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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

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Are You Ready For Some Football?



Good Old Fashioned Super Bowl Football that is!

by John Tiley

It's the BIG Game, the Season Finale where the Champions clash for the top title, a reason for all men (and many women) to gather around the BIGGEST SCREEN TV they can find and eat endless amounts of wings, pizzas, brauts and other assorted tailgate style foods. A time where advertisers spend ridicules amounts of money on 15 second ads with some of the best and some of the worst ads ever seen on TV.



This year the clash is between the Pittsburg Steelers from the AFC and the Arizona Cardinals of the NFC. Both teams have proved their mettle in winning their respective League Championships with the Cardinals being more the come back kids whose winning streak only kicked in after a less than stellar beginning of the season. The Steelers have been consistent all season long performing in the traditional Steel Curtain fashion against all comers.



Personally, I was never really a big football fan... my early memories of professional football revolve around only three teams; the Browns, the Steelers (the Browns Arch Rival) and Green Bay. So, with that ongoing rivalry as a background, I can't help but to root for those Steelers. Even though they came out on top more often than not in our forays, when it comes to them going to the Super Bowl, well I just naturally have to leave the Dog Pound and get behind them, Terrible Towel and all!

But rooting for Kurt Warner and the Cardinals as the underdogs is just as enticing. Who ever wins, I believe this is going to be one of the Great Super Bowls!

Steelers vs Cardinals
Sunday 02/01/2009, 6:00 PM NBC

The Super Bowl XLIII Halftime Show

Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band will be playing for the halftime show of Super Bowl XLIII. Much of his status, The Boss, as he is known, stems from the concerts and marathon shows in which he and the E Street Band present intense ballads, rousing anthems, and party rock and roll songs, amongst which he intersperses whimsical or deeply emotional stories. His most famous albums, Born to Run and Born in the U.S.A., epitomize his penchant for finding grandeur in the struggles of daily life. This is a show to look forward to!

Tidbits:

The Steelers have been to the Super Bowl six times, taking away five titles.

This will be the First Time for the Cardinals

The Steelers logo is based on the Steelmark logo



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Clearly, Republican Congressional Leaders Unsupportive of New Administration

When it came time for Congressional Leaders to vote on the newest recovery bill, the first to come from President Obama, it quickly became clear that Republicans, to a one, wouldn't support the President.



President Obama travels to Capitol Hill to seek Republican backing Tuesday.

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Wall Street's Socialist Jet-Setters

By MAUREEN DOWD
Op-Ed Columnist
Published: January 27, 2009



Fred R. Conrad/The New York Times

WASHINGTON

"The "Citiboobs" — as The New York Post, which broke the news, calls them — watched as the car chieftains got

I recently heard, again, the story of Kurt Warner's humble beginnings in the NFL. After being dropped by Green Bay in '94 he ended up working as a stock boy filling shelves in a Cedar Rapids supermarket. It was then that he met his wife Brenda who was a single Mom with two kids. As the story goes, Kurt asked her out repeatedly and when he offered to pay for the babysitter, Brenda reluctantly gave in. When he showed up and found out that the baby sitter was a no-show, he offered to take the kids with them.

Brenda was reluctant and finally called the children out which is when he found that the youngest was disabled. Kurt said to her, once again that he couldn't see any reason why they didn't take both kids with them. The rest is as they say history. They got married, he adopted both of the kids and they have since added a parcel of their own kids to the family.

**Just to help you get in the mood,
here is a classic Bud Commercial**

belonging to the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI). Created by U.S. Steel Corp. (now known as USX Corp.), the logo contains three hypocycloids (diamond shapes).



Equipment manager in '62 was Jack Hart who was instructed to put the logo only on one side of the helmet - the right side. When the team finished second in the Eastern Conference and qualified for the Playoff Bowl, they wanted to do something special for their first postseason game, so they changed the color of their helmets from gold to black, which helped to highlight the new logo.

Because of the interest generated by having the logo on only one side of their helmets and because of their team's new success, the Steelers decided to leave it that way permanently.

Today's helmet reflects the way the logo was originally applied and it has never been changed.

in trouble for flying their private jets to Washington to ask for bailouts, and the A.I.G. moguls got dragged before Congress for spending their bailout on California spa treatments. But the boobs still didn't get the message.

The former masters of the universe don't seem to fully comprehend that their universe has crumbled and, thanks to them, so has ours. Real people are losing real jobs at Caterpillar, Home Depot and Sprint Nextel; these and other companies announced on Monday that they would cut more than 75,000 jobs in the U.S. and around the world, as consumer confidence and home prices swan-dived."

[See the entire article here >](#)

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As a follow up to her trip, Mayor Daune Gardner Shares her experience and thoughts;

I recently attended the US Conference of Mayors 77th Winter Meeting in Washington D.C., joining about 300 other mayors from cities and towns across the U.S.

The Mayors Conference is a non-partisan organization that brings together mayors for the purpose of enhancing leadership and management skills, strengthening municipalities' relationships with the federal government and providing a forum for sharing ideas and information. Only municipalities with populations over 30,000 are eligible to be voting members of the Conference although smaller municipalities are encouraged to participate. While Waxhaw is still a relatively small town at about 8,000 people, we need to be planning today for the growth that will be materializing tomorrow.

I had the opportunity to meet and talk with mayors from all over the U. S. including a number of North Carolina mayors like Mayor Pat McCrory of Charlotte and Mayor Jennifer Stultz of Gastonia. The speakers were excellent and included Rahm Emanuel, Cecilia Munoz, David Axelrod – all part of our new President's A-team – as well as George Soros, President Bill Clinton and Mayors Michael Bloomberg of New York and Manny Diaz of Miami. Mr. Soros spoke about the need for and potential impact of the Stimulus Package and suggested that the housing market across the nation will continue to correct over the coming months. Mayor Bloomberg's remarks included a call for tax relief for small businesses which I was particularly glad to hear given that the majority of the discussion over the course of the conference was really focused on infrastructure projects that will be vetted using backward-looking prioritization criteria rather than putting the resources toward those projects and programs that will build employment and the economy for more than just right now. I did not get to hear President Clinton speak because I was at Senator Kay Hagan's office attempting to get an audience with her and did eventually get to speak with one of her staff.

I sat in on several committee meetings focused on various subjects including Metro Economies, Tourism, Arts, Parks, Entertainment & Sports, Climate Protection and Community Development & Housing. While the committees each had different focuses, most of the discussion centered around how cities and towns can best pursue getting dollars from the impending Stimulus Package. A virtually omnipresent buzzword was "Green Jobs" meaning any job that reduces resource use, reduces pollution, etc. The notion of "Green Jobs" has a lot of cache both with the new Democratic majority as well as in the general public right now so any project that can be

The most vivid lesson that I learned while at the conference is that the Town of Waxhaw will not receive assistance from our legislators unless we know what we need. It's not enough to know that Waxhaw Parkway is key to our future growth and development; we need to know what that project will require in terms of resources, where it needs to go, who it will impact, what entities and agencies are involved as well as demonstrating that we understand what is required to work with those different entities and agencies, what impact will the project have on our community and our economy and the surrounding region, will the project mean jobs either temporary or long-term, etc. In addition to which, we need to also be able to demonstrate that we are helping ourselves by doing what we can for ourselves even if that is merely doing the research and the planning for the projects that our community needs.

This lesson was reinforced at the most recent MUMPO meeting when that body discussed which projects on the TIP might be eligible for funding through the Main Street Recovery Act which is the title Congress is using for the \$825B – give or take – stimulus package. The list was short and only two or three of those projects was in Union County, none in Waxhaw and now the word on the street is that the amount of money to be distributed to Division 10 projects will only be in the neighborhood of \$78M. We must define what our needs are and provide a full and compelling argument for each project before we stand a chance at being competitive in getting funding or support from any of our legislators and other agencies of both our state and federal governments.

If you have any thoughts on this topic that you would like to share with me, I welcome and encourage you to do so. Be prepared, however... I'll probably try to recruit you to help us make a difference in the area of your concern!



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**Clearly,
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Even as the prior administration received support from the Democratic Congress, it is clear that Republicans simply will not support Obama. Not one of them! When you consider all of the fall out from previous efforts, the idea that Democrats have no support from the Republicans is indeed sad... like when you were a kid and couldn't have it your way, only the Republicans don't own the ball this time, and all they can do is go home. And brew dissent. Partisan dissent, just what this country doesn't need right now

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pitched in that light will rank higher in the list of priorities than one that does not such show a correlation.

You wouldn't buy our shitty cars.

So we'll be taking your money anyway.

The Bailout. Coming this January.

You probably thought it was smart to buy a foreign import of superior quality, with better mileage and resale value. Maybe you even thought that years of market share loss might prod us into rethinking our process and redesigning our products with better quality in mind. But you forgot one thing: We spend a shitload of money on lobbyists. So now you're out \$25 billion, plus the cost of your Subaru. Maybe next time you'll buy American like a real man. Either way, we're cool.

GM **CHEVROLET** **Ford**

We're The Big Three. We Don't Need to Compete.™

What Red Ink? Wall Street Paid Hefty Bonuses

“Despite crippling losses, multibillion-dollar bailouts and the passing of some of the most prominent names in the business, employees at financial companies in New York, the now-diminished world capital of capital, collected an estimated \$18.4 billion in bonuses for the year.”

From the New York Times, this article strikes a point that should truly upset all taxpayers in that just how much of our “bail-out money” was used to pay these bonuses? Yet another case where transparency and oversight of programs put in place by the prior administration are sadly lacking and must be reviewed for wrong doing!

[Read the entire article>](#)

Is Your Tree House Getting A Little Too Small?



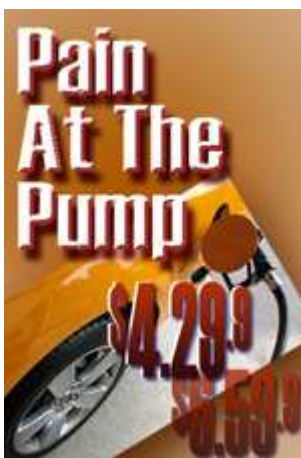
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Prices for gas in the Waxhaw area... Headed?

And they are predicting over \$2.00 by the time Spring gets here?

	3/20/08	1/
Texaco:	\$3.19.9	\$1.70
Pure:	\$3.24.9	\$1.70
Little General:	\$3.24.9	\$1.76
Shell:	\$3.24.9	\$1.70
Wax. In n Out:	\$3.26.9	\$1.70
Mineral Springs:		
M. S. Grocery	\$3.20.9	\$1.70
Texaco:	\$3.21.9	\$1.70
BP on New Town	\$3.21.9	\$1.70

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

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Waxhaw
Spring Fest**
*2 day family
craft & fun
festival*



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Dear Daune Gardner,

I want to let you know about a forum that's free and open to the public in Hickory on Feb. 11. It is titled "A Forum on Climate Change: Opposing Views."

The event features Dr. John Christy and Dr. William Schlesinger discussing the science behind global climate change.

Dr. Christy is Professor of Atmospheric Science and Director of the Earth System Science Center at the University of Alabama in Huntsville where he began studying global climate issues in 1987.

Dr. Schelesinger is the President of the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies. Before coming to the Institute, he served in a dual capacity at Duke University, as both the James B. Duke Professor of Biogeochemistry and Dean of the Nicolas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences.

The Forum will take place at the Hickory Metro Convention Center in Hickory on Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit [Carolina Journal Online](http://CarolinaJournalOnline.com).

Thanks,

Scott Barker
On behalf of ABEC



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From the Mayor:

Dear Friends

I recently attended the grand opening of the regional office of the 2010 Census. Also in attendance were a number of politicians from throughout the Charlotte region including Rep Sue Myrick, Meck County Commissioner Jennifer Roberts, Charlotte Mayor Pro Temp Susan Burgess and about a dozen others.

There are two things that you need to know about the 2010 Census. The first is that they will be hiring thousands of people in the Charlotte area for this census. While the jobs are temporary, the period of time during which they are available is the next two years which will hopefully get us beyond our current economic hardships. Regional Director Wayne Hatcher told me that they are still actively looking for what they call enumerators in Union County.

Second, state and federal funding formulae are based on census data. In other words, whatever the 2010 Census determines the population of Waxhaw to be will be the basis for calculating the amount of revenue we receive from state and federal programs as well as determining which grants the town is eligible for.

For more information about the 2010 Census, including available jobs, go to <http://www.census.gov/2010census> or call 866-861-2010.

Best,

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Dear Friends,

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

I had the opportunity to meet Bob Lynch, the Director of the non-profit organization Americans for the Arts at the Mayors Conference this past weekend. He is planning to be in Charlotte in the next couple of weeks and I invited him to come down to Waxhaw while he's here to talk about promoting the arts in our community.

Several factors, including the article below, have recently led me to the conclusion that it may be time to begin work on establishing a Waxhaw Arts Council and pursuing efforts to promote the arts in our community. Please let me know if you are interested in getting involved in this effort.

Best,

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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!

Here are some
"Johnny on the spot"
camera takes that only
happen in a flash..



There once was a religious young woman who went to Confession. Upon entering the confessional, she said, *'Forgive me, Father, for I have sinned.'*

The Priest said, *'Confess your sins and be forgiven.'*

The young woman said, *'Last night my boyfriend made mad passionate love to me seven times.'*

The Priest thought long and hard and then said, *'Squeeze seven lemons into a glass and then drink the juice.'*

The young woman asked, *'Will this cleanse me of my sins?'*

The Priest said, *'No, but it will wipe that smile off of your face.'*

Riddle of the Day

Arnold Schwarzenegger has a big one.

Michael J. Fox has a small one.

Madonna doesn't have one.

The Pope has one but doesn't use it.

Clinton uses his all the time.

Bush is one.

Mickey Mouse has an unusual one.

Liberace never used his on women.

Jerry Seinfeld is very, very proud of his.

Cher claims that she took on 3.

We never saw Lucy use Desi's.

What is it?

Answer below! (this is pretty good)

The answer is: "A Last Name."

You didn't think I'd send you a dirty joke, did you?



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WHEN YOU
HAVE A
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PROBLEM WITH
YOUR
COMPUTER.**

