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July 1-4

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July 2

▪ **LIVE MUSIC** – Thea & The GreenMan performing acoustic folk/pop music at Buck’s Coffee Cafe at 8 p.m.

▪ **LIVE PERFORMANCE** – The Instant Theater Summer Acting Elementary Class Showcase at 2:30 p.m.

▪ **STREET MUSIC** – Grass Roots Revue - A blue grass band will play at the Gazebo on Pine Street 7:30-9 p.m.

July 3

▪ **LIVE MUSIC** – Arthur & Katie will be playing and singing at Buck’s Coffee Cafe at 8 p.m.

July 2-3

▪ **LIVE MUSIC** – Zorki plays live at Skyline Lodge on Flat Mountain Road from 8:30 p.m. until.

▪ **LIVE PERFORMANCE** – Cowboy Envy, old-time cowboy songs and stories at PAC. Tickets are \$5 for children, \$20 for adults, \$25 for adults at the door. For reservations call (828) 342-9197.

July 3-4

▪ **ART SHOW** – At the Catholic Church 10-a.m.-3:30 p.m.

▪ **CRAFT SHOW** – 11th Annual Mountain Makings Independence Weekend Art & Craft Show at Cashiers Community Center on the old ballfield across from Hardee’s. Food, live music, 9-5 both days.

July 4

▪ **PARADE** – Kirkin of the Tartans at First Presbyterian Church at 11 a.m.

▪ **DINNER & JAZZ** – At Wolfgang’s on Main from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Paul Scott on the piano and Kyle Wiggins-Rowan singing. Call for reservations. 526-3807.

▪ **4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION** – At the Highlands Conference Center and ball field 11-3. Barbeque and hot dog plates \$7-9. Includes cole slaw, baked beans, chips, and a drink. Sky-diving at 3 p.m.

▪ **4TH OF JULY** – At Skyline Lodge, noon-6 p.m. Pool & hut tub party. Hamburger, Hot Dog cookout. \$10 per person.

Planning board votes to rezone Oak St. property

By Kim Lewicki

Just about everyone agrees.

A new visual arts center in town, independent of Hudson Library is a good thing.

But to make it work, five acres on Oak Street must be rezoned GI from R2 and a new use added to the GI

category – that of art galleries.

And that’s where it gets sticky.

At the June 28 planning board meeting, board members discussed long and hard the ramifications of changing a zone and adding a new particular use to the GI zone. But Town Planner Larry Gantenbein said

the Court of Appeals ruled conditional zoning – zoning for a particular use – legal.

Board members also want to make sure that the use of “nonprofit art gallery” stays should the gallery ever go defunct.

▪ See REZONE page 11

Grueling finish 10 hours later



Photo by Jim Lewicki

Husband-wife team Jay and Monica Curwen with Lite Speed pull themselves across the finish line at the Rec Park to win the 50-mile SOAR race in 10 hours and 15 minutes. Lite Speed won last year, too. See more on pages 16-17.

Macon County schools get high marks

By Kim Lewicki

Though unofficial, it’s looking like Macon County schools’ accountability record for the 2003-2004 school year is good.

At the June 28 school board meeting, assistant superintendent Susie Cabe reported three schools of distinction, two schools of excellence, seven schools which reached expected growth and two schools which reached high growth.

Proficiency is based on the number of students scoring at grade level – Level III on the end-of grade tests. Growth is based on a formula developed by the Dept. of Public Institution to account for expected growth in one year. High Growth reflects growth 10 percent or higher that what is expected.

Highlands School – a School of Distinction – reached its expected growth.

Official marks from the state are expected in August.

Outgoing principal Jack Brooks, who said his “good-byes” at the meeting said 25 percent more students are requesting in-state transfers to Highlands School than last year.

Principal Monica Bomengen reported of the 47 students requesting

▪ See MARKS page 9

Final 2004-2005 budget passes

By Kim Lewicki

The Town of Highlands 2004-2005 budget is in and the 2003-2004 budget amended as required by law.

At the June 30 budget hearing, the board passed the \$10 million budget with little fanfare.

The only concern commissioners and the Town Administrator had was about the possibility of county funds coming the town’s way.

“I think we should talk to the county to find out exactly what

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• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

God versus Darwinism

Dear Editor,

I recently read a lengthy letter you published written by Robert Wyatt on the topic of the Intelligent Design Conference held recently at Highlands Community Bible Church ("Evolution vs. Intelligent Design," 25 June 2004). For Mr. Wyatt and any others who did not attend the conference, let me briefly describe what took place prior to addressing claims made in the letter.

The conference was a three-day symposium challenging Darwinism and its naturalistic legacy. It is true that speakers at the conference presented scientific evidence for intelligent agency in the universe and its origins, but most of the evidence presented simply challenged Darwinism.

One of Wyatt's main objections to the conference was that "a church was sponsoring an academic conference on a scientific topic." Later in the letter, he also wrote that "religion and science are simply different ways of knowing." Like many scientists, as well as some theologians, Wyatt takes the positions that evolution is science, that evidence against evolution is not science, and that educated people in one domain should not bother the territory of the other. The roughly 600 conference attendees from some 30 states and seven different countries, however, decided to challenge this separatist position and dive into the fray.

Participants in the event learned science — science which challenges the assertions of Darwinism.

Wyatt claimed that humans and chimpanzees share "more than 99 percent" of their genetic information, "leading to the inescapable conclusion that we must share a common ancestor." It is true that many primates share genetic information. However, 100 percent of English letters appearing in the novel War and Peace also appear in The Great Gatsby. This does not, however, imply that the two great novels share some higher similarity, or that one book evolved into the other.

Wyatt went on to argue evolution "has great explanatory power and is in accord with empirical facts." Attendees at the conference, however, learned about evolution's explanatory failures. They learned, for example, that Darwinists cannot provide a single example of one species evolving into another, a process called macroevolution. This fact is verified by the evolution exhibit at the world-famous British Museum of Natural History; when visitors approach the portion of the exhibit dealing with macroevolution, the visual presentation offers fictional cartoons in an attempt to explain how one species might have evolved into another. Not one empirical example is given supporting macroevolution, a principle upon which Darwin's theory of common ancestry is supposed.

Attendees at the conference also learned about Darwinism's inability to explain and provide one single example of an information-creating mutation in biology. For an organism to evolve into a stronger life-form, it must generate more elaborate genetic information than its ancestors had. World-renowned authority on evolution Richard Dawkins was once asked in an interview to cite one example of such a mutation. He could not provide one example from either the wild or from the laboratory.

Wyatt posed a statement from a well-known scientist claiming that "nothing in biology makes sense in light of evolution." Contrary to this, those who attended the conference learned that much of Darwinism seems not to make sense.

Conference participants were not debating theology at the Community Bible Church, but instead were learning science and challenging naturalistic assumptions. Conference speaker Charles Colson said that proponents of Intelligent Design need to argue "science with science," and that is precisely what took place.

Justin D. Martin
University of Florida
College of Journalism & Communication

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Sweden bound, thanks!

Dear Editor

As I am getting ready for my trip (July10-18) to Sweden to play soccer for the Sports Tours USA team, would like to thank everyone who has helped me in some way or another. Whether it was through donations, buying a ticket, writing to me or putting my story in the paper, all of these efforts have helped me tremendously. I will represent my town, state and country to the best of my abilities. Hopefully I will show Europe what the town of Highlands has to offer the rest of the world.

I would also like to thank my soccer coach, Coach Mueller, for his energy and the time he has given to me and the rest of the Highlands high school soccer team. Again, Thank you.

Matt Keener
Highlands

Ode to Asphalt

Dear Editor,

Well, Fred, dear Fred, my new best friend,
You know, I think you're right;
Who needs this natural beauty?
It really is a blight.

Who needs those lousy lizards?
They're nothing but a bore.
And as for salamanders,
Well, excuse me if I snore.

And spotted owls? Ha, what a hoot,
I really could care less.
The truth is, I love asphalt!
Especially in excess.

It makes the landscape neater,
no messy trees and leaves,
no dust from dirty gravel
To mar my make-believe.

And make that asphalt wider;
The State will see this through;
And pretty soon, with any luck,
They'll pave from me to you.

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Alice Nelson
Highlands

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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

I'm hopping mad at homosexuals

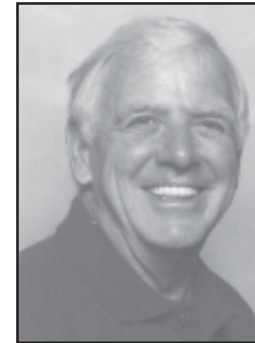
Last year I boldly came out of my closet and announced to the world that I love quiche. I paid dearly for saying that because I can no longer be a member of the NRA and every poker game in America has banned me from their game, simply because I love quiche, especially with spinach and cheese.

Well, here I go again, getting myself in big time trouble. I am currently mad at homosexuals. There, I said it. Get over it. Don't get your shorts in a wad because I have a right to be mad.

Just so you'll know, I am a heterosexual person. It was never a choice I had to consciously make. My genes dictated that I would be this way. Simply put, I am attracted to members of the opposite sex and I make no apologies. I assume the attraction for the same sex is comparable for gay folks. If saying that disturbs you, then you may be "heterophobic," a term I just made up which is a fear or aversion to non gay folks.

What homosexual people do with their lives is none of my business. I say let the man upstairs sort it all out when we all hopefully get there. Sure our life styles are different and I say "Oh well." Besides, this has nothing to do with why I'm mad anyway.

I am hopping mad because gays have robbed me of some of my favorite clichés and have made me alter my lifestyle accordingly. It was so much easier on us "straight" guys (that's what they call us) when homosexuals were all nicely squirreled away in their closets and we didn't have to think about all of this. But that's history. Now, homosexuality is "in your face" and I have had to make adjustments that I don't like. Now that everyone is out of the closet on everything, I boldly announce I love being heterosexual. I want to act like a "straight" and do



Fred Wooldridge

"straight" things even though the term is something I am not comfortable with. That's part of why I'm mad. I don't like being called "straight." It just doesn't fit who I am.

There's more. Now that we are all out of whatever closet we were in, I have had to go

through my closet(ha) and throw out all my gay apparel. I used to take great pleasure during the Christmas season donning my gay apparel and singing "Fa la la la la la la la." In this new century, only a gay person would sing "Fa la la la la la la la la la." I miss doing that.

Since "gay" has become the acceptable word to describe homosexuals, I can no longer have a gay time or say "We were happy and gay." Thank goodness I am not a caballero or I would be even more upset.

In a simpler time, I could hang out with gay friends without everyone whispering "I'll bet he's homophobic and just trying to compensate." What does that mean? Now, I am self conscious and feel like I have to start each sentence with "My wife and I..." Before, it never mattered. I am also mad because now that homosexuality is in the open, there seems to be a "us and them" mentality.

It gets worse. In my other life as a cop, I had a partner. He was not gay although the department had several. Outside of your immediate family, your partner is the next most important person in your life. You are literally responsible for each other's life.

That brings on an unconditional loyalty that few people understand. Because gay folks now have "partners" I can no longer put my arms around my partner, give him a big hug and tell him I still love him. At least not in public because I will get strange looks from all my straight,

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• SPORTS PICKS •

ZZZZing through NBA draft picks

To fully understand how pathetic the NBA draft has become, you have to know what I did on Thursday night INSTEAD of watching the NBA draft.

Yes my friends, I did the unthinkable, I skipped the NBA draft in favor of filling out a gift registry at J.C. Penney. Now before I start getting phone calls about my lack of testosterone (or any other male body part for that matter) the Sports Babe was perfectly willing to let me watch the draft, but I told her that I didn't care to watch it because it would be boring, and I was absolutely correct. So after reviewing the tape, all I have to say is...

What in the (New York) has happened to the NBA draft? It used to be a sacred June ritual, where you cheered for your favorite college players and actually KNEW what each team was getting. After all, back in the 1990s you had watched players like Grant Hill, Shaq, Rasheed Wallace and Tim Duncan for several years in college, so you could provide amateur analysis on draft night. Now, teams are drafting players that we have either never seen play (except for those ridiculous high school All-American games) or never heard of (Pavel Poltergizenriau from Kraplakistan).

Where is the fun in watching teams bet their future on an 18-year-old kid who jumped because his agent and "posse" told him to or gamble on a foreign commodity who speaks little English and needs a handler just to learn personal hygiene.

Now I have already waxed poetic about the pros and cons of drafting young kids rather than proven commodities, but the fact remains that this years draft proved above all else that people are drafting on potential rather than actual ability.

Emeka Okafor and Jameer Nelson are two upperclassmen who are fantastic players NOW-and both were passed over in favor of players who may or may not be better at a later date. Methinks that NBA GM's have not heard the phrase "a bird in the hand is better than two in the bush."

Now on to winners and losers, in which I shall provide my expert



Ryan Potts

analysis or hack opinion depending on what day it is.

The big winner of the night was Jay Bilas, who shocked me with his scathing analysis and straightforward attitude. He basically came right out and said what I was thinking all night — which gets him big ups

from me.

Chicago had a great draft from my perspective, getting two proven commodities in Ben Gordon and Luol Deng-as well as a nice backup PG in Chris Duhon.

The Charlotte Bobcats also had a fantastic draft, getting an Alonzo Mourning like centerpiece in Okafor.

However, my big winner in this years draft (as far as teams go) is the Utah Jazz. Jerry Sloan can do big things with a little talent and he has added a tough PF in Kris Humphries and a big time NBA athlete in Kirk Snyder. Both guys have a reputation for being selfish players, but Sloan isn't going to take crap off of anyone and he will mold these egos into great players.

The biggest loser of the night was ESPN's announce crew. Featuring Steven A. Smith, Tom Tolbert and Dickie V all on the same show was like being surrounded by screaming hyenas with no hope of escape.

The sight of Smith and Vitale on a split screen was shocking enough, but then when they started screaming my eardrums started bleeding. The other big loser of the night was the Atlanta Hawks who had a whopping five picks and came away with one player who can contribute right away (Josh Childress). I know that Atlanta is rebuilding, but the fans aren't going to care about guys who are sitting on the bench — Atlanta needed some proven commodities.

Sigh...the NBA draft used to be so much fun, but now it is nothing more than watching a game of Russian roulette. I think it is about time for sports hibernation...yawn...wake me when it is football season.

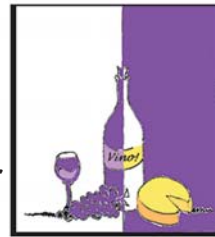
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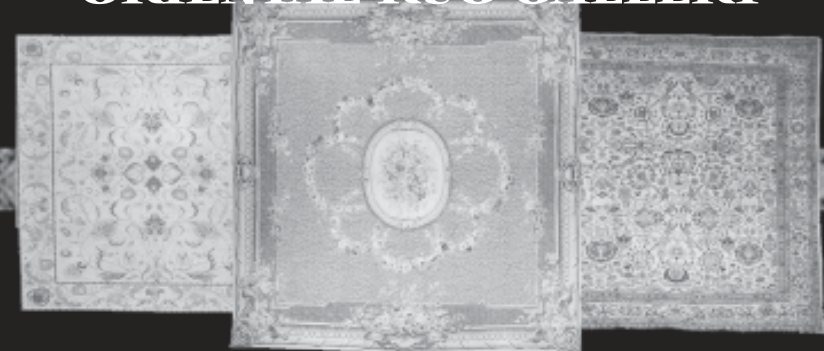
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tired Teachers Association. She was also an active volunteer and was of the Roman Catholic faith.

She is survived by three daughters, Ann R. DelMonico of New Port Richey, Fla.; Joan A. Nicolazzo of Alden, N.Y.; and V. Claire Knapp of

Highlands, N.C.; two sons, John H. Marsden of Denmark and Thomas D. Marsden of Cashiers, N.C.; one brother, Herbert Ringer of Lancaster, N.Y.; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren also survive. She was preceded in death by a daughter Patricia G. Joval.

Graveside services were held Friday, June 25 at 5 p.m. at Picklesimer

Cemetery in Whiteside Cove. Pallbearers were Tom Marsden, Ian Marsden, Rain Knapp and Ernie DelMonico.

Memorials may be sent to Hospice of Macon County, 348 South 5th Street Highlands, N.C., 28741 or to the Eckerd Living Center, 100 Hospital Drive, Highlands, N.C. 28741.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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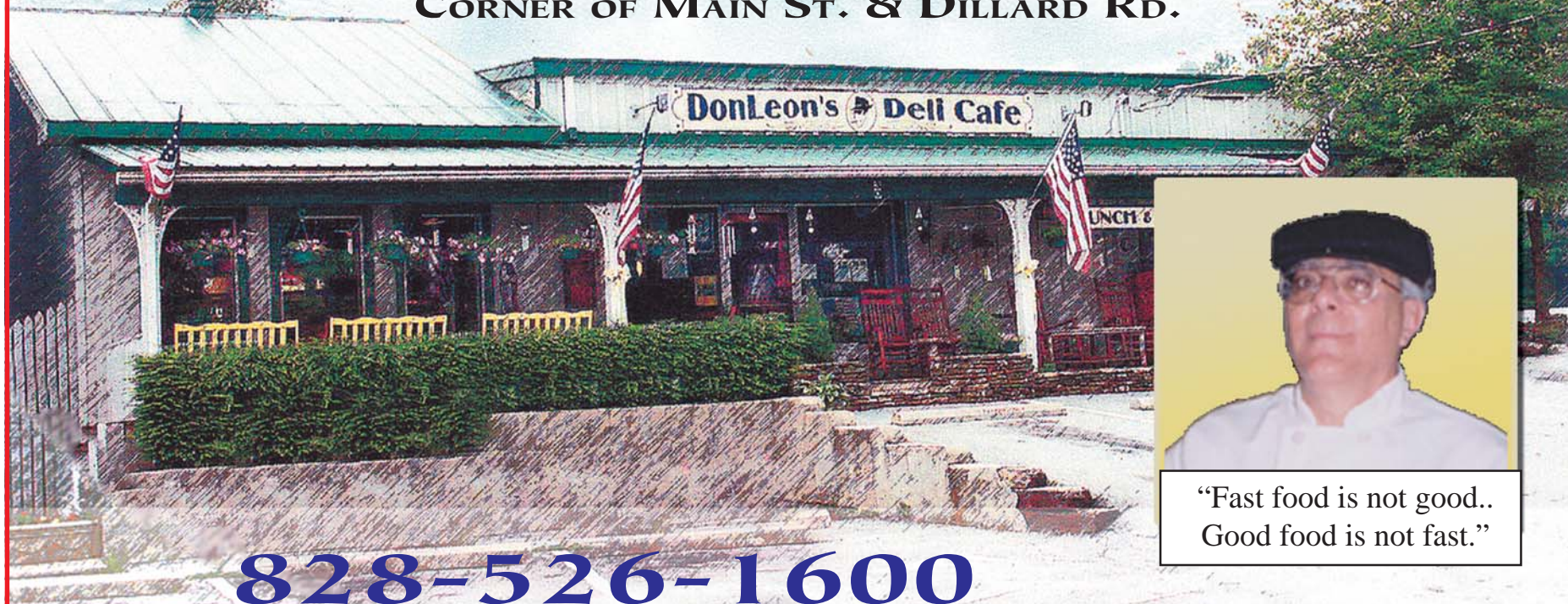
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homophobic friends when I smile and announce "He is my partner."

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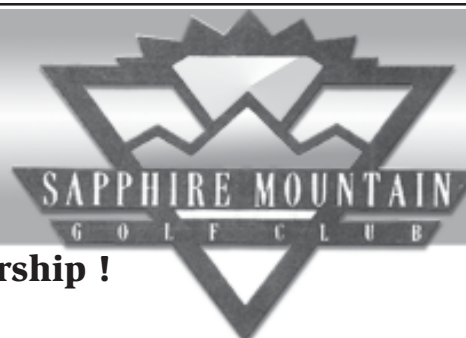
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• MOVIE PIX •

Guarding Tess

The 1994, PG13, comedy drama, written by Hugh Wilson and Peter Torokvei, directed by Hugh Wilson. Starring Nicholas Cage and Shirley MacLaine.



Stuart Armor

I've seen this movie several times and I like it more and

more each time. I'm not a real big fan of Shirley MacLaine, but in this, she does a great job. It's a comedy, cats and dogs story and a buddy movie, with a little suspense near the end.

The Storyline: Special Agent Chesnick (Cage, in one of his less manic roles) is on guard duty for former first lady Tess Carlyle (MacLaine).

He is a by-the-book agent who would rather be on a "real" assignment and chafes at being a heavily armed butler, she balks at the restrictions involved and couldn't care less about the rules. Natch, they get along as well as oil and vinegar. Chesnick tries to get out of his detail, but she won't let him (the phone calls from the President are hilarious, I assume it's supposed to be George Bush, Sr.). Despite annoying the daylights out of each other, they

form some real respect and friendship.

The suspense part comes in when Tess is kidnapped, and her team scrambles to rescue her. A bit of trivia, director Hugh Wilson does the voice of the president, and it's great.

OK, it's a bit contrived, but it is a funny and cute story. The humor delivered by both Cage and MacLaine is dry and dead pan, making it all the more funny. The principals work well

together, and although the story is essentially Cage and MacLaine, the rest of the cast has some fun bits, too.

Cage is one of my favorite actors, and some of his best are Raising Arizona, Vampires Kiss, Moonstruck, and Amos and Andrew. Some of MacLaine's best are Used People, Steel Magnolias, Terms of Endearment, and Being There.

Some more Presidential movies are Dave, American President, Primary Colors, Wag the Dog, and Air Force One.

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permission to enter Highlands School for the 2004-2005 school year, 11 of them are new students.

Highlands School is looking for a high school social studies teacher and possibly a soccer coach. Coach Roger Mueller has accepted a teaching position in the Charlotte area.

A full-time custodian position is also open as long-time custodian Mike Ramsey has accepted a position at South Macon Elementary School.

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criteria is necessary to qualify for the county's \$450,000 water and sewer funding," said Betz. "Meanwhile, we should request help with the Poplar Street infrastructure and the Holt Knob water line. If not those, then at least the wastewater treatment plant."

The county has set aside money for such projects but to qualify for funding the projects must be outside the town limits, said commissioners.

Betz said if that is the case a full 10 percent of usage at the wastewater treatment plant is used entities outside the town limits.

Commissioner Herb James said the hospital alone should take care of that stipulation.

When amending the 2003-2004 budget, Betz said in some cases the town came out better than anticipated.

"Interest rate returns were lower than expected, but ad valorem and sales option taxes ended up being higher than expected," he said.

Local option sales tax came in at \$500,000 and only \$410,000 was budgeted.

Ad valorem taxes came in at a little over \$1.5 million and only about \$1.4 million was expected.

Meanwhile, Betz said there is enough cushion in the 2004-2005 budget to handle bills that don't typically come until the very end of the budget cycle – July 2005.

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Remember you all, you are in the mountains. Those of us that live here full time are here because we love the beauty and the pace. It's true, however, that most of us that live here full time are now working extremely hard so the pace part gets tougher but the awe of the mountains remains.

Mountain time is slower. This is what that means.

When you go to the grocery store and are at the deli, for example, it will take more time. You won't find five people waiting on you. Take a deep breath and enjoy. I thought the couple in front of me last week was actually going to have dual stokes. The people behind the counter were just not moving fast enough. They even stooped to both ordering from two different people just to speed up the process. Mind you, I was waiting to order and yet they were taking up the only two people behind the counter. I smiled and mentioned mountain time and she exploded. He, however, said that he understood



Dr. Maryellen Lipinski

and forgot he needed to slow his pace down. That's the beauty of the mountains.

And the driving. Those of us, who live here full time, do drive a bit differently.

We don't brake going up a hill or on

a curve. When we can actually have a brief straight road, we go a bit faster. Sometimes we take up too much room but we usually get back over to our side pretty fast.

It's a bit of a role reversal. So let's both try to be patient. Life is under construction for all of us.

"Nothing valuable can be lost by taking time". Abraham Lincoln

"Half of our life is spent trying to find something to do with the time we have rushed through life trying to save". Will Rogers

Speaking of time...I'm out of it. Well, not really but I do want to sip a bit more coffee as I look out at the mist and the mountains and yes, some sun! Time. Savor it. The mountains are meant for serenity.

Mark your calendars. I'm holding a workshop on July 8, at the Albert Carlton Cashiers Community Library sponsored by Friends of the Library, beginning at 7 p.m. And here's the best part; there is no charge, so bring a friend. Please note: It's for women only.

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The usual transitional zone between a residential area and the business district is B3 or B4. Rezoning the tract B3 has people worried because just about anything can be built in B3.

B4 – a soft business zone – won't work either because the biggest building allowed in that zone is 20,000 sq. ft. Plans for the new visual arts center – though built in stages – includes a total of 30,000 sq. ft.

That leaves GI – a government/institution category.

After much discussion, the planning board voted to recommend rezoning the five-acre tract to GI as long as the use of "nonprofit art gallery" can't change without going to the Town Board and Zoning Board for a special use permit.

Three members of the planning board are affiliated with the Bascom-Louise Gallery either as members of the board of directors, advisory board or as a paid employee.

New vice-chair of the planning board member Ginger Slaughter recused herself from the voting procedure on the grounds that she has a financial affiliation with the gallery.

However Lewis Doggett, and Pat Taylor, both members of the board voted on the subject, "because legally they don't have anything to gain financially from their affiliation with the non-profit 5013c," said Town Planner Larry Gantenbein.

However, new planning board member, Griffin Bell, said the fact that there may be a conflict, "or the appearance of a conflict" was reason enough to table the matter until the Town Board could decide on how to deal with the situation.

"It doesn't look good," he said. "This might be worth putting off until we know how to go."

But Gantenbein said the Bascom-Louise Gallery board needed to start raising funds and finalizing a plan as soon as possible. And its architect had driven 80 miles to get to the meeting, he said.

"Conflicts are more important than the fact that someone has driven far or whether someone has to come up with money," said Bell.

In the end the board agreed to discuss and vote on the matter because the planning board is only an advisory board and the Town Board has the ultimate decision.

New board chairman John Cleaveland, and new board members Doug Campbell and Pat Taylor voted on the subject. Slaughter recused herself and board member Clem Patton was absent.

Gantenbein said the planning board members' situation in relation to the Bascom-Louise Gallery raises an interesting question one the Town Board may have to look into.

Next comes a public hearing and ultimate ruling by the Town Board.

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Conference brings forth new ideas

By Sally Hanson

Contributor

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The Intelligent Design Movement aims to disprove the theories of Darwin, and put forth scientifically based theories explaining how the universe was created.

To ID proponents, the Darwinian belief that random events caused evolution is thought to be inaccurate because the universe could not have been successful by random chance.

One of the Conference's speakers was Dr. Hugh Ross, founder and president of Reasons to Believe. Ross has a Ph.D. in Astrophysics, and his organization aims to convince skeptics that the *Bible* is based on scientific fact.

Dr. Ross believes that there is signifi-

cant evidence to prove that Jesus Christ was the creator of the universe. His books *A Matter of Days* and *The Creator and the Cosmos* explain his theories in greater detail, and employ advanced theorems of physics to do so. Romans 8 states that the creation has been acted upon by the law of decay, which turns out to be the 2nd Law of Thermodynamics.

Matter, energy, space and time were created at the same moment, according to Ross. The correlating theorem states that there must have been a transcendent causal agent that was responsible for causing them to come into existence. This transcendent agent wasn't created at that time, but was already in existence.

Ross also stated that the *Bible* is the only holy book that is consistent with the space-time continuum theorem. Most of his scientific evidence is compared with references in the *Bible*, he said. "For example, the "Big Bang" theory was first taught in the *Bible*. Isaiah 51:3, Isaiah 40:22, and Zachariah 12:1 all mention some aspect of the cosmic expansion, and that it is both still expanding and finished expanding at the same time," said Ross.

Other speakers included Dr. Ken Boa, president of Reflections Ministries, and Dr. Michael Behe, author of *Darwin's Black Box - The Biochemical Challenge to Evolution*. Behe is a biochemist who specializes in demonstrating that Darwinian theories are wrong due to a concept called irreducible complexity.

Irreducible complexity describes a system that is made up of several parts that work together to contribute to the function of the whole. If any one of the parts is taken away, the system stops working, because all the parts are integral to the whole. Behe says from a biological standpoint, there are many parts of the human body that defy this theory. One of his examples is the mammalian eye.

Humans are prone to diseases of the eye like cataracts, or anomalies such as colorblindness. Yet individuals with these conditions can still see partially or in a mostly inhibited manner. All systems which meet Darwin's criteria for evolution and natural selection have to exhibit irreducible complexity. According to Behe, humans don't and therefore Darwinian thought must be incorrect.

This year's Intelligence Design Conference brought many experts in the field to Highlands and provided a springboard for old and new ideas to be taught to all who were interested.

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• BOOK REVIEW WITH KATIE BRUGGER •

The Superman Myth

By Katie Brugger
Contributor

What is the myth that best defines America in our relations with other nations? Most people would probably answer: cowboy (independent, honest, on the side of right). But I think maybe the most accurate myth is Superman. We seem to really believe that we fight for "truth, justice, and the American way" around the world. Sure we've had some causes for doubt, like Vietnam, but being the sunny optimists we are we're sure that was just an aberration.

Because we're convinced our intentions are true we believe the ends justify the means. In the long struggle for world power between the United States and the Soviet Union known as the Cold War, the U.S. turned its back on the peoples of many countries and supported brutal tyrants because they were reliably anti-communist. The end result (truth justice etc winning out over the dark evils of atheistic communism) justified the interim suppression of freedom and human rights in small nations in every corner of the globe. Does that make sense? What was the consequence?

Let's look at one of those countries: Iran (you thought I was going to say Iraq, didn't you?) Did you know that the C.I.A. sponsored a coup in Iran in 1953 that overthrew the democratically elected prime minister? That the United States then flew the shah back to Tehran from Italy where he'd been cowering ever since the moment he thought the coup had failed? I didn't either until a year ago. Why did the CIA support the coup? The prime minister nationalized Iran's oil industry and in 1953, with the Korean War raging, that could mean only one thing: Iran's imminent fall to communism. So the U.S. reinstalled a shield against Soviet expansion in the person of the shah.

Did this coup promote truth, justice and the American way in Iran? I went to two books in the library to find the answer. *All the*

Shah's Men: An American Coup and the Roots of Middle East Terror, by Stephen Kinzer (955.05K) is devoted entirely to this subject. Using many primary documents, including the official CIA clandestine service history,

"Overthrow of Premier Mossadegh of Iran, November 1952-August 1953" (obtained by *The New York Times* in 2000) and the memoirs of the CIA agent who led the coup, Mr. Kinzer, (a *New York Times* correspondent for 25 years; worked in Central America, Berlin, and Turkey) writes a detailed account of the coup itself with a brief history of Iran leading up to it. Both Britain and Russia had controlled events in Iran for fifty years before the coup, at one point splitting the country into spheres of influence. Britain completely controlled Iran's oil industry and paid Iran a pittance: 16% of revenues with no ability to audit the British books. In the nineteen-forties the United States and Saudi Arabia arranged a deal where the Saudis would receive 50 percent

of all revenues. Iran felt cheated and demanded a similar arrangement, but the British refused to negotiate. The British tried to initiate a coup,

which failed, then tried to convince President Truman to do the job, but he refused.

Iranian Prime Minister Mossadegh beseeched President Truman to help his country get free of British colonialism. Mossadegh

was the symbol of Iranian nationalism, the desire of Iranians to be free and independent, to be self-ruled and not controlled by a foreign power. Doesn't this sound like a job for truth, justice and the American way? This was the time when third world nations and European colonies around the world were beginning to struggle for national independence. India had famously succeeded just five years before. Nations looked to the United States, the beacon of freedom, for help in their struggle to throw off homegrown tyrants or foreign overlords.

But over and over again America turned her back on these national movements. Iran is just one example. Another is Vietnam. Ho Chi Minh beseeched many U.S. presidents, starting with

Woodrow Wilson, for help in bringing national sovereignty to his people. He was ignored. To read more about this, see *A Bright*

Shining Lie: John Paul Vann and America in Vietnam, by Neil Sheehan (959.704S), pages 146-170.

But back to 1953 and Iran: days after Eisenhower's victory – months before he was inaugurated—the British were already assured by members of the next administration that the CIA would take care of their problem (see dates of official CIA history above).

The British wooed the new administration by stressing the Communist threat. Mr. Kinzer writes, "John Foster Dulles, the incoming secretary of state, and Allen Dulles, the incoming CIA director, were among the fiercest of Cold Warriors. They viewed the world as an ideological battleground and saw every local conflict through the prism of the great East-West confrontation. In their eyes, any country not decisively allied with the United States was a potential enemy. Iran had immense oil wealth, a long border with the Soviet Union, an active Communist party, and a nationalist prime minister. The Dulles brothers believed there was a serious danger that it would soon fall to communism."

The details of the coup – code name Operation Ajax – are definite Superman-myth-poppers: "Allen Dulles approved the dispatch of \$1 million to the CIA station in Tehran, for use 'in any way that would bring about the fall of Mossadegh.'" This money was spent: (a) To manipulate public opinion and turn as many Iranians as possible against Mossadegh by portraying him as corrupt, pro-communist, and hostile to Islam (in other words, lying) – \$150,000. (b) To pay thugs to launch "staged attacks" on religious leaders and pretend that these attacks were ordered by Mossadegh. (c) To bribe military officers to participate in the coup – \$135,000. (d) To bribe parliament members to oppose Mossadegh – \$11,000 a week. And, on the morning of the coup, (e) to pay thousands of demonstrators to

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Timeline:

1953

- CIA overthrows Iranian prime minister, US reinstates Shah

1979

- Shah overthrown Carter lets Shah into US
- Hostages taken to prevent US from reinstating Shah as in 1953

1980

- Iran-Iraq war begins

1980s

- US provides weapons to Iraq because of hostages Iran provides support to Hezbollah and Islamic Jihad

1990

- Iraq invades Kuwait with weapons US supplied to fight Iran

1991

- Gulf War left unfinished – if Saddam were removed would leave power vacuum Iran would fill

1990s

- US bases in Saudi Arabia because Gulf War was left unfinished

2001

- 9/11 partly rationalized by presence of infidel (US) bases on Saudi soil (not to mention Al Qaeda grew out of groups US funded to counter USSR in another of our ill-considered Cold War strategic ploys)

2003

- Invasion of Iraq – consequence of 9/11 and unfinished Gulf War



SOAR Raffle brought in \$3,500 for cause

Ralph Stevens of Jolie's donated three leather jackets to the SOAR raffle. Local winners were John Schiffl and Joanna Baumrucker.

Shiraz Rugs donated several oriental rugs to the cause. Two were raffled off and one was auctioned off at the Thursday, Jun 24 affair before the race. Leon, of Don Leon's was the highest bidder.

General Duane Cassidy, SOAR organizer, Nancy Horwitz and Mayor Buck Trott stand in front of the rug from Shiraz that was auctioned off Thursday night.



'Walk in the Park' set for July 16-18

Within three years after Highlands was founded, the Highlands Academy, a one-room schoolhouse, was built. The second school, shown above, was built between 1916 and 1919 at the site of the present Town Hall.

The life of Otto Summer who served as principal of the Highlands School longer than any other person will be featured in this year's *Walk in the Park*, which will take place July 16, 17 and 18 with rain dates of July 23, 24 and 25.

Friday and Saturday *Walks* will begin every 15 minutes from 6 to 8 p.m., and Sunday from 4-6 p.m.

The Hudson Library grew along with the Highlands School. Its history will be revealed at the *Walk* in portrayals of the life of Gertrude and Dolly Harbison who served as its librarians for 50 years.

Advance tickets are available at \$15 for adults at Cyrano's, D & J Express Mart and The Old Rangoon. Students will be admitted free.

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stage a massive antigovernment rally.

There was also money for those who formed the new government. The CIA gave the new government \$5 million, and there was an extra million for the new prime minister.

All the Shah's Men is a new book, and as the subtitle suggests, is also about the roots of Middle Eastern terror.

Mr. Kinzer first relates the coup to the Iranian revolution of 1979 and the taking of American hostages, which I had never really understood. At the time the anti-U.S. anger seemed an irrational overreaction to American support for the Shah. After reading this book the anger no longer seems like an overreaction. One of the British agents who set up the coup wrote, much later, "It is easy to see Operation [Ajax] as the first step towards the Iranian catastrophe of 1979." Mr. Kinzer tells us "soon after the Shah was overthrown, President Jimmy Carter allowed him to enter the U.S. That sent Iranian radicals into a frenzy of rage. With the blessing of their new leaders, they stormed the American embassy in Tehran and held fifty-two American diplomats for more than fourteen months...The hostage-takers remembered that when the Shah fled into exile in 1953, CIA agents working at the American embassy had returned him to his throne. Iranians feared that history was about to repeat itself. 'In the back of everybody's mind hung the suspicion that, with the admission of the Shah to the United States, the countdown for another coup d'etat had begun,' one of the hostage-takers explained years later. 'Such was to be our fate again, we were convinced, and it would be irreversible. We now had to reverse the irreversible.'"

Mr. Kinzer quotes quite a few historians whose consensus is that the coup disrupted Iran's natural movement towards democracy and resulted in the radicalness of the present regime.

Mr. Kinzer concludes that "Operation Ajax taught tyrants and aspiring tyrants [in the Middle East] that the world's most powerful governments were willing to tolerate limitless oppression as long

as oppressive regimes were friendly to the West and to Western oil companies. That helped tilt the political balance in a vast region away from freedom and toward dictatorship. The world has paid a heavy price for the lack of democracy in most of the Middle East."

I turned to *The Iranians: Persia, Islam and the Soul of a Nation*, by Sandra Mackey (955.05M) for a second opinion on the coup and its consequences. This book is a general history of Iran with a chapter devoted to the drama surrounding Mossadegh. Ms. Mackey is not so sure as Mr. Kinzer that the coup was a bad thing (although her book was published before 9/11, in 1996 and she didn't have access to the same CIA material), but she definitely confirms that this event laid the groundwork for the extreme reaction of 1979: "The bitter recriminations thrown at the United States during the 1979 Iranian Revolution can be comprehended only by understanding the role the United States played in the ouster of [Prime Minister] Mossadegh in 1953... Regardless of his subsequent failings, Mossadegh for a brief moment gave Iran its sovereignty. That ended when the United States restored Muhammad Reza Shah and enrolled him in the West's containment of the Soviet Union."

Iran's radical Islamic regime became a notorious supporter of terrorist organizations, including Hezbollah and Islamic Jihad in Lebanon, and "opened camps to give military training to hundreds of young Islamic zealots largely drawn from" the Arab states of the Persian Gulf.

George W. Bush, as he campaigned for President in 2000, declared, "The United States should be humble in its foreign policy." Unfortunately he has not followed his own advice. I hope that the events in Iraq, and books such as *All the Shah's Men*, help us to reassess our foreign policy. I'd personally like for our Superman myth to come true, so that this country really does fight for truth, justice, and the American way for all the people of the world. - katiebrugger@yahoo.com

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The June 26 race was the second of its kind in Highlands and drew 56 racers -- some who went solo and some who teamed up.

Last year's winner -- Lite Speed from Asheville -- did it again only this time Jay Curwen teamed up with his wife Monica. It started at 7:30 in the morning and after trav-

eling a grueling 50-miles which included running, mountain biking, canoeing and rappelling, they clocked in 10 hours and 15 minutes later.

Close on their tale was #56, Joe Daniels from Atlanta at 10 hours and 16 minutes. Third place was Team IntraNet 2 in 10 hours and 17 minutes.

Towards the end we were biking the the finish line together and then we realized, 'hey, one of us is going to win and we said 'See, ya,' said Curwen.

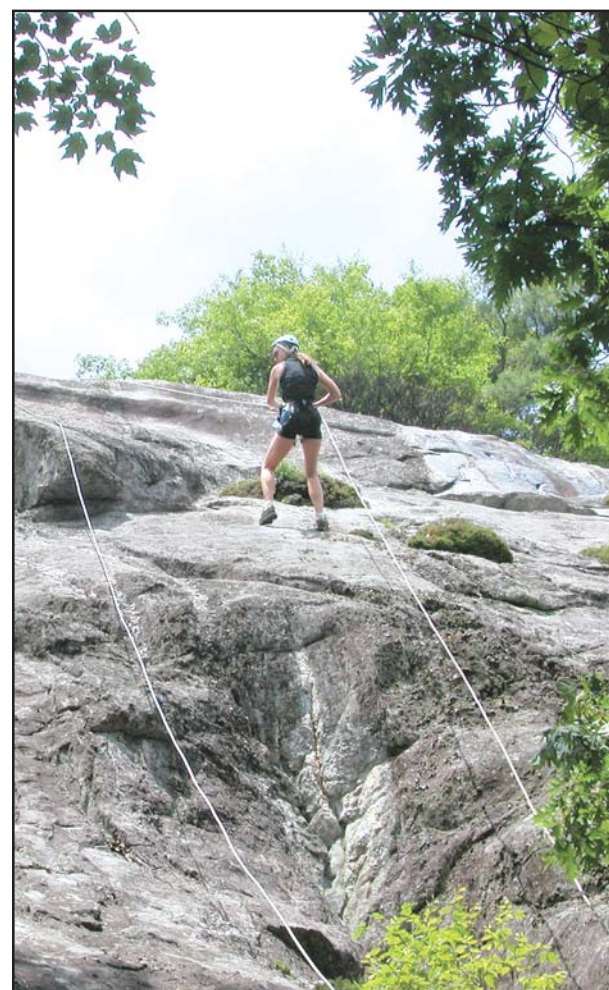
He and his wife were roped together until the end each helping the other when the going got tough.

Why do they do it? "So I can eat anything I want," said Monica.



Fifty-six race car driven and participated

Photos



Many racers had never rappelled before, but even those who dropped out of the race made a point of getting to the rappel site at Yellow Mountain -- just to try it. Center shot above is Highlands' own Kade McKim at the canoe point on Lake Glenville. The two-hour trek around the lake ended the race for many.



Above clockwise: Winner number three team IntraNet 2 racers Jay and Monica Curwen of Lite Speed in the Rec Park parking lot. Above middle shot is Kade McKim rappelling the first river in Whiteside County. Below shot is Kade's husband and wife Monica and Jay.



Fifty-six racers took off from Fifth and Main streets behind the lead car driven and ridden by veterans of every war the United States has participated in since WWII.

Photos by Jim Lewicki



Winner number two, Joe Daniels, three team IntraNet 2 and winner Monica Curwen of Lite Speed collapse in parking lot. Above right, Lite Speed rider in Whiteside Cove. To right are wife Monica and Jay Curwen.



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Zahner Lectures draw crowds

By Sally Hanson
Contributor

Dr. Ron Pulliam was last week's guest at the Nature Center as part of the summer's Zahner Lecture Series. The series is made possible by a co-sponsorship between the Highlands Biological Foundation and the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust, as well as private donations.

Pulliam's talk was about the value of biodiversity in the United States and the world today. He is the University of Georgia's Regents Professor of Biology, and has been in the field for nearly 30 years.

Biodiversity is a term used to describe the variety between all living organisms. Only a fraction of the millions of species on earth have been identified and given a name by humans. Many more remain undetected, or have already become extinct.

Pulliam explained the importance of taking inventory if you are a business owner. "You want to know what you have in your store," he said. Biodiversity is equally important, and should also be 'inventoried.' We have this resource, and we don't inventory it, so we don't know the value of what we have."

The extent of biodiversity on earth can best be exemplified by looking at what was found in one tree species in the tropics in 1982. Terry Erwin discovered 163 different species of beetles living in the canopy of just one tree. To put the magnitude of this into prospective, there are over 50,000 different species of trees that are native to the tropics.

However, this doesn't mean that every tree has that many different species living in its branches. According to Pulliam, most of the diversity in the world is found amongst bacteria and achaea, and plants and animals make up only a small percentage of our world's biodiversity.

"Human activity has increased extinction between 100 and 1,000 times the average normal level," says Pulliam. Normal background rate of extinction is about one extinction per million species years, according to E. O. Wilson. Forty species of the United States' 950 have become extinct in the past 100 years, and in Australia 60 out of 300 mammals — one fifth — have

died out as well over the last two centuries, he said.

So what are the implications of all this for the average person? Pulliam explains that there is a biodiversity crisis going on in the world today. "We are rapidly losing the diversity we once had, and since there is no inventory, we don't even know what we're losing," he said. Many attempts have been made to "inventory" the species of the world, but most of these are on a national basis, and there is no comprehensive database that includes the work of each country.

Even more poignant is the reality that Highlands is located in one of the most biologically diverse areas of the United States. Currently, an inventory is underway to catalog the different species of the Smoky Mountains. "This area is a biodiversity hotspot," says Pulliam. There are a large number of watersheds here, as well as freshwater species."

In addition, biodiversity has more value than merely providing nice scenery or a large variety of colorful animals. Many of medicine's most effective drugs have come from plants or other similar sources, including penicillin, morphine, taxol, and curare. Also, plants that are close relatives to species like tomatoes can provide genes to make the crop drought resistant, tolerant of high temperatures, or pest resistant. "We merely need to learn how to harness these valuable resources," said Pullam.

Throughout the lecture, birds were singing outside, as if to give some indication of their importance. Pulliam said that "all species are of some value, obviously, because God put them all on the ark."

The Zahner Lecture Series is in the middle of its third consecutive summer. It was named in honor of Bob and Glenda Zahner in 2001, and strives to educate residents about the importance of maintaining the environment of the Highlands plateau.

Thursday night's speaker will be Annie Ingram on July 1. Ingram is Associate Professor of English at Davidson College, and her topic will be "The Book of Nature in the Language of Flowers: 19th Century Herbaria." All of the programs in the Zahner Series begin at 7 p.m. and are free.

• ARMCHAIR TRAVELER •

Key West – Pirates to presidents visit her shores

By Phyllis Picklesimer
Contributor

One hundred and ten miles south of the Florida mainland lays an almost foreign land, a mystical Avalon, arising from the silver seas that surround it. For hundreds of years, Key West has attracted visitors, from pirates to President Truman, seeking respite in its climate and laid-back lifestyle.

To those who arrive by car, it is the Grail at the end of Route 1 that snakes its way over 32 islands and 34 bridges before depositing its pleasure seekers at Fleming and Whitehead Streets—Mile Marker 0.

At times, Route 1 is only a roadway wide, with the shimmering waters of the Atlantic Ocean to the east and the Gulf of Mexico to the west, each dotted with developing islands of mangrove thickets. A languorous air hangs over the towns and islands of your journey, as if the necessities of motion had ceased to be a driving force and been discarded many years ago.

The pace of life quickens, traffic increases, and motels and fast food restaurants make their appearance as one drives over the almost indiscernible separation of the island of Key West from Stock Island.

Key West is a two-by-four-mile coral rock, but most tourists flock to its heart—Old Town. At first glance, Key West gives the appearance of a New England village whose residents discovered primary colors along with their gingerbread trim. Throw in some Spanish influence, the “Wreckers” salvages, plus some Victorian for flavor, and you have a mish-mash that works and produces a charm that’s unique in the United States.

More Caribbean island with a work ethic, Key West today is a mélange of classy hotels, excellent restaurants, upscale shops, and enough attractions to keep the visitor occupied, even those whose first preference is not the delights of its sea, sun, and sand.

The best way to orient oneself to the sights of Key West is to begin

your stay with a ride on the Conch Tour Train. The ride takes approximately one and a half hours, departs rain or shine, and gives the visitor an overview of the town and insight into the unique

the beach or hotel piers. As you float above, scores of iridescent parrotfish glide by and blue damselfish dart about, less than an arm’s length away.

For a closer look at the sea life

home of the commandant of the Naval submarine base became President Harry Truman’s escape from the pressures of Washington. He spent 175 of his days as President here leading a relaxing life of poker games, barbecues, and tropical patterned shirts. Today the Little White House is an interesting glimpse of 1940’s décor and Presidential life in simpler times.

Also of interest is the Ernest Hemingway House, purchased by Hemingway in 1931. It was here, in his study over the pool house (reached only by a swinging bridge to discourage visitors), that he wrote many of his most famous works, including *A Farewell to Arms* and *The Old Man and the Sea*.

Located on the highest hill in Key West, at 14 feet above sea level, the Spanish-style mansion with its lush gardens is home today to the descendants of Hemingway’s almost 50 cats which are known for having six-toed paws.

With the abundant and diverse plant and animal life, it is no wonder that John James Audubon spent time on the island in 1832 while compiling his paintings and discovering new species. Although built 12 years later, Audubon House rests on ground where he did some of these studies. The house contains several of his engravings. Audubon House’s surrounding tropical garden is also home to many unusual and exotic plants.

Across the street from Audubon House is the Mel Fisher Heritage Society Museum which houses many items from the Spanish treasure ships *Nuestra Senora de Atocha* and *Santa Margurita*, discovered and salvaged by Mel Fisher in 1985. The intricately designed gold and silver jewelry, often set with glowing gems, as well as the passengers’ personal items, religious artifacts, plus recovered items from the daily life of the ship, give a fascinating look at the early trading ventures between Spain and the New World.

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history of the island.

As an island, Key West offers all those water activities associated with a tropical climate. For those who enjoy scuba diving and snorkeling, the only living coral reef in the continental United States is located just off the shore. Charter boats depart each day, carrying groups of those more interested in exploring on their own. If the briny deeps don’t excite you, you can still experience its beauty by snorkeling, often in only waist deep water, near

of the area, the Key West Aquarium houses creatures ranging from sharks to sea urchins. The touch pool is inhabited with hermit and horseshoe crabs, starfish, and conchs, all of which can be handled for closer inspection.

Some of the more famous people who have answered the siren call of Key West have left residences that are open to the public.

Perhaps the most famous is the Little White House at the Truman Annex. What started life as the

• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

The Kirkin' O' the Tartans



This Fourth of July, Highlands' Scottish heritage is celebrated at the First Presbyterian Church with a Scottish Parade of sorts – A Kirkin' O' the Tartans.

The Kirkin' O' the Tartans brings together a number of Scottish terms.

Kirk is the word for church and Tartan is the name for the distinctive wool plaids representative of Scottish clans or families.

The Kirkin' O' the Tartans is a service – a “churching” or blessing of the church family and individual families or clans in the church.

There was a time when the wearing of tartans was illegal when the English government was trying to break up the strong ties within the clan.

During those times, the Scots would bring a swatch of tartan cloth with them into worship and at a special secret time during the worship the minister would offer the blessing while the Scots held their cloth between their finger and thumb hidden in their pockets.

Mention the word clan and many immediately think of Scotland. The original word in Gaelic means offspring or descendants, family or tribe.

The clan or tribe as a basic unit of government was present in all the early civilizations of humankind. Throughout most of the world, as society grew and became more complex, such family-based government was replaced by other forms.

One of the last bastions of clan government in Europe was in Scotland, where it took root and flourished in the stark, isolated beauty of the Highlands.

Today, even though Scotland has been incorporated into Great Britain, her clans still survive and flourish. The reason for this vitality comes from the form of clan system that developed there.

The clans of the Scots were kin groups who took a common name and banded together under the leadership of a Chieftain for military

•See SPIRITUALLY page 22

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– 7:15

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p.m.; Prayer – 6:15 p.m., Choir – 7:30 p.m.

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Wednesdays: Children's Devotions – 9:30 a.m.;

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– RELAY FOR LIFE –

Highlands-Cashiers Relay For Life setting records

The Mountain Top Relay for Life, recognized nationally for its successful campaigns, has another award to add to its trophy case.

Public Relations and Marketing Chair Ken Boswell has been given a Bronze Anvil Award by the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) for a series of articles he wrote for the 2003 campaign.

The Bronze Anvil is the highest individual award given by the 20,000-plus-member organization.

"The PRSA Bronze Anvil rewards great creativity and results in public relations tactics," said David H. Simon, APR, Fellow PRSA, chair of the Bronze Anvil Awards. "Only the best entries from across the country were selected to win this honor. We're proud to recognize the work that public relations practitioners do every day and as part of larger campaigns."

Boswell wrote about the fears and the triumphs of three local people who have survived cancer. Two of them, Paula Jones and June Hogue, are residents of Highlands. The third, Ellie Decker, lives in the Cashiers area. The stories emphasized the importance of early detection and faith in the fight against cancer.

The Relay for Life group is hoping to win a third award this year from its sponsoring organization, the American Cancer Society. In 2002 and 2003, the Highlands Cashiers Mountain Top Relay for Life was cited for raising more money per person than any other in the U.S. In the last three campaigns, Mountain Top has collected more than a half-million dollars for cancer research.

Boswell's award was announced at a banquet in New York City on June 3. There are a number of categories in which

awards can be given. There is only one winner in each category.

The stories emphasized the importance of early detection and faith in defeating cancer.

A graduate of the University of

Georgia, Boswell was a newspaper reporter for three Georgia newspapers — including five years at the Atlanta Journal — over a 12-year period. In 1975, he changed his career to government

public relations. He and his wife Celia live in Cashiers.

The Relay for Life is held alternately in the communities of Cashiers and Highlands. This year it will be on The Village Green in Cashiers, beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 27, and continuing through the night until 7 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 28.

More than 30 teams already have been set up to raise money for the campaign through cake walks, bake sales, car washes, dog washes, raffles, auctions, breakfasts, and other activities. "We'd certainly welcome any new teams," said Highlands Mayor Buck Trott, co-chair of the Relay. Anyone who wants to organize a team should contact Liz View (526-9743) in Highlands or Patty Hull (743-4318) in Cashiers.

The Highlands Cashiers fund-raising effort was a financial success from the very beginning. The first year, 2001, the goal was \$15,000. Collections were over \$100,000. In 2002, with a goal of \$110,000, Mountain Top brought in \$166,000. Last year's goal was \$170,000, and the campaign raised \$236,000.

The Relay for Life is the major fund-raising effort of the American Cancer Society. A quarter-mile track is set up. Participants at the Relay may walk the course, but no walking or running is required. The event itself is a celebration of life: honoring those who have defeated cancer, encouraging those who are still fighting, and remembering those who have lost their struggle against the terrible disease.

The Mountain Top Relay for Life is selling "luminarias" to those who wish to recognize someone who has cancer, who has defeated cancer, or has fought and lost. A luminaria is a white paper bag with sand in the bottom. A candle is placed in the sand and is lit on the night of the Relay.

Relay for Life Fundraisers



Photo by Kim Lewicki

Nancy Lowe and Sue Gorski part of the crew at RBC Centura is raising money for Relay for Life by selling \$1 emblems with all proceeds going toward the cause. Also, in mid-July they are having a "used" book sale at the bank on U.S. 64 west.

Cancer FACTS

- The "absolute" survival rate for children with cancers has increased by 20 percent among boys and 13 percent among girls, according to the American Cancer Society. The current five-year survival rate of more than 75 percent confirms substantial progress made since the early 1960s, when childhood cancers were nearly always fatal.
- Large gains have been reported for cancer survival rates among women with colon, kidney and breast cancer, according to the American Cancer Society. Modest gains have been found in bladder, oral cavity, stomach, brain, esophageal, and ovarian cancers and melanoma and leukemia.
- In 2004, about 563,000 Americans are expected to die of cancer. That's more than 1,500 per day.

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power and economic safety. The clan name was usually formed by combining the name of the Chief's ancestor with Mac, meaning son.

For example, in the MacDonalds, all members of the clan were considered "sons of Donald." Each clan had its own tartan, which was worn in a kilt or scarf. Clan members were fiercely loyal to the family group, quick to avenge any wrongs done to their fellows or to defend the area they considered home territory.

The tartan describes the distinctive checkered pattern generally worked out in a woven material such as woolen cloth. Each particular pattern is known as a sett. Such tartan material is a characteristically Scottish product.

Historically, in each district the local weavers produced a distinctive tartan pattern or sett. Thus, members of the same clan probably wore the particular tartan woven and dyed in their neighborhood. The distinct sett adopted by the chief and his relatives traditionally became the Clan Tartan.

After the Battle of Culloden in 1746, the British put a chain of forts down The Great Glen. The British then passed the Proscription Act, which banned the tartan, the great kilt, tartan sashes, brogues, bonnets, sporrans, dirks, bagpipes, shoulder belts, claymores, and other items of highland dress.

For centuries, the Highlanders had worn such dress because it was uniquely adapted to the climate of the highlands of Scotland, and banning it added to the hardship of the people. Many were forced to leave for economic reasons; many also left when they saw their freedoms being taken from them.

In 1762 the Proscription Act was lifted and once again highland dress was allowed. By that time most of the tartan weavers had died and almost all of the tartan material had been destroyed.

Few samples remained and the families had to recreate patterns from memory. Some were copied from varnished painting, having colors that were darker or at least different from their original state.



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If Old Town is the heart of Key West, then Duval Street is its major artery. It is here that many of its most imaginative shops, art galleries, and most famous bars are located. Most of the bars are open-air affairs from which music wafts to beckon passersby to Sloppy Joe's or Margaritaville Café, and also adding to the atmosphere of perpetual vacation.

The compactness of Old Town lends itself easily to walking or biking everywhere. Several hotels are located within walking distance of Old Town and its entertainments. Biking also has its devotees, as can be imagined on an island barely above sea level. There are several bicycle rental facilities located throughout the island and at some hotels.

When it comes to nightlife, no trip to Key West would be complete without experiencing at least one sunset at Mallory Square. Sunset watching here has been elevated to another plane. Nightly, spectators wend their way to Mallory Dock for the combination country fair, natural wonder, and pagan rite. The dock teems with visitors, craftsmen selling their wares, performers, and food sellers while the sky becomes orange, red, violet.

Cookie Lady pedals her bicycle through the crowds ringing her bell and dispensing "sweets, treats, and eats." The tightrope walker prances across his wire, the bagpiper pipes all Scots to arms, the mime in his white toga feigns a Greek statue, children and dogs run squealing and barking through the crowd, as the sun dips toward the darkening sea. Then the sun slips beneath the horizon, the claps and whistles of the on-lookers signal the end of another sunset happening.

As a town that depends almost entirely on tourist dollars, Key West still has a small town feeling about it. It is glitzy, but maintains its funkiness. There is much for the traveler to enjoy with its natural beauty, relaxed atmosphere, and contagious charm. But then what's not to like about a town that's never had a frost?

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• POLICE & FIRE REPORT •

The following are the Highlands Police Department log entries for the week of June 22-30. The only names are of public officials and/or people who were arrested.

June 22

- At 1:50 p.m., officers responded to an accident involving three vehicles and a store front on Main Street at Lindy's.

- At 2:50 p.m., officers responded to an accident between two motorists at Oak and Fifth streets. There were no injuries.

June 23

- At 6:25 a.m., a motorist at U.S. 64 west and Webbmont was cited for speeding 50 mph in 35 zone.

June 24

- At 12:30 p.m. officers responded to an accident between two vehicles at Highlands Plaza. There were no injuries.

- At 12:45 p.m., officers responded to an accident between two vehicles at Foreman Road and U.S. 64 east. There were no injuries.

June 25

- At 1 p.m., officers responded to an accident between two vehicles at Main and Fourth streets. One driver was cited for failing to decrease speed to avoid an accident..

- At 6:30 p.m., officers responded to an accident between two vehicles on Main and S. Fourth streets. There were no injuries.

June 26

- 7:50 a.m., officers responded to an alarm activation at the First Presbyterian Church. All was secure.

- At 5:30 p.m., a motorist at Main and Third streets was cited for driving without a license..

June 27

- At 5 p.m., a store owner reported \$850 missing from a bank bag which was in her home. The case is under investigation.

- At 11:35 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at Highland Hiker. All was secure.

June 28

- At 8:10 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at Twigs on U.S. 64 west. All was secure..

- At 11:20 a.m., a larceny was reported at a Cimarron Home being built. The case is under investigation.

- At 1 p.m., officers responded to a call of a fight between two women at D&J Express Mart. Officers arrived after it was over and suggested they visit the magistrate if they wished to take it further.

June 29

- A little after midnight, officers responded to an alarm at First Presbyterian Church. All was secure.

- At 7:20 a.m., a motorist at N.C. 106 and Hummingbird Lane was cited for speeding 51 mph in a 35 zone.

- At 5:18 p.m., officers responded to a barking dog at a residence on Mirror Lake Road.

June 30

- At 6:45 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 52 mph in a 35 sone at U.S. 64 west and Webbmont..

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue log entries for the week of June 23-30

June 23

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Lucerne Circle. The vic-

See POLICE & FIRE page 28

• SHOPS AT VILLAGE SQUARE •

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• UPCOMING EVENTS •

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- Round Robin Tennis with the Nantahala Tennis Association at the Rec Park every day at 9 a.m. and Mondays at 6 p.m. Meet at the Memorial Bench and allow 15 minutes for other players to arrive. Sometimes we're slow at the beginning of the season.
- At ...on the Verandah - Happy Hour every Thursday at 4:30 p.m. \$20 per person.
- Workshops at the Bascom-Louise Gallery for young artists in grades K - 5 and beginning and intermediate level adult/teen art classes are being offered now. Call for further information!
- The Mountain View group of Alcoholics Anonymous now meets in the remodeled basement meeting room of the Presbyterian Church sanctuary, in Highlands. Meeting times are Mondays at 8 p.m.; Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. (women only); Wednesdays and Fridays at noon. For more info, call 524-7395.
- Parents or coaches interested in starting a Soccer Challenge Team, call Charissa Robinson at 526-9915.

July 1-4

- Thursday through Sunday at 4 p.m. get uncorked at Wolfgang's on Main. Wine & appetizer pairings. Wine by the glass or bottle.
- Thursday through Sunday, "Great American Bargains" wine flights at Highlands Wine & Cheese at Falls on Main from 4:30-6:30 p.m. with Chris Draves of the Henry Wine Group. Complimentary samples 2-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Paintings by artist Helena Meek and author Mary Kay Moore will feature their work at shop.

July 2

- Thea & The GreenMan performing acoustic folk/pop music at Buck's Coffee Cafe at 8 p.m.
- The Instant Theater Summer Acting Elementary Class Showcase at 2:30 p.m. It's free.
- Grass Roots Revue - A blue grass band will play at the Gazebo on Pine Street from 7:30-9 p.m.

July 3

- Arthur & Katie will be playing and singing at Buck's Coffee Cafe at 8 p.m.
- The Nantahala Club will hike up Satulah Mountain for views south, east, and west and a side trip to "Eagle Rock." This is a 4.5 mile moderate hike with a 500-foot elevation gain. Meet at the Highlands Bank of America at 10 a.m. Drive one mile to base of

mountain; return about 2 p.m. Bring a drink, lunch, clothing appropriate to the weather, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20 people; reservations are required. Call leader Bill Crosby, 526-3849, for a reservation, more information, or in case weather looks doubtful. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

July 2-3

- ZORKI playing live at Skyline Lodge on Flat Mountain Road from

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July 4

- Kirkin' O' the Tartans at First Presbyterian Church at 11 a.m.
- Dinner & Jazz at Wolfgang's on Main from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Paul Scott on the piano and Kyle Wiggins-Rowan singing. Call for reservations. 526-3807.
- Highlands Rotary annual Fourth of July barbeque at the Highlands Conference Center and ball field 11-3. Barbeque and hot dog plates \$7-9. In-

'Cowboy Envy' here for July 2 & 3



The spirit of the old west comes to Highlands this weekend with *Cowboy Envy*, an exciting evening of old-time cowboy song and stories, presented by Highlands' Instant Theatre Company this Friday and Saturday, July 2 & 3 at 8 p.m. at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center in Highlands. To purchase tickets for this event call the ITC Box Office at (828) 342-9197 or visit their office at the Peggy Crosby Center suite 218 on Fifth Street in Highlands. Tickets are \$5 for children and \$20 for Adults in advance and \$25 for Adults at the door.

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- Cowboy Envy, an evening of old-time cowboy songs and stories from the 30s and 40s returns to Highlands on at 8 p.m. at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center. This lively quartet played two packed shows in Highlands last January. Don't miss their return! Tickets are \$5 for Children, \$20 for Adults in advance and \$25 for Adults at the door. For reservations call The Instant Theatre Company at (828) 342-9197.

July 3-4

- 11th Annual Mountain Makings Independence Weekend Art & Craft Show at Cashiers Community Center on the old ballfield across from Hardee's.

cludes cole slaw, baked beans, chips, and a drink. Fireworks at dark.

- Macon County Recycling centers will be closed for the holiday. They will re-open the next day.
- Family Fourth of July Celebration at Skyline Lodge, noon-6 p.m. Pool and hot tub party. Hamburger & Hot Dog cookout. \$10 per person.

July 5

- Fine Art, Fine Wine, Fine Dining at Wolfgang's on Main at 6 p.m. Art by Don McGowan, Wines by Freemark Abbey and music by Paul Scott and Kyle Wiggins-Rowan. Call 3807 for reservations.
- Highlands/Cashiers Hospital Auxiliary meets at 10 a.m. in the board

room of the hospital. New members welcome.

July 6

- "The Russians are Coming," a movie sponsored by Bascom-Louise Gallery at PAC at 7:30 p.m. It's free, but donations are appreciated.

July 8-18

- "The Odd Couple" at the Highlands Playhouse. Performances are Tuesday-Saturday at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Adult tickets, \$20; Children 12 and under, \$9. Call 526-2695 for tickets or visit the box office.

July 9

- Hurricane Creek will play a mix of classic and original "country-fried rock & blues" at Buck's Coffee Cafe from 8-11 p.m.

July 10 & July 11

- Art League of Highlands presents "Summer Colors" Art Show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Rec Park both days. There will be live music and children's activities. For more information, call 524-8585.

July 11

- The University of Florida annual Gator Gathering is from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Wildcat Cliffs Country Club. For more information and reservations call 352-392-5407.

July 13

- Audubon members will share slides, pictures and stories of their nature travels at the Highlands Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments at 7 p.m.

July 15

- Fly fishermen are always searching for the best fly patterns that imitate insects the fish are eating. Jason Robinson, zoologist, will speak to the Plateau Fly Fishing Club on at the Albert-Carlton-Cashiers Library. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. and includes a raffle for a Orvis Fly Rod combo. Call 743-2078 for information. Everyone is invited.

July 16

- Bascom-Louise Garden Tour. For tickets call 526-4949.

July 17

- Mountain Wildlife & Wilderness Day 9 a.m. -3:30 p.m. Wildlife & wilderness experts serving as clinicians. Held at the Sapphire Valley Community Center. It's free. Call 743-7663.

July 16, 17, 18

- Walk in the Park, sponsored by the Highlands Historical Society featuring personalities from the past. Tickets are \$15 for adults, available at Cyrano's, D&J Express Mart, and the Old Rangoon.

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He has been on the faculty of Western Carolina University since 1980. Dr. Spencer has written on the topics of banking, financial institutions and financial markets. He has published two widely used texts in commercial banking. His teaching responsibilities at WNC include courses in financial institutions and markets and corporate finance.

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Tom Goldacker

New face at Signature

Tom Goldacker has joined Signature Properties and will be working out of their Main Office on Hwy. 64 East and also at the Village Walk development on Chestnut Street.

Tom moved to the Highlands-Cashiers area from Debary, Fla., after being employed for 16 years as a private investigator with American Investigations Management. Tom is also a licensed Real Estate Associate in Florida.



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June 24

- The dept. responded to a motorcycle accident on U.S. 64 west and Bridal Veil Falls. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. responded to a motorcycle accident on N.C. 28 south. There were no injuries.

June 26

- The dept. responded to a fire alarm at the First Presbyterian Church. It was false..
- The dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Upper Lake Road. It was set off by cooking smoke.
- The dept. helped with the SOAR race.

June 27

- The dept. responded to a fire alarm at The Mountain Retreat Center where a couch caught on fire. It was out when the dept. arrived.

June 28

- The dept. responded to an alarm at First Presbyterian Church. It was false.

June 29

- The dept. responded to a call of a possible structure fire at a residence on Mountain Ash Lane, but it was just smoke from fireplace ashes which had been discarded.

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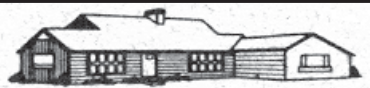
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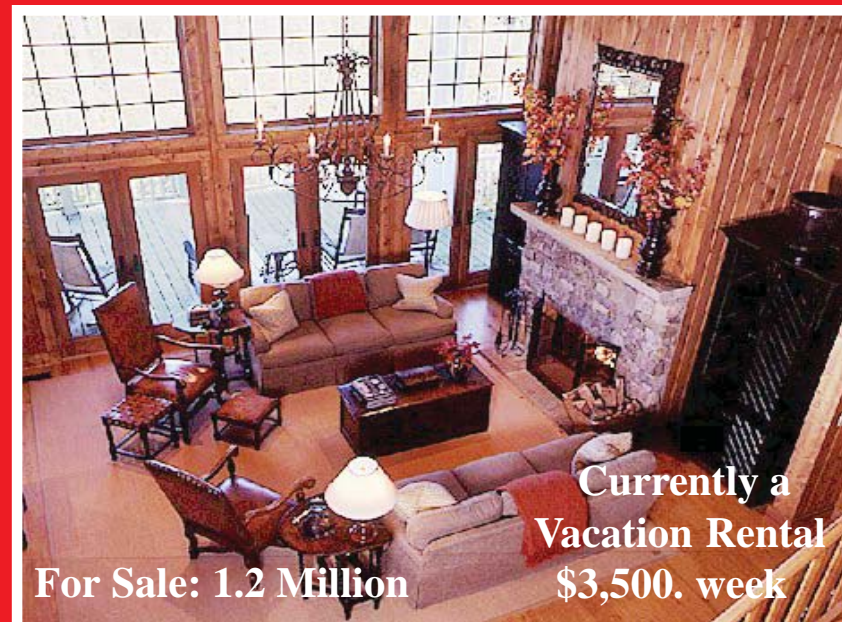
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