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Last weekend we had that once a year, maybe, blessing of a winter snow. And here in Waxhaw it is more rare than even in Charlotte. Oh it gets cold enough in the grey days of winter, but that hush that snow brings is the rarity that reminds me of days long ago walking through the woods and being able to even hear a twig break under foot. It is almost like the entire world is holding it breath.

Like most intelligent folks, I hunkered down at home and enjoyed the reprieve.

IOh I did putter around, doing my chores and mostly ignoring what lay just outside my windows. But periodically I would pause and enjoy that short lived canvas that God had given us. Taking notice that when I wasn't looking, a stray squirrel had left his trail across my back yard. A reminder to me that other life lives here too, mostly unknown if it wasn't for that snow. And I enjoyed it just like the occasional good smelling rose in the summer. The beauty in nature ...and the will of God.

John Tiley
Publisher & Editor of the Waxhaw Gazette

"Asking Gail" didn't go far enough!

by John Tiley

Even if you haven't read the recent article by Tommy Tomlinson, "Ask Gail:

iThe Corporate Big Boys won't acknowledge our country needs them to



Weather Forecast

Short Takes

The Political Hot Seat Award of this issue goes to Ken Lewis, formerly of B of A, who is being charged with **fraud** by the Attorney General.



Upset over disruption to retirement plans to count his millions on some tropical island no doubt

Runner-ups include our own former governor Mike Easley, John Edwards and at a distant third, South Carolinas Governor Mark Sanford.

Results based solely on pending litigation.

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Looking for a job is a job and more" in this past Sunday's Observer you know that it is just about impossible to find work "out there" especially once you've hit your late forties. There has been a "Grey Ceiling" which has overtaken the corporate world in the past decade or two. The "50's crowd simply is no longer wanted there, whether this is due to the perceived high payroll of "experienced employees" or the associated high cost of insurance, they have become the throw away generation of the working world. If you are one of the lucky ones that, at least until now, still have skills that have kept you in the workforce you know without a doubt that is likely to change at any time regardless of EOC guidelines. And it has become only too apparent that without "having somebody high up as a sponsor" the likelihood of getting *any* job is pretty much zip too, especially with all of the unemployment in these trying times.

This 50's Gang is try to hang on ...burning through savings, retirement funds and then credit just waiting for the banks to come knocking with a foreclosure notice. They make calls, send resumes all of which go unanswered ...all the while knowing that with all of the knowledge, experience and contacts that they possess, it is a sin to quietly go into obscurity!

help bring the US back from the brink... they are too focused on chopping costs, profit margins and investors to care what happens "a few years or even a few months down the road". They have chosen to ignore the Golden Rule of Business Dale Carnegie taught us ... that the customer *always* comes first and without them, there will be no business. Just ask the folks at Chrysler or GM how they feel about that now.

In Tommy's article, he chose Gail to write about, ...she is already over 62 and can at least draw some Social Security. What does a person in their fifties and unemployable do? Because they have found no company that is interested in them, they are the truly abandoned ones, no matter how willing they are to work ...in any capacity, at any job.

They are the ones who are fading away into obscurity. And there are a lot of them out there.

And they don't scream discrimination, even though they could and maybe should.

They have believed in the American Dream, lived it and are now suffering their fate quietly.

At least for now...

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A Color Specialist...

From Color to Curtains.

A *business in the area* I didn't know about until just recently is DECORATING by Donna. She is a color specialist (as in interior decorating and has many clients in the South Charlotte area that I've chosen color for their homes &

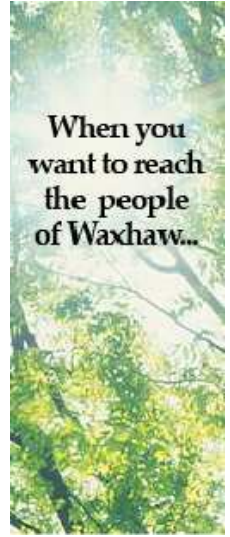
businesses.

In a quote from an interview published on her web site: "What part of your work do you love the most?"

I get excited when I choose colors for a home. People invite me into their personal space and trust me to choose colors that they would like for their home. That's a lot of trust that someone puts in you. I'm glad I can make a difference in their life by choosing amazing colors for them."

She can be found at: DECORATING by Donna
704-243-6764

WEB: www.DecoratingbyDonna.com | **BLOG:** www.colorspecialist-charlotte.blogspot.com



When you want to reach the people of Waxhaw...

Cindy French

Union County Saddle Club

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COGGINS CLINIC

The Union County Saddle Club will be hosting a Coggins Clinic on Saturday, February 6th from 9 am to 12 pm on the Union County Saddle Club Show grounds in Monroe, NC.

Dr. Robin Smith of Yellowhorse Mobile Veterinary Service will be collecting Coggins test blood samples for \$20.00. Old Coggins test results are not necessary but helpful, so bring if you have them! Other vaccinations for horses will be available as well – for example, Rabies Shots for \$15. Contact us for additional vaccinations available and prices.

The Union County Saddle Club is proud to announce their new class sheet for the 2010 show season - **a copy is attached.**

Several changes to note: we are now offering TWO Beginner Rider Year End High Point Awards - one for English and one for Western - and the Beginner Rider classes are now placed along with the other English/Western classes. We are hoping that this change will make it easier for more new riders to participate.

Following recent rule changes set by the North Carolina 4-H Association, we are now requiring helmets to be worn in any "4-H" class - this applies to the Western

Dr. Robin Smith is also offering to administer vaccinations to dogs and cats, such as Rabies Shots for \$10 (cats or dogs.) Please let us know in advance if you will be bringing dogs and/or cats, the number of cats and/or dogs you are bringing, and which vaccinations you will need so that we have enough supplies! All dogs must be on leashes, cats in carriers!

Contact Miranda Kaplan for further information on additional vaccinations and prices, to schedule vaccinations for dogs and cats, or if you have further questions. You can reach Miranda by email at ucsc@mail.com or by phone at 704-243-4562

For Directions, please go to our WEBSITE:
<http://www.unioncountysaddleclub.net/>

classes as well.

Please be sure to read through the class sheet, especially the "fine print" and the reverse of the show bill - we want everyone to be aware up front that certain classes do NOT count towards Year End Points, and we especially want to remind everyone that wants to compete for the Year End High Points Awards that they MUST exhibit their horse at at least 4 shows to qualify.

Feel free to contact us if you have further questions, and we look forward to seeing you all at our first show on March 27th!

Miranda Kaplan
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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!

The Washington Post's Mensa Invitational 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.

The winners are:

- 1. Cashtration (n.):** The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent, for an indefinite period of time.
- 2. Ignoranus:** A person who's both stupid and an asshole.
- 4. Reintarnation:** Coming back to life, as a hillbilly.
- 5. Bozone (n.):** The substance surrounding stupid people, which 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,

This has to be the 'Photo of the Year' or darn close to the top!!



Friendship, cooperation and love defined in a single photo

Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we're here we should help each other enjoy it.....

**Manure....
An interesting fact....**

Manure: In the 16th and 17th centuries, everything had to be transported by ship and it was also before commercial fertilizer 's

A Little Poem Regarding Computer Spell Checkers...

Eye halve a spelling chequer

It came with my pea sea

It plainly marques four my revue

Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.

Eye strike a key and type a word

And weight four it two say

Weather eye am wrong oar write

It shows me strait a weigh.

As soon as a mist ache is maid

It nose bee fore two long

And eye can put the error rite

Its rare lea ever wrong.

Eye have run this poem threw it

I am shore your

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 (n.): The gruelling 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 (n.): The frantic dance performed just after, you've accidentally, walked through a spider web.

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 (n.): The color you turn after finding half a worm, in the fruit you're eating

invention, so large shipments of manure were common.

It was shipped dry, because in dry form it weighed a lot less than when wet, but once water (at sea) hit it, it not only became heavier, but the process of fermentation began again, of which a by product is methane gas. As the stuff was stored below decks in bundles you can see what could (and did) happen.

Methane began to build up below decks and the first time someone came below at night with a lantern, BOOOOM!

Several ships were destroyed in this manner before it was determined just what was happening.

After that, the bundles of manure were always stamped with the term 'Ship High In Transit' on them, which meant for the sailors to stow it high enough off the lower decks so that any water that came into the hold would not touch this volatile cargo and start the production of methane.

Thus evolved the term 'S.H.I.T', (Ship High In Transit) which has come down through the centuries and is in use to this very day.

You probably did not know the true history of this word.

Neither did I

I had always thought it was a golf term.

pleased two no

Its letter perfect
awl the weigh

My chequer tolled
me sew.



...have a
Great Day!

7 Degrees Of Blonde ...

FIRST DEGREE

A married couple was asleep when the phone rang at 2 in the morning. The very blonde wife picked up the phone, listened a moment, and said 'How should I know, that's 200 miles from here!' and hung up. The husband said, 'Who was that?'

The wife answered, 'I don't know, some woman wanting to know if the coast is clear.'

SECOND DEGREE

Two blondes are walking down the street. One notices a compact on the sidewalk and leans down to pick it up. She opens it, looks in the mirror and says, 'Hmm, this person looks familiar.'

The second blonde says, 'Here, let me see!'

So, the first blonde hands her the compact.

The second blonde looks in the mirror and says, 'You dummy, it's me!'

THIRD DEGREE

A blonde suspects her boyfriend of cheating on her, so she goes out and buys a gun. She goes to his apartment unexpectedly and when she opens the door she finds him in the arms of a redhead. Well, the blonde is really angry. She opens her purse to take out the gun, and as she does so, she is overcome with grief. She takes the gun and puts it to her head.

The boyfriend yells, 'No, honey, don't do it!!!'

The blonde replies, 'Shut up, you're next!'

FOURTH DEGREE

A blonde was bragging about her knowledge of state capitals. She proudly says, 'Go ahead, ask me... I know 'em all.'

A friend says, 'OK, what's the capital of Wisconsin?'

The blonde replies, 'Oh, that's easy. Its W.'

FIFTH DEGREE

Q: What did the blonde ask her doctor when he told her she was pregnant?

A: 'Is it mine?'

SIXTH DEGREE

Bambi, a blonde in her fourth year as a UCLA Freshman, sat in her US Government class. The professor asked Bambi if she knew what Roe vs. Wade was about..

Bambi pondered the question; then, finally, said, 'That was the decision George Washington had to make before he crossed the Delaware.'

SEVENTH DEGREE

Returning home from work, a blonde was shocked to find her house ransacked and burglarized. She telephoned the police at once and reported the crime. The police dispatcher broadcast the call on the radio, and a K-9 unit, patrolling nearby, was the first to respond.

As the K-9 officer approached the house with his dog on a leash, the blonde ran out on the porch, shuddered at the sight of the cop and his dog, then sat down on the steps. Putting her face in her hands, she moaned, 'I come home to find all my possessions stolen. I call the police for help, and what do they do? They send me a BLIND COP!'

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