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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

Is Waxhaw Prepared?

by John Tiley

We have all heard plenty about the economic crisis with everybody turning to the new President for solutions, at least those are the thoughts that the media are giving their attention to. Virtually all of the major banks, even with all of the TARP money they have been given are far from solvent; GM and Chrysler, with their hand out for tens of BILLIONS of Dollars more are very much on the precipice of bankruptcy. All of these problems and many more point to one thing... only the Federal Government is in any kind of position to do anything about these problems, either by borrowing money from other governments around the world or simply by printing as much as is needed to cover any of the "programs" it may come up with. Fortunately, or unfortunately, depending on your point of view... State, County and Local Governments MUST live within a balanced budget! And as time goes by the stress is becoming overwhelming. Just a week ago, North Carolina ran out of money to pay its unemployment insurance obligations and had to borrow money from the Federal Government. And now, anything and everything in North Carolinas funding is under the ax! Schools, road projects and law enforcement to name a few, are suffering huge cutbacks! "...people who follow state and local government insist that the squeeze is serious. Kerry Korpi, director of research for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, says she kept a log of proposed or actual government layoffs and furloughs around the country and stopped counting when she got to 350,000 -- there were simply too many to follow". With all of this being said, it isn't a huge leap to realize that the days where the Powers to Be in



Waxhaw worrying over Alcohol by the Drink or what half baked concept some developer will come to planning with are certainly getting moved to the back burner. Now is the time for Crisis Management, because the crisis is here and it is here now!

For Example:

Currently the Waxhaw area has in excess of thirty homes in foreclosure "for sale", varying in value from \$75,000- to 1.7 Million Dollars! These are the homes that are currently for sale now and doesn't account for all of the homes in foreclosure that the banks haven't gotten a clear title on as of yet.... It can and does take up to a full year for the banks to clear the title before a home can be put back on the market. Therefore, the homes that are for sale now only represent last years foreclosures, not the ones that have been moved on in the past twelve months. I am sure that number is far greater given the market conditions.

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Muscle Car Glory Faded, Pontiac Shrivels Up...

Now there is a headline I truly hate to see in print! You see, ever since I was thirteen years old, Pontiacs were my favorite of all of the cars on the road. The family car was a Catalina and the neighbor's



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Will BofA Survive the Day?

By 9:50 a.m. ET this morning, the **Dow Jones Industrial Average** was already down 108 points to 7,358. B of A stock was down another \$0.59 per share as of this writing.

Published reports said that **Bank of America**



Chief Executive Officer Ken Lewis received a subpoena from New York State Attorney General Andrew Cuomo about its purchase of **Merrill Lynch** during the height of the financial crisis in September.

Reports reveal that major credit card companies, BofA being a major player since one of its bigger acquisitions a year or so ago, face major losses as consumers become unable to pay for that irresponsible debt that consumerism and easy credit encouraged.

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Your Editors GTO with the only other person I have ever lent it to behind the wheel. =)

boyfriend drove a beautiful 61' Bonneville Convertible. Those were the times of "Wide Track" and "We Deliver Excitement"! Back when John Z. DeLorean decided Pontiac needed a small, fast car and hit on the name GTO. The days when Detroit ruled the automotive world. Over the years I was proud to have owned a total of eight Pontiacs, three of them being GTO's of which the last still resides in my garage.

Sadly ever since the early eighties I have watched Pontiac's slow but sure demise. No longer gleaming on individually sculpted fenders, the nameplates Tempest, Lemans, Firebird, Trans Am, and Grand Prix only conjure up past visions of stylishly cool & VERY FAST cars. Now memories only, they are replaced with bland cars exuding a sameness and lack of styling, spirit or individuality, with rather non-descript names like G6? Ah well, at least when I go to car shows I can still bask amongst row upon

row of cars from those of glory days past, kept alive by like minded car fanatics that still value a well styled set of wheels. Perhaps, if we're lucky, we might even see a black Trans Am screaming down the highway being pursued by a Southern Sheriff ?

To read the New York Times article, follow this link>

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Also, this does not account for the homes in pre-foreclosure let alone the homes in distressed sale (people still trying to sell or renegotiate to relieve their plight).How many offices and storefronts are empty and have been for some period of time?

How many companies have or are in the process of downsizing or outright closing regardless of them being located in the Waxhaw area or just their soon to be unemployed who live here?

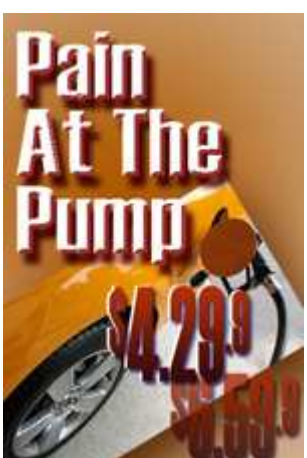
In time soon enough, the town will be facing dramatic budget short falls just like everybody else, what with the erosion of tax dollars as well as shared income from County and State sources our way of life will have its toll taken.

And what about the families represented by all of those foreclosures... they are our friends and neighbors. And they will be homeless and hungry. This is not some short lived natural event like a hurricane that we might count on the National Guard to come in and help us dig out of. It is a national disaster, in fact a world wide disaster and we are going to be left to deal with it the best we can pretty much by ourselves. So I ask, what if any plan is there in Waxhaw. If there isn't one, we best make one because its more than just a rainy day coming our way.



From David Pogue's Winter Tech Tidbits:

I don't mean to turn this missive into an eco-tirade, but I do have some good news. I recently Twittered my annoyance at the way LG and Samsung (perhaps at the request of Verizon) change the power-adapter tips on their cellphones with each successive model. I bought a car adapter and a spare charger for my LG 8100 a few years back... had to buy them all over again for my LG 8300... and again for my LG 8700. It's sleazy, greedy and environmentally disastrous. It's also going to change. The GSM Association (a cellphone-company trade group) announced this week that its members have agreed to settle on a single, standard charger design for all cellphones-- MicroUSB--and will aim for January 1, 2012 as the deadline. So far, companies like AT&T, LG, Motorola, Nokia, Orange, Qualcomm, Samsung, Sony Ericsson, T-Mobile and Vodafone have signed the agreement. (It's not clear to me whether non-GSM carriers like Verizon and Sprint will be part of this deal.) But when you contemplate all the pointless, duplicated manufacturing, shipping, packaging and discarding of all those 51,000 tons of crummy black power bricks every year, this is the best news we gadget freaks have heard in a long time.



Prices for gas in the Waxhaw area... Where are they headed this week?

| | 3/20/08 | 2/20/09 |
|------------------|----------|----------|
| Texaco: | \$3.19.9 | \$1.89.9 |
| Pure: | \$3.24.9 | |
| Little General: | \$3.24.9 | \$1.89.9 |
| Shell: | \$3.24.9 | \$1.89.9 |
| Wax. In n Out: | \$3.26.9 | \$1.89.9 |
| Mineral Springs: | | |
| M. S. Grocery | \$3.20.9 | \$1.88.9 |
| Texaco: | \$3.21.9 | \$1.89.9 |
| BP on New Town | \$3.21.9 | \$1.89.9 |

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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Waxhaw's Events Calendar

2009 Waxhaw Spring Fest

2 day family craft & fun festival

The exhibitor ([click here](#)) and concessionaire ([click here](#)) applications for Spring Fest 2009 are now available on-line.

NEW: If your organization is a non-profit, you have an opportunity this year to waive your exhibitor and/or concession fee. You can do this by providing two adult volunteers to assist the event staff during Spring Fest. Interested? Contact Cathy Murphy at 704-843-2195 ext 26.

NEW: Non-profits, would you like to help raise funds for your organization at Spring Fest? Why not sponsor an activity in the Children's area. Once your organization has covered the rental fee-the balance can go back to your group.

Interested? Call Cathy at the number above or e-mail her at: events@waxhaw.com



NBC's hit show, "The Biggest Loser", is making a 14-city casting-call tour and Fitness Together Charlotte has been selected once again to host the tryouts for the southeast region. An open casting call will be held at our Plaza Midwood studio on Saturday, February 28 from 10:00 AM to 6 PM & the network expects another big turnout. Casting representatives are seeking "outgoing and charismatic individuals or teams of two." Desirable key traits include "personality, desire and competitive edge to vie for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to lose weight and change their lives forever." The winner also takes home a grand prize of \$250,000! Fitness Together of Plaza Midwood is located at 1318 Central Ave. Visit <http://www.fitnessstogethercharlotte.com/biggest-loser/tryouts> for more info & directions. See you there!

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

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!

Old Timer's Bar

Four old retired guys are walking down a street in The Villages, Florida. They turn a corner and see a sign that says, 'Old Timer's Bar - all drinks 10 cents'. They look at each other, and then go in, thinking this is too good to be true.

The old bartender says in a voice that carries across the room, 'Come on in and let me pour one for you! What'll it be, Gentlemen?'

There seemed to be a fully-stocked bar, so each of the men ask for a martini.. In short order, the bartender serves up four iced martinis....shaken, not stirred, and says, 'That'll be 10 cents each, please.'

The four men stare at the bartender for a moment. Then look at each other...they can't believe their good luck.

They pay the 40 cents, finish their martinis, and order another round. Again, four excellent martinis are produced with the bartender again saying, 'That's 40 cents, please.' They pay the 40 cents, but their curiosity is more than they can stand.

They have each had two martinis and so far they've spent less than a dollar.

Finally one of the men says, 'How can you afford to serve martinis as good as these for a dime a piece?'

'I'm a retired tailor from Boston,' the bartender said, 'and I always wanted to own a bar. Last year I hit the lottery for \$25 million and decided to open this place. Every drink costs a dime - wine, liquor, beer, it's all the same.'

'Wow!!!! That's quite a story,' says one of the men.

The four of them sipped at their martinis and couldn't help but notice seven other people at the end of the bar who didn't have drinks in front of them, and hadn't ordered anything the whole time they were there.

One man gestures at the seven at the end of the bar without drinks and asks the bartender, 'What's with them?'

The bartender says, 'Oh, they're all old retired farts from Michigan waiting for happy hour when drinks are half price.'

WHERE DID THE WHITE MAN GO WRONG???

TOUGH TO ARGUE WITH THIS ONE.

MENSA INVITATIONAL

Here are the winners of this year's Washington Post's Mensa Invitational which once again asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition:

1. CASHTRATION: The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period of time.
2. IGNORANUS: A person who is both stupid and an asshole.
3. INTAXICATION: Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.
4. REINTARNATION: Coming back to life as a hillbilly.
5. BOZONE: The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.
6. FOREPLOY: Any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of getting laid.
7. GIRAFFITI: Vandalism spray-painted very, very high
8. SARCHASM: The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
9. INOCULATTE: To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.
10. OSTEOPORNOSIS: A degenerate disease. (This one got extra credit.)
11. KARMAGEDDON: It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.
12. DECAFALON: The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.
13. GLIBIDO: All talk and no action.
14. DOPELER EFFECT: The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.
15. ARACHNOLEPTIC FIT: The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.



Indian Chief 'Two Eagles' was asked by a white government official, 'You have observed the white man for 90 years. You've seen his wars and his technological advances. You've seen his progress, and the damage he's done.'

The Chief nodded in agreement.

The official continued, 'Considering all these events, in your opinion, where did the white man go wrong?'

The Chief stared at the government official for over a minute and then calmly replied. 'When white man find land, Indians running it, no taxes, no debt, plenty buffalo, plenty beaver, clean water.

Women did all the work, Medicine man free. Indian man spend all day hunting and fishing; all night having sex.'

Then the chief leaned back and smiled. 'Only white man dumb enough to think he could improve system like that.'



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16. **BEELZEBUG**, n. Satan in the form of a mosquito, that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.

17. **CATERPALLOR**: The color you turn after finding half a worm in the fruit you're eating.

The Washington Post has also published the winning submissions to its yearly contest in which readers are asked to supply alternate meanings for common words. And the winners are:

1. **COFFEE**, n. The person upon whom one coughs.
2. **FLABBERGASTED**, adj. Appalled by discovering how much weight one has gained.
3. **ABDICATE**, v. To give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. **ESPLANADE**, v. To attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. **WILLY-NILLY**, adj. Impotent.
6. **NEGLIGENT**, adj.. Absentmindedly answering the door when wearing only a nightgown.
7. **LYMPH**, v. To walk with a lisp.
8. **GARGOYLE**, n. Olive-flavored mouthwash.
9. **FLATULENCE**, n. Emergency vehicle that picks up someone who has been run over by a steamroller.
10. **BALDERDASH**, n. A rapidly receding hairline.
11. **TESTICLE**, n. A humorous question on an exam.
12. **RECTITUDE**, n. The formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.
13. **POKEMON**, n. A Rastafarian proctologist.
14. **OYSTER**, n. A person who sprinkles his conversation with yiddishisms.
15. **FRISBEETARIANISM**, n. The belief that, after death, the soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.
16. **CIRCUMVENT**, n. An opening in the front of boxer shorts worn by Jewish men

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