jacksonville, FL; and her brother, Tommy Jenkins of Brunswick, GA.

The funeral service was held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Chapel of Hodges-Moore Funeral Home. Burial was in Bulloch Memorial Gardens.

Hodges-Moore Funeral Home of Statesboro is in charge of the arrangements.

Courtesy of Bryant-Grant Funeral Home.

Stella W. Talley

Stella W. Talley, 96, of Wilmington, NC, died November 2, 2008. Stella lived 96 wonderful years.

Stella was born January 26, 1912 in Macon County, NC. She was the daughter of the late Andrew and Effie Carpenter Wilson. She was also preceded in death by her husband. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Highlands, NC.

Stella is survived by a daughter, Cynthia Floyd, Wilmington, NC; a sister, Zoa Darnell, Columbus, GA; a brother, Frank Wilson, Clayton, GA and three grandchildren; Rusty Floyd, Wilmington, NC, Jay Floyd, Richmond, VA and Beth Floyd, Atlanta, GA.

The family will receive friends from 5-7PM Wednesday, November 5 at Bryant-Grant Funeral Home in Highlands. Funeral services will be held at 11 AM, November 6 at First Baptist Church, Highlands, NC with Rev. Dan Robinson officiating. Interment will follow in Macedonia Cemetery, Satolah, GA.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to Lower Cape Fear Hospice, 2222 S. 17th St, Wilmington, NC 28401

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



William Richard Webb

William Richard Webb, age 60, of Highlands, NC died Friday, October 31, 2008 at a Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. He was a native of Macon County, the son of the late Richard Webb and Doris Gibson Webb of Highlands, NC. He was a handy man and was a member of the Assembly of God Church.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by a son, Cecil Ray Webb of Greenville, SC and Ricky Webb of Highlands, NC; one sister, June Webb of Highlands, NC, four brothers, Johnny Webb of Franklin, NC, Freddie Webb and David Webb both of Highlands, NC and Randy Webb of Maryland.

A memorial service was held Sunday, Nov. 2 at 3 p.m. at Horse Cove Cemetery with James "Red" Potts and Rev. Lester Ball officiating.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

• The Webb Family thanks the Highlands Community for its thoughts, prayers and deeds during this difficult time.

Alice Gayl Christie

Alice Gayl Christie died on October 31, 2008. Born Sept. 25, 1957 in Dawson, GA. Her parents are Pierce and Hilda (Gaylord) Christie of Plant City, FL.

One of Gayl's most stellar accomplishments was raising her two sons, Pierce and Tedder Bridges, both currently pursuing undergraduate degrees.

She graduated from Berkeley High School in Tampa, completed an undergraduate degree at FSU and a master's degree at William and Mary College in Va. Gayl used her graduate training, as well as a soulful gentleness to work with people living with HIV/AIDS.

Generous to her core, Gayl lived bigger than life. She poured her love onto family and friends in ways that were creative, funny, smart and caring. Everyone who encountered Gayl was struck by her infectious laughter, rapier wit, and clever observations. Never at a loss for words and never shy, Gayl possessed a refreshing honesty which often landed her at the center of controversy and political debate.

As beautiful outside as she was within, Gayl's legacy is one filled with loving-kindness. A lover of travel, she left traces of herself in the hearts of those she encountered on each journey. There's a little cabin in North Carolina that blooms in the springtime and explodes with color in the fall with the love she poured into the garden. Multi-talented and multi-faceted, Gayl's passing has left a hole in our hearts. She'd instruct all who knew her to fill that place with love and laughter.

She is missed deeply by family: her parents, her sons, her loving sister Jewell and her partner Linda.

Respectfully the family asks Gayl's generous spirit be honored, not with flowers, but with donations to the Tampa Theatre, Lee Academy (Tampa), or a charity of your choice.

Friends are welcome to celebrate Gayl's life on Saturday, Nov. 8, 2008 at 11 a.m. at the Blount & Curry Funeral Home at 605 S. MacDill Ave, Tampa (813) 876-2421.

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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

Jesus loves the little chickens...and father Kolbe

It is the best of times. It is the worst of times. (Whoa, is that good, or what?) It is a time to be happy yet a time to be sad; a time of transition yet a time of sameness; a time to pack and a time to unpack; a time to be cold and a time to be hot; a time to say goodbye and a time to say hello. (Are you falling asleep?) Most importantly, it is a time to remember that Jesus loves the little chickens, especially when grilled with pesto.

The li'l missus and I are heading to our other home to hug family and warm up. We have a grandson we've never seen. His name is Max, named after a little known saint named Maximilian Kolbe.

Father Kolbe was a Franciscan priest imprisoned at Auschwitz as prisoner #16670. Before his capture, this brave man hid over 2,000 Jews from the Nazis. On July 31, 1941, in reprisal for one prisoner's attempted es-

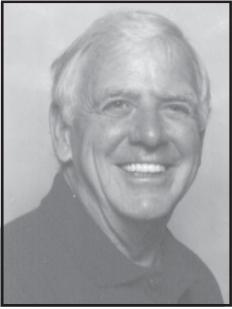
cape, the Nazis ordered 10 men starved to death. One condemned man, Franciszek Gajowniczek, cried out to be spared, claiming he was a father of two small sons. Father Kolbe offered up his life so Franciszek Gajowniczek might live. The two men had never met. Father Kolbe died 10 days later and Franciszek was released from Auschwitz five years later. He eventually died in 1995, claiming Father Kolbe's spirit never left his side.

I believe Father Kolbe went straight to heaven where he is sitting next to Jesus, eating pesto chicken. I'm proud to have a grandson named Max.

On a lighter note, I have nicknamed our new grandson Maximus after the famous Roman general and gladiator, Maximus Decimus Meridius, a.k.a. Russell Crowe. When I lay eyes on Max for the first time, I will strike my chest with my fist and announce, "Hail Maximus." My daughter-in-law will hold her head and walk away.

With a name like Maximilian Kolbe Wooldridge, the kid will have to learn to fight early in life. Being the youngest of five, he will get most of his fight training from his siblings. For now though, all he's doing is peeing, pooping and drinking breast milk. I'll keep you posted if that changes.

Anyway, back to the Jesus loves the little chickens part of my story. During the summer, I hang out with an insane bunch of writers at the Hudson Library. They are called the Highlands Writers' Group. You're supposed to be quiet in a library but this boisterous group never is. You can hear the laughing all the way to the back of the library even though the doors to the meeting room are closed. People ask, "What is going on in



Fred Wooldridge

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there?"

I got the chicken thing from a lady named "Button" who loves to read funny stuff. She may have gotten her name when her Ma laid eyes on her for the first time and said, (yep, you guessed it.) "She's as cute as a button." Indians do something similar. After the birth, the father exits the teepee and the first thing he sees will become the child's name. That's why Indians get named "Two Dogs Shagging" or "Two Squaws Bitching" and stuff like that.

The term "cute as a button" may have referred to the center of a flower. Or it could be Button's Ma was transfixed on her baby's belly button. I have requested an 8" x 10" of this part of her baby anatomy strictly for research purposes to determine cuteness.

Actually Button used to have a sign over her bed that said Jesus Loves the Little Chickens. I will not attempt to analyze or explain why but if you knew this woman, you would realize this is perfectly normal. Actually, I made up the pesto part to give the story more flavor. (Ha)

I will miss Button and her comedy, along with the rest of the talented writers that frequent the library's tiny front room each Thursday. I am always amazed at the amount of writing talent that exists in Highlands.

I have imposed lofty goals on myself for the winter months. I will try to finish a novel, find a publisher and get it on the market. (Ha, fat chance with that.) I'll try to keep folks interested in reading my weekly stuff and I will fall in love with Max and watch him grow. Best of all, I pray I will return to Highlands at the first sign of spring.

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This trip is part of the Honor Air Flight Network that began in 2006, and has since sent hundreds of veterans, totally free, to Washington to visit a number of the memorials in addition to the WW II Memorial.

Memorials such as the Vietnam Wall, Korean War Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, Changing of the Guard and the Marines Monument.

As of now 2 trips are being planned for early 2009, and there may be more. If you are interested please call: Bert McCall at 828-526-9736; Doc Wilson at 828-526-2568 or Steve Perry at 828-787-2323.

• THE VIEW FROM HERE •

The perils and joys of the computer age

A guy I know wanted to send me a sizable stack of printed material. How, he asked, should he send it. "E-mail," I replied.

"I'd have to scan it in," he objected.

"You could fax it," I guessed again.

"I was thinking," he responded, "of mailing it."

"Oh, Yeah," I answered. "I hadn't thought of the mail." If I had, I would most likely have thought about UPS or Fed Ex.

I'm still amazed, and more than a little embarrassed, that the United States Postal Service never entered my mind. It may be because we don't have home delivery, which, I should explain, is not the fault of the Postal Service, but the result of Lizzie's desire to dump large volumes of junk mail into big trash cans at the Post Office rather than into small ones at home. I don't argue. I don't even have a key to our PO Box. I hate mail, but not as much as I hate Halloween and negative political ads.

Halloween and political ads are about to disappear for another cycle, but junk mail rains in a constant deluge. It's not just junk mail that I loathe, but just about anything with a stamp, except hand written letters and National Geographic. I used to like to write personal letters, but could rarely find an envelope or stamp. Women once carried extra stamps in their purses, so if I were lucky, I could bum one, but all too often I was out of luck. I like personal e-mails, except ones like the one I recently received from Bert McCall, which was published in this paper. I've never met Mr. McCall, but I doubt that we would get along.

I often receive troubling e-mails from Jstra1234. Mr. Jstra1234 doesn't like anything I write, which has led me to wonder why he keeps reading my column. Mr. Jstra1234 has never signed his e-mails, so he doesn't seem as real as Mr. McCall or Mr. Dammon, both of whom seem interested in clearing my cloudy thinking. Mr. Jstra1234 seems more spectral, since, as far as I know, he doesn't have an identity beyond his e-mail address and considerable venom.

In case you're reading, J, I hope you don't mind my giving you a nick name, I've stopped reading your e-mails. I found them too bizarre, so they go to the trash along with discount Viagra, Costa Rica land deals, and careers as an ultrasound technician. Sometimes, just to be on the safe side, I open the ones that claim that a friend has sent me a \$1,000 WalMart gift card, but I no longer fall for the free Dell computer offering. If all those gift cards and free computers were on the level, I could retire, regardless of the stock market crash.

Just so you know, I don't read Internet



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

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humor or spread chain letters. It amazes me how such drivel can appeal to so many people. I dream that something I write might get hot and circle the globe at close to the speed of light and show up in millions of in boxes. All it takes is for a few readers to start the ball rolling. Highlands' Newspaper does have an identical online edition at www.highlandsinfo.com.

Way back when, it might have been



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Upcoming Events

CULINARY WEEKEND

Friday, Nov. 14

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won. One of the guys suggested that we go to the computer and learn the outcome. That was something that Elaine Young, even on her best day, couldn't have done. I was incredulous. We went to a small room that housed several computers. It was Haiti so we were unable to get onto the Internet, but that was Haiti's fault, not the

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King Louie Tillet now reigns in Highlands

By Ryan Potts

At first glance, Louie Michaud doesn't seem like a man with a dual life. Known as a man with a pleasant smile, and an easy way, Louie made a name for himself in Highlands years ago, with a successful restaurant and an even more successful attitude.

After retiring several years ago, Louie now spends the majority of his time at home with his wife Judy, or swapping stories on the golf course with anyone who cares to listen. Most folks who know Louie know of his "former" life, but they don't know many details about the man who was once a professional wrestler. In his former life, "King Louie" Tillet was once the World Heavyweight Champion, in addition to being one of the most popular and recognizable wrestlers in the southeast.

At the height of his career, Louie Tillet was the modern equivalent of former WCW and current WWE superstar Chris Jericho. Like Jericho, Louie didn't have the largest stature or the biggest physique, but he was a master technician in the ring, and was even more adept at working the crowd. "I made a lot of money in the business because I could move from being good to bad very quickly," says the man who was once known as "King Louie." "If I was wrestling a heel, (wrestle-speak for bad guy) then I was good, and if I was wrestling a good guy, then I was bad and I made money this way."

For more than 20 years, Louie wrestled and promoted all over the United States, working with legendary wrestlers such as The Briscoe's, The Funk's, Dusty Rhodes, Bull Curry, Cowboy Bill Watts, Bob Orton, Mad Dog Vachon, Dick Murdoch, Lou Thesz and Boris Malenko. Whereas Louie Tillet was a championship wrestler and a familiar face all over the southeast, Louie Michaud can remember a time in which even he had no idea who he was. Louie grew up in the city of Bordeaux, France, where he excelled in athletics and ultimately became an accomplished amateur wrestler



Louie Michaud, a.k.a. Louie Tillet at home in Highlands

as a teenager. Due to this wrestling prowess, as a young man, Michaud was selected to represent France at the Empire Games in New Zealand. In New Zealand, Michaud won both a bronze medal in wrestling and a silver medal in boxing.

Rather than return home to France, Louie instead traveled with his good friend Maurice "Mad Dog" Vachon to Canada

where he would begin his professional wrestling career. Louie recalls his time in Quebec City saying, "I was living with the Vachons and wrestling in Ontario and Quebec City, but a friend of mine, Maurice La Pointe told me that I could make more money working in Detroit." It was then that Michaud began working in Detroit for promoter Bert Ruby,

with only \$25 to his name and only speaking a few words of English.

While in Detroit, Louie was able to teach himself English by listening to the other wrestlers and by reading as much as possible. While today the King's English is almost perfect, he recalls a time something as common as ordering a meal seemed like a daunting task. "There was a time when I only ate apple pie and ice cream, because I had practiced those words real well and I knew how to pronounce them. When we went to a restaurant, I would order what I wanted, but if the waitress did not understand me then I simply said 'apple pie and ice cream' and that's what I had for my meal."

While in Detroit, Louie was wrestling hard and earning a name for himself as a premier athlete and technician.

However, it was in a match down in Charlotte, NC that Louie took the name of "Louie Tillet." The reason? A promoter in Charlotte by the name of Jim Crockett suggested he adopt the surname of another French wrestler by the name of Maurice Tillet, who had been very successful in the United States as the "French Angel." Louie wrestled and promoted under this name until the end of his career, and he sometimes uses the name to separate the difference between Louie the person and Louie the wrestler. Louie Tillet soon became a big enough name that he was offered a job working in a

Houston, Texas promotion. It was here that Louie earned his first World Championship match and started what would be his most prolific feud with the infamous Bull Curry.

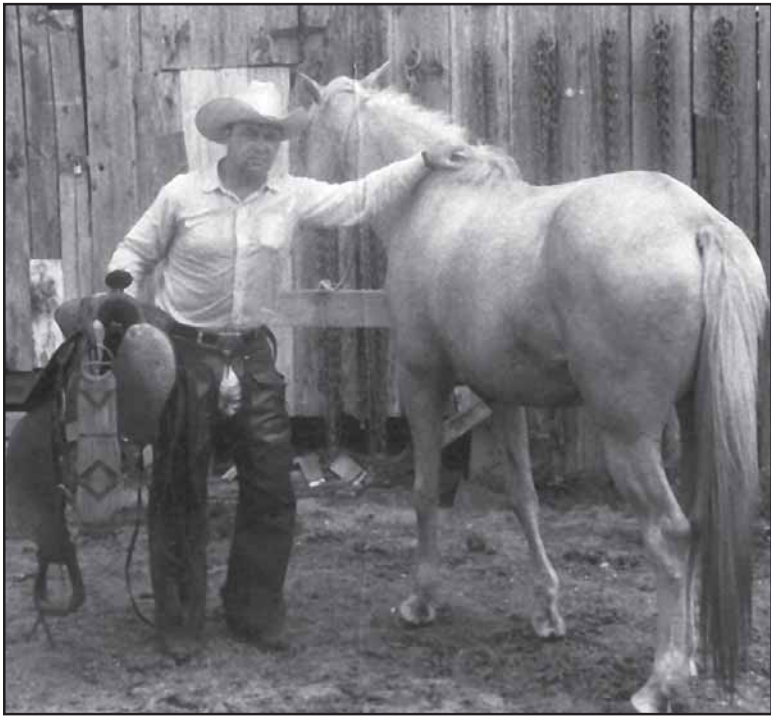
The promoter had booked Tillet to defeat Bull Curry in a match that would determine who would face Lou Thesz for the World Championship. However, during the match, Curry attempted to "steal" the victory (and what would be the big payday) from Louie, and the two proceeded to have a real fight during the match.

While most people realize that professional wrestling is scripted, they may not know that only the outcomes themselves are scripted. The act of "wrestling" itself is very real, with most wrestlers taking some precautions to prevent serious injury while still providing an entertaining match.

In the case of Curry and Tillet, the match turned into a fight, with Louie barely coming out on top and both athletes bleeding profusely. The match is still referenced in wrestling history as one of the bloodiest brawls of all time – "a horror in scarlet," as named by Wrestling Revue.

As is the case most of the time, the promoter in Houston used the real animosity between Curry and Tillet to create what was one of the best wrestling feuds of the 1960s. With his success in Texas, Louie was able to finally put some money away,

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In Houston, Texas as Cowboy Louie Tillet and above Louie demonstrating his paralyzing signature Figure Four leglock.

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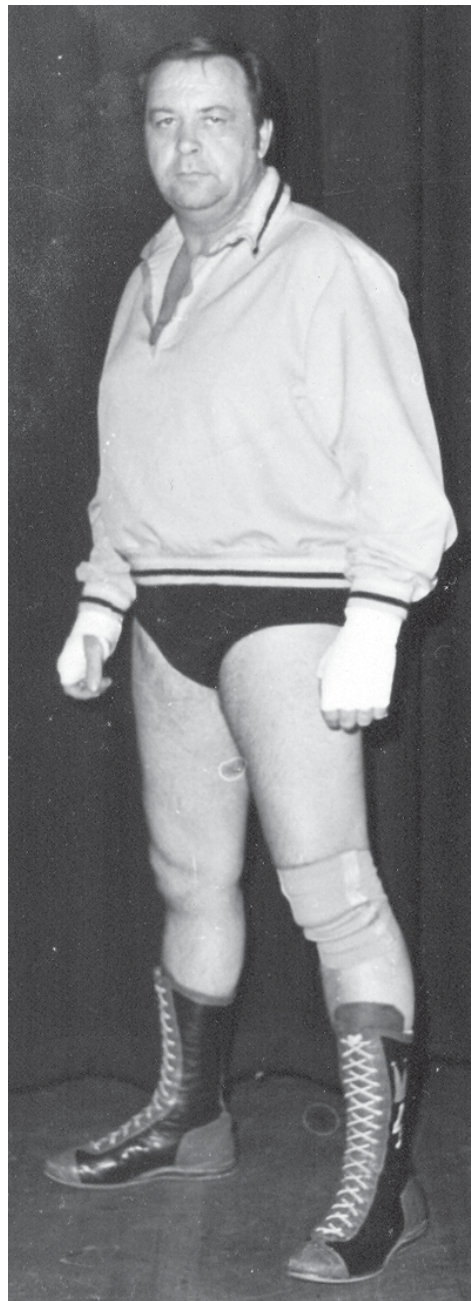
and eventually purchased his first Cadillac, which to this day he recalls proudly. "I bought it with cash straight from the dealer, and it was lime green and beige -- I thought I was the real deal." His success in Texas made Louie Tillet a big-time performer in the world of professional wrestling, and Louie then moved on to the Southeast, where he would work with Jim Crockett in Charlotte as well as in Georgia with promoters such as Paul Jones and Buddy Fuller.

Whereas now many professional wrestlers depend on a character or persona to "get over" with the crowd, Tillet depended upon his work ethic and his toughness to gain the support...or disdain that he desired from the masses. Louie often used the Figure Four leglock or the Abdominal Stretch as his signature maneuvers, and taught the Figure Four to the legendary "Nature Boy" Buddy Rogers. (wrestling fans will recognize that name, because it became the persona and the signature maneuver of another "Nature Boy," the incomparable Ric Flair.)

Throughout Georgia and the rest of the southeast, Louie Tillet amazed and enraptured crowds night after night, cementing his legendary status in the Southeast and even holding several World Heavyweight Championships. During the early 70s, Louie purchased his own wrestling promotion in Florida, and wrestled and promoted there with young stars like Dusty Rhodes, Hulk Hogan and Dick Murdoch. It was here in Florida that a serious injury to Louie's hip caused him to ultimately leave the business he loved behind and embark on a new adventure. After living in Alabama for several years with his new wife Judy, Louie and Judy came to Franklin in the mid-80s to stay with family in the area. Having been in Franklin several times, the couple decided to take a drive up to Highlands and see the area. "We just fell in love with it," said Louie, "we decided that it was almost exactly the place we were looking to call home."

The Michauds ultimately moved to Highlands, where Judy took a job working at Highlands Falls Country Club and Louie soon became the executive chef where he developed a dinner menu and also saw the complete overhaul of the kitchen.

It was during his work as a chef that Louie decided to open his own restaurant, mainly as a way of putting his children through college. That endeavor became the Louie Michaud restaurant, which was located in the upstairs of Mallard Square. While he enjoyed running his own dining room, Louie did feel a sense of relief once he was able to get out of the restaurant business and



retire for good.

These days, Louie spends his time waking up early and enjoying sleepy mornings on the golf course, or hanging out at Meadows Mountain Realty, where his wife is the broker-in-charge and owner. Talking with "King Louie" is almost like listening to a favorite professor, as if his light French accent somehow gives a distinguished air to his memories.

Unlike some other legends of the sport, when asked to talk about wrestling today, Louie doesn't come across as bitter and critical of today's superstars. Professional wrestling is a tough business, and it has taken its toll on many of the former superstars of the genre. Wrestling seven days a week for 50-51 weeks out of the year can debilitate body and mind, and many former wrestlers now struggle with past injuries, lack of insurance or retirement or simply letting go of the business that they were once on top of.

It is in this way that Louie Michaud is not like so many of his former counterparts. At 75, Louie is in fairly good health, lives an enjoyable life, and has let go of the business that once made him a household name in the southeast. In some ways, Louie has been able to use his wrestling persona to separate that part of his life from its current manifestation.

Louie sums it up like this, "It was hard for a time, not having the "normal" lifestyle of wrestling that I had lived for so long. But I adjusted, and put it away from the rest of my life...Sometimes I see

a kid like Randy Orton on TV...I wrestled with his daddy, and it brings me back a bit...but otherwise, it's kind of...distant." Days like those are probably hard for Louie, as with the good memories also come difficult ones. However, former wrestlers who are at peace with themselves and the business past are few and far between.

Highlands is fortunate to have a member of wrestling royalty living on its plateau, and friends of the Michauds and fans of King Louie Tillet agree when they say, "Long live the King!"

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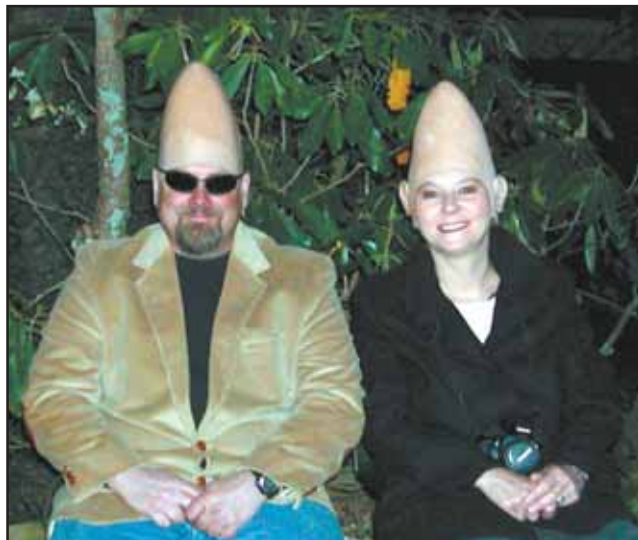
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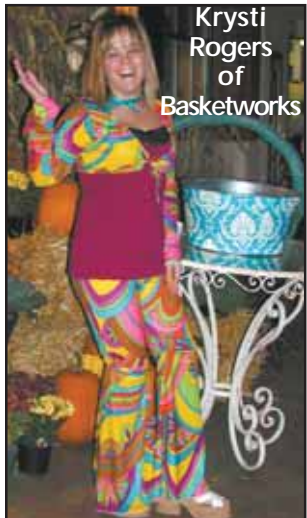
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• COACH'S CORNER •

The better angels of our nature

Sixty-one years ago, a young man by the name of Jack Roosevelt Robinson was approached by the general manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, Branch Rickey, with an offer. This offer, while prestigious and somewhat lucrative, was also one of uncertainty and uneasiness. Mr. Rickey selected Robinson because he needed someone with the "guts not to fight back" against the animosity that was sure to develop over an African-American breaking across the color barrier. While there was surely animosity, and a great deal of personal strife, Robinson established himself as one of the greatest players in the history of Major League Baseball, as well as one of the most beloved historical figures in baseball history.

Fast forward just over 60 years later, where Tuesday our nation elected as the leader of the free world a man of mixed race. This man, only two centuries ago in our country would have been chained by the bonds of slavery. Two centuries ago, this man would have not even been considered a man by our own Constitution. (He would have counted as 3/5 of a person for representational purposes) As recently as 65 years ago, this man would have been denied quarters at hotels and inns throughout the nation, denied service at restaurants, forced into inadequate schools and separated from the rest of society. And yet, today...this man has come to power not from military might or divine right but from the support and votes of his peers here in this United States. This is the same opportunity for Barack Obama that was given to Jackie Robinson 61 years ago -- the opportunity to prove on the biggest stage of all that equality was not merely an idea, but a reality.

While there are many whose votes Obama did not win, today is not a day for policy differences, social fears or the understandable disappointment of those whose candidate came up short -- there will be plenty of opportunity for that at a later time. Senator Obama may indeed not be able to live up to the expectations that his supporters have for him, or be able to solve the numerous problems facing this nation.

However, there is no reason to despair, as the country that survived the



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likes of Millard Fillmore and Warren Harding would survive once more. Instead, let us see today as a day to celebrate for all those who call themselves Americans. Today is the day to celebrate the embodiment of what has made this nation into the greatest the world has ever seen.

Barack Obama has often said that only in America is a story like his possible, and his words ring true. On Tuesday, Senator Obama was given the opportunity that every Puritan, every European, every Irish-Catholic, every Hispanic, every Asian and every other immigrant has made their way to American soil for...the opportunity to prove their worth based on talent and ability regardless of race, religion, gender or class.

Jackie Robinson once said that "a life is not important, except in the impact that it has on other people's lives." Robinson certainly understood the significance of his place in history, and the impact that he had on millions of young Americans, as I imagine that Senator Obama does now.

In closing, let us remember that there was once another unknown man from Illinois who rose from anonymity to become the president of this great nation. This man was dealt a very tough hand, and yet led us through a time of great uncertainty and division.

Abraham Lincoln remains the greatest president this nation has ever known, and we can learn now from the words he spoke after the bitter separation of our country, a passage from which the now president-elect echoed early Wednesday morning:

"I am loath to close. We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield, and patriot grave, to every living heart and hearthstone, all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature."

Indeed, it is the better angels of our nature that can unite this country once more under the bond of an opportunity and a dream realized, rather than an election lost.

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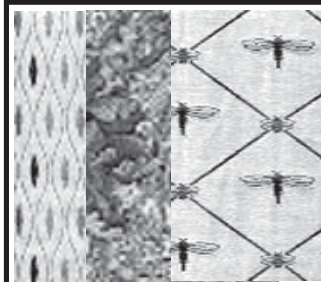
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• CONSERVATIVE POV •

Step back...take a breath

By the time you read this, the results of the elections will be known, however, my deadline to send in this column is the Monday before so I can't comment on the outcome. Frankly, I'm sick and tired of thinking and writing about where the country is headed; the cake is baked, que sera, sera. I may hide in a blanket of fatalism for a while.

Another subject we could cogitate on is the Humpty Dumpty condition of our financial systems. However, my brain can't deal with any more of credit default swaps, TED spreads, overnight LIBOR rates, TARP, unwinding carry trades, arrgh, the whole matter is out of control. The geniuses-in-charge are making up new solutions day-by-day to problems they obviously don't fully understand, so, if you thought you were the only one who is lost in the maelstrom, you're not.

At this point of desperation, we usually turn to the bimbos to provide something on the light side, but even they disappoint by staying out of the news and seem to be behaving themselves. Will wonders never cease?

When all else fails, we can always depend on our old friend, global warming, to provide some interesting tidbits. Here we are, just barely halfway into fall, and the reports are already coming in. Just one day's entries on Drudge tell us:

"Record Snow Storm Triggers Delays — Snow caused numerous delays for travelers using Switzerland's rail system on Thursday. The most affected regions included Zurich, Schaffhausen in the north and areas around the Gotthard pass in central Switzerland. According to MateoNews, the Swiss lowlands received the most snow for any October since records began."

And then, "Snow Blankets London for Global Warming Debate — Snow fell as the House of Commons debated global warming yesterday — the first October snowfall in the metropolis since 1922. The Mother of Parliaments was discussing the Mother of all bills for the last time, in a marathon 6-hour session."

And closer to home, "Record Cold Swept Over the Region Wednesday — Twice the temperature dipped to freezing at the Ocala International Airport early Wednesday. Though there was a reading of freezing or below in northwest Marion County, Wednesday's official low temperature was 33 degrees. It was a



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record for October 29th, and the second lowest temperature recorded in October since 1850."

And REALLY close to home, the Highlands' Newspaper reported that on October 28th, "School was delayed two hours and bone-chilling winds blew winter weather and snow about Highlands earlier in the season than anyone can remember." In a separate article, the HN reported

that, "The Farmers' Almanac is forecasting below-average temperatures for the rest of 2008 and the winter of 2009 for at least two-thirds of the country." Sounds like another scorcher to me.

Well, I'm going to take time-out to watch the #1Texas-#7Texas Tech game. And I'm glad I did — it was a stunner; Tech won it with 01 sec. on the clock. Hope you saw it.

Useless but interesting information:

Abraham Lincoln was elected to Congress in 1846; John F. Kennedy was elected to Congress in 1946. Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1860; John F. Kennedy was elected President in 1960.

Both presidents were shot on a Friday. Both presidents were shot in the head. Both were assassinated by southerners. Both were succeeded by southerners named Johnson. Andrew Johnson, who succeeded Lincoln, was born in 1808;

Lyndon Johnson, who succeeded Kennedy, was born in 1908.

Both assassins were known by their three names. Both names consist of 15 letters. John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Lincoln, was born in 1839; Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated Kennedy, was born in 1939. Lincoln was shot in Ford Theater; Kennedy was shot in a Lincoln, made by Ford.

Lincoln was shot in a theater and his assassin ran and hid in a warehouse; Kennedy was shot from a warehouse and his assassin ran and hid in a theater. Booth and Oswald were both assassinated before their trials.

Lincoln's secretary was named Kennedy; Kennedy's secretary was named Lincoln. Both were particularly concerned with civil rights. Both their wives lost children while in the White House. And, for what its worth, a week before he was shot, Lincoln was in Monroe, Maryland; a week before

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• HIS & HERS •

President Obama: How bad will it be?

Let us take two sources – the statements made by Barack Obama as a candidate and the lessons of history – combine them and make some predictions. The results are not pretty.

These three results – a new World War, a new Great Depression, and permanent damage to the Constitution – are given in decreasing order of damage to the United States. That happens to be the reverse of their odds of happening. Though to me, as a student of the US Constitution, the last item is still critically bad.

Based on his repeated comments about Iran and Pakistan, Obama will coddle our sworn enemy, Iran, and will invade and antagonize our shaky but critical ally, Pakistan. Yes, I know we have done cross-border raids into Pakistan's lawless border territory. But we have kept those in the lowest possible profile to avoid antagonizing a critical ally whose population is mostly Muslim and who possesses working nuclear weapons.

Either over a nuclear Iran, or as a result of an induced revolt in Pakistan, we are likely to be in a global war with the Muslims within a year of Obama being sworn into office. Pick up any book on the events which lead to World War II, Read the chapter on Neville Chamberlain. Then you will know more than Obama does about geopolitical reality.

Odds of a world war between the civilized nations and the uncivilized ones, 50 percent.

In the last quarter the Gross National Product of the US declined by 0.3 percent. It is a near certainty that the GNP report for the 4th quarter will also show a decline, meaning that we will actually be in a recession. But, as Dr. Thomas Sowell pointed out, it will at that point be a mild recession.

How does Obama propose to deal with this situation? He proposes protectionist foreign trade policies and higher taxes.

What does history teach us? Pick up any book on this history of the Great Depression in the US. Look in the index for taxes, Herbert Hoover, and the Hawley-Smoot Tariff. The policies that Obama says he is going to carry out are the worst choices to make, unless the intention is deliberately turn a mild recession into a bone-rattling, deep depression.

Odds of a new Great Depression as a result of Obama becoming President, 70



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percent, though it may take more than a year to become evident to the editors of the NY Times.

Obama has made clear that he will appoint judges, and Justices to the Supreme Court, who will alter their decisions depending on who the parties in the case are. Senator Chuck Shumer, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee which reviews and recommends judicial

appointees to the whole Senate, has taken the same position.

Everyone reading this is familiar with the statute of Justice as a woman in a flowing robe. In one hand she holds a sword, because justice represents the power of the state to decide between civil parties and to punish under the criminal law. In her other hand, she raises high a set of scales. These represent the idea that she will decide the case before her on the law and the facts, without fear or favor.

Most importantly, Justice wears a blindfold. This represents the idea that she will NOT decide a case based on who the parties are who appear before her. She will obey the law and follow the facts. No more, no less. Yet Obama has made clear his intention to appoint judges/Justices who will do the opposite.

Not just all judges, but all public officials at all levels, take an oath of office to preserve and defend the Constitution of the United States. That Constitution is, as it says in its text, "the supreme law." Yet, Obama is committed to appoint judges who will not respect the Constitution, but instead will do whatever they want to do personally.

Odds that judges will be appointed who will wipe their feet on the Constitution, rather than preserve and defend the Constitution, 100 percent. Since judges serve for life, these judges willing to violate their oaths of office will remain on the bench for 30 years or so, far beyond the four years of the Obama Administration.

Millions of lives, billions of dollars, and the very future of the US Constitution are at stake. I hope my predictions prove to be wrong. But with the last one, I am certain with every fiber of my being, that I am correct.

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Kennedy was shot, he was with Marilyn Monroe.

You may wonder why I'm rattling on about nearly nothing; let me explain. When I committed to write a column for the HN, I committed to myself that I

would fill two columns a week, never thinking I'd run out of brilliant things to say.

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Mischief-free zone

I'm writing this column before the election so I don't know who will be president-elect when the newspaper comes out. But I do know it is a long three months before that man becomes president.

On Halloween the *Washington Post* reported that the Bush administration has at least 90 new regulations in the works, including rules to "help clear obstacles to some commercial ocean-fishing activities, ease controls on emissions of pollutants that contribute to global warming, relax drinking-water standards and lift a key restriction on mountaintop coal mining.

Once such rules take effect, they typically can be undone only through a laborious new regulatory proceeding, including lengthy periods of public comment, drafting and mandated reanalysis... The burst of activity has made this a busy period for lobbyists who fear that industry views will hold less sway after the elections. The doors at the New Executive Office Building have been whirling with corporate officials and advisers pleading for relief or, in many cases, for hastened decision making." ("A Last Push To Deregulate" by R. Jeffrey Smith).

Readers may remember that Clinton

also pushed through a number of regulations at the end of his presidency, including stricter rules on arsenic levels in drinking water and the preservation of roadless areas in national forests. However, regulations have to be in place for 60 days before they become law and Clinton's staff was too slow.

On the afternoon of Bush's inauguration, Jan. 20, 2001, his chief of staff issued a government-wide memo that blocked the completion or implementation of regulations drafted in the waning days of the Clinton administration. Bush's team was able to withdraw 254 regulations that covered such matters as drug and airline safety, immigration and indoor air pollutants.

Bush's staff learned from Clinton's mistake. This last May Joshua Bolten, head of the Office of Management and Budget, issued a memo requiring agencies to have regulations ready by November 1 so if the Democrats win the Presidency they won't be able to undo the new rules.

What is this? As far as I understand it our Founding fathers strongly opposed having a king; our system is supposed to be a balance of powers. Didn't I learn in grade-school that the Legislative branch writes laws, the Executive branch executes them, and the Judicial branch adjudicates questions about the laws? Did I miss some change in our governmental structure? When did the president become the writer of laws?

What else are presidents famous for in the waning days of their presidencies? Clinton damaged his reputation with the pardons he issued just before leaving office, but I'm not sure any of those compare to what Bush Senior did in his last month: on Christmas Eve 1992 he pardoned six Reagan administration officials charged with misleading Congress during the Iran-Contra affair. Since Bush senior was also culpable in this affair, he was in effect saving his own skin. The Department of Justice website lists all the pardons given by both Presidents Bush and President Clinton. (www.usdoj.gov/pardon; click on "clemency recipients").

But these activities are trivial compared with the real mischief a president can get into. Here I am thinking again of Bush senior, who sent U.S. troops into Somalia after he lost the election to Clinton. I remember thinking at the time this was an incredibly outrageous thing to do, to saddle a new president with such a difficult



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foreign entanglement.

Some years ago I read that Bush senior was despondent after losing the election and his aides cooked up the humanitarian intervention in Somalia to give him something to do. You'll just have to take my word for that, but I did a little research to find out why Bush committed troops when he did. *The Domestic*

Sources of American Foreign Policy, by Eugene R. Wittkopf and James M. McCormick, has a section on Somalia:

"After nearly a year of extensive opposition to the use of American military force in Somalia, in November 1992 President Bush, with the firm support of all of his key advisers — including General Powell — decided to launch a massive US military intervention in Somalia. Why did the Joint Chiefs of Staff reverse their estimate from that of July 1992, that Somalia was a 'bottomless pit,' to its November proclamation that 'we can do the job'? Nothing in that period changed the political, military, or logistical factors on the ground. The crisis had long before reached a critical humanitarian mass. What explains the sudden change of heart within the Bush administration on Somalia?" The authors conclude that public opinion had grown too strong in favor of intervention. Bush was concerned about his legacy and the Chiefs about their reputations if they did nothing.

This summer Seymour Hersh, a writer for *The New Yorker*, published an article warning that the Bush administration was stepping up its secret actions against Iran. In interviews (on YouTube search for "hersh iran"), Hersh commented that he believed that Bush would not attack Iran before the election, and would not afterwards if McCain won, because he knew McCain would do it — remember McCain's famous "Bomb, Bomb, Bomb Iran" song. However, Hersh continued, if Obama won watch for some sort of "provocation" to occur and a U.S. attack in "response" in the next couple of months because Obama can't be counted on to attack Iran.

I'm starting to think we need a mischief-free zone in the long period between election and inauguration. A president with nothing to lose can be a very dangerous thing.

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• ANOTHER POV •

And the winner is...

After two years, billions of dollars spent, and a few cases of some extremely nasty campaigning, it's over — finally. We have a president-elect and for the first time we will have an African-American in the office of chief executive of the United States, and that in and of itself is historical.

Throughout the world people have been watching this election with an intensity that has never been seen before. When he spoke in Berlin, Senator Obama drew more than 250,000 people, London newspapers reported as much on our election as they did their own news, and every network in America had interviews with citizens of countries around the world all who showed both their understanding of our candidates and our election, and concern with its outcome.

It is clear, not only from our own citizens but from the comments from around the world, that the inclusion of a woman and a black man in this race for the highest office in the land has been more than a news story worldwide, it has seen been a renewal of the American Dream.

Since we became a country, America has always been a beacon that represented freedom for the individual and a place where anyone could be rise to the height their talents could take them. So many have come before us with dreams of their own; they have worked for it, they have written of great struggles for it, they have fought for it, and some have died for it. They died in wars abroad and in battles here at home. And they did it all for a dream. But for some, this



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dream was all to close to forever being just a myth.

Over the last eight years this country has gone through some very bad times. The attacks on 9/11 were devastating to us all, but the President's response, however well intended, was catastrophic. It has been catastrophic in the loss of American lives, the financial burden placed on our economy, the loss of our personal freedoms in the form of the Patriot Act, and our loss of prestige around the world due to Guantanamo, Abu Grave, reported torture and our inability to find Bin Laden despite billions spent on satellites and intelligence networks.

All of that is very clear to us now. But what isn't so clear is the long-term effects of the war on our injured soldiers and how our military readiness has suffered — and the road back will be long and arduous for sure on both accounts.

There was a period, when spurred by the fear of terrorism and anger over the 9/11 attacks, when any American who questioned the policy of the

administration was called unpatriotic. Some talk-show hosts filled the airways with cries of treason to those that opposed the war, or who did not support any and all measures to fight terrorism no matter how the acts infringed on the principles of America freedoms. I began to fear that we could lose sight of the principles of our Declaration of Independence, that every person has the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, even if it were still not the fully realized dream we have intended.

I have believed that every generation in this country has had some great cause to fight for; that their acceptance of that cause made them strong and successful, and as a result of their struggle the country was better off. These causes gave us focus, intensity, and a drive to make meaningful change. First, there was our forefather's initial fight for liberty, then the expansion to the west, and then the world wars. In my generation we had the fight for the environment, equal rights, and the war in Vietnam; you were either for or against but everyone had an opinion — some a violent one. These causes made us stronger and the resulting changes were for the better. Since the seventies our children have had it good, maybe too good. The birth of the "X" generation and the "Me" generation and their wanting to start their financial life at the same level that their parents had taken all their life to reached seemed to be all consuming to the detriment of commitment. It has seemed that their drive for the Lexus and designer clothes

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museums, and television programs still teach us to make the same assumption, so that examples of microevolution are used as PROOF that complex animals and even human beings evolved from a simpler organisms by a similar process. BUT is there proof that the similarities in certain living things came about in the observable examples given to us in textbooks and museum exhibits?

No matter how much time we might allow for evolution to do the necessary creating, evidence shows that the process would never get started, because all evolution can do is to further minor variations in organisms that are already living, without any change in their basic classifications.

The Bible though IS a history book and all science and scholars agree on this. A point of fact is that it has been proven that Jesus did in fact live, and he did in fact die in a public crucifixion. Though many might debate his resurrection, there is still a fact that in the next few day after his death almost 3,000 witnesses claim to have seen Jesus after his death. But to make my science claim to creation and in my eyes make it more credible than evolution, NO theory of evolution can demonstrate how intelligence came into existence, including the intelligence of misguided people who misuse science to try to explain creation without allowing any role to God.

"In the beginning was the word." The Bible says it and, properly understood, the evidence of science confirms it. Anyone who says otherwise is peddling fantasy, not fact. Mathematics and logic support creation, yet evolution is only theory!

Johnny Owens
Highlands NC

Tax dollars or blue collars

Dear Editor,

Like every other American, I pay my taxes and raise a family. Halloween is a always a very special day for our community. We look forward to seeing the wonderful costumes of our children as they walk down Main Street, Highlands. Our street is closed to keep our children and parents safe. The shopkeepers gladly give out their treats.

Unfortunately, there is a huge problem. People to this day still litter! It's such a shame to see this along the street. Animals at night can easily choke on the wrappers left behind.

People wake up! This world belongs to all of us; keep it clean! Put your trash in the garbage can or take it with you.

My point: Why didn't Highlands' street sweeper clean up on Saturday or

Sunday morning. I'm sure there's enough tax money to pay overtime. Main Street is filled up with so much litter along the sidewalks and still lying throughout the street.

Next Halloween, either have our city-paid people clean up immediately, or form a volunteer team to clean up.

It's embarrassing and disgraceful to see this debris lie there along our Main Street and have out-of-town visitors view it. They probably assume that we don't care.

Just to let you know, I've been cleaning daily. I don't believe littering our beautiful country. A proud American
Karen Maxey
Highlands

Our system is broken

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Fred Wooldridge's column in the Oct. 30 edition entitled "Go green, be cynical and trust no one."

I have complained for years and years (literally) that our system of government is broken. Not just the voting mechanisms but the campaign rules and the locked in guarantee of staying forever in the Congress once you are in. I swear our founding fathers are flipping in their graves as we are now worse than the systems that brought the Mayflower to our shores. Europe may have adopted the euro for economic reasons, but maintaining their individual countries is pure genius. AND the NY Times this morning ran a story about a black janitor in Detroit was so proud to vote for the first time in this election. Excuse me - he is 50 years old where has he been? - no black face to champion? Qualified or not qualified? Do we only vote if there is a nonwhite face running? If I applied the reverse here in Atlanta, there would hardly be a candidate to support.

There was an article too that the prime time programs such as ER and Grey's Anatomy are now featuring same sex love affairs and will allow women/men to be seen kissing each other. I remember being taught that if you allow/ignore continual usage of anything it becomes accepted. We see it every day in our language and certainly in our dress!! Brain washing is what it is called but heaven's don't accuse the main media of such a thing.

Fred is right on I just wish he and others had a louder voice in TV, radio and newspapers - but God forbid that decency be heard.

Well, I shoot my mouth to you, to my kids and grand kids (whose answer is

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• MILESTONES •

James and Zoellner to marry

Ricky and Melinda James of Scaly Mountain announce the engagement of their daughter Cody Ann to Karl Lee Zoellner. Karl is the son of David and Lynnette Zoellner of Dillard.

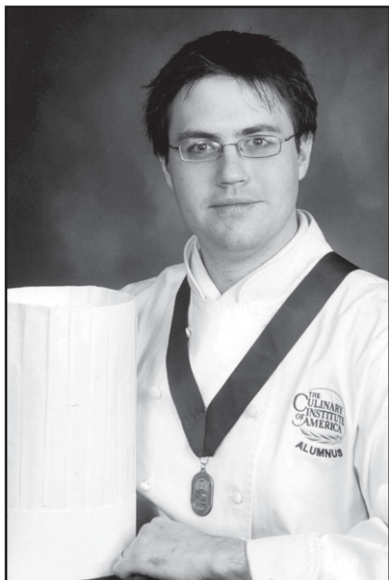
Cody is the granddaughter of Mrs. Claudia Nelson of Scaly Mountain and the late Malvern James; and the late Bill and Donna Long of Clayton. Cody teaches Exceptional Children at Highlands School.

Karl is the grandson of Mrs. Ruth Williams of Rabun Gap and the late Bob Williams; and Mrs. Bernice Chappell of Dillard and the late Charlie Zoellner and Brown Chappell. Karl Lee is employed by the AID Corporation in Clayton. A December wedding is planned.



Karl Zoellner and Cody James

Highlands Chef Tommy Lasely to head up restaurant in NY



Chef Carl "Tommy" Lasely, who formerly cooked at Blue Hill at Stone Barns, will be the chef at the new Sweet Grass Grill in Tarrytown. The restaurant is set to open by the end of the year.

Lasely, who was a vegetable cook and meat entremetier (that means entre-maker) at Blue Hill, graduated from the Culinary Institute of America. He was raised in Highlands, North Carolina, and worked in restaurants there, too, including as sous chef of Cypress International Cuisine.

He plans to serve comfort foods "without being chicken pot pie." He's thinking ingredient-driven cuisine with plenty of fresh vegetables. "It's food that people can sit down and enjoy," he says. "It's casual but with an inventive twist. Everything they're eating will be flavors they're familiar with, but presented in new and exciting ways."

Lasely is the son of Jenny King of Highlands.

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computer's. I didn't learn the score, but the seed had been planted.

Unlike some people, I find no need to be connected 24/7, as they say. When I'm in the operating room, I don't need to know anything except the condition of my patient and if the building is on fire. I don't carry a Blackberry. I remember the first time I heard blackberry used as a verb. A woman friend asked me if I "Blackberried." At the time I had no idea what she meant, and my "spell check" to this day questions the usage. I won't say that I will never Blackberry. I said that about computers in 1980 and am still trying to live it down. We

are so hooked on electronic gadgets that we pretend that they are tools instead of toys, which is often a more accurate description. We don't need to have cell phones stuck to our ears or Blueteeth hanging from them, but we like to think we do. I didn't need a large stack of hospital records sent electronically. I just forgot that there were other options.

It is 2:16 AM, Tuesday November 4. If I were transmitting electronically I could remind you to vote later today, but since we are a weekly paper, I can only encourage you to enjoy the outcome. Go Obama!

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In the U.S. House of Representatives District 11 Democrat Heath Shuler got 62% of the vote with 210,270 votes to Carl Mum-power's 36% and 121,668 votes.

Democrat Bev Perdue became North Carolina's first woman governor with 50% of the vote and 2,104,082 votes to Republican Pat McCrory's 47% and 1,967,120 votes.

For Lt. Governor it's Democrat Walter Dalton who got 51.07% or 2,108,198 votes to Republican Robert Pittenger's 45.89% or 1,894,282 votes.

Attorney General is Democrat Roy Cooper who garnered 61.12% with 2,510,322 votes to Republican Bob Crumley's 38.88% and 1,597,071 votes.

In the N.C. State Senate District 50 race Democrat incumbent John Snow beat Republican Susan Pons 57.4% with 46,262 votes to her 42.53% and 34,241 votes.

In the N.C. House of Representatives District 119 Democrat incumbent Phil Haire beat Republican Dodie Allen 61.61% with 19,315 votes to 38.39% and 12,035 votes.

In Macon County, the Board of Commission and School Board races were tight.

Democrat Bobby Koppers barely beat Republican Jimmy Goodman 50.92% to 49.08% with 8,399 and 8,097 votes, respectively. Republican Jim Davis ran unopposed.

Three new faces will sit on the school board joining incumbent Tommy Baldwin from District III who beat Brian Bateman 51.01% to 48.81% and 6,586 and 6,302 votes, respectively.

Frieda Bennett beat John Shearl in District I with 51.36% of the vote to his 48.38% or 6,249 to his 5,886 votes, respectively.

In District IV, Jimmy Breedlove beat out the other three candidates with a wide margin - 51.52% and 7,147 votes to Dwight Vinson's 21.90% and 3,038 votes, Alan Allman's 18.07% and 2,507 votes and Gregg Jones's 8.38% and 1,162 votes.

In the Unexpired District IV race Bobby Bishop beat incumbent Robert Swank 54.41% to her 44.88% with 7,552 and 6,173 votes, respectively.

In the Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor race incumbent Calvin Conley beat Dennis Desmond 65.48% to 33.95% or 7,764 and 4,026 votes, respectively.

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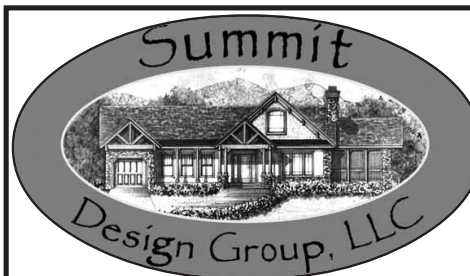
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• HIGHLANDS SCHOOL SOCCER •



Sporting their new mohawk cuts, the Highlands Varsity Soccer team was poised for the second round of state playoffs after beating Highlands Tech at home 2-1 last week. They lost Round 2 of the playoffs to Albemarle 4-3 at home on Saturday, Nov. 1.

Photo by Noel Atherton

By Ryan Potts

The Highlands Highlanders finished up their season with a victory in the opening round in the NCHSAA playoffs before falling in the second round.

Last Wednesday, the Highlanders used goals from Luke McClellan and Taylor Parrish to defeat Highland Tech 2-1.

The Highlanders played at a high level throughout the game and wanted to use the momentum to survive and advance throughout the playoffs.

In their second round match with the

Albemarle Bulldogs, the Highlanders played well enough to win, but were dropped from the playoffs with a gut-wrenching 4-3 loss. Highlands received goals from Jose Feria, Michael Shearl and Mikey Lica, but were unable to close the gap despite a frantic effort in the closing minutes.

Highlands' Newspaper would like to congratulate the HHS seniors on a 14-5-2 record and a fantastic season. While the future for HHS soccer looks bright with many returning players, the contributions of the seniors will be sorely missed.

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said Commissioner Amy Patterson. "But now we have to be careful about saying 'no' to commercial. We need businesses and we need to provide the opportunity for commercial entities to come into town. As we grow we need more than just residential zones."

The zone B4 is considered a "transitional" zone between hard core businesses and residential.

Commissioner Larry Rogers made the motion to OK the change on the grounds that it was originally commercial and should be able to revert back to a commercial use.

The board voted 4 to 1 to rezone the property; Commissioner Buz Dotson voted against the motion.

The structure on the property is nonconforming because .52 feet of the building encroaches into the 10-ft. setback from the property line. In addition, there isn't a 10-ft. vegetative buffer between properties. If the use of the property stays residential in the new B4 zone, then the structure doesn't have to come into compliance. However, if the use changes to commercial, then the structure must either be brought into compliance or Young will have to seek a variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The Hawkins family also requested their 2.032 acre property at 2496 Dillard Road with in the ETJ be rezoned B5-ETJ from R4-ETJ on

the grounds that it was commercial when they purchased it and they consistently requested it stay commercial all through the ETJ process.

Commissioner Patterson said he felt that the Hawkins' request to stay commercial and be assigned the new B5-ETJ label fell through the cracks during the wee hours of hammering out the ETJ zoning designations.

"The purpose of establishing the B5 zone was to control the visual impact of businesses coming into town. But doesn't the B5-multi-use zone take care of that?" she asked.

There are specific restrictions assigned to the B5 zone concerning signage, setbacks and buffers which were put into place to minimize the visual impact of commercial entities along the town's ETJ corridors.

Commissioner Hank Ross agreed. "Stop gaps are in place to keep the area from becoming an eyesore," he said.

Though the Planning Board voted 3-2 against the rezoning, the Town Board voted unanimously to rezone the property B5-ETJ from R4-ETJ.

In other zoning business, the board also agreed unanimously to amend the zoning code so the built-upon percentage of lots in all four watershed districts meeting or exceeding the minimum lot size can't exceed 50% built upon.

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Clubs T-shirts say it all



The Girls' Clubhouse members designed T-shirt emblems on the computers in Mrs. Porter's room at Highlands School and once printed out on transfers, worked in Mrs. Cashion's Family Science classroom to iron them on to their shirts. They will be wearing these when they perform community service projects in the Highlands community. From left is McKinley Moses, Grace Brasard, Meredith Garren, Elizabeth Houston, April Moss, Veronica Garcia and Ivy Satterwhite.

Photo by Club Supervisor Kim Lewicki

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"A lot of conflict happened after we got Hussein because we left these people without employment so their grievances were political but also economic. To counter that, we formed Awakening Councils. Those councils went to war against the Alkada-type Islamic militarists who were actually foreigners who used Iraq as a piece of land on which to wage a war against the U.S. But they were killing Iraqis as much as Americans so they offended the population they needed for support. The Awakening Councils successfully calmed down the areas north and west of Bagdad.

"But the Surge was a short-term tactic never designed to be a long-term situation in Iraq. We just don't have the troops to keep it up. So, for the Surge, we put extra troops in Iraq, and pulled troops out of forward operating bases, which were secured encampments, and put them in neighborhoods to maintain and patrol those areas.

"It was successful but the Surge is being taken down now. It was only meant for one year. Now we're pulling our troops back out. In a military sense, surge has worked well. In a political sense, it hasn't worked and that's what we have to be concerned with now. It was meant buy the Iraqis time to get their political act together so they can start building a country.

"The Iraqi elections are supposed to take place in January. That's when we will know how well it worked. If their elections come off, then political progress was made. If not, then we're right back where we started when the Surge was instituted.

The Oil Law

"Another problem is the Iraqi's were never able to adopt an Oil Law. This is incredibly important. The Oil Law would govern both the expenditures of oil and the distribution of oil resources. Until that gets done, everyone in Iraq will not be able to plug into or benefit from the oil resources

of country.

"In the Kurd area there is 40% of the country's oil reserve so they would benefit; the Shiite areas would benefit because they also sit on oil reserves, but the Sunis in the middle have no oil so they would get nothing. So the Oil Law is incredibly important.

"It's also important to have an Oil Law before the international oil companies with the money and the expertise to rebuild the oil fields – which are in dire straights – come in. They won't come until there is an Oil Law. The only one who has agreed to come is the Chinese. They have been willing to put up \$3 billion to develop a field south of Bagdad which they are willing to lose just to get a foothold in Iraq.

The Fate of the Awakening Councils

"The Awakening Councils are Sunni groups but the government is controlled by Shiite. The Shiite-led government took over Awakening Councils on Oct. 1, 2008, so they are now off American payrolls and onto the payroll of Iraqi government. The Shiite government has said it doesn't know how long that will last. They are supposed to integrate Sunis into the army and security systems, but they don't know if they are going to do that. If they don't bring them into the national army and onto the payroll, then we will be back with an insurgency on our hands.

Group-led Militias

"Another problem is that none of these groups — Sunis, Kurds, Shites — have dismantled their militias. These are groups within groups each having a militia. Until the militias are taken apart and you have a national government and a national security system protecting the citizens, then you haven't achieved a national government."

• Next week Part 3 begins with the possible cessation of the Kurds from Iraq.

• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

Giving is a privilege!

By The Rev. Peter J. Gorday
Assistant Rector
Church of the Incarnation



I'm one of the new kids on the block in Highlands, having recently joined the ministerial staff of the Rev. Brian Sullivan at Church of the Incarnation. But I have already been massively impressed by an overwhelming fact about this community. People give very generously of their time, talent and treasure in a great variety of ways to make Highlands a great place to live. Educational, cultural, recreational and civic activities are plentiful, well-supported, and enthusiastically promoted on every level. Fund-raising for a wide range of worthy causes goes on constantly. Plaques and markers in a number of places note the generosity of public benefactors and patrons.

Now that we are entering a time of leanness (to use Biblical language), I have a fear that some of this generosity may disappear or atrophy. And that would be a shame both for the community and for all of us who are givers. There would be an obvious loss to the community, but even more to the spiritual well-being of all of us who try to be good givers.

The hard thing to remember sometimes is that giving is not just a duty, but it is even more an honor, a glorious opportunity, and, yes, a privilege! (Can you imagine people lining up for the "privilege" of giving something?) Think of any occasion when you put great care into giving a gift to someone you deeply loved (or a cause to which you were passionately attached), and that gift was not only welcomed, but received with delight. Particularly if the gift required a costly sacrifice on your part, at that moment you probably felt as good about yourself as you have ever felt or will feel. Often people will respond with profuse thank-yous, while we insist that we were glad to do it. And you know what? We *were* glad to do it. Such moments represent our human nature at its best.

One of my favorite stories from the early Church involves Bishop Cyprian of Carthage in north Africa in the third century. The people of one of his parish churches had been notoriously sinful in some way. In order to discipline them, he took away their privilege of contributing to the common funds for helping the poor. This meant that at the communion service, at the Eucharist, they were not allowed to present their offerings at the altar. They were humiliated, felt cut off from their salvation, and quickly repented. Their privilege was restored. Don't cut back on your privilege, but exercise it generously. It's the greatest satisfaction in life as well as the best thing about you.

• PLACES OF WORSHIP •

BLUE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Oliver Rice, Pastor (706) 782-3965
Sundays: School – 10 a.m., Worship – 11
Sunday night services every 2nd & 4th Sunday at 7
Wednesdays: Mid-week prayer meeting – 7 p.m.

BUCK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
First Saturday: Singing at 7:30 p.m.

CHAPEL OF SKY VALLEY

Sky Valley, Georgia
The Right Rev. Dr. John S. Erbelding, Pastor
Church: 706-746-2999

Pastor's residence: 706-746-5770

Sundays: 10 a.m. – Worship
Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the month
Wednesdays: 9 a.m. Healing and Prayer with Holy Communion each service

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

NC 28 N. and Pine Ridge Rd., (828) 369-8329
Rai Cammack, Branch President, (828) 369-1627

CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Office – 526-2320
Sunday: Holy Communion – 11 a.m.
(Highlands Community Center on U.S. 64 next to the ballfield in Highlands)

Monday: Evening Bible Study at 6 p.m.

Wednesday: Men's Bible study at 8 a.m.
at First Baptist Church

Pot Luck Lunch last Sunday of each month.

CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Everett Brewer
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Prayer – 6:30 p.m.
Evening Service – 1st & 3rd Sunday – 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

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3645 U.S. 64 east, Highlands
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:45 Worship;
6:30 p.m. High School Group
Wednesdays: Dinner 5 p.m.-6 p.m.; 6 p.m. programs for all students; 6:15 p.m., Adult Bible Study
Thursdays: Women's Bible Study 10 a.m.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

The Rev. Brian Sullivan – Rector: 526-2968
Sunday: Breakfast; 9 A.M. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
Sunday Service on Channel 14 at 10:30 A.M.

Monday: 4 p.m. Women's Cursillo Group

Tuesday: 8 a.m. Men's Cursillo Group

4:30 P.M. Education for Ministry

Wednesday: 6:30 P.M. Choir Practice

Thursday: 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

10:30 a.m. Daughters of the King

• Sunday Service on Channel 14 Sun. at 10:30 a.m.

FIRST ALLIANCE CHURCH OF FRANKLIN

Rev. Mitch Schultz, Pastor • 828-369-7977
Sun. Worship 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.; 6: p.m.
(nursery provided)

Sun. school for all ages 9:45 a.m.

Wed: dinner 5 p.m. followed by children's

Pioneer Club 6 p.m.; Jr & Sr Youth Group 6:30 p.m.;

Adult Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

Small groups available throughout the week.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Daniel D. Robinson, 526-4153
Sun.: Worship 10:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; School – 9:30

a.m.; Youth – 6:30 p.m.; Choir – 7:15

Wednesdays: Dinner – 5:30 p.m.; Team Kids – 6 p.m.; Prayer – 6:15 p.m., Choir – 7:30 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. Don Mullen, Parish Associate 526-3175
Sun.: Worship – 10:55 a.m.; Sun. School – 9:30 & 9:45.

Mondays: 8 a.m. – Men's Bible Discussion & Breakfast

Tuesdays: 10 a.m. – Seekers

Choir – 7

HIGHLANDS ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sixth Street

Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11

Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Paul Christy

526-3376

Sun.: school 9:45 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.;

5 p.m. Youth Group

Wed: Supper; 6; 6:15 – children, youth, & adults studies; 6:15 – Adult choir

(nursery provided for Wed. p.m. activities)

Thurs: 12:30 – Women's Bible Study (nursery)

HOLY FAMILY LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA

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Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11

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Wed: Bible Study and Youth Mtg. – 7 p.m.

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Parish office, 526-2418

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SCALY MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Clifford Willis

Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11 a.m. & 7

Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. – 7 p.m.

SCALY MOUNTAIN CHURCH OF GOD

290 Buck Knob Road; Pastor Alfred Sizemore

Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 10:45 a.m.;

Evening Worship – 6 p.m.

Wed: Adult Bible Study & Youth – 7 p.m.

For more information call 526-3212.

SHORTOFF BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Rev. Andy Cloer.

Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11

Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

828-369-3633

Lay Led Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

Sundays: Worship – 11 a.m.

WHITESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Cashiers, Rev. Sam Forrester, 743-2122

Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11

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that we are old and times have changed). I have lived long enough to experience the degradation of humanity and the control of the masses by TV. (TV was invented after I had become an adult.) Unfortunately when the young see it, it will be too late. Some even of my generation think it is "hip" to accept bad manners, misinformation and denial especially when we then become accepted as one of the youthful thinkers. If you disagree you are counted out as an old fogie, out of touch, ignorant or worse a bigot or intolerant.

There is so much good in this world,

but unfortunately there is also evil - a word not included in the vocabulary of the young these days. To acknowledge anything as evil or any person or motive as evil would be intolerant. So we will all stay blind and peace will reign at least until our ideals and freedom are destroyed.

Remember when we were taught that with freedom comes responsibility? When the only rights we had as American citizens were "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness?"

Dottie Hoppen
Atlanta, GA

He hit a giant home run on this one!

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Fred Wooldridge's column in the Oct. 30 issue entitled "Go green, be cynical and trust no one."

When we "nation built" in Iraq and oversaw the first truly democratic elections there, what did we do? Require the index finger to be dipped in indelible ink. Brilliant! In Georgia we hear outcries when someone is required to show a picture ID to vote, as if voting is less important than cashing a check, checking out a library book, buying a beer or other more earthshaking events.

In North Carolina you need only to recite your date of birth and voting address - no ID at all! What a secure system. No potential for voter fraud there.

My sense is, our heretofore silent "mainstream media" will suddenly seize upon this beginning this Wednesday (Nov. 5, 2008), the day AFTER the election, when the tip of the voter fraud iceberg surfaces and the trial lawyers take over their role in our constitutional republic election process. Thanks for the insight.

Dick Boger
Highlands

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

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supplanted the spirit for involvement in life beyond themselves.

With the war in Iraq, the invasion of our privacies in the name of security, and with an economic crisis now all about us, the younger generation came out in force, they became engaged, aware, involved and committed. Like generations of the past they appear to have found their cause, and unlike previous elections this younger generation came out in force and made their voices heard. They were part of history.

By now everyone knows the remarkable results and that at 11 p.m. (EST) on November 4th, the announcement was made that Senator Obama became President-elect Obama. At that hour, Obama was victorious in his bid to be president, the Democrats victorious in their bid to gain control of the senate, and that those who wanted a new path, a path away from the policies of the last eight years and back to a path towards peace, personal freedoms and financial security and who believed Obama should take them there, were victorious.

But what Obama's victory really says is that in this election Americans did not consider the color of one's skin as the determining factor of competency. The result of this election says that race and sex are no longer an immediate disqualifier for success and national leadership. This election proves that the dreams of the founding fathers have finally been realized and that is the real victory for all of us.

Some people say that the Democrats won this election and the Republicans lost. I have Another Point Of View; I believe America won this election.

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On-going Events

• The Bascom is offering a host of art classes for preschoolers to pre-teens from now through the end of the school year. For more information, call (828) 526-4949, ext. 0#, or visit www.thebascom.org.

• Friends of Panthertown work days, last Thursday of every month (time and location varies). Volunteers needed to maintain trails. For more information, contact Nina Elliott at 828-526-9938 (ext 258) or friends.of.panthertown@gmail.com or online at www.j-mca.org

• Four churches prepare to "Walk to Bethlehem." The Macon County Public Health Center is continuing a successful faith-based wellness program. Four local churches, with assistance from the Health Promotions Program at the public health center, are embarking on a virtual journey from Franklin to Bethlehem as a part of the "Walk to Bethlehem" program. The four participating churches include First United Methodist Church, Holly Springs Baptist Church, Prentiss Church of God, and Watauga Baptist Church. The Walk to Bethlehem program encourages church members to be more physically active and make healthier food choices. According to the Centers for Disease Control, everyone needs at least 30 minutes of moderate physical activity on most days to stay healthy. As a part of the Walk to Bethlehem program, the public health center provided a pre-event health screening to the churches.

• Collections for men and women overseas at Chestnut Hill Retirement commu-

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

• Refuge Youth meets every Sun. night at 6:30 p.m. downstairs at Cullasaja Assembly of God. If you are in grades 6th-12th then this is the place to be! The church is located at 6201 Highlands Rd. next to Exxon. For more info call youth ministers Matt and Candace Woodroof at 828-369-7540 ext 203, www.cullasajaag.org.

• Raffle of handcrafted Stiefel Botanical Book to Benefit The Bascom. To purchase a raffle ticket, call Four different images will be available for sale and for raffle, so people can buy all four images for \$2,000 and have four different chances of winning.

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

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

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

• Step Aerobics with Tina Rogers at the Rec Park, 8-9 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays. \$10 per class or \$50 a month.

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

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

Mondays & Wednesdays

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

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

Wed., & Fri.

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

First Mondays

• Participate in your hospital by joining the Auxiliary of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Auxiliary meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at the hospital.

Mondays

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

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

Tuesdays

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

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

Wednesdays

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

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

Every Third Wednesday

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

1st & 3rd Thursdays

• The local affiliate of NAMI NC (National Alliance on Mental Illness), NAMI Appalachian South, meets from 7-9 p.m. at the Family Restoration Center, 1095

Wiley Brown Road, Franklin. NAMI offers peer support, education, and advocacy for individuals suffering from serious mental illness and their families and loved ones. Contact Ann Nandrea 369-7385, Carole Light 524-9769 or Mary Ann Widenhouse 524-1355 for more information.

Thursdays

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

Thursdays & Fridays

• Live music at The Rib Shack from 7-10 p.m.

Friday & Saturday

• Chad Reed at piano at ...on the Verandah restaurant from 7 p.m.

Saturdays

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

Through Nov. 12

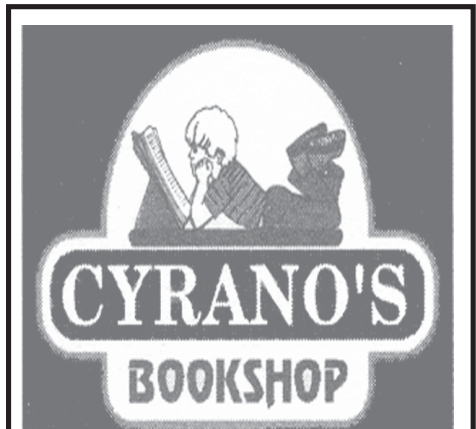
• The Village Green in Cashiers, NC presents Sculpture on the Green 2008 1st Bi-Annual Invitational Exhibition. Last summer the 12.5 acre park began to integrate sculpture into the landscape and installed 5 sculptures to its Permanent Collection. Starting this summer, it is hosting a six month exhibition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

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Paintings, photography, sculpture on display in latest exhibition at The Bascom



An array of some of the Southeast's finest artwork – including this one, "Two Thieves," by Carolyn Thomas Jones – is now on display at The Bascom. The exhibition, "2008 Juried Art," features acclaimed Atlanta gallery owner Fay Gold as juror and showcases a variety of media selected from hundreds of entries. Five thousand dollars in cash prizes were awarded to winners at Gold's discretion. The exhibition continues through Nov. 13 Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call The Bascom at (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.



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Upcoming Book Signings

Friday, Nov. 14

6-8 p.m.

Virginia Willis

"Bon Appetit, Y'all: Recipes and Stories from Three Generations of Southern Cooking"

Saturday, Nov. 15

1-3 p.m.

Paul Evancoe

"Own the Night"

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Through Nov. 13

• "2008 Juried Art" exhibition at The Bascom featuring art from all over the Southeast. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free. For information, call The Bascom at (828) 526-4949, or visit www.thebascom.org.

Through Nov. 22

• The Hambidge Center for Creative Arts & Sciences presents Celebrate Clay, a pottery show featuring Western North Carolina Potters. Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hambidge can be reached at 706-746-5718 or visited online at www.hambidge.org.

Thursday, Nov. 6

• At the Albert Carlton – Cashiers Community Library, "Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day" (2008) features Frances McDormand as a middle-aged London governess who, after losing her job, applies and becomes the social secretary to an American actress and singer and finds herself in a totally different world. The movies will be shown in

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

Friday, Nov. 7

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

Sat. & Sun, Nov. 8-9

• 4th Annual Show Wire Jewelry Elegance Community Bldg. 441 south in Franklin, N.C. 11 a.m.-8 p.m. on Saturday and 1-4 p.m. on Sunday.

Saturday, Nov. 8

• A tour of The Bascom's new facilities at 3 & 4 p.m. To attend call 526-4949, ext. 8# or email jconnor@thebascom.org.

• The Smoky Mountains Chapter of the Ruffed Grouse Society is having a potluck lunch at the Wayah Crest picnic tables on Saturday at 11 a.m. We'll bring the chicken and the drinks. You bring a side dish. This event is open to everyone. Bring your pup and we'll team up and hit a few nearby grouse coverts. Directions to Wayah Crest: Drive 3 miles west of Franklin on U.S. 64. Turn right at the Wayah Bald directional sign. Take the first left onto the Wayah Road (S.R. 1310). Drive 9 miles to Wayah Gap. Wayah Crest is to the left of Wayah Gap.

• NANTAHALAHIKING CLUB will take a four-mile moderate hike from Jones Gap to Whiterock Mtn. on Bartram Trail. FOR THIS HIKE ONLY dogs will be allowed but must be well-behaved, on leash at all times. Owner must take dog in his/her own vehicle. Bring a drink, lunch; wear sturdy shoes. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin at 9:AM. Call leaders Doris & Larry Jelley, 524-4200, for reservations or for alternate meeting place if coming from Highlands or Cashiers. Hike is limited to 10 dogs and 20 people.

Wednesday, Nov. 12

• High Mountain Squares will dance at the Macon County Community Building from 7-9 p.m. Richard Smith from Gainesville GA will be the caller. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, main/stream and plus levels. Everyone is welcome. For information call 828-349-0905, 828-349-4187, 706-782-0943.

Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 13-16

• Grab your calendar and block the dates! Highlands Second Annual Culinary Weekend is set to take place. Join us as Highlands' area restaurants, accommodations and merchants partner to present a variety of uniquely designed classes, tastings, dinners, and events. Call Highlands Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center at 866-526-5841 or 828-526-5841

Friday-Sunday, Nov. 14-16

• At Acorn's on Main Street, a MarieBelle Chocolates Trunk Show. MarieBelle offers fine gourmet chocolates for the true connoisseur.

Thursday, Nov. 13

• Highlands Culinary Weekend Opening Gala Reception at 7 p.m. at Pine Street Park, under the big tent. Participating restaurants, chefs, and wineries will be presenting a taste of all that Culinary Weekend offers. Enjoy the sounds of Hip Shack and revel in an amazing night of food, wine and fun. Every foodie's dream amidst the splendor of Fall in Highlands. Shuttle service will be provided from Highlands Recreation Park and Highlands Plaza to Pine Street Park. Please utilize shuttle service for this event, as parking on site will be extremely limited. Please see the Reservation and Ticket information page for purchasing tickets. \$100 per person.

Thursday, Nov. 13

• The League of Women Voters of Macon County will host Reid Conway from NC State Energy Office at a program at noon at Tartan Hall of the First Presbyterian Church in Franklin. The Energy Office is the lead agency for energy programs, services and information for consumers, businesses, government agencies, schools, and policy makers. He will discuss methods found throughout WNC to save energy for free. Lunch is available by reservation — email lwvmacon@wild-dog-mountain.info or call 369-5007. The public is invited.

Friday, Nov. 14

• Culinary event at ...on the Verandah from noon - 2 pm. "A Taste of Spice" featuring Myron Redford, Winemaker of Amity Vineyards. \$50 plus sales tax & gratuity

• Culinary event at ...on the Verandah at 6:30 p.m. Caymus Vineyards & Wines of the Wagner Family is OTV's Guest Chef Wine Dinner Series Jeremy Lieb of Atlanta's Trois Restaurant. \$145 plus sales tax & gratuity

• Wine Luncheon at Wolfgang's Bistro. Domaine Serene, Flavor Spectrum Luncheon. Call Wolfgang's at 828.526.3807 or visit our web site at www.wolfgangs.net.

• Wine Dinner at Wolfgang's Bistro. Boutique Winery Gala, "Battle of the Sexes" Women Winemakers vs. Male Winemakers "Battle of the Sexes" Gala Cocktail Party. Six wonderful wineries will be represented at Wolfgang's with pairing of food both at the wine tables and passed throughout the night. Call Wolfgang's at 526-3807.

• At Sweettreats from 11 am - 1 pm, Simple Pleasures of Ice Cream. Ice cream personality Scottie Mayfield will entertain you with an intimate look at the growth of Mayfield Dairies, as well as the history of everyone's favorite treat — ice cream. Enjoy a delightful lunch of SweetTreat's signature seafood bisque, and a choice of salad and sandwich. Then top it all off with a cus-

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Hard-hat tours at The Bascom continue throughout November



Because of the popularity of its October public hard-hat tours, The Bascom will continue tours of its under-construction Oak Street art center throughout November. On Nov. 1, Pat Taylor, owner's representative and co-chair of The Bascom's facilities committee, will conduct a tour at 10 a.m. On Nov. 8, 15 and 22, Executive Director Linda Steigleder will conduct tours at 3 and 4 p.m. Construction on the campus is 75 percent complete. The art center will open mid 2009. Above, workers install the metal roof on top of one of the cupolas of the 21,000-square-foot main building. The rest of the roofing should be winding down this coming week. To attend a tour, call (828) 526-4949, ext. 8#, or email jconnor@thebascom.org to sign up for a tour time. Reservations are required.

Photo by Pat Taylor

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Art classes offered by The Bascom



Students paint an image of Santa Claus during Carole Katchen's creative painting class offered by The Bascom this fall. The Bascom's fall adult classes have wrapped for the season, but its children's classes continue through May. Children's classes are offered on weekdays for preschoolers to pre-teens. Courses include Little Stars, Artventure, Art Odyssey and Its Masterful. Children and youth work with two-dimensional and three-dimensional materials, tapping their creativity while improving their mental and motor skills. Fees range from 15 to 45 dollars for a six-class session, and financial assistance is available. To register for a children's class, or for more information about The Bascom's art classes, visit www.thebascom.org, or call (828) 526-4949, ext. 0#. Think about a holiday gift certificate for art classes, a Bascom membership and more.

Photo courtesy of Carole Katchen

tom created ice cream, using whole, fresh fruits, nuts, candies, and of course- Mayfield Ice Cream. \$20 plus tax and gratuity Limit: 40

- At Kilwin's from 11 am - 1 pm. Candy Making

- At Cyprus International Restaurant at noon, Off The Beaten Path, Cooking Class and Luncheon. Let's get together and cook some food from lesser known places: Finnish afternoon snack; roasted pork and greens from Akra, Ghana; Inonesian-American food from Surinam, South America; Dendi fried corn cakes from Salvador, Brazil; Pelmeni from Kiev, Ukraine. Will include instruction, food, wine and or beer. Kitchen knives will be available or bring your own. No kitchen skills are required- just bring your sense of humor and a smile. \$79. Limit 30.

- At Paoletti's Restaurant from noon - 3 pm, Piedmont Wine Tasting Barolo, Barbaresco, Barbera and Super-Piedmontese wines from Enotec Imports will be showcased. Blair Taylor, Owner/Importer offers his insight on the great wines of Piedmont, one of Italy's premier wine regions. \$50. Limit 35

- At Basketcase from 1-5 pm, Chocolate Fabulous. Your chocolate fantasies

come true - truffles from Godiva Chocolatier paired with extraordinary wines from Biltmore Estate. \$20-\$30.

- At Pescado's Highland Burritos from 2:30 - 5 pm, Margaritas and Mojitos. Upscale Tex-Mex Offerings paired with something to tickle your fancy. \$40.

- At Oak Street Café & Restaurant from 5 - 8 pm, Food, Flame and Brew. Oak Street Café's Executive Chef, Charles Emrick, invites you to an exciting outdoor/indoor event. Featuring outdoor grilling of some of the world's most intriguing cuisines. Highland Brewing Co. will be on hand with some of the finest and freshest ales in the south-east. \$75. Limit 75.

- At Madison's Restaurant from 5:30-8:30 pm, Local Farmer's Bounty Dinner, 5-course Dinner Showcasing the produce and products of our local farmers. \$75 per person. 5 course Dinner (no beverages included), inclusive of tax and gratuity. \$169 per person. 5-course Dinner (includes a perfectly paired experience of wine, selected by Chef Bill Heubel for every course), inclusive of tax and gratuity. Two seatings available at 5:30 pm and 8:30 pm Reservations Taken Through Madison's.

- At Fressers Eatery at 6:30 pm, St. Supéry Wine Dinner. Chef/Owner Debbie

Grossman along with pastry chef Boni Lampman will dazzle your taste buds as they meticulously prepare an amazing menu paired with five varieties of St. Supéry's magnificent wines. Donna Creese, east coast representative, will be on hand for this memorable event. \$135 plus tax and gratuity. Limit 50.

- At Cyprus International Restaurant at 7 pm, An Evening Flight of International Wines, "Handpicked Selections" Italy, Yellowtail Snapper Carpaccio; France, Steamed Cockles; Vietnam, Star Anise Broth; Malaysia, Tamarind Barbequed. Chicken; Ghana, Bay Laurel Roasted Pork; France, Bouef Bourguignon. \$89

- At Lakeside Restaurant at 7 pm, The Opus One Experience. For the second year, Owner/Chef Marty Rosenfield, of Lakeside Restaurant, is offering an unbelievable tasting of three vintages of Opus One Wines. Take pleasure in a delectable menu that will effortlessly compliment these outstanding wines. \$195 plus tax and gratuity Limit 40.

- At the Log Cabin Restaurant at 7:30 pm, Adelsheim Wine Dinner. Enjoy the warmth of three fireplaces in a 1924 Log Cabin as Dave Adelsheim, owner of Adelsheim winery, the second oldest winery in Oregon for this unforgettable five-course dinner. Cuisine such as scallops, pheasant and venison paired with single

vineyard Chardonnay, Pinot Noir an Ice Pinot Noir for dessert. \$95 plus tax and gratuity Limit: 50.

Sat. & Sun., Nov. 15-16

- The annual all children's play "Cinderella" 7 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday at the Dillard Playhouse, in Dillard, Ga. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 11. Call 706- 212-2500.

Saturday, Nov. 15

- NANTAHALA HIKING CLUB will take a 4.6 mile moderate hike, with an elevation change of 1000 feet, from Long Branch to Glassmine Gap on the Appalachian Trail to Rock Gap in the Standing Indian Area. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin at 10 AM. Drive 25 miles round trip. Bring water, lunch; wear sturdy shoes. Hikes are limited to 20. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please. Call leaders Bill & Sharon Van Horn, 369-1983, for reservations.

- A tour of The Bascom's new facilities at 3 & 4 p.m. To attend call 526-4949, ext. 8# or email jconnor@thebascom.org.

- Culinary event at ...on the Verandah from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. "Southern Comfort" Cooking Demonstration featuring Virginia Willis, Author of Bon Appetit Y'All. \$40 plus sales tax & gratuity

- Culinary event at ...on the Verandah at 6:30 p.m. "Play It Again Tom — Caribbe-

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

• Wine Dinner at Wolfgang's Bistro Sil-

ver Oak Cellars Wine Dinner with Tom Johnson "Life is a Cabernet!" Featuring Twomey Merlot, Twomey Pinot Noir, Alexander Valley Cabernet and Napa Valley Cabernet from Silver Oak Cellars. Call 526-3807.

• At Fressers Eatery from 10 am - 12, Baking with Boni. Come play with the dough or just enjoy as pastry chef, Boni Lampman, demonstrates how to make irresistible breads that you too can make at home. Your fresh baked breads will be perfectly paired with Fressers fabulous blue crab soup along with other delectable delights. \$40. Limit 30.

• At Cyprus International Restaurant at noon, Hot and Spicy Cooking. This class will revolve around chilies, demonstrating some of the most delicious cuisines from the world over, plus an open selection of great beer from the USA, Europe, and Asia. Menu ranging from a little bit piquant to extremely hot. Featuring: Bhutanese Roasted Chiles with Sheepmilk Cheese Sauce;

Thai Pad Prik, Shrimp and Sundried Chile Salad; Spanish Caldo Verde with Piri Piri; Chicken Masala in Banana Leaf from India. Will include instruction, food, wine and or beer. Kitchen knives will be available or bring your own. No kitchen skills are required-just bring your sense of humor and a smile. \$79. Limit 30

• At Main Street Inn from noon - 2 pm, All Things Wonderful Fashion Show Luncheon. Drake's Diamond Gallery, Rosenthal's, and McCulley's Cashmere will host a ladies luncheon fashion show. \$19.95 Limit 50

• At Paoletti's from noon - 2pm a Grand Tasting. Casual wine tasting of a selection of 50 to 100 wines; Informative and authoritative yet informal and fun; A chance to taste wines from Italy, France, California and the Willamette Valley. Offering the chance to sample wines from premium producers for purchase by the case with Special Pre-Holiday Pricing. \$20.

• Sip and Stroll from 2-5 pm. Experience the wares of Highlands' fine shops, while tasting and enjoying a selection of wine & paired with cheeses from Bryson's Food Store. Carolina Eyes, Extreme Threads, The Toy Store, Cyrano's, The Christmas Tree, Village Kids, Bryant Art Glass, Highlands Fine Art & Estate Jewelry, McCulley's, Wits End, Dutchman's Design, John Collette Fine Art, Drake Diamonds, Summit One Gallery Maps and starting points will be provided by the Chamber of Commerce. \$35. Limit 75

• At The Fireside Restaurant at 2 pm, Holiday Entertaining Cooking Class. Holiday cooking demonstrations will educate, entertain, and inspire new culinary delights. We'll showcase a variety of wines to pair with your favorite holiday dishes and present new, elegant-made-easy, ideas to create memorable meals. The Christmas Tree On The Hill will have decorated the dining room to give you ideas you can incorporate into your holiday. \$15. Limit 30

• At Basketcase from 1-5 pm. Chocolate Fabulous. Your chocolate fantasies come true - truffles from Godiva Chocolatier paired with extraordinary wines from Biltmore Estate. \$20--30.

• At The Farm of Old Edwards Inn & Spa at 6 pm, a Catena Alta Wine Dinner, 6-7 pm Cocktail Reception, 7-10 pm Wine Dinner. Three Night Weekend Package is Available at Old Edwards Inn and Spa. Please call 828-787-2625 for details. \$169 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuity.

• At Paoletti's at 6 pm, Piemontese Wines, Open Dining. House cuisine paired with fine selections for your dining pleasure. \$ Menu

• At Fressers Eatery at 6:30 pm a Tolosa Winery & Dry Creek Vineyards. Mike Eaker will present, along with Chef/Owner Debbie Grossman and Boni Lampman, a five course meal, perfectly paired with fabulous wines from Tolosa winery's handcraft-

ed estate wines and Dry Creek Vineyards award winning wines. \$130 plus tax and gratuity Limit 50.

• At Cyprus International Restaurant at 7 pm, Dim Sum and Selections of Edwards Sellers, Paso Robles, of California. Enjoy a great array of Dim Sum (Chinese Tastes), delivered steaming hot to your table, on a traditional cart. \$79

• At Fireside Restaurant at 7 pm, Holiday Food, Wine and Ambiance Dinner. Chef Travis Schultz will present a pre-fix menu including final version from the afternoon's cooking demonstrations. Wines chosen specifically to enhance each course will be served. The Christmas Tree On The Hill will offer a beautifully decorated dining room. \$85. Limit 30

• At Lakeside Restaurant at 7 pm, Duckhorn Vineyards Wine Dinner From our quaint setting on Harris Lake, delight in the company of our local ducks, while enjoying 5 varietals of Duckhorn wines perfectly paired with Lakeside specialties. Exceptionally suitable wines will be paired with our excellent food and fabulous location. \$150 plus tax and gratuity. Limit 40.

• At the Log Cabin Restaurant at 7:30 pm, Grateful Palate Wine Dinner, featuring "R Wines," a partnership between Grateful Palate owner Dave Phillips and winemaker Chris Ringland who himself has produced 13 wines that scored 100 points from Australia. Highlighting this five-course dinner will be some yet to be released wines. \$110 plus tax and gratuity Limit: 50.

Sunday, Nov. 16

• At Chestnut Hill Retirement Village at 7:30 pm a Sunday Buffet. A delightful menu featuring Lamb, Game Hen and Local Trout. \$35 plus tax and gratuity Limit: 20.

• NANTAHALA HIKING CLUB will take an easy 2-mile hike to Mud Creek Falls in the Sky Valley area. Hike suitable for children 10 or over. Meet at Smoky Mt. Visitor Center on 441 South, Otto at 2 PM (Highlands or Cashiers hikers call for alternate meeting place). Bring a drink, a snack if you wish; wear sturdy shoes. Drive 12 miles round trip from Franklin. Hikes are limited to 20. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

Wednesday, Nov. 19

• The Iconic Smothers Brothers are coming to Cullowhee, NC. Tom and Dick Smothers with special guest appearance by the Yo Yo Man will be performing at the Fine & Performing Arts Center at Western Carolina University to help raise awareness and funds for R.E.A.C.H of Jackson and Macon Counties. To order your tickets contact the Fine and Performing Arts Center at 828-227-2479.

• An American Red Cross Adult CPR with AED and Infant/Child CPR course will be conducted by the Macon County Public Health Center. 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 pm Par-

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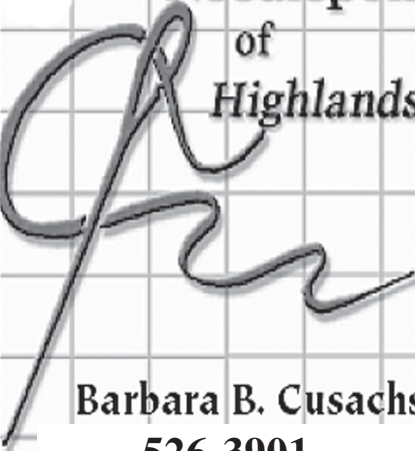
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ticipants must pre-register and pre-pay at the Macon County Public Health Center before Monday, November 17, 2008. For more information on class fees, please call Jennifer at 349-2439.

• At the Jackson County Public Library in Sylva at 7 p.m. a free author event featuring Jackson County author Thomas Rain Crowe. Crowe's new book of essays on the environment also features the artwork of Robert Johnson, who is noted for his imagistic and imaginary landscape paintings and drawings, and is an ardent environmentalist. Thomas Rain Crowe, also active in regional environmental issues, is an internationally published and acknowledged poet, publisher and non-fiction writer who lives in the Tuckasegee community in Jackson County, NC.

Thursday, Nov. 20

• At the Albert Carlton – Cashiers Community Library, "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" is the fourth in the

Indiana adventure series. Dr. Henry "Indiana" Jones (Harrison Ford) becomes entangled in a Soviet plot to uncover the secret of the mysterious Crystal Skulls. The movies will be shown in the Library Meeting Room at 7 p. m. The movies and popcorn are free, but donations are appreciated. Movies are among the many services provided to the community by the Friends of the Library

Fri. & Sat., Nov. 21 & 22

• The annual all children's play "Cinderella" 7 p.m. at the Dillard Playhouse, in Dillard, Ga. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 11. Call 706-212-2500.

Saturday, Nov. 22

• Wine Tastings at Old Edwards Inn & Spa. Sumptuous hors d'oeuvres amid festive fireside ambiance of Hummingbird Piano Bar in the inn. 2-4 p.m. \$20 applies to purchase if you choose to buy and not just taste! Call 526-8008.

• BUSINESS NEWS •

Highlands Country Club donates hundreds of gifts to area children

Highlands Country Club recently hosted its popular "Christmas in October" party, complete with Santa and all the trimmings.

"The Christmas spirit was apparent throughout the evening, and as a result we have an abundance of gifts which we will donate to several charities in the Highlands area. What a rich blessing to each of us, knowing Christmas will be extra special for many of the children of Highlands. It is events such as this that make Highlands Country Club such a remarkable place," said

Club President Jim Bishop.

For the second year in a row, area recipients included Highlands Emergency Council, the International Friendship Center, and The Food Pantry.

"Highlands Country Club is pleased to be an active and responsible participant in the Town of Highlands," said Martha Betz, Club Administrator. "For over eighty years, our members have been giving back to the community, and this year was no exception."



Marc Pittman of the Highlands Motoring Festival Committee presents a check for \$3,300 to John Gaston, President of the Hudson Library Board of Trustees, representing the proceeds from the inaugural Highlands Motoring Festival held in September. Pictured above from the left are Bob Kieltyka, Chamber of Commerce executive director, Marc Pittman, John Gaston and Lee Byers.

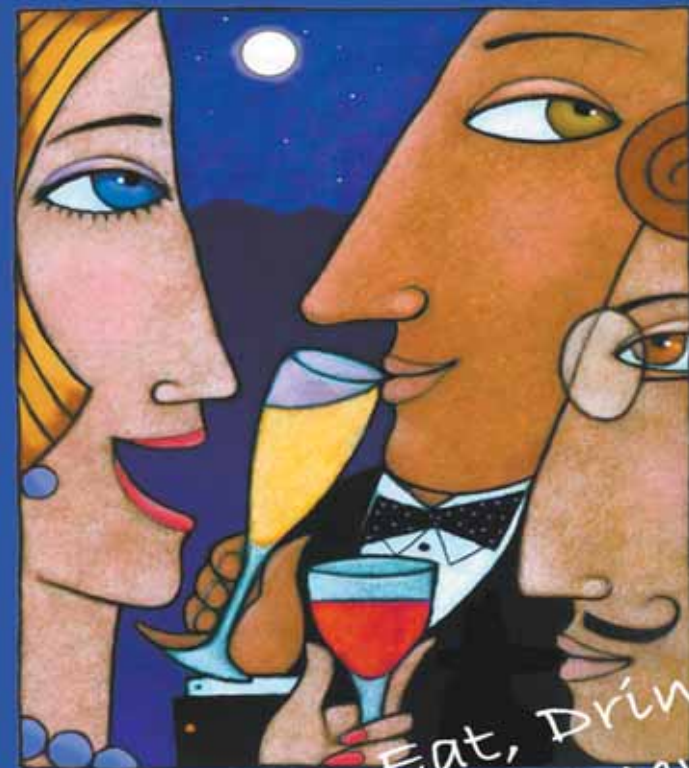
Historical Society Christmas Showhouse set for Dec. 6 & 7

Liz View is making a special holiday quilt to use in decorating a bedroom for the Highlands Historical Society's annual "Christmas Showhouse." This year's show house is the home of Jim Green, a Joe Webb log house at 149 Satulah Road. The event is scheduled for Dec. 6 and 7 from 1-5 p.m. Admission is \$15 with proceeds benefitting the Historical Society. Additional decorators include Barbara Smith, Cosper Flowers, Dry Sink, Basketworks and Wiley and Sarah Sloan.



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DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION — The Bascom seeks experienced art educator with strong academic, organizational & communication skills for management position. Develop, plan, budget & deliver studio courses (via contract faculty), artist-in-residence workshops, school age & adult programs. Required: college degree & five years related experience; PC & AV skills; master's degree preferred. Submit resume & cover letter by November 14th to: Director, The Bascom, P. O. Box 766, Highlands, NC 28741.11/13

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Highlands' 'Inferno' wins tournament



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POLICE & FIRE DEPT. LOG ENTRIES

The following are the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for Oct. 30-Nov. 5. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

Oct. 30

- At 11:45 a.m., officers responded to call from the Highlands Biological Station about a larceny.

Oct. 31

- At 9:20 p.m., Fernando Garcia, 21, of Franklin, was arrested for driving without a license with an expired registration at a DWI checkpoint at N.C. 106 and U.S. 64.

- At 9:45 p.m., Jharol Martin Rivera, 37, of Highlands, was arrested for driving without a license at a DWI checkpoint at N.C. 106 and U.S. 64. He is also wanted by the Department of Immigration for removal from the United States.

Nov. 1

- At 4:15 p.m., officers did a welfare check at a residence on Munger Road when relatives couldn't reach the residents. They were OK.

- At 6:40 p.m., Mike Aaron Crisp, 54, of Highlands, was arrested for DWI 4th and Main streets.

- During the week, officers issued 1 warning

ticket and responded to 1 alarm activation.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the week of 29-Nov. 5

Oct. 29

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

- The dept. responded to an alarm at Chestnut Hill Retirement Community. It was set off by burning toast.

Oct. 30

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Persimmon Lodge Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.

- The dept. responded to a structure fire on Hickory Drive.

- The dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Upper Brushy Face. It was false.

Oct. 31

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Whiteside Cove Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.

Nov. 1

- The dept. responded to a motorcycle accident on N.C. 28 south. One person was injured and transported to the hospital.

- The dept. responded to a chimney fire in a house on Boathouse Lane. It was extinguished.

Nov. 2

- The dept. helped transport a victim from a residence on Lost Trail Drive to EMS.

Nov. 3

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

- The dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Bowery Road. It was cancelled en route.

The following are the Macon County Sheriff Dept. log entries the week of Oct. 27.

Oct. 27

- At 7:30 p.m., deputies responded to the call of a larceny of power tools valued at \$575 from a residence on Western Rhodes Drive.

Oct. 30

- At 3:36 a.m., deputies responded to an alarm at Peak Experience on N.C. 106. All was secure.

... GRADUATION continued from page 1

This information will allow students, parents/guardians and community members to better understand why high school graduation requirements have been changed. Specific information will also be including regarding the required courses to be taken while in high school. The following units will be required for graduation under the Future-Ready Core:

- 4 Mathematics Units
- 4 English Units
- 3 Social Studies Units
- 3 Science Units
- 1 Health and Physical Education Unit
- 6 Elective Units
- 4 Unit Concentration

The changes represent an increase in the level of mathematics proficiency for many students as well as a one-unit increase in the total number of units required under state standards. The Occupational Course of Study will continue to be available for those students with disabilities who are specifically identified for this program. There are no changes to the Occupational Course of Study.

In Macon County, we have previously taken advantage of the flexibility provided to local districts to create curricula pathways that are innovative and rigorous. We will continue to encourage all students to take advantage of opportunities to participate in college level courses while in high school. Such opportunities for our students include access to the Macon Early College Learn and Earn partnership with our school district and Southwestern Community College. In addition, all

students have access to dual enrollment courses that provide both high school and college credit for the designated course(s) completed. Recently, the North Carolina Virtual Public High School and evolved and now offers more than 190 online courses that include a wide array of AP courses for juniors and seniors. Through these programs and partnerships, our students will be "globally competitive" individuals who can now graduate high school with up to two years of college completed including an associate's degree – tuition free!

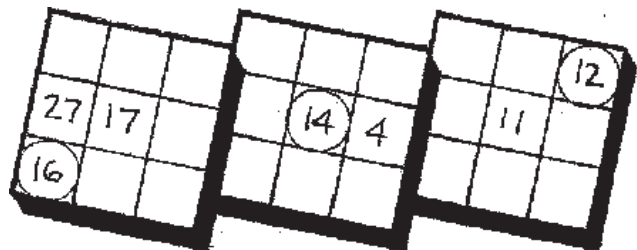
Innovations in Macon County continue that have placed our school system slightly ahead of other districts throughout the state. Other changes being mandated by the State Board of Education include the need for all students to complete a graduation project. Highlands High School, Nantahala High School and Franklin High School students have been requiring the "senior projects" prior to this mandate from the State Board of Education. The Graduation Project provides an authentic way of measuring the mastery of skills from the North Carolina Standard Course of Study throughout high school, as well as obtaining and practicing 21st century skills. To complete the graduation project, students must first select a topic from one of three categories: exploration of a career they are considering as a future profession, exploration of a topic that impacts the community, or, exploration of a new skill that can be enjoyed for their entire lives. The range of topics is as diverse and broad as our students'

interests and imagination. Beginning with the Class of 2010 (this year's junior class), this requirement will be extended across North Carolina to ensure that all high school students complete the graduation project. As aligned with our current local requirements, the North Carolina Graduation Project has four components: 1) a research paper, 2) a product, 3) a portfolio, and 4) an oral presentation. The *North Carolina Graduation Project*, one of the new exit standards, provides an opportunity for students to demonstrate their knowledge in an area of interest.

We are very fortunate in Macon County to be slightly ahead of the curve with this and other accountability processes already in place for our graduates. A tremendous thank you is extended to our Board of Education for establishing a vision for our school district, to all administrators and staff members for carrying out this vision and for the parents, students and community leaders who have continued to encourage and celebrate with students as they continue to meet higher academic standards. If you or someone you know may be interested in assisting with Graduation Projects, please contact Mrs. Nancy Cantrell, Director of Secondary Education at the Central Services Office, 524, 3314. For more information about the Future-Ready Core, the NC Graduation Project, or 21st Century Graduates, please visit the Public Schools of North Carolina at www.ncpublicschools.org.

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PseudoCube®



#DN2F Level of Difficulty Moderate

THE SETUP:

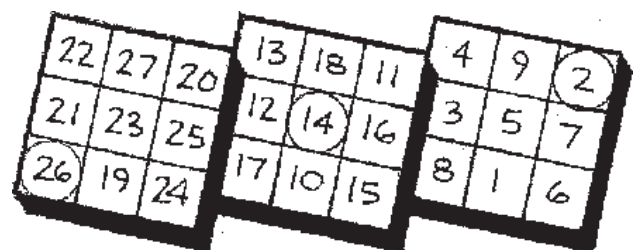
The cube has 27 consecutive numbers in it, arranged in three layers with 9 numbers each. These numbers are arranged in a special pattern: For each layer, the sum of the three numbers in each row, column or diagonal, is 3 times its center number. Eight diagonals connect all 3 layers by running through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

THE CHALLENGE:

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

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Solution to #BN1F in Oct. 30 issue



Sudo-Grams®

2008

by Pete Sarjeant and Don Cook

OBJECT:

A mystery word or phrase using all different letters is designated by circled squares (other short words will appear when solving, for which a list of meanings is provided). Every puzzle has a different mystery word or phrase (no spaces). Assign different letters to each square of each column and row. In addition, various cells (six, eight or nine) in the puzzle layout have the same different letters (this is like Sudoku but uses letters instead of numbers).

How to Solve:

Determine the different letters among those given. Write in the mystery word using the clue and these letters. Other small words will appear in the puzzle. As in conventional crossword puzzles, a list of meanings for these Across/Down words is given and number positions shown. Doing them will speed up your solution to the puzzle. Using your powers of induction, inference and insight, place missing letters in blank squares according to the rules noted above. Focus your attention where the least number of letters are needed to complete a line, column or cell.

Mystery Word

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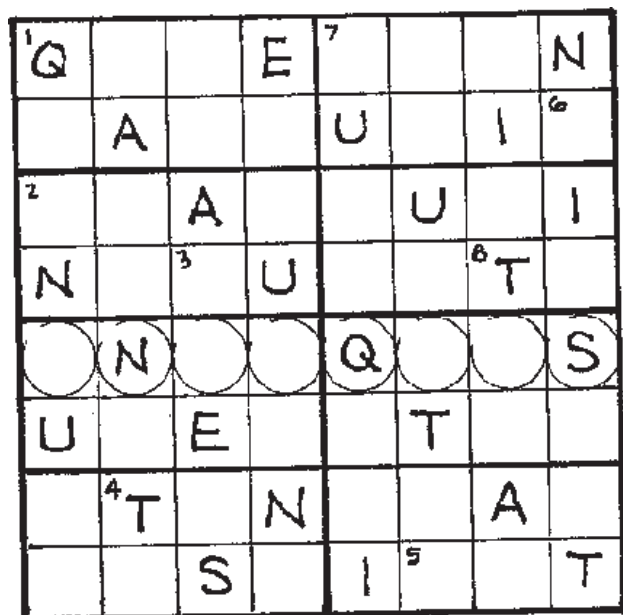
Old Things (8)

Across

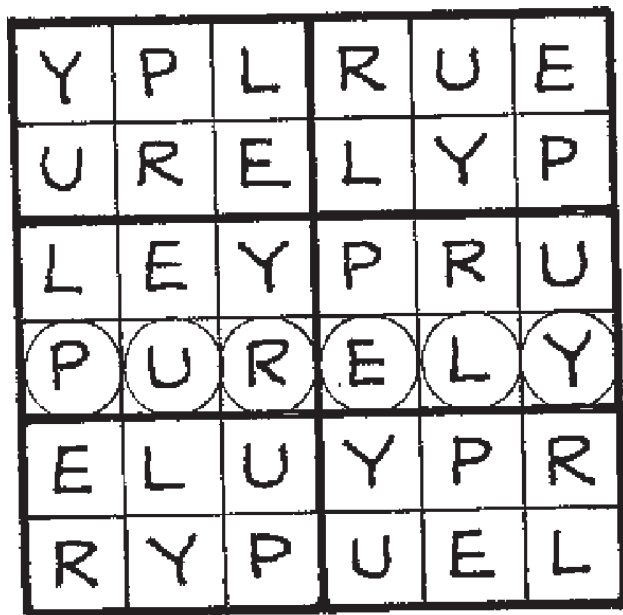
1. Soundless (5)
2. Chair (4)
3. Adventurous goal (5)
4. Large casks (4)
5. Shelled seed (3)

Down

6. Resembling (5)
7. Melody (4)
8. Number base (3)



Solution to Oct. 30 Sudo-Grams



RYAN POTTS' PRESIDENTIAL NICKNAME CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Presidential Nicknames

A common nickname for a U.S. President is the clue. The president's actual last name is the answer.

Across

1. That Dammed Cowboy (as referred to by Mark Hanna)
7. Old Hickory
8. Uncle Jumbo
9. Silent Cat
11. Old Rough and Ready
12. The Tennessee Tailor
14. The Bachelor President
17. The Father of the Constitution
19. His Rotundity
20. Dutch, The Gripper
21. Slick Willie

Down

2. Ike
3. The Dark Horse
4. His Accidency
5. Old Tippecanoe
6. The Red Fox
10. The Railsplitter
13. The Little Magician
15. Tricky Dick
16. The Professor
18. Handsome Frank

