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# A Tale of Two Health Care Giants

by John Tiley

If you haven't gone down 16 lately, you have a surprise in store.... Both of the hospitals projects are well under construction, in fact the first of two Presbyterian Buildings appears finished already with signs up "Office Space for Rent". Just at a glance, I would say that the three buildings in question contain more office space than all of the existing office space in Waxhaw put together! When you consider that healthcare, in one way or another, accounts for a vast majority of construction going on all over the country I guess they are anticipating us Boomers to keep them really busy in the near future. In the years I have been in Waxhaw I have watched the medical facilities grow at a respectable rate, at first there was one doctor in the Presbyterian Practice over by Food Lion followed shortly by a second doctor.

And now I understand they have another doctor there making three, just in that one practice. Of course CMC has their one doctor over by the old post office... that makes a total of four doctors for the area and a hospital not 15 minutes away in Monroe with plenty of doctors and specialists there not to mention what is available just a little further north towards Charlotte & Matthews... it makes one wonder how many more people they are anticipating moving into our fair town of Waxhaw that they would possibly need the facilities they are building? With current population at somewhere around 7500, what kind of growth would be needed to support all of that space? You know these people don't build like this if they don't think they can run them at a considerable profit!



Presbyterian, Building One on north end of property



Presbyterian, Building Two, on south end of property



CMC Property Signage



CMC Building under construction

## Even More Development News!

by John Tiley

As I cruised around the Town this week I was impressed with some of the other plans and progress taking place. Pictured at the right is the sign posted on the property already cleared at the corner of New Town Road and 16, just across from CVS Number Three.

Yes, you are seeing correctly, Lat Purser is planning 260,000 Sq. Ft. of office, medical and retail space for that corner... Lots of space to fill around town?

Particularly I was impressed at the progress Lowe's is making on their store. As big as it is they are really moving fast on getting it completed!



New Town Gardens

## News Around Town:

by John Tiley

Waxhaw – This must be the quietest week yet this year. Not only have I not heard anything, nobody I have talked to has either! In fact the most excitement I've seen was the local VFD driving up and down my street in one of the fire trucks earlier looking for something to do... and they were followed closely by a Sheriff's Deputy that I presume was trying to get ahead of the curve? At lunch I sat down with today's "Observer" and the "Union" section was six pages, total, and there was not an article anywhere, listings of upcoming events, but everything else was just ads!!

So, on a local front, there is the old adage, no news is good news and that makes this a good news week!

Sorry, but there is no new ScuttleButt this week either :-(



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## Drill Now & Drill Fast!!!

*Obama, McCain ... give us a little credit, we're not going to believe this hyperbole and if that is all you have in your energy strategy, then neither of you belong in the White House!*

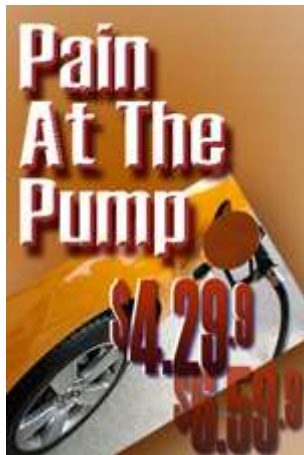


Offshore Drilling, as if that could possibly solve the problems we Americans find ourselves in. And that's the rhetoric we keep hearing....Too little and way too late. Not that more discovery isn't needed, it's do they really think we believe this one issue will fix all? Oh sure, it is wishful thinking that we could find a fast and easy way out of the oil problems we're in, but an intelligent person knows this has been way too long in the making, is too big a problem and it is NOT going to be easy to resolve. We had the chance in the 70's to do something meaningful, but big oil and automakers ...and our own foolishness blinding us, well down the path of the over-sized SUV we went! Smiling all the way, oh what fun it is to cruise down the highway in a SUVrolet....

Now, it's time to pay the piper. Meaningful solutions must be undertaken and we are going to have to bite the bullet! Perhaps a look at what the Netherlands went

through in the 70's, in particular the Danish will enlighten us. They are after all, self sufficient energy wise now, the way we too could have been. [This link will take you to a current article in the NY Times that might enlighten you to the Danes direction.](#) Just remember, it wasn't easy for them then... and NOW, well I have a feeling it'll a bit harder for us.

*"...it was smart taxes and incentives that spurred Danish energy companies to innovate, Ditlev Engel, the president of Vestas — Denmark's and the world's biggest wind turbine company — told me that he simply can't understand how the U.S. Congress could have just failed to extend the production tax credits for wind development in America. Why should you care? "We've had 35 new competitors coming out of China in the last 18 months," said Engel, "and not one out of the U.S."*



### Area prices for gas in the Waxhaw area as of 8/14/08

	3/20/08	8/14/08
Texaco:	\$3.19.9	\$3.84.9
Pure:	\$3.24.9	\$3.85.9
Little General:	\$3.24.9	\$3.85.9
Shell:	\$3.24.9	\$3.85.9
Wax. In n Out:	\$3.26.9	\$3.89.9
Mineral Springs:		
M. S. Grocery	\$3.20.9	\$3.85.9
Texaco:	\$3.21.9	\$3.84.9
BP on New Town	\$3.21.9	\$3.85.9

*Editors Note: Usually I personally check the prices posted for the above companies. However, occasionally when time is short as it is today, I will call the stations on the phone to check for current prices. If no pricing is offered the above reflects the last visually confirmed pricing.*

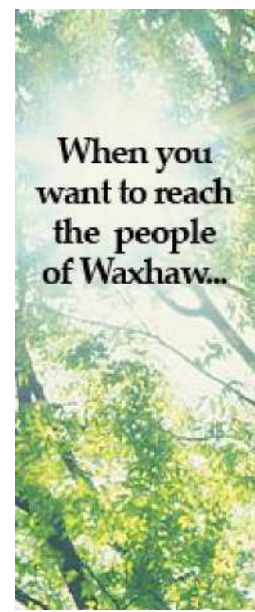
### From A Bankers Point of View

The R word versus opportunity. Generally, a recession is like that slow leak you get from time to time in one of the tires on your car. You don't know it is there until the tire is flat and typically during a monsoon, but that is another story. Now, though the R word has been generally accepted, a new word is starting to be mentioned, though no one is quite willing to declare said word, it starts with a B, has 6 letters and if you are on your computer, you are probably sitting on yours..

The point? Historically, at least looking back at the nine recessions in the US economy since the 1950's, S&P 500 performance tends to deteriorate in the 6 months prior to the onset of a recession, bottoming out on average at about the midway point, and improving in the second half.

This comes full circle to the discussions I have had with many of you on a one to one basis. Persistence. Persistence has shown time and again that it is rewarded. That said, Persistence is like the same tire with the slow leak, you don't know you have persisted until you are done.

Hope this finds you all well.





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And just in case you haven't heard, at long last the Target over in Wesley Chapel is now open. Hurrah!

*W*elcome to this weeks edition of *The Waxhaw Gazette!* If you own a business and have any news worthy happenings planned or know of someone new coming in, send me a press release and I will be happy to include it. Contact me directly with comments or suggestions at: [jiley@ thewaxhawgazette.com](mailto:jiley@thewaxhawgazette.com)

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## THE BEARS AND I



Black bears typically have two cubs, rarely one or three. In 2007, in northern New Hampshire, a black bear sow gave birth to five healthy young. There were two or three reports of sows with as many as four cubs but five was, and is, extraordinary. I learned of them shortly after they emerged from their den and set myself a goal of photographing all five cubs with their mom, no matter how much time and effort was involved. I knew the trail they followed on a fairly regular basis, usually shortly before dark. After spending nearly four hours a day, seven days a week, for six weeks

I had that once in a lifetime opportunity and photographed them in the shadows and dull lighting of the evening. Due to these conditions the photograph is a bit noisy as I had to use the equivalent of a very

fast film speed on my digital camera. The print is properly focused and well exposed with all six bears posing as if they were in a studio for a family portrait.



I stayed in touch with other people who saw the bears during the summer and into the fall hunting season. All six bears continued to thrive. As time for hibernation approached, I found still more folks who had seen them and everything remained OK. I stayed away from the bears as I was concerned that they might become habituated to me, or to people in general, as approachable friends.

This could be dangerous for both man and animal. After Halloween I received no further reports and could only hope the bears survived until they hibernated.

This spring, before the snow disappeared, all six bears came out of their den and wandered the same familiar territory they trekked in the spring of 2007. I saw them before mid April and dreamed nightly of taking another family portrait, an improbable second once in a lifetime photograph. On April 25, 2008 I achieved my dream.

When something as magical as this happens between man and animal Native Americans say, "We have walked together in the shadow of a rainbow."

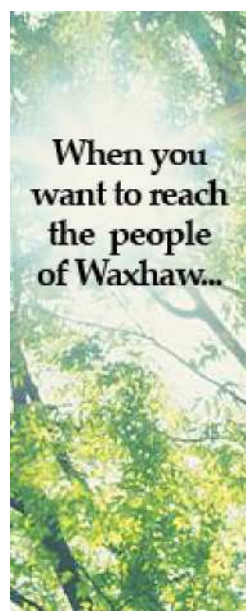
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## In Your Opinion

*Do you have something to say, we want to hear it.....*

# FLASH: Edwards cheats on Wife!



Will this never end? The major media continues to dredge this up over and over again... hey, the guy isn't running anymore, doesn't hold a government job, and it happened years ago!

Two things I have to say about John Edwards, besides that he ran a good campaign, maybe not good enough but pretty good non the less, is that; ONE: When he first decided to run for President, he gave up his position in the Senate... anybody else do that lately? Most that run keep their job and chase a campaign at the same time, isn't that right Hillary? TWO: in both of his attempts, he has run a very clean campaign. Mud was never part

of his strategy and when it came time to step aside, he did it graciously and with class!

OK, so the guy is a well to do hotshot lawyer who got pretty far chasing the Presidents job. Congratulations to him for all he did achieve. He wasn't even caught "cheating", but finally admitted to it after being badgered for ages by the Yellow Sheets! I can guarantee you that just about everybody in his league, political and corporate alike, cheats in one way or another, women, alcohol, money..... they all have a tenancy to feel they are above morality and the law. Its nothing new, it goes back even before the Romans who were pretty good at it too.

My question is why are we spending so much time on something of absolutely no consequence in the big picture? There are far more important things in the world we need to deal with. Let the Religious leaders deal with these kinds of morality issues and let the Edwards' of our world deal with their moral shortcomings in the privacy of their own lives. And lets remember John Edwards for the man he is and might still be! An extremely smart, informed and educated man of power.... those attributes are not going to change or go away and even with a shortcoming or two he still posses the ability to do amazing things in this world.

The Waxhaw Gazette welcomes your letters. and opinions. Please include your name, address and a point of contact where we can reach you. We only alter your letters for grammatical and spelling issues and will, as long as they are written in good taste and are relevant, publish all letters sent.

*Thank You,  
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*Just in case you ever get these two environments mixed up,  
this comparison chart should make things a little bit clearer:*

@ PRISON	@ WORK
You spend most of your time in a 10X10 cell @ PRISON	You spend most of your time in a 6X6cubicle @ WORK
You get three fully paid for meals a day @ PRISON	You get a break for one meal,and you have to pay for it @ WORK
For good behavior, you get time off @ PRISON	For good behavior, you get more work @ WORK
The guard locks and unlocks all the doors for you @ PRISON	You must carry a security card and open all the doors yourself @ WORK
You can watch TV and play games @ PRISON	You could get fired for watching TV and playing games @ WORK
You get your own toilet @ PRISON	You have to share the toilet with people who pee on the seat @ WORK
They allow your family and friends to visit @ PRISON	You aren't even supposed to speak to your family @ WORK
All expenses are paid by the taxpayers with no work required on your part @ PRISON	You must pay all your expenses to go to work, and they deduct taxes from your salary to pay for prisoners @ WORK
You spend most of your life inside bars wanting to get out @ PRISON	You spend most of your time wanting to get out and go inside bars @ WORK
You must deal with sadistic wardens	They are called 'managers'
<b>THERE IS SOMETHING SERIOUSLY WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE.</b>	

**A** mechanic was removing a cylinder-head from the motor of a Harley motorcycle when he spotted a well-known cardiologist in his shop.....

The cardiologist was there waiting for the service manager to come take a look at his bike when the mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey Doc, want to take a look at this?"

**Your Parrot is Dead**

At dawn the telephone rings, 'Hello, Senior Rod? This is Ernesto, the caretaker at your country house.'

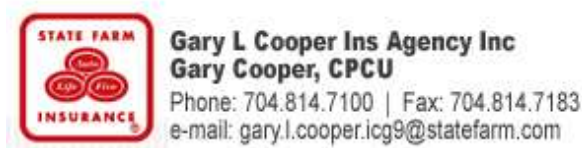
'Ah yes, Ernesto. What can I do for you? Is there a problem?'

'Um, I am just calling to advise you, Senior Rod, that your

The cardiologist, a bit surprised, walked over to where the mechanic was working on the motorcycle. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take the valves out, repair any damage, and then put them back in, and when I finish, it works just like new. So how come I make \$39,675 a year and you get the really big bucks (\$1,695,759) when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The cardiologist paused, smiled and leaned over, then whispered to the mechanic...

"Try doing it with the engine running."



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parrot, he is dead.'

'My parrot? Dead? The one that won the international competition?'

'Si, Senor, that's the one.'

'Damn! That's a pity! I spent a small fortune on that bird. What did he die from?'

'From eating the rotten meat, Senor Rod.'

'Rotten meat? Who the hell fed him rotten meat?'

'Nobody, Senor. He ate the meat of the dead horse.'

'Dead horse? What dead horse?'

'The thoroughbred, Senor Rod.'

'My prize thoroughbred is dead?'

'Yes Senor Rod, he died from all that work pulling the water cart.'

'Are you insane?? What water cart?'

'The one we used to put out the fire, Senor.'

'Good Lord!! What fire are you talking about, man?'

'The one at your house, Senor! A candle fell and the curtains caught on fire.'

'What the hell?! Are you saying that my mansion is destroyed because of a candle?'

'Yes, Senor Rod.'

'But there's electricity at the house! What was the candle for?'

'For the funeral, Senor Rod.'

'WHAT BLOODY FUNERAL?!'

'Your wife's, Senor Rod'. She showed up very late one night and I thought she was a thief, so I hit her with your new tailor made Super Quad 460 golf club.'

LONG SILENCE.....

'Ernesto, if you broke that driver.....!'

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