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John Tiley, Editor & Publisher

**My** eyes actually feel burned with the sight of all that is going on up Raleigh way.

This states government, it is becoming obvious, is more corrupt than Washington! What I saw as a relatively quiet political stage is rapidly becoming unraveled. Somehow, Past Governor Easley managed to keep his underhanded dealings undiscovered; at least until after he got out of office. Now we find he is being investigated for all kinds of partisan favors and other illegal deeds. All of which seem to have enriched his life to a great extent. The latest and most well publicized of course, is the job he secured for his wife at the University. At least she got her come up-pence by getting fired. And three or four higher ups from the University that facilitated this folly as well. It felt good to see heads roll on that one! It was only a One Hundred and Seventy Thousand Dollar bit of graft... \$170,00 a year of our taxpayer money!

Now we have Ms. Perdue in there. Isn't she the one that promised to have 485 finished this year? At least until she learned the ways of things in the capital. At least we have an office here for her to visit occasionally, maybe? At a cost of how much??

And now, as we reel in the wake of the worst financial crisis any of us has ever lived through, she wants to double the "new taxes" to over a BILLION DOLLARS so we can help out the schools? I'm afraid that if the new taxes did get through, the schools probably wouldn't see much of that money either, just like the lottery money that was supposed to be for education. You know the money that Perdue has appropriated for "other" uses.

Look at Mecklenburg Schools.... What is going on there that so many "had to be fired" and now a number of those posts are available? How can a district get itself so far in the hole it had to cut so deep when no other district has had anywhere near the decimation? I am afraid that what we are seeing is the sick underbelly of greed that, just like Wall Street and the Banks, is just now being exposed as a result of this depression. The question is just how deep does it go and will anybody have the guts to dig deep enough to expose it all?

I am sure that at the end of the election that Pat McCrory was disappointed he didn't win the Governors race, but right about now, I'll bet he's glad he isn't up there in Raleigh slugging through all the muck that is coming to the surface.

State College  
80°F  
Weather Forecast

**It's 10AM  
& its 92.5°**



***I do believe  
Summer  
has Arrived!***

At least statistically it has. This is the first time this year I have seen the temperature rise over 90° but at least it's not raining for a change! Time to get out the sunscreen, plan the outdoor activities for early morning or evening hours, and to find cool shady places to spend the midday in. And, of course, I can already hear the beach beckoning! Ah the gentle sounds of the waves rolling into the shoreline and the smell of the saltwater commingled with coconut oil.

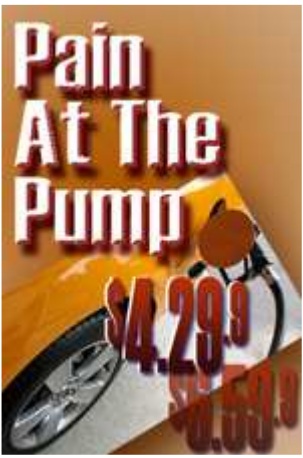
I guess it's about time to haul the firewood out back, no more use for that this year! Besides I need the room on the patio for the barbeque! Brauts and burgers, dogs and even a steak or two. Summer is looking pretty good about now. I am sure that soon enough the euphoria will wear thin and I'll become irritated at getting in and out of hot cars and having to cut the grass in the heat of the day, but at least for now the pleasantries are foremost in my mind. So enjoy the new season as it arrives.

There will be plenty of time later for hiding out in a cold theater or mall.

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# 50th straight day & counting... gas prices up

As posted in the Observer: Thursday, Jun. 18, 2009

Gasoline prices continue to defy experts' predictions and rose again overnight. That's 50 consecutive days of rising prices across the United States, as the cost of a gallon of gasoline seems headed for \$3 or higher.

The increases began about May 1, and oil industry analysts predicted in mid-May that gasoline prices would reach a ceiling of about \$2.30 for the summer.

That ceiling was smashed by mid-May, and the average price of a gallon of regular gas in the Charlotte area is now \$2.64, according to AAA Carolinas. The national average is \$2.68, with averages of \$2.63 in North Carolina and \$2.49 in South Carolina, which has lower fuel taxes. Experts can't agree on the precise cause of the hike, instead blaming a series of factors:

*Read the whole story here in the Observer*

For fear of repeating myself, there is nothing new this week, just higher prices yet again. Just watch yourself as they have been changing like the wind lately, so it will serve you well to keep your eyes open for the best deal when and wherever you can find it. And as it sounds like the oil companies are targeting \$3.00 or higher, I would expect the prices will continue to rise in the near future, so the sooner bought perhaps the cheaper?

	<b>Start Tracking</b> <b>3/20/08</b>	<b>One Year Ago</b> <b>5/23/08</b>	<b>Current</b> <b>6/19/09</b>
Texaco:	<b>\$3.19.9</b>	<b>\$3.81.9</b>	<b>\$ 2.69.9</b>
Pure:	<b>\$3.24.9</b>	\$	<b>\$ 2.64.9</b>
Little General:	<b>\$3.24.9</b>	<b>\$3.74.9</b>	<b>\$ 2.72.9</b>
Shell:	<b>\$3.24.9</b>	<b>\$3.72.9</b>	<b>\$ 2.72.9</b>
Wax. In n Out:	<b>\$3.26.9</b>	<b>\$3.74.9</b>	<b>\$ 2.72.9</b>
Mineral Springs:			
M. S. Grocery	<b>\$3.20.9</b>	\$3.81.9	<b>\$ 2.59.9</b>
Texaco:	<b>\$3.21.9</b>	\$3.81.9	<b>\$ 2.69.9</b>
BP on New Town	<b>\$3.21.9</b>	\$3.89.9	<b>\$ 2.69.9</b>

*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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## July 4th festivities

Applications for parade entries are now available. Please [click here](#) to download an application.

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## SLOW DOWN

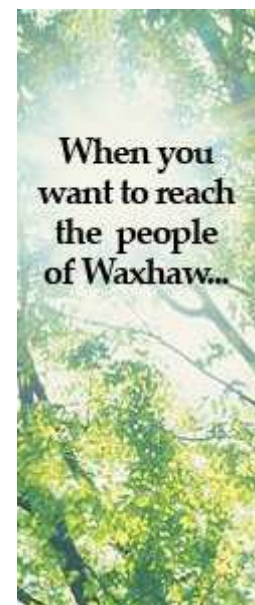
The Waxhaw Police Department would like you to know that the speed limit from Bojangles on Highway 16 / Broome Street to Couick's Marine has been lowered from 45mph to 35mph.

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## Coming this summer...

CWoW Summer Movie Madness! For a complete list of details please [click here](#).

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# Waxhaw's Events Calendar



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## Save the Date!

Waxhaw

July 4th, 2009 Festivities

### 10 am:

Old Fashion hometown Parade beginning at 10 a.m. on downtown Main St.  
(entries accepted until June 19)

Get your neighborhood, friends or business to enter at [www.waxhaw.com](http://www.waxhaw.com)

### 2pm:

Corn hole Tournament sponsored by the Waxhaw Business Association-Waxhaw  
Info Center

2 person teams \$40.00 (including t-shirt)

Space is limited

Call Brett at: 704-488-6582

or Tim at: 704-962-7639

*Proceeds to benefit the Autism Society of North Carolina*

### 5:30 pm:

Waxhaw Beach Party & Fireworks (9:30 p.m.)

Featuring the beach music of Mark Roberts & the Breeze

Shag instruction, Kids entertainment (face painter, bouncy, crafts) BBQ, hot dogs,  
ice cream, Italian ice, funnel cakes and more.

The excitement will conclude with fireworks at 9:30 p.m. across from Jackson

Station

and CVS in Waxhaw

Bring your chair and enjoy a great day and night in Waxhaw

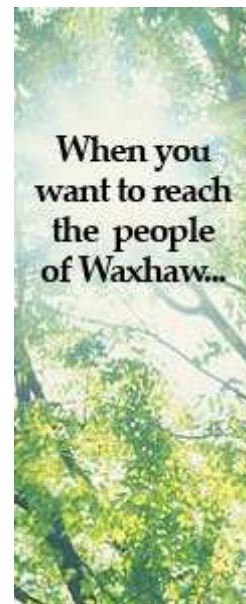
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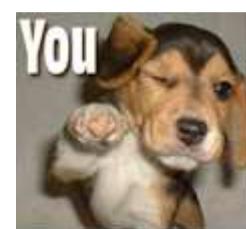
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**...have a  
Great Day!**

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## Top Republican To Stump For Myrick Re-Election

(Charlotte, NC) – House Republican Whip Eric Cantor will join Congresswoman Sue Myrick at luncheon in Charlotte on June 22.

Congressman Cantor was elected as the Republican Whip by his colleagues in December 2008, and also represents the seventh Congressional district of Virginia.

“I’m excited to welcome Congressman Cantor to Charlotte,” said Congresswoman Myrick. “I know that his insight into the serious issues our country faces will be much appreciated to all who attend.”

The luncheon will take place at The Westin Hotel from 12pm-1pm on June 22. For more information, please visit [www.suemyrick.com](http://www.suemyrick.com), or call 704-332-5200.

*Media are welcome to attend.*

Date: Monday, June 22, 2009

Time: Noon – 1:00pm

Location: The Westin Hotel

601 South College Street, Charlotte, NC

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want to reach  
the people  
of Waxhaw...



## Inside This Edition

## 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!



**W**ashington DC Metro Station on a cold January morning in 2007. He played six Bach pieces for about 45 minutes. During that time approx 2 thousand people went through the station, most of them on their way to work. After 3 minutes a middle aged man noticed there was a musician playing. He slowed his pace and stopped for a few seconds and then hurried to meet his schedule.

**4 minutes later:** the violinist received his first dollar: a woman threw the money in the till and, without stopping, continued to walk.

**6 minutes:** A young man leaned against the wall to listen to him, then looked at his watch and started to walk again.

**10 minutes:** A 3 year old boy stopped but his mother tugged him along hurriedly, as the kid stopped to look at the violinist. Finally the mother pushed hard and the child continued to walk, turning his head all the time. This action was repeated by several other children. Every parent, without exception, forced them to move on.

**45 minutes:** The musician played. Only 6 people stopped and stayed for a while. About 20 gave him money

## Welcome Home

## Don't let Greed Take You Down this old Black Rabbit Hole!



click on the rabbit hole, if you dare...

## ...Will you give this to my Daddy?

As a Company, Southwest Airlines is going to support '**Red Fridays.**'

Last week I was in Atlanta , Georgia attending a conference. While I was in the airport, returning home, I heard several people behind me beginning to clap and cheer. I immediately turned around and witnessed one of the greatest acts of patriotism I have ever seen.

Moving through the terminal was a group of soldiers in their camos. As they began heading to their gate, everyone (well almost everyone) was abruptly to their feet with their hands waving and cheering.

When I saw the soldiers, probably 30-40 of them, being applauded and cheered for, it hit me. I'm not alone. I'm not the only red-blooded American who still loves this country and supports our troops and their families.

Of course I immediately stopped and began clapping for these young unsung heroes who are putting their lives on the line everyday for us so we can go to school, work and home without fear or reprisal.

Just when I thought I could not be more proud of my country or of our service men and women, a young girl, not more than 6 or 7 years old, ran up to one of the male soldiers. He kneeled down and said 'hi.'

The little girl then asked him if he would give something to her daddy for her.

The young soldier, who didn't look any older than maybe 22 himself, said he would try and what did she want to give to her Daddy. Then suddenly the little girl grabbed the neck of this soldier, gave him the biggest hug she could muster and then kissed him on the cheek.

The mother of the little girl, who said her daughter's name was Courtney, told the young soldier that her husband was a Marine and had been in Iraq for 11 months now. As the mom was explaining how much her daughter Courtney missed her father, the young soldier began to tear up.

When this temporarily single mom was done explaining her situation, all of the soldiers huddled together for a brief second. Then one of the other servicemen pulled out a military-looking walkie-talkie. They started playing with the device

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## How the world works lately...

If a man cuts his finger off while Slicing salami at work...  
*He blames the restaurant.*

If you smoke three packs a day for 40 years and die of lung cancer...  
*Your family blames the Tobacco company.*

If your neighbor  
crashes Into a tree  
while driving  
home drunk...  
*He blames the  
bartender.*

If your  
grandchildren are  
Brats without  
manners...  
*You blame  
television.*

If your friend is  
shot by a  
Deranged  
madman...  
*You blame the  
gun  
manufacturer.*

And if a crazed  
person breaks Into  
the cockpit and  
Tries to kill the  
pilot at 35,000  
feet, And the  
passengers Kill  
him instead...  
*The mother of the  
crazed deceased  
Blames the  
airline.*

I must have lived  
too long to  
Understand the  
world As it is  
anymore.

So, if I die while  
my Old wrinkled  
butt is parked In  
front of this  
computer...  
*I want all of you  
to Blame..... Bill  
Gates.*



and talking back and forth on it..

After about 10-15 seconds of this, the young soldier walked back over to Courtney, bent down and said this to her, 'I spoke to your daddy and he told me to give this to you.' He then hugged this little girl that he had just met and gave her a kiss on the cheek. He finished by saying 'your daddy told me to tell you that he loves you more than anything and he is coming home very soon.'

The mom at this point was crying almost uncontrollably and as the young soldier stood to his feet, he saluted Courtney and her mom. I was standing no more than 6 feet away from this entire event.

As the soldiers began to leave, heading towards their gate, people resumed their applause. As I stood there applauding and looked around, there were very few dry eyes, including my own. That young soldier in one last act of selflessness, turned around and blew a kiss to Courtney with a tear rolling down his cheek.

We need to remember everyday all of our soldiers and their families and thank God for them and their sacrifices. At the end of the day, it's good to be an American.

**RED FRIDAYS** ----- Very soon, you will see a great many people wearing Red every Friday. The reason? Americans who support our troops used to be called the 'silent majority'. We are no longer silent, and are voicing our love for God, country and home in record breaking numbers.

We are not organized, boisterous or over-bearing. We get no liberal media coverage on TV, to reflect our message or our opinions. Many American, like you, me and all our friends, simply want to recognize that the vast majority of Americans supports our troops.

Our idea of showing solidarity and support for our troops with dignity and respect starts this Friday -and continues each and every Friday until the troops all come home, sending a deafening message that.. Every red-blooded American who supports our men and women afar will wear something red.

By word of mouth, press, TV -- let's make the United States on every Friday a sea of red much like a homecoming football game in the bleachers.

If every one of us who loves this country will share this with acquaintances, co-workers, friends, and family. It will not be long before the USA is covered in RED and it will let our troops know the once 'silent' majority is on their side more than ever; certainly more than the media lets on.

The first thing a soldier says when asked 'What can we do to make things better for you?' is...We need your support and your prayers.

Let's get the word out and lead with class and dignity, by example; and wear something red every Friday.

***WE LIVE IN THE LAND OF THE FREE, ONLY BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE.  
THEIR BLOOD RUNS RED---- SO WEAR RED! --- MAY GOD HELP AMERICA TO BECOME ONE NATION, UNDER GOD.***

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but continued to  
walk their normal  
pace.  
He collected \$32.

**1 hour:**  
He finished  
playing and  
silence took over.  
No one noticed.  
No one  
applauded, nor  
was there any  
recognition.

No one knew this  
but the violinist  
was Joshua Bell,  
one of the best  
musicians in the  
world. He played  
one of the most  
intricate pieces  
ever written, with  
a violin worth  
\$3.5 million  
dollars. Two days  
before Joshua Bell  
sold out a theater  
in Boston where  
the seats averaged  
\$100.

This is a real  
story. Joshua Bell  
playing incognito  
in the metro  
station was  
organized by the  
Washington Post  
as part of a social  
experiment about  
perception, taste  
and people's  
priorities. The  
questions raised:  
in a common  
place environment  
at an inappropriate  
hour, do we  
perceive beauty?  
Do we stop to  
appreciate it? Do  
we recognize  
talent in an  
unexpected  
context?

One possible  
conclusion  
reached from this  
experiment could  
be:

If we do not  
have a moment to  
stop and listen to  
one of the best  
musicians in the  
world playing  
some of the finest  
music ever  
written, with one  
of the most  
beautiful  
instruments .....

*How many other  
things are we  
missing?*