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Confused?

I sure am!

- Social Security is running out of money and will be broke in the next what, just 10 to 12 months?? After years of Big Government borrowing from SS it is all gone!
- Medicare is already running in the red. No surprise there.
- Medicaid, dependant on the already financially strapped individual States to fund simply disallows legitimate recipients benefits until they go away?
- And of course if you had any money at all, the insurance companies are only interested in insuring people who statistically pay their bills and will remain healthy for the foreseeable future.

So, the big question now is; is Healthcare Reform Being Sold Out to the Highest Bidder?

It first appeared that the Democrats were throwing in with the Republicans and had negotiated all they wanted in a deal for themselves and their big business supporters therefore, reform, well it appeared to be an over and done deal. Only the taxpayers, you and me, the Have-Not's, are left out of that equation. Here we go again, the HAVES and the HAVE-NOTS, guess which group most Americans belong to!

Recently though, there has been a rumbling that is forcing Democrats to re-consider going it alone without support from the GOP. All of this brought on not just by constitutions screaming and yelling, but more telling after key Republicans were reported as saying they weren't going to support a reform bill anyway!

When are those Congressmen and Senators going to wake up? Something HAS TO BE DONE! Status quo simply won't work. More and more people are losing their jobs. Every day I see another (mostly small) business shuttering up here in town. And with no money, where are people, American Citizens, to turn? Big Business Owns SOO MANY POLITICIANS and they continue to dump BILLIONS into this shouting match of lies that nobody knows what to believe. Well, believe this; the country is over its head in debt, much of going to these special interest groups. What with the huge Medicare/Medicaid payments going out every day to the Doctors, Hospitals and Pharmaceutical Companies, well they don't want that to stop! And the Insurance Companies who continue with their discrimination, well... And you wonder why the cost of healthcare is FIVE TIMES that of inflation?

As always, it's the people that lose out, first it's the taxpayers that are stuck trying to pay for this boondoggle! Second it will be the poor who will still be relegated to Medicaid which is almost impossible to get benefits from of as things are let alone when the ranks of poor continue to swell.

Do not be duped into thinking the Depression is almost over, it is far from over, no matter what kind of smoke Wall Street is trying to sell!

And the actual cost of healthcare won't be coming under control anytime soon either as the ranks of people walking in to Doctors Offices and ERs for help and unable to pay will continue to grow and they will be even more unable to pay the already astronomically inflated prices charged now grow (the hospitals and Doctors will be forced to continue to raise charges to everybody as they try to make up for those who can't pay. And Heaven only knows what is going to happen as Medicare and Social Security run out of money as they are expected to in the 2010. Remember, healthcare relies on the old and infirm for upwards of 80% of their income. What is going to happen when that gets cut off?

In this past year alone we've seen the collapse of; Wall Street, Banks, Insurance Companies, Airlines, Major Manufacturers and Newspapers to name just a few. As these trends of intense greed continue to dominate our world, can anybody deny were close if not on the brink of social or moral collapse.

Perhaps for our representatives in Washington, a need to review "The Fall of Rome And the End of Civilization" is in order?



While there may still be time?

Waxhaw
85°F
Weather Forecast

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I am pleased to resurrect...

"As Rumors Have It"

WAXHAW, NC:
Reports of a "midnight stalker" running through our fair town have been coming in over the past few weeks. The first report stated that around 2AM on Friday night, the 7th of August, an unidentified person was observed jogging past the Barber Shop.



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In Perspective

I dont generally print rants, in fact I usually take a look and trash them as fast as that... but in this case I make an exception. This woman from Arazona makes a lot of sense;

From an open letter to our nation's leadership:

"Democrat, Republican, independent, libertarian. Understand this. We don't care. Political parties are meaningless to us Patriotic Americans are willing to do right by us and our Constitution and that is all that matters to us now. We are going to fire all of you who abuse power and seek more. It is not your power. It is ours and we want it back. We entrusted you with it and you abused it. You are dishonorable. You are dishonest.

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“As Rumors Have It” ...a midnight stalker in Waxhaw?



Could this be the only image of our runner?

“I was so surprised by the sight I didn’t really get as good look at who the person was”. With only a pair of running shoes and a head band on, not to mention the distance observed from, the age and gender wasn’t identifiable.... “coulda been a girl or a skinny guy I guess, but sure didn’t look like they had any clothes on to me tho” the informant said.

Another report states that early on the morning of the August 11th, this time around 4 AM, a person was observed turning off Main Street then running past the computer store heading into the residential area. Again it was a single person although this report said they though the person might have been wearing some kind of outfit, perhaps leotards, again with the running shoes and head band. The person was said to have long brown hair pulled back in a pony tail. When asked to confirm if it was a man

or a woman, they thought “well maybe it could have been a very thin older man... Might explain all of the wrinkles?”

And lastly a third report has it that a tall person, defiantly a woman, with bright red shoulder length hair was seen crossing the “Bridge” about 1 AM on the morning of the 14th at a brisk jog.

So, here in Waxhaw, rumors abound. Perhaps the Woodstock Anniversary brought out some of the rambunkishness in a few of our former Flower Children. Or perhaps it’s just a coincidence coupled with restless runners on hot summer nights. Butt, unless someone gets caught red faced, we may never know who they are.

You might want to keep an eye on the old Water Tower. Tough times like this tend to bring out all kinds of pranksters ...and it’s been a while since I’ve seen undies hanging from up there!



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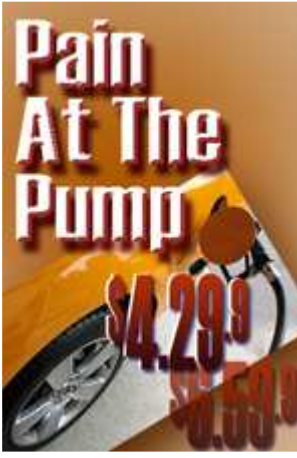
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As Americans we are ashamed of you. You have brought shame to us. If you are not representing the wants and needs of your constituency loudly and consistently, in spite of the objections of your party, you will be fired. Did you hear? We no longer care about your political parties. You need to be loyal to us, not to them. Because we will get you fired and they will not save you. If you do or can represent me, my issues, my views, please stand up. Make your identity known.

You need to make some noise about it. Speak up. I need to know who you are. If you do not speak up, you will be herded out with the rest of the sheep and we will replace the whole damn congress if need be one by one. We are coming. Are we coming for you? Who do you represent? What do you represent? Listen. Because we are coming. We the people are coming."

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Keep Your Eyes Open...

Blink and the price just might change and change and change...



	Start Tracking 3/20/08	One Year Ago 5/23/08	Current 8/20/09
Texaco:	\$3.19.9	\$3.81.9	N/A
Pure:	\$3.24.9	\$	N/A
Little General:	\$3.24.9	\$3.74.9	\$2.59.9
Shell:	\$3.24.9	\$3.72.9	\$ 2.59.9
Wax. In n Out:	\$3.26.9	\$3.74.9	\$ 2.59.9
Mineral Springs:			
M. S. Grocery	\$3.20.9	\$3.81.9	N/A
Texaco:	\$3.21.9	\$3.81.9	N/A
BP on New Town	\$3.21.9	\$3.89.9	\$ 2.59.9

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

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And now, Our Weekly Dose of Humor 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!



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

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The Woodpecker Might have to go... .



Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark

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| One: Don't miss the boat. | Seven: For safety's sake, travel in pairs. |
| Two: Remember that we are all in the same boat. | Eight: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs. |
| Three: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark. | Nine: When you're stressed, float a while. |
| Four: Stay fit When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big. | Ten: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals. |
| Five: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done. | Eleven: No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting... |
| Six: Build your future on high ground. | |

Why our country is in trouble

A DC airport ticket agent offers some examples of 'why' our country is in trouble!

1.I had a New Hampshire Congresswoman ask for an aisle seat so that her hair wouldn't get messed up by being near the window.. (On an airplane!)

2.I got a call from a candidate's staffer, who wanted to go to Capetown. I started to explain the length of the flight and the passport information, and then she interrupted me with, "I'm not trying to make you look stupid, but Capetown is in Massachusetts .."

Without trying to make her look stupid, I calmly explained, "Cape Cod is in Massachusetts , Capetown is in Africa "

Her response -- click.

3.A senior Vermont Congressman called, furious about a Florida package we did. I asked what was wrong with the vacation in Orlando . He said he was expecting an ocean-view room. I tried t o explain that's not possible, since Orlando is in the middle of the state.

He replied, 'don't lie to me, I looked on the map and Florida is a very thin state!' (OMG)

4.I got a call from a lawmaker's wife who asked, "Is it possible to see England from Canada ?"

Speeding in Pennsylvania

1) Good:
An Erie , PA policeman had a perfect spot to watch for speeders, but wasn't getting many. Then he discovered the problem. A twelve-year-old boy was standing up the road with a hand-painted sign, which read 'RADAR TRAP AHEAD.' Officer then found a young accomplice down the road with a sign reading 'TIPS' . . . and a bucket full of money. (*And we kids used to just sell lemonade!*)

2) Better:
A motorist was mailed a picture of his car speeding through an automated radar post in Pittsburgh , PA. A \$40 speeding ticket was included. Being cute, he sent the police department a picture of \$40. The police responded with another mailed photo of handcuffs.

3) Absolute Best:
A young woman was pulled over for speeding. As the Pennsylvania State Trooper walked to her car window, flipping open his ticket book, she said, 'I bet you're going to sell me a ticket to the State Troopers Ball.' He replied ' Pennsylvania State Troopers don't have balls.' There was a moment of silence while she smiled, and he realized

I said, "No."

She said, "But they look so close on the map." (OMG, again!)

5. An aide for a cabinet member once called and asked if he could rent a car in Dallas. I pulled up the reservation and noticed he had only a 1-hour layover in Dallas. When I asked him why he wanted to rent a car, he said, "I heard Dallas was a big airport, and we will need a car to drive between gates to save time." (Aghhhh)

6. An Illinois Congresswoman called last week. She needed to know how it was possible that her flight from Detroit left at 8:30 a.m., and got to Chicago at 8:33 a.m.

I explained that Michigan was an hour ahead of Illinois, but she couldn't understand the concept of time zones. Finally, I told her the plane went fast, and she bought that.

7. A New York lawmaker called and asked, "Do airlines put your physical description on your bag so they know whose luggage belongs to whom?" I said, "No, why do you ask?"

She replied, "Well, when I checked in with the airline, they put a tag on my luggage that said (FAT), and I'm overweight. I think that's very rude!"

After putting her on hold for a minute, while I looked into it. (I was dying laughing). I came back and explained the city code for Fresno, Ca. is (FAT - Fresno Air Terminal), and the airline was just putting a destination tag on her luggage.

8. A Senator's aide called to inquire about a trip package to Hawaii. After going over all the cost info, she asked, "Would it be cheaper to fly to California and then take the train to Hawaii?"

9. I just got off the phone with a freshman Congressman who asked, "How do I know which plane to get on?"

I asked him what exactly he meant, to which he replied, "I was told my flight number is 823, but none of these planes have numbers on them."

10. A lady Senator called and said, "I need to fly to Pepsi-Cola, Florida. Do I have to get on one of those little computer planes?"

I asked if she meant fly to Pensacola, FL on a commuter plane.

She said, "Yeah, whatever, smarty!"

11. A senior Senator called and had a question about the documents he needed in order to fly to China. After a lengthy discussion about passports, I reminded him that he needed a visa. "Oh, no I don't. I've been to China many times and never had to have one of those."

I double checked and sure enough, his stay required a visa. When I told him this he said, "Look, I've been to China four times and every time they have accepted my American Express!"

12. A New Mexico Congress woman called to make reservations, "I want to go from Chicago to Rhino, New York."

I was at a loss for words. Finally, I said, "Are you sure that's the name of the town?"

"Yes, what flights do you have?" replied the lady.

After some searching, I came back with, "I'm sorry, ma'am, I've looked up every airport code in the country and can't find a rhino anywhere."

"The lady retorted, "Oh, don't be silly! Everyone knows where it is. Check your map!"

So I scoured a map of the state of New York and finally offered, "You don't mean Buffalo, do you?"

The reply? "Whatever! I knew it was a big animal."

Now you know why the Government is in the shape that it's in!

Could anyone be this DUMB?

YES, THEY WALK AMONG US, ARE IN POLITICS, AND THEY CONTINUE TO BREED.

I don't write it, I just offer it for your consideration..

Like manure, you just gotta spread it around.

what he'd just said. He then closed his book, got back in his patrol car and left. She was laughing too hard to start her car.....

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Very Inspiring...

I've often been asked, 'What do you old folks do now that you're retired'? Well. I'm fortunate to have a chemical engineering background, and one of the things I enjoy most is turning beer, wine, Scotch and margaritas into urine.

And I'm pretty damn good at it, too!!



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