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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

And now ...The Presidential Campaign!

At last, it has become official, Senator Obama has won over the needed delegates, Clinton has bowed out of the race and the Democratic Nominee for this falls Presidential race is Obama. Now, the one remaining question is who will be his running mate? Will it be Hillary? Or who else might he bring forward? He has enlisted a Kennedy help in the process and I am sure they have more than one or two on their list. We know Clinton wants the job... Perhaps Edwards is one of the choices? Polls have shown it will mean far less to have Clinton as a running mate than not. Could bringing Edwards into the fold be a good counterbalance for Senator Obama? And he recently endorsed Obama and brought his support to bear?

Now, this is strictly a personal opinion, but I don't think Senator Obama has done nearly as well at getting out the blue collar vote as people might think. Obama himself is a very well educated person from a privileged background with little personal experience on the blue collar level (as if any Presidential candidate these days would). Just being black does not make him understanding of what the average American black, hispanic or white has had to go through in recent years. And Edwards, in my humble opinion, would be a lend a strong arm helping Obama reach those voters, far better than Senator Clinton could. The whole point is that while Obama is a man of the people, he is just not as strong in the working class as he could be. And with Edwards at his side, he should be able to overcome numerous obstacles in his path to the Presidency.



The country as a whole is in desperate need for a man to lead us back into being the strong, successful nation we should be, and it is the working class that is going to determine who that person will be.... the numbers alone will take care of that this time around. A man of the people or a military man with a family history of being very military is what the choice is coming down to. I happen to think it will take a well educated man wise in the ways of business, who can prove that he has every Americans best interest at heart, to get the job done. He will need to garner the support of the American people, and the industrial might it will take to get this country out of the quagmire we're in. A man who is interested in rebuilding America as a whole, first and worry about the rest of the world as a secondary priority. And as much as I do think of Senator McCain, I have a hunch he won't be the pick of the country this time around.

From The Editor:



I continue to be impressed with the selfless acts that normal every day Americans show toward our military people.... you know, the ones actually "over there" risking life and limb every day and especially those who make that ultimate sacrifice. This is one more great story I have come across to share with you.

There is a woman living in Utah, an artist, who decided to donate her time and talents to not the soldiers, but the loved ones they leave behind. An image that those loved sons and daughters, husbands, wives, moms and dads that are left behind can remember them by.

Take a little time, watch the video and read a little more about the artist and her quest. It will move you, I promise.

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Farming, famine and our part in it all?

by: John Tiley, Editor & Publisher

I drive around the area and I see the farmers planting more and more of the land these days. A welcome relief after years of seeing McMansion after McMansion popping up in what was not long before a field! It does however, make me think about all of the recent attention all media has given to the increased food prices and even the availability of food world wide. There are voices that are condemning the use of bio-fuels as wasting precious food resources what with people starving, just so we can indulge our need for gas. Others are fuming over the cost of getting food products to market... of course that applies to more than food. And the even more recent "discovery" that our rail lines, which haul so much of our goods, aren't adequate to keep up with the increasing demand placed on the rail systems not to mention what it will be in five or ten years.

And of course, as a Rotarian I am very aware of the extreme shortages of food around the world, especially in third world countries, and

farmers and as a result production has dropped to zero! In Afghanistan heroine has once again become the major cash crop because the US opted to pursue Iran instead of following up with ousting the Taliban and running Bin Laden down.



It is hard to see where all of this is going, but it does seem that the world has been in one crisis after another in recent years. I am sure historians would



On a Side Note:

1) **I** Fourth of July is coming soon so watch for info on town festivities. I understand we are in for quite the show again this year!

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we're not talking about just the ones that have been devastated by natural disasters in recent times. The numbers are pretty staggering.... *the world will need to increase food production by up to 50% in the next few decades in order to meet demands.*

Sadly, in many parts of the world, the people are not currently, nor in the foreseeable future, in a position to help themselves. Areas that once were considered major areas of food production, now are areas where civil wars rage, genocide has killed off or driven out the

tell us that things aren't really that much different, just more immediate now that we are in a "global economy" with money communications traveling at instantaneous speeds around the world repercussions are wide ranging.

The world seems to see the US as the bread basket for the world even though most countries could be doing a far better job of supporting themselves. But prepare yourselves for getting the blame for the worlds woes. We are the best target around even if global economy has decimated our workforce and capabilities. Even as we deal with the cost of living and making a living remember, we are still in better shape than most.

I encourage all of you to pass our link along to your Waxhaw friends and relatives so they too can enjoy our paper. Remember we will be publishing every Friday with updates as they come out. As I continue the process of building out our e-mail list, I will use it to send out announcements at time of publishing, with additional updates as warranted, so if your not already on our list and wish to become a subscriber, please drop me a line with your request.

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Area prices for gas in the Waxhaw area as of 6/5/08

	3/20/08	6/5/08
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Pure:	\$3.24.9	\$3.89.9
Little General:	\$3.24.9	\$3.94.9
Shell:	\$3.24.9	\$3.88.9
Wax. In n Out:	\$3.26.9	\$3.96.9
Mineral Springs:		
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And now, 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!



Editors Note: This video really doesn't belong under the title "Humor" It is a heart warming and very serious piece.



Remembering the Fallen

An artist uses her gifts to preserve the memories of fallen troops.



Kaziah Hancock is an exceptional woman and artist. Living in Manti, Utah, she paints portraits of our fallen military folk with the express interest of giving the portraits to the family left behind as a beautiful remembrance of their lost son, daughter or child.

You can learn more about Kaziah at her WEBSITE as well as the Project Compassion go to : <http://www.kaziahthegoatwoman.com>

In the meantime take a quiet and special moment to view the video produced by television station **KARE 1**.....and enjoy!

Video courtesy KARE1 Minneapolis / St. Paul

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1. Avoid cutting yourself when slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold the vegetables while you chop.
2. Avoid arguments with the females about lifting the toilet seat by using the sink.
3. For high blood pressure sufferers ~ simply cut yourself and bleed for a few minutes, thus reducing the pressure on your veins. Remember to use a timer.
4. A mouse trap placed on top of your alarm clock will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.
5. If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives. Then you'll be afraid to cough.
6. You only need two tools in life - wd-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and should, use the wd-40. If it shouldn't move and does, use the duct tape.
7. If you can't fix it with a hammer, you've got an electrical problem.



...A hunter walking through the jungle, found a huge, dead mastodon, with a pigmy standing beside it. Amazed, he asked, "Did you kill that?"

The pigmy said, "Yes."
 The hunter asked, "How could a little bloke like you kill a huge beast like that?"
 The pigmy said, "I killed it with my club."
 The astonished hunter asked, "How big is your club?"
 The pigmy replied, "We have about three hundred members."

History Exam...

Everyone over 40 should have a pretty easy time at this exam. If you are under 40 you can claim a handicap.

This is a History Exam for those who don't mind seeing how much they really remember about what went on in their life. Get paper and pencil and number from 1 to 20.

NUMBER 1-20, Write the letter of each answer and score at the end.

AND HAVE FUN!!!!

1. In the 1940's, where were automobile headlight dimmer switches located?
 - a. On the floor shift knob
 - b. On the floor board, to the left of the clutch
 - c. Next to the horn
16. What did all the really savvy students do when mimeographed tests were handed out in school?
 - a. Immediately sniffed the purple ink, as this was believed to get you high
 - b. Made paper airplanes to see who could sail theirs out the window
 - c Wrote another pupil's name on the top, to avoid their failure
17. Why did your Mom shop in stores that gave Green Stamps with purchases?
 - a. To keep you out of mischief by licking the backs, which tasted like bubble gum
 - b. They could be put in special books and redeemed for various household items

2. The bottle top of a Royal Crown Cola bottle had holes in it. For what was it used?
- Capture lightning bugs
 - To sprinkle clothes before ironing
 - Large salt shaker
3. Why was having milk delivered a problem in northern winters?
- Cows got cold and wouldn't produce milk
 - Ice on highways forced delivery by dog sled
 - Milkmen left deliveries outside of front doors and milk would freeze, expanding and pushing up the cardboard bottle top.
4. What was the popular chewing gum named for a game of chance?
- Blackjack
 - Gin
 - Craps!
5. What method did women use to look as if they were wearing stockings when none were available due to rationing during W.W.II?
- Suntan
 - Leg painting
 - Wearing slacks
6. What postwar car turned automotive design on its ear when you couldn't tell whether it was coming or going?
- Studebaker
 - Nash Metro
 - Tucker
7. Which was a popular candy when you were a kid?
- Strips of dried peanut butter
 - Chocolate licorice bars
 - Wax coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water inside
8. How was Butch wax used?
- To stiffen a flat-top haircut so it stood up
 - To make floors shiny and prevent scuffing
 - On the wheels of roller skates to prevent rust
9. Before inline skates, how did you keep your roller skates attached to your shoes?
- With clamps, tightened by a skate key
 - Woven straps that crossed the foot
 - Long pieces of twine
10. As a kid, what was considered the best way to reach a decision?
- Consider all the facts
 - Ask Mom
 - Eeny-meeny-miney-mo
11. What was the most dreaded disease in the 1940's-50's?
- Smallpox
 - AIDS
 - Polio
12. "I'll be down to get you in a _____, Honey"
- SUV
 - Taxi
 - Streetcar
13. What was the name of Caroline Kennedy's pet pony?
- Old Blue
 - Paint
 - Macaroni
14. What was a Duck-and-Cover Drill?
- Part of the game of hide and seek
 - What you did when your Mom called you in to do chores
 - Hiding under your desk, and covering your head with your arms in an A-bomb drill.
15. What was the name of the Indian Princess on the Howdy Doody show?
- Princess Summerfallwinterspring
 - Princess Sacajawea
 - Princess Moonshadow

c. They were given to the kids to be used as stick-on tattoos

18. Praise the Lord, and pass the _____?
- Meatballs
 - Dames
 - Ammunition

19. What was the name of the singing group that made the song "Cabdriver" a hit?

- The Ink Spots
- The Supremes
- The Esquires

20. Who left his heart in San Francisco?

- Tony Bennett
- Xavier Cugat
- George Gershwin

ANSWERS

1. b) On the floor, to the left of the clutch. Hand controls, popular in Europe, took till the late '60's to catch on.

2. b) To sprinkle clothes before ironing. Who had a steam iron?

3. c) Cold weather caused the milk to freeze and expand, popping the bottle top.

4. a) Blackjack Gum.

5. b) Special makeup was applied, followed by drawing a seam down the back of the leg with eyebrow pencil.

6. a) 1946 Studebaker.

7. c) Wax coke bottles containing super-sweet colored water.

8. a) Wax for your flat top (butch) haircut.

9. a) With clamps, tightened by a skate key, which you wore on a shoestring around your neck.

10. c) Eeny-meeny-miney-mo

11. c) Polio. In beginning of August, swimming pools were closed, movies and other public gathering places were closed to try to prevent spread of the disease.

12. b) Taxi. Better be ready by half-past eight!

13. c) Macaroni.

14. c) Hiding under your desk, and covering your head with your arms in an A-bomb drill.

15. a) Princess Summerfallwinterspring. She was another puppet.

16. a) Immediately sniffed the purple ink to get a high.

17. b) Put in a special stamp book, they could be traded for household items at the Green Stamp store.

18. c) Ammunition, and we'll all be free.

19. a) The widely famous 50's group: The Inkspots.


20. a) Tony Bennett, and he sounds just as good today..

SCORING

17- 20 correct: You are older than dirt, and obviously gifted with mental abilities. Now if you could only find your glasses. Definitely someone who should share your wisdom!

12 -16 correct: Not quite dirt yet, but you're getting there.

0 -11 correct: You are not old enough to share the wisdom of your experiences.

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Welcome to Waxhaw's Very Own Advice Column. "Ask Amber"

Dear Amber,

I am the parent of a toddler and work full-time. While I am at work my daughter is in a wonderful nursery school that has a 5-Star rating. This school is considered the best in our community. However, I am having a hard time getting used to the new lead teacher in her classroom. Almost every morning when I bring my daughter into her classroom, the children are wandering around aimlessly because there is no activity provided and the teacher is always sitting down instead of interacting with the children. I have heard the new teacher tell the children to "be quiet" in a loud voice and she also tells them "no" a lot. Since this new teacher took over I have noticed that my daughter's behavior has taken a negative turn. For example, when I asked her to help me place the napkins on the dinner table, something she previously enjoyed, she told me that she couldn't because she was playing. Another time she told me she couldn't do what I asked her because her "hands were full." Last week she spilled her milk at dinner - she said "too bad, so sad" - a phrase that I have never used and I suspect she heard it from her new teacher. I feel that I need to talk to the teacher about some of the things that are concerning me but don't want her to get mad at me and take it out on my daughter. I'm torn between weather I should talk to the director of the school or start looking for another school and let my feet do the talking.

Conflicted Mom

Dear Conflicted,

Having a young child in the care of someone else can be a difficult situation made especially so because young children can't speak up for them selves and so we are left to surmise what is going on in their lives while they are away from us by examining their behavior. As a parent you are your child's advocate and must speak up when you witness anything that you find unacceptable regardless of how minor it may seem at the time. This also means that when you observe behavior that is inconsistent with how your child behaved prior to a change in her daily routine, like a new teacher, you must take action. Transitions are difficult for young children and changing her form this school could trigger more behavior issues. Talking to the teacher will just keep the problem in the classroom and it's highly probable that nothing will change in the classroom and may even affect the way your daughter is treated by this teacher. That said, this school sounds like it is a quality place for children that has been awarded a 5-Star rating. I would contact the director of the school and request a meeting time so that you can discuss some concerns you have. Make sure you write down all of your concerns so that you don't forget something important. While employers attempt to make the right decision when hiring a new employee it is almost impossible to make the right choice 100% of the time. They are also not able to be in every classroom 100% of the time and need to get honest feedback from parents in order to continue delivering 5-Star service. Make sure the director acknowledges each of your concerns. If you don't see a change in your daughter's behavior or in the class within a week follow-up with the director. My guess is that your meeting will result in some changes that she may have known that she needed to make in order to keep the 5-Star rating.

Amber

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