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## State of the "Exxon Economy...."

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**ExxonMobil**



In the news Exxon (who I have written about recently) is having its share of problems, Record Exxon profit misses mark? Yet the oil giant reported **net income of \$11.7 billion (Shell only made \$11.4 BILLION)**, or \$2.22

per share, a 14% increase from the \$10.26 billion, or \$1.83 per share, earned a year ago. Excluding items, ExxonMobil earned \$2.27 for the quarter; analysts were expecting \$2.52 per share. "It was a disappointment," Macquarie Research analyst Jason Gammel told CNBC???? Disappointment? **How can 11.7 BILLION DOLLARS PROFIT possibly be considered a disappointment?** Perhaps us common folks just don't live in the same world.

On another topic, the banking industry, reeling from bad investments in the housing markets are pulling in their defenses by making it increasingly harder for business' who need working capital to get it, manufacturers who's continued operations require funding to cover costs of manufacturing between the time the goods are produced and payment is made. If good business can't get operating funds from the bank doesn't that tell you that even though they have the business they are going to have to cut back on manufacturing? I have hear it said from leading economists that we will not even begin a recovery until mid 2009 if then.

## The United States of America, One Nation, Under God....

It appears that not only are the courts & schools being told not to allow God in, but its becoming a prerequisite in Politics as well. Never mind Corporate America. When I saw the article below in the New York Times, I just shook my head.... you hear this stuff all of the time it seems and like most people I am disgusted by it. These are the elected people who are supposed to be looking out for America's best interests, Our best interest, not theirs. They get paid extravagantly and have the best benefits package there is, but I guess that's just not enough!

If you read the definition of **GREED**, you'll better understand why many Politicians don't want God looking over their shoulders;

*"Greed is the selfish desire for or pursuit of money, wealth, power, food, or other possessions, especially when this denies the same goods to others. It is generally considered a vice, and is one of the seven deadly sins in Catholicism....."*



Senator Ted Stevens  
of Alaska

## Senator Charged in Scheme to Hide Oil Firm Gifts

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Welcome 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: [jtiley@thewaxhawgazette.com](mailto:jtiley@thewaxhawgazette.com)

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...have a Great Day!

## Why Waxhaw?

People from other parts of the country who are not familiar with Charlotte, let alone Waxhaw often ask me "why did you move there?" My answer usually goes something like this.... One of my fondest memories growing up was when our family would go to my Grandmothers place in Southern Ohio, to the house where my Dad grew up. The town is named Blanchester, I don't know why its named Blanchester or if there is some obscure meaning to it. But the town, right down to its origins as a farm town, Main Street and the trains that went past like clockwork are a ringer for Waxhaw. The only way it could be closer is if the people here were nick named "Buckeyes"!

As a youngster, I would stay in my Dads old room which still had a lot of his things in it. I remember posters of biplanes from WWI and photos of Barnstormers... and books, everywhere there were volumes upon volumes of

But the memories have stayed with me all of these years and that is why, when I saw Waxhaw, I felt that at long last, I had come home. Now also out of those memories came a love for flying, airplanes and science fiction, which truly abounded in those days, I mean heck, if man can fly what can he not do? And Dad always seemed to have a copy of "Popular Mechanics" close at hand which always had neat ideas in it.

In the years that followed, my Dad and I build model airplanes, the ones made of balsa wood and covered with paper then painted with bright paints... we would crash and re-build them over and over again. To this day, whenever I am near an airport, especially a small one, I stop and watch the planes take off into the wild blue yonder and imagine my Dad standing there with me. Now you would think this is the end of the story, but actually its been the preamble.... Back in Dads old bedroom with the Buck Rodgers books I

I encourage all of you to pass our link along to your Waxhaw friends and relatives so they too can enjoy our paper. Remember we will be publishing every Friday with updates as they come out. As I continue the process of building out our e-mail list, I will use it to send out announcements at time of publishing, with additional updates as warranted, so if your not already on our list and wish to become a subscriber, please drop me a line with your request.

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Tom Swift, Buck Rodgers and other “hero’s” of the time. My dad grew up in an age where flying was new and magical and the idea of being a pilot was the stuff of daydreams for a kid! And me, I was hooked almost from the first day. Whenever we went there I couldn't wait to go upstairs and reacquaint myself with the surroundings. Unfortunately my Grandmother passed when I was still quite young and I never got to go back to that old house again.

would think how cool it would be to fly around totally un tethered with just a rocket on my back for propellant. Then when James Bond did just that in Thunderball, with me at the age of sixteen, I knew it had to happen and was just a matter of time until the concept was actually perfected. Well there's been a few years that have passed and a lot of wannabe's have come and gone but I think that, at long last, there is a contender for the real thing!

*“On Tuesday, an inventor from New Zealand unveiled what he calls “the world’s first practical jet pack” at the EAA Air Venture, the gigantic annual air show here. The inventor, Glenn Martin, 48, who has spent 27 years developing the devices, said he hoped to begin selling them next year for \$100,000 apiece.” From the New York Times, July 29, 2008 Issue. By all means, see the entire article here!*

Now, you have to admit it would be cool to leave the car in the garage, strap on your personal “vertical lift machine” in the back yard, take off and zoom all the way to work or wherever you pleased! Just imagine the freedom, like a bird in flight, at last!



*Andy Manis for The New York Times*

*John Schwartz of The New York Times tested a jet pack with its inventor, Glenn Martin, left, and Ray Thomsen guiding him. The device was unveiled Tuesday at an air show in Wisconsin*

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## And The Gas Rush Is On...

In one of the poorest parts of Louisiana the lottery has struck for just about every landowner. Recent developments in drilling techniques has allowed

much deeper drilling than ever before and as a result, huge deposits have been found literally thousands of feet below the surface. in a deposit know as the Haynesville Shale. Nobody knows how far the deposits range but according to the New York Times: "experts say it is large, possibly the largest in the lower 48 states, with an estimated 250 trillion cubic feet of recoverable gas. (Last year, the United States consumed 23 trillion feet.)"

What we are talking about here is two fold; first are the landowners who are selling the mineral rights for the gas. Their benefits are also two fold.... first they sell the rights, for a lot of money, then secondly they will get paid royalties as long as the wells are producing. Nice position to be in, especially if the deposits run as deep as they are projected to.

The second aspect of this find is how will it effect the country. If you recall the articles about T. Boone Pickens and his plans to re-adjust use of resources, you'll remember that electric generation which is currently the biggest user of natural gas would swing over to wind power thus freeing up the natural gas for use in general transportation. I don't think you have to be a rocket scientist to realize what this will do for the countries need to import fuels.... But I would hazard a guess that this will go a very long way to fixing our dependence on foreign oil.

[Read the New York Times take on this>](#)

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## The United States of America, One Nation, Under God....



Senator Ted Stevens

### Senator Charged in Scheme to Hide Oil Firm Gifts

by DAVID JOHNSTON and DAVID M. HERSZENHORN  
 Published, New York Times: July 30, 2008 WASHINGTON

Senator Ted Stevens of Alaska, a legendary political figure closely tied to the rough-and-tumble history of his home state, and who wields outsize influence over federal spending, was indicted on Tuesday on seven felony counts of failing to disclose gifts that he received from an oil services company. In 2007, agents searched the Girdwood, Alaska, house of Senator Ted Stevens, now accused of trying to conceal \$250,000 in gifts, including home renovations, from an oil services company.

[Read the whole sorry story here>](#)

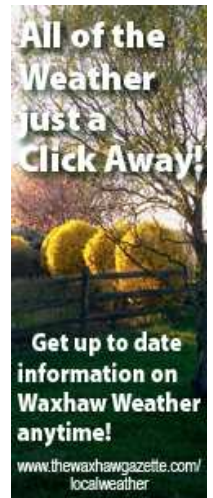
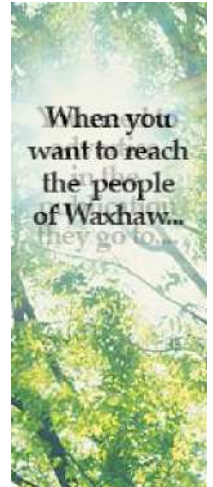
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As these effects are pressing themselves on companies, employment is said to be holding fairly strong. However a little looked at aspect is the effect of employers reducing hours employees work. This is

becoming an increasing common effort by the companies to retain workers they can not really afford, like when they don't have the capital from the banks for continued operations.... of course this really is a short term fix. The workers try to subsist on considerably reduced income and benefits and either the companies find the money to continue operating or they downsize, or worse go out of business altogether and the "now part timers" end up on the unemployment rolls. And with a recovery no where really in sight, I would expect there will be many more people on the unemployment lines, lots of banks in receivership and even further reduced profits for ExxonMobil. Sad how things work out for those big oil guys!



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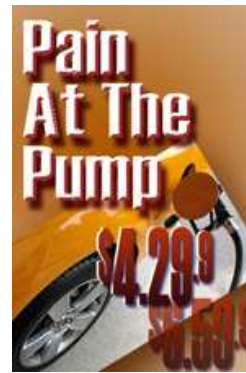
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**Rep. Myrick Honored with *Defender of Economic Freedom Award***

**Washington, DC**  
 Representative Sue Myrick (NC-09) was recently honored with the Defender of Economic Freedom Award from the Club for Growth. The award is given to Members of Congress who have a strong voting record on economic growth issues.

“With her score of 90%, Rep. Myrick is a champion of the pro-growth agenda,” said Club for Growth President Pat Toomey. “As 1 of 55 Congressional Members to earn this award, Rep. Myrick demonstrates a strong commitment to economic freedom and free-market principles.”

The award is based on votes that further the organization’s immediate policy goals, which include making permanent the tax cuts put in place by President Bush, repealing the Death Tax, promoting school choice, and cutting and limiting government spending. The award is given to those Members who score 90% or above on the Club’s scorecard.



**Area prices for**

**gas in the Waxhaw area as of 8/01/08**

***Let's "Keep Waxhaw Alive" folks by supporting our local merchants!***

	3/20/08	7/17/08
Texaco:	\$3.19.9	\$3.96.9
Pure:	\$3.24.9	\$3.96.9
Little General:	\$3.24.9	\$3.99.9
Shell:	\$3.24.9	\$3.93.9
Wax. In n Out:	\$3.26.9	\$3.99.9
Mineral Springs:		
M. S. Grocery	\$3.20.9	\$3.96.9
Texaco:	\$3.21.9	\$3.96.9
BP on New Town	\$3.21.9	\$3.96.9

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. Today especially, I noticed an increased hesitation on their part in divulging their pricing. I find this interesting considering it is public and advertised information. Yet they persist in giving either no information or inaccurate information? Something about corporate policy? I wonder what that means.... usually it would mean somebody is hiding something!

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## In Your Opinion

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



### America is addicted to foreign oil.

It's an addiction that threatens our economy, our environment and our national security. It touches every part of our daily lives and ties our hands as a nation and a people.



The addiction has worsened for decades and now it's reached a point of crisis.

In 1970, we imported 24% of our oil.

Today it's nearly 70% and growing.

As imports grow and world prices rise, the amount of money we send to foreign nations every year is

soaring. At current oil prices, we will send \$700 billion dollars out of the country this year alone — that's four times the annual cost of the Iraq war.

Projected over the next 10 years the cost will be \$10 trillion — it will be the greatest transfer of wealth in the history of mankind.

America uses a lot of oil. Every day 85 million barrels of oil are produced around the world. And 21 million of those are used here in the United States.

That's 25% of the world's oil demand. Used by just 4% of the world's population.

Can't we just produce more oil?

World oil production peaked in 2005.

Despite growing demand and an unprecedented increase in prices, oil production has fallen over the last three years. Oil is getting more expensive to produce, harder to find and there just isn't enough of it to keep up with demand.



The simple truth is that cheap and easy oil is gone.  
What's the good news.....

Go to Pickens Plan Web Site..... *there are some answers there!*

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## Editorial

### Ever Notice How Gas Prices Take Longer To Go Down Than Up?

by John Tiley

It has been called the **Rocket and Feather** effect. When the price of crude goes up or other factors come into play, the Oil Companies are fast to raise the price of gas. However when the price of oil goes down such as it has recently it sure takes a long time for prices to reflect it at the pump, in fact usually it takes some saber rattling from Washington to get a response, and as we all know, the current administration is behold to Big Oil, so we, the consumers get nailed in both directions. Anybody supervised?

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## Waxhaw's Events Calander

Remember, this weekend we have two major events!  
One being the Red Cross Affair and the other being that Saturday is JARRS Day!

**A very special event takes place at the Paintball Kingdom on August 9th.**

## Autumn Dennis Memorial Fun game

**Start Time: 10:00 AM**  
**Event Category: Sports**

*Autum Dennis was a loved/great employee of PBk and we want to have a memorial game in her honor.. proceeds go to her family to cover expenses incurred in her tragic accidental death..*

*Her Mother and Father will be here to talk to anyone who knew Autumn as well.. Please help comfort them and express your thoughts about Autumn*

- Food vendors will be present.. Lunch will feature a Christian singer
- Horse drawn carriage rides for the kiddies
- Special Event T Shirts (designed by Autumn ) will be on sale..
- \$25.00 Field Fee will cover all rental equipment and All day air.. THIS IS A FIELD PAINT ONLY EVENT
- Come join is for a fun paintball games, good food and fellowship
- We are asking that you preregister (704 624 4115) if possible so we can have a good count for paint, food and supplies for this event..
- If you use our equipment you MUST use our paint.. Call 704 624 4115 10AM to 6PM EST if you want to book a Private group.

Sponsorship Proposal for the 8th Annual Go for Blood! Bike Tour & 5K Race



on August 2, 2008

The Union County Chapter of the American Red Cross is once again proud to present the Go for Blood!Cycling Event 35 or 63 Miles and 5K Road Run, on August 2, 2008 at Cane Creek Park. For the past seven years, business sponsors like you have helped us raise thousands of dollars to support the local chapter with disaster relief, assistance for local military families, blood collections, and other emergency preparedness services. As one of our major fund raisers of the year, Go for Blood!makes a huge impact on the services we provide in Union County. We need your help to insure that our local Red Cross has the necessary funds to serve our growing community. We are extremely thankful for your financial support.

Go for Blood! Cyclists will take to the beautiful country roads early on August 2nd. Runners will participate in a 5K Road Race, with both events supported for safety by our Highway Patrol. Participants are welcome to run, bike, or any combination thereof, and will be treated to a picnic style lunch for their efforts. Our event site will host a blood drive, massages, music, tents, and more. For more information about event details, visit our website at [www.unioncountyreddcross.org](http://www.unioncountyreddcross.org).

Sponsorship Delineation for Go for Blood!

Presenting Sponsor (s) -\$5000 Presenting sponsor name/logo will precede the name of event, thus being referred to and associated with the event in ALL publications and other event promotions, including the chapter website. Your generous donation will support

## News Around Town

*You have asked forit and here it is... a new section dealing with News Events happening in Waxhaw area:*

On Tuesday night, Gregory Coffey, 41, met Towanda Chambers-Coffey, 32, at a gas station. Evidently the couple had been experiencing marital difficulties. There are allegations o regarding abuse and fidelity. Whatever the reasons it appears that tewmpers flaired and Gegory pulled out a gun, got in her car forcing her to drive. Chambers-Coffey pulled off Waxhaw Highway into the Captain's Galley parking lot and the car crashed into a wall next to the restaurant. Somewhere along the line, the gun went off killing Towanda. Gegory is in jail being held on kidnapping and murder charges.

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Gold Sponsor - \$2500 Your generous donation can help a family of five with emergency disaster response and to reestablish a home with first month's rent and mattresses after a house fire, where they lose everything.

Silver Sponsor - \$1500 - \$1000 Your generous donation can help to pay for emergency lodging, 2 sets of clothing, and medicine replacement during a single family emergency or help us teach 30 children lifesaving swimming skills.

Bronze Sponsor - \$500 Your generous donation can help us to set up the necessary shelters during large scale weather and/or terrorists events for our community.

Contributor - \$250 Your generous donation can help us collect much needed units of blood locally.

**\*ALL SPONSORS WILL RECEIVE PROMOTIONAL BENEFITS ACCORDING TO AMOUNT DONATED.** Promotional benefits may include event signage on various banners, web site sponsor acknowledgement, press release coverage, and more.

These areas of coverage are contingent according to amount sponsored.\*

Vendor Donation - Product We will conduct a silent auction and appreciate vendor donations of substance for our auction.

We hope you will consider sponsoring Go for Blood! this year. In order for us to include your sponsorship in our event preparation, we need a commitment from you as soon as possible. Please feel free to call with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Sheila Crunkleton  
Director of Development  
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## JAARS USES TECHNOLOGY TO SPEED GOD'S WORDS TO THE HEART

**An invitation is extended to experience these technologies at the...**

**~August 2, 2008 JAARS Day~**

WAXHAW July 23, 2008 – Waxhaw-based JAARS mission statement says they “provide quality technical services and resources to speed Bible translation for all people.” At times JAARS may develop the technology, but often they adapt or utilize the latest technology. To make Scripture come alive in the heart languages of people worldwide JAARS utilizes well known popular technologies—digital players similar to iPod and other MP3 players, and the latest video technologies. The public is invited to JAARS Day August 2 to see the technology, which ranges from the sophisticated Pilatus PC6 turbine ten passenger aircraft, to the palm sized MegaVoice Ambassador digital audio player. They can also interact with JAARS staff and see a wide variety of programs from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The solar powered MegaVoice Ambassador is the size of a deck of cards and a whole Bible and more can be downloaded on to it.

Dedication celebrations of the New Testament in the North Tanna language of the Pacific island nation of Vanuatu July 19-20 were attended by more than 500. Not only were more than 250 of the 2,000 printed New Testament sold, but more than 250 compact audio players with the North Tanna New Testament downloaded to them were sold.

Many of the 4,000 North Tanna speakers also speak the national creole language, Bislama, and some speak French or English in varying degrees, but a significant number are monolingual in North Tanna

The JAARS Vernacular Media Services Department (VMS) is featured at this JAARS Day and will kick-off the special Saturday with an informative program at 10:00 a.m. in the Townsend Building auditorium with a keynote talk by VMS public relations director Phil Baer.

VMS is a department of JAARS that helps Wycliffe and national translators adapt modern media tools to communicate the Bible message clearly. The VMS staff knows that God's Word in the language of the people shared through video, audio, radio, filmstrips, or drama touches hearts and minds.

Just as audio technology is changing, visual technology is changing too. Bible based films used to be shown on 16 mm film not long ago, and then moved to VHS tapes, and more recently, DVDs. The JAARS VMS workers have helped produced videos such as the Jesus film in 361 languages worldwide.

Al Shannon, who has spent many years in Peru among the Quechua people, is experimenting with new video technology. He says, “Because of the size and weight of a TV-VCR unit and large batteries to show the Luke and Genesis videos in remote areas where there is no electricity, we started using DVD players. But we soon found that these get very dusty out in the field and the DVDs get dirty and scratched easily. So we have been experimenting with a 12 inch photo frame like on sale at Wal-Mart.”

He adds, “The advantage of these units is that they have no moving parts, they have a built-in audio amplifier, they are light weight, flat, and use very little current. They use a two meg chip, like in your camera.”

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Wycliffe Bible Translators members Greg and Beth Ann Carlson are translation advisors who assisted local translators in the translation of the North Tanna New Testament. Greg says, "We did a pilot test with some players and a small selection of scripture. The response was fantastic. People have told me how they have taken the units to the garden, or on the one hour truck ride to town, or just sat listening at home. He added, "As we moved ahead with the recording, it began to dawn on us just how important this audio version of the NT is because over 80 percent of the North Tanna speakers cannot read. With the audio version on MegaVoice players, we get the Word out to these people."

Shannon says more trials are needed, "But this seems to be the way to go and we are trying to get a couple of models out into the field in Peru for testing."

This JAARS Day will also be "Deaf Day at JAARS."

Interpreters will be provided for the Deaf at the 10:00 a.m. program and the Deaf are invited to join in a break-out session following the opening program. They will have a chance to learn about Deaf language translations worldwide and the latest animation technology that can help in the translations of the more than the 200 sign languages without Scripture.

In addition, the public can enjoy the normal JAARS Day activities which include aircraft rides and a look around the JAARS campus.

(See: <http://www.jaars.org/visit.shtml>)

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## And now, directly from the Internet.....

bits and pieces that your Editor will not testify to for correctness, accuracy nor even believability but they are certainly humorous? So Enjoy!

### Rock ~ a ~bye ~ puppy !!!



This is a GREAT VIDEO !! Turn up the volume and enjoy.... and who says Dogs aren't smart. Just click here :)

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In a Podiatrist's office:  
 'Time wounds all heels.'

On a Septic Tank Truck:  
 Yesterday's Meals on Wheels

At a Proctologist's door:  
 'To expedite your visit, please back in.'

On a Plumber's truck:  
 'We repair what your husband fixed.'

On another Plumber's truck:  
 'Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber.'

On a Church's Bill board:  
 '7 days without God makes one weak.'

At a Tire Shop in Milwaukee:  
 'Invite us to your next blowout.'

At a Towing company:  
 'We don't charge an arm and a leg. We want tows.'

On an Electrician's truck:  
 'Let us remove your shorts.'

In a Nonsmoking Area:  
 'If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and take appropriate action.'

On a Maternity Room door:  
 'Push. Push. Push.'

At an Optometrist's Office:  
 'If you don't see what you're looking for,

### This funny stuff never gets old...

Only in America .....do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.

Only in America .....do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke.

Only in America .....do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.

Only in America .....do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.

Only in America .....do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.

Only in America .....do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.

EVER WONDER ...

Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin ?

Why women can't put on mascara with their mouth

Why is 'abbreviated' such a long word?

Why is it that doctors call what they do 'practice'?

Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?

You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?!

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

**NEW.....**

**Links**

See Past Slide Shows & visit other web sites of interest.

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*"Always do right - This will gratify some people and astonish the rest."*  
--Mark Twain



**THIS IS INDIA. IT IS WHERE YOU CALL WHEN YOU HAVE A TECHNICAL PROBLEM WITH YOUR COMPUTER.**

closed?

Why don't you ever see the headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

you've come to the right place.'

On a Taxidermist's window: 'We really know our stuff.'

On a Fence: 'Salesmen welcome! Dog food is expensive!'

At a Car Dealership: 'The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment.'

Outside a Muffler Shop: 'No appointment necessary. We hear you coming.'

In a Veterinarian's waiting room: 'Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!'

At the Electric Company 'We would be delighted if you send in your payment. However, if you don't, you will be.

In a Restaurant window: 'Don't stand there and be hungry; come on in and get fed up.'

In the front yard of a Funeral Home: 'Drive carefully. We'll wait.'

At a Propane Filling Station: 'Thank heaven for little grills.'

And don't forget the sign at a CHICAGO RADIATOR SHOP: 'Best place in town to take a leak.'

AND FINALLY..... Sign on the back of another Septic Tank Truck:

'Caution - This Truck is full of Political Promises'



**...have a Great Day!**

**THE YEAR 1908**



This will boggle your mind, I know it did mine! The year is 1908, one hundred years ago. What a difference a century makes! Here are some statistics for the Year 1908 :

The average life expectancy was 47 years.

Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower

The average wage in 1908 was 22 cents per hour.

The average worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year .

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births took place at HOME.

Ninety percent of all doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION! Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which Were condemned in the press AND the government as 'substandard. '

Sugar cost four cents a pound.

Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.

Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.

Five leading causes of death were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis
3. Diarrhea
4. Heart disease
5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars.

The population of Las Vegas , Nevada, was only 30!!!!

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and ice tea hadn't been invented yet.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write. Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at the local corner drugstores. Back then pharmacists

With all the sadness and trauma going on in the world at the moment, it is worth reflecting on the death of a very important person, which almost went unnoticed last week.

Larry LaPrise, the man that wrote 'The Hokie Pokey' died peacefully at the age of 93.

The most traumatic part for his family was getting him into the coffin.

They put his left leg in. And then the trouble started.

**THE PLANE IS ON ITS WAY TO HOUSTON WHEN A BLONDE IN ECONOMY CLASS GETS UP AND MOVES TO THE FIRST CLASS SECTION AND SITS DOWN.**

**THE FLIGHT ATTENDANT WATCHES HER DO THIS AND ASKS TO SEE HER TICKET. SHE THEN TELLS THE BLONDE THAT SHE PAID FOR ECONOMY CLASS AND THAT SHE WILL HAVE TO SIT IN THE BACK.**

**THE BLONDE REPLIES, 'I'M BLOND, I'M BEAUTIFUL, I'M GOING TO HOUSTON, AND I'M STAYING RIGHT HERE.'**

**THE FLIGHT ATTENDANT GOES INTO THE COCKPIT AND TELLS THE PILOT AND CO-PILOT THAT THERE IS A BLONDE SITTING IN FIRST CLASS THAT BELONGS IN ECONOMY AND WON'T MOVE BACK TO HER SEAT.**

**THE CO-PILOT GOES BACK TO THE BLONDE AND TRIES TO EXPLAIN THAT BECAUSE SHE ONLY PAID FOR ECONOMY SHE WILL HAVE TO LEAVE AND RETURN TO HER SEAT.**

**THE BLONDE REPLIES, 'I'M BLONDE, I'M BEAUTIFUL, I'M GOING TO HOUSTON AND I'M STAYING RIGHT HERE.'**

**THE CO-PILOT TELLS THE PILOT THAT HE PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE THE POLICE WAITING WHEN THEY LAND TO ARREST THIS BLONDE WOMAN WHO WON'T LISTEN TO REASON.**

**THE PILOT SAYS, 'YOU SAY SHE'S A BLONDE? I'LL HANDLE THIS. I'M MARRIED TO A BLONDE. I SPEAK BLONDE.'**

**HE GOES BACK TO THE BLONDE AND WHISPERS IN HER EAR, AND SHE SAYS, 'OH, I'M SORRY.' AND SHE GETS UP AND GOES BACK TO HER SEAT IN ECONOMY.**

**THE FLIGHT ATTENDANT AND CO-PILOT ARE AMAZED AND ASKED HIM WHAT HE SAID TO MAKE HER MOVE WITHOUT ANY FUSS.**

**I TOLD HER, 'FIRST CLASS ISN'T GOING TO HOUSTON.'**

said, 'Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health.'

Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.

There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE U.S.A. !

Now I recieved this from someone else without typing it myself, placed it in the Gazette and sent it to you and others all over the world in a matter of seconds!

Try to imagine what it may be like in another 100 years.



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### Advice

*Amber Maxwell is*

## Welcome to Waxhaw's Very Own Advice Column. "Ask Amber"

*Dear Amber,*

I live in a rural area where there are no leash laws and dogs are allowed to roam. Thankfully, all of these dogs are friendly and well socialized so there has never been an issue over aggression or biting. However, there is a very old dog that has trouble walking and seems to be blind and deaf. This dog's owners allow her to roam the neighborhood and I am concerned she may get hit by a vehicle if she wanders into the street because she can't move fast enough to get out of the way even if she could hear the approaching traffic. How can I tactfully let her owners know that their dog is in danger by being run over because they allow her to roam the neighborhood?

### Concerned Neighbor

*Dear Concerned Neighbor,*

Your concern is understandable and commendable. However, in the absence of leash laws you don't have many options. If you only want to make your neighbor aware of the dangers to their dog I recommend the "projected lie" in which you mention that you saw a car "...almost run over the dog because she was walking on the road and was not aware that there was a car behind her." This will allow you to express concern about the safety of their pet and hopefully make them aware of the dangers that their pet faces as long as she is allowed to roam. If this doesn't result in better supervision of the dog - you could call animal control to look into the matter. However, if your neighbors learn that you placed the call - you may have a bigger problem on your hands. The third option is to live with the situation and be on the look-out for the dog when you are driving through the neighborhood and hope for a safe outcome.

*Amber*

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