

Two guys and a girl

JVM - Go On - This locally-produced CD ranges from funky, head-bobbing tunes like the title track, *Go On*, to the subdued, and story of Emmano, and all the way to a more traditional country sounding to *JC & the Boys*.

While John Modaff did nearly all the vocal and instrumental work on the album, John's brother Dan Modaff comes along for the ride for a few of the songs.

In the song *Good Time*, Modaff asks, "Did you have a good time?"

Yes John, I did.

Willie Nelson - The Great Divide - Everybody's favorite pot-smoking, tax-evading country legend is back on the scene and he's brought a few friends along for the ride.

Rob Thomas works his melodic magic on *Nirvana* (*Shut and Kiss Me*) and also penned two other songs for the album: *Bernie Taupin*, *Elton John's* writing partner also provides a few good tracks for the "road warrior" as well.

Sheryl Crow, Kid Rock, Brian McKnight and Lee Ann Womack also make appearances on this slickly-produced album.

It's good to see that Willie is still kicking, but the songs kind of run together in style and tempo.

Sheila Nicholls - Wake

From the first song on the *English* album, singer/songwriter's debut disc to the last, you know you're hearing something special.

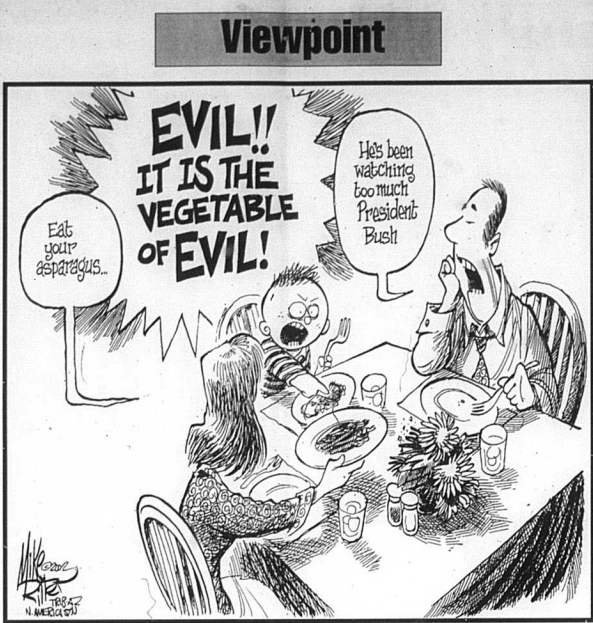
One other thing is clear, Nicholls has been through some pretty rough times in her life, but it hasn't affected her music.

It has a hypnotic quality that you get lost in, so I wouldn't recommend listening to this while you drive, or you're likely to miss a curve, like I almost did.

Her voice is solid and is backed by any number of instruments, ranging from acoustic guitars, orchestral strings, piano and an electronic drumbeat, sometimes all at once.

It all clicks, and if you have a special order for this one, it would be well worth it. She is one to watch.

Grade: A-



Commentary

'Tribute to a barn' revisited

The traditional tiered tobacco barn is fast going the way of the flatbed farm truck with cattle racks.

The trucks have been replaced by the goose-neck trailers, rolling tobacco racks and hay forks, and now the old wooden multipurpose barns are giving way to modern drying racks.

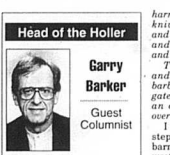
I've watched about a half dozen old barns get dismantled recently, and there are equally as many that have been abandoned to fall down on their own.

I'll miss all of them.

Here's what I wrote, about 20 years ago, in a tribute to the barn:

It's a curing shed for tobacco, a dusty and sweet-smelling hayloft, sturdy tall stalls for the mules and milk cows, worn pegs for the harness and saddles, a workbench with a foot-powered grindstone and a cobbler's last, and a rooftop corncrib.

Easy blackboards, hidden nests full of warm, speckled eggs, meowing kittens and



Head of the Holler

Barry Barker

Guest Columnist

placid mules, birds' nests and mud daubers, a strutting rooster and a gentle-eyed cow, popular beams pegged together without nails, weathered siding and thick iron door hinges... sunlight filtering down through cobwebs and wisps of straw, gurgling pigeons, the crunch of mules gnawing tubers, soft murmurs from huddled cattle.

Tools sharp, and clean and greased, the hillside plow and mowing scythe, pitchforks and grubbing hoe, a double-shovel plow and a rusted disc

harrow, cornshellers and corn knives, sloped rain barrels and a forge and bellows, axes and saws, a free and mallet, and a worn drawshorn.

Tangled morning glories and tall horseweeds, twisted barbed wire and a sagging gate, a wooden water trough, an old horseshoe nailed up over the door.

I was describing my step-grandfather Sam Lee's barn in Elliott County when I wrote that, remembering from the 1950s, and during recent years I've been afraid to drive back down the ridge and see if the old barn is still standing.

Sam's self-sustaining mountain farm was my introduction to working, from milking cows to splitting down firewood, days that began at 3 am and ended when it got dark. Sam's team was an old mule and a young horse; his constant shadow was me.

Every step, every day, all day.

We worked the crosscut saw, built fence, pruned fruit trees, struck tobacco leaves, barbed potatoes, ricked hay, sloped hays, shucked corn, gathered hickory nuts and walnuts, mowed steep hillsides, gathered eggs and sharpened tools, and did the never-ending chores that are part of farming.

Like everything else, farming has changed to reduce the amount of labor required. Giant harvesters drive fence posts into the ground; round hay balers turn forks, and lots of tobacco never sees the inside of a barn.

Bushings and bulldozers have altered the landscape, and now the old barns are finally beginning to go. The salvaged timbers are wonders, mostly hand-hewn and pegged together. They've earned their place in our history and in our lives.

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Nicholas

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Estate of Maurice Feaback, probate hearing, will admitted to probate as self-proved, order entered.

Estate of Frank Terrell, review, review continued by agreement to March 27.

Jamie Barlow, other hearing, defendant's motion hearing with counsel, work release privilege hereby revoked due to failed drug test upon return to jail.

Angela Lane vs. Walter Lane, other hearing, order entered.

Erica Renee Busell, pretrial conference, speeding, merged with charge 3; fail to notify DOT/AD, merged with charge 2; operating vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, guilty plea, \$200 cost, \$250 service fee, ADE, drivers license suspended for 90 days, driving license surrendered, show cause order April 24.

Jeremy P. Day, pretrial conference, careless driving, fail to wear seatbelt, operating vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, possession of marijuana, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, show cause order March 27.

Larry L. Joseph, pretrial conference, reckless driving, no operators license, operating vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, bench trial April 24.

Timothy H. McDaniel, pretrial conference, improper equipment, suppression hearing, April 24; operating vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, defendant counsel to file written suppression motion April 19.

William M. McFarland IV, pretrial conference, careless driving, merged with charge 2; operating vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, guilty plea, \$200 cost, \$50 service fee, ADE, drivers license suspended for 90 days, drivers license surrendered.

David A. Moss, pretrial conference, pretrial conference March 27.

Kyle Gabriel Curtisinger, pretrial conference, careless driving, pretrial conference April 24.

Kyle Gabriel Curtisinger, pretrial conference, operating vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, possession open alcohol beverage container in vehicle, pretrial conference April 24.

Kyle Gabriel Curtisinger, pretrial conference, operating vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, refusal to breathe/submit to urine test, pretrial conference April 24.

Walter M. Gandy, pretrial conference, operating vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, speeding, pretrial conference April 10.

Kevin Wilson Hughes, sentencing, sentencing March 27.

Bryan Chris Hurst, pretrial conference, operating vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, amended to DUI without aggravation, guilty plea, \$200 cost, \$250 service fee, ADE,

drivers license suspended for 120 days, driving license surrendered.

Don Leslie Padgett, preliminary hearing, possession of marijuana, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, possession controlled substance, resisting arrest, tampering with physical evidence, assault, preliminary hearing continued to March 27.

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Johnathan A. Tapp, suppression hearing, reckless driving, operating vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, possession of marijuana, possession open alcohol beverage container, suppression hearing March 27.

Sherry Lynn Perry, other hearing, theft by deception, bonded out review March 18.

Sen. D. Carson, other hearing, show cause order March 18.

Jill Evans, arraignment, assault, not guilty plea, pretrial conference April 10.

Shannon W. Flannery, show cause hearing, not in full.

Richard E. George, arraignment, assault, not guilty plea, pretrial conference April 18.

Jeffrey T. Glass, pretrial conference, improper equipment, no operators license, not guilty plea, pretrial conference April 11.

Brian T. Hughes, arraignment, fail to produce insurance card, proof, dismissed.

Rachel Walters Kably, arraignment, no insurance, show cause order March 25.

Victor Lee Kopper, show cause hearing, pad.

David Michael Kessler, arraignment, operating vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, not guilty plea, pretrial conference April 8.

Robin Lynn Quiroz, pretrial conference, no insurance, vehicle dealer to notify county

full.

Christopher B. Aycock, pretrial conference, speeding, dismissed, no insurance, proof, dismissed.

Darin Baber, arraignment, speeding, guilty plea, \$34 and costs, license to be in possession, proof, dismissed, show cause order April 15.

Jeffery L. Burns, arraignment, fail to produce insurance card, proof, dismissed.

Michael J. Campbell, other hearing, show cause order April 18.

Jeffery Wayne Capps, arraignment, reckless driving, guilty plea, \$25 and costs, fail to wear seatbelt, guilty plea, \$25, show cause order April 22; no required registration receipt, proof, dismissed, no insurance, proof, dismissed.

Edgar Carson, arraignment, theft by deception, show cause order March 18.

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Jill Evans, arraignment, assault, not guilty plea, pretrial conference April 10.

Shannon W. Flannery, show cause hearing, not in full.

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Brian T. Hughes, arraignment, fail to produce insurance card, proof, dismissed.

Rachel Walters Kably, arraignment, no insurance, show cause order March 25.

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David Michael Kessler, arraignment, operating vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, not guilty plea, pretrial conference April 8.

Robin Lynn Quiroz, pretrial conference, no insurance, vehicle dealer to notify county

clerk, show cause order March 25.

James D. Ritchie, arraignment, failure to or improper signal, one headlight, arraignment April 15.

Ruth L. Rogers, arraignment, fail to notify DOT/AD, proof, dismissed.

Bobby Lee Smith, arraignment, speeding, guilty plea, \$10 and costs, show cause order April 15; no insurance guilty plea, \$10 and costs, fail to notify DOT/AD, proof, dismissed.

Scott Alan Terrell, arraignment, operating vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, not guilty plea, pretrial conference April 10.

Tommy Trussell, pretrial conference, theft by deception, restitution paid, guilty plea, \$10 and costs.

Bradley William Tumeq, pretrial conference, theft by deception, show cause order, pretrial conference April 8.

Lizabeth G. Tumeq,

arraignment, theft by deception, restitution paid, pretrial conference March 25.

Alisa Billie Tyree, pretrial conference, theft by deception, pretrial conference April 8.

Becky Lynn Van Winkle, arraignment, 2 counts of criminal possession forged instrument, warrant is holder.

Kyle B. Vee, other hearing, show cause order April 8.

Kyle B. Vee, other hearing, show cause order March 25.

Elgin R. Hollar, court review, review March 25.

Jackie A. Caywood, preliminary hearing, warrant engagement, guilty plea, \$250 fine, 90 days in jail, probation 2 years, show cause order May 13.

Chad W. Evans, review, review March 25.

Robert P. Treadway, other hearing, show cause order March 25.

Michael A. Bailey, pretrial conference, no operators license, pretrial conference April 1.

Robert P. Treadway, pretrial conference, speeding, fail to wear seatbelt, possession open alcohol beverage container, operating vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, unlawful transaction with minor, bench trial March 25.

Jackie A. Caywood, preliminary hearing, warrant engagement, guilty plea, \$250 fine, 90 days in jail, probation 2 years, show cause order May 13.

James Arthur Howard, pretrial conference, prescription in improper container, pretrial conference March 18.

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