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FROM THE EDITOR

Blurring the line between fact and fiction

CARL HIAASEN writes novels about crime in South Florida. His crooks are laughable parodies who commit their crimes in the most arcane, bone-headed of ways and are pursued by an equally bizarre cadre of "good guys," including an ex-governor of Florida known as Skink who lives in the swamps and feeds on fresh road kills.

Where does he get his inspiration? From the daily newspaper of course. In addition to being a novelist he is a long time reporter and columnist for the Miami Herald and has seen enough of the sordid side of Florida to inspire a hundred books.

It's hard to read Hiaasen without laughing aloud at the haplessness of his characters as they blunder their way through ill-conceived crimes of greed, stupidity, and incompetence. It's a little more difficult to laugh as we read in the newspaper some of the stories that might inspire him these days. Our hapless criminals are just a little too real.

Recall former New York Governor Elliot Spitzer's fall from political grace a few years ago as reports of his liaisons with high priced call girls unfolded in the press. With his wife standing stoically by his side he resigned with a speech lamenting the remorse that would always be with him.

He vowed to heal the wounds to his family and then, outside of politics, to once again try to serve the common good.

Oops, forget that last sentence. He recently announced his candidacy for Comptroller of New York City, and, if that's not enough, he's the frontrunner in the race. So much for a life of quiet remorse.

And then there's Anthony Wiener. He's the congressman from New York who resigned in the midst of a scandal over obscene photos of himself that he sent over the internet to women he had never met.

He's culpable on a couple of counts. First of all he's guilty of being criminally stupid for thinking he could conduct that kind of correspondence over the internet and no one would find out.

Second, he's guilty of felony arrogance. Recently he announced his candidacy for Mayor of New York. And - you guessed it - he's the frontrunner.

Well, maybe not for long, since more lewd correspondence has emerged that was sent after his disgrace and emotional resignation speech from congress. But, as H.L. Mencken said, "No one ever went broke underestimating the intelligence of the American public."

The academy award for the political comeback has to go to Washington's former Mayor, Marion Barry. The end of his third term as mayor culminated in his arrest for crack cocaine possession and use following a sting operation that was videotaped and played on national television.

Not one to resign, he continued to serve as Mayor until the end of his term as he awaited his trial. He decided not to run for a fourth term.

At least not until after he served a six month sentence in federal prison following his conviction on the drug charges. But first he ran for city council in Ward 8 and won using the campaign slogan, "He may not be perfect, but he's perfect for DC." (Probably perfect for New York, too.) And, two years later he began his fourth term as Mayor.

Today he's back in city council despite brushes with the law over contract irregularities, unpaid taxes, and traffic violations.

Thankfully, it doesn't always end this way. John Profumo, who rocked British politics after his affair with Christine Keeler left public life in disgrace as well. But he spent the rest of his life rehabilitating his reputation through charity work.

How we long for that kind of contrition these days!

None of this is really new, in fact it goes all the way back to that wily serpent in the Garden of Eden.

Calendar of Events

Weekly Activities at St Stephens

Tuesdays, 7.00 AM: Bible Study at the Nautilus Diner

Thursdays, 10.00 AM: Knitting Circle meets in Quimby Hall

Thursdays, 6.30 PM: Superior Summer Supper, Quimby Hall

Thursdays, 7.00 PM: Bridge Group meets in Quimby Hall

Fridays, 10.30 AM: Bible Study in the Cadwalader Room

Special Events

Wednesday, August 14th: Ladies Who Lunch, Ginza Japanese Restaurant, 12.00 Noon.

Wednesday, August 21st: Vestry Meets in the Cadwalader Room, 7.00 PM

Sunday, September 8th: Parish Picnic at the home of Ellen Reather

In Psalm 73 the psalmist laments the prosperity of the wicked. "Their eyes swell with fatness, and they do even what they lust."

He continues: "When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me; until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I the end of these men.... For, lo, they that forsake thee shall perish; thou hast destroyed all them that are unfaithful unto thee."

Hiaasen's crooks invariably get their comeuppance too. **DPR**

FROM THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

Chefs needed

WE STILL have several openings on our Superior Summer Supper calendar for chefs to prepare all or part of a meal for these enjoyable Thursday repasts.

Please consider signing up to make an entree, salad and bread, or dessert, or any combination of the above.

And, on another note, Cindie Baker has begun her annual batch of delicious jams and jellies for the Cookie Walk. She is in need of 8 oz. canning jars, sugar, and pectin. All donations are appreciated.

Healthy Body, Healthy Soul Cookbook

Our 2013 St Stephen's Cookbook, scheduled to premier at this year's Cookie Walk, will be a compilation of the parish's favorite healthy recipes.

After all, we have to do something to counteract all those wonderful high calorie, high fat treats that tempt us off our diets during the holidays.

There are lots of categories of healthy recipes to choose from: fat free, low sugar, low sodium, reduced cholesterol, high fibre, gluten free -- the list goes on. And just because they're low on some of the bad things, these recipes are high in the most important quality - flavor.

Please scour your recipe box for your favorites and send them via email to Petrus@ststeve.com, or drop them off in the Parish Office. There are copies of an informative brochure in the Cadwalader Room or on our website.

Deadline for submissions is September 29th. Bon appetit!

FROM THE LADIES WHO LUNCH

Join us on August 14th

THIS month the Ladies Who Lunch will be meeting at 12.00 Noon at Ginza Japanese Restaurant, Yorktowne Plaza Shopping Center, 56 Cranbrook Road, on Wednesday, August 14th. Why not join us

NEW TIME!! Superior Summer Suppers - Thursdays at 6.30 PM. Join Us!

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

August 11th, 2013

8.00 AM & 9.15 AM AM HOLY COMMUNION

The Epistle: I Corinthians 15:1-11

The Gospel: St. Luke 18:9-14

11.15 AM SUNG MATTINS

The Psalter: Psalm 101

The First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

The Second Lesson: St. Luke 18:9-14

for a convivial get-together over a delicious meal? Good food and good fellowship -- what more could you want? To reserve your place call Joyce Perlberg at 410-252-2680

✠ PARISH PRAYER LIST ✠

OUR Prayer Chain offers prayer daily for people on the Prayer List as well as the guests of the Joseph Richey Hospice & Dr. Bob's Place. To add a name to the prayer list, or to the visiting list, or to join the Prayer Chain, call the parish office at 410 560 6776.

RECOVERY: Fr. Guy✠, Charlotte, Susan, Brice, Reta, Kathleen, David, Evelyn, Ellen, Mimi, Val, Stacy, Dino, Michael, Finton, Morris, Charles, Dawn, Betty Jean, Elliot, Sharon, Paul, Andy, Michael, Rosina Donna, Diane, John, David, Richard, Bill, Charlotte, Leo, Riley, Mary-Ann, Linda Lou, Cynthia, Nancy, Judith, Deborah, Dorothy, Thelma, Mary, Linda, Jan, Liz, Bob, Wyatt, Jim, Sara, Tammy Sophie, Paula, Blair, Heather, Laurie, Lynn, Katherine, Hindra, Ravi, Elizabeth, Brian, Tracey, Edithann, Jay, Perry, Amelia, Shirley, Adrian, Kimberly, Barb, Tanya, Jane, Brook, Joseph, Joshua, Rachel, Carl, Cal, Catherine, Sam, Ruth,

Kristi, Paul, Sue, Patty, Antonio, Lauren-Michelle, McKayla, Randy, Jack, Grace, Fran, Carolyn, Ken, Serena, Wyatt, Bobby, Alexander, Erlene, Kathleen, Earle, Judy, William, Betty, Trisha, Peggy, Linda, Millie, Walt, Bruce, Cienna, Tom, Lelilah, Jennifer, Miriam, Karen, George, Eliza, Ray, Mel, John, Randy, James, Sarah, Linda, Suzanne, Steven, Tammy, Ellen, Patricia, Bonnie, Mary Ann, Christine, Dee, Brian, Barbara, Gillian, Eileen, Matthew, Bryan, Jason, Joan, Frances, Pat, Michael, Brandon, May, Scott, Stephen, Danny, Billy, Betty-Ann, Mildred, D'Metrius, Laura, Stacey, Frank, Christine, John, Henry, Naomi, Pam, Ben, Kevin, Gwen, Gloria, Lee, Emily, Bruce, Regina, Lewis, Madolin, Carol, Bernie, Charlene, Josephine, Margaret, Jody, Sheila, JoAnne, John, Thomas, Jeanne, Maxine, Ann, Sharon, Dennis, Mae, Anita, Marilyn, Lawrence, Joanne, Martha, Jackie, Charles, Tony, Edward, Kim, Vivian, Doris, Fran, Carol, Jimmy, Felicia, Susan, Christina, Dawn, Shirley, Daniel and Suzie.

LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE: JoAnn, Larry, Aaron, Hope, Bob, Paige, Tom, Rosa, June, Anna, Jean, Garrett, Dean, Ned, Stephen, Rachel, Lydia; Richard, Melba, Debbie, Phyllis, Carolyn, Suzanne, Tony, Erik, Bobby, Kay & Emma, Gillian, Beverley, Adrienn, Jhana, Marla, Matthew, Joan, Laurie, Ellen, Lynn, Mildred, Sarah Lee, Susan, Kathy, Owen, Douglas, Amy, Mary, Gregory, Isabel, Bobby, Dorothy, Darren, Scott, Rebecca, William, Charles, Joyce, Asfa, Eleanor, Kathy, Linda, James, Barry, Ann, Evelyn, Jeanette, Elizabeth, Virginia, Mildred, Chris, Carol, Sandra, John, Mary, Michael, Drake, Emily, Daniel, and David

ON ACTIVE SERVICE: PFC Charles E. Heintz, IV, USA; Lt. Benjamin Schramm, USMC; Lt. Alex Bursi, Capt. Charles Bursi, Lt Nicholas Clouse, USN. Lt. Col. Harry Hughes, Ian Cadwalader serving in Afghanistan.

REPOSE OF THE SOUL: Susan, Grace, Boyan

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: The Harris Family, The Lancelotta Family

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00 am: Said Eucharist

9.15 am: Sung Eucharist (with Nursery & Church School)

11.15 am: Choral Mattins (1st Sunday: Choral Eucharist)

6.00 pm: Choral Evensong (1st Sunday only)

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, 6.00 pm: Evening Prayer

Friday Noon: Healing Eucharist

Saturday, 5.00 pm: Family Eucharist.

**COLLECTS FOR THE Tenth Sunday after
Trinity and The Transfiguration of our
Lord Jesus Christ**

LET THY merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and, that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

O GOD, who on the mount didst reveal to chosen witnesses thine only-begotten Son wonderfully transfigured, in raiment of white and glistening; Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may be permitted to behold the King in his beauty, who with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end.

AMEN

Book of Common Prayer, Pages 203 and 247

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