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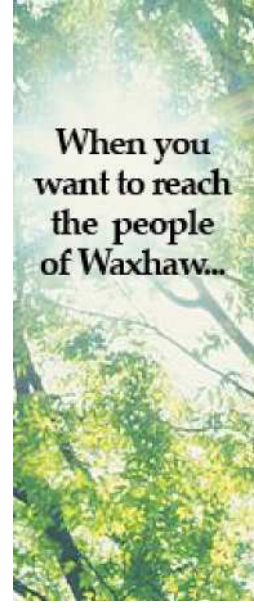
MONROE, NC – Madison Marquette announced today its comprehensive plan to reinvent and revitalize Monroe Mall into a dramatic new retail destination called Monroe Crossing. The transformation plans were cemented today when Belk announced a \$6 million expansion and renovation of its location at the center.

“Monroe area shoppers will finally have a retail destination that reflects the atmosphere and offerings that they deserve,”

said Denise Browning, Vice President of Leasing of Madison Marquette.

The Belk’s expansion will include 30,000 square feet of additional space and is scheduled to be completed by October 2009. The new 95,000 square foot store will feature the latest in retail design décor and merchandise presentation. The first Belk opened in Monroe in 1888 and relocated to Monroe Mall in 1979.

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

A Repete Performance Video:

This Video appeared last week and will remain this week as being so appropriate to our efforts for the Troops.

The Gratitude Campaign



This is a campaign to show you a gesture you can use to say "thank you" to the troops. Two very special videos now showing in the Humor Section!

A special note;

Longtime Waxhaw resident and friends, Katina & Barry Stone, home caught fire and burned down earlier this week. All of the surrounding Fire Departments turned out, but the fire was too far entrenched and it appears the home is a total loss. Luckily no one was injured in the blaze including the dogs. Barry has been active in many ways in the Waxhaw area over the years, most recently in real estate and many know him. Our thoughts are with them and we hope all works out OK for Katina & Barry.

Don't Miss Our Featured Photo Page

Care Packages For Our Troops Number Eighty; Packed and Shipped!

Heartfelt thanks to all of the involved in the collection and packaging of all of those donations so graciously given by the people of Waxhaw! Bonds Grove Methodist Church brought even more cards and letters by and the folks at Amazing Grace Lutheran Church allowed us to use their facilities to coordinate and package all of the goods up. By the end of the day Eighty Packages were boxed and ready to send out ... which Kathy did on Monday via the US Mail. Unfortunately the deal with UPS didn't work out, this time anyway.

Now remember, if you read last week's edition, I mentioned we would continue to send packages to the troops; well there is enough left over for next month and possibly the following month. Not necessarily with the boxes quite as full, but enough to make sure the troops know we're thinking of them. If you would still care to make donations, all efforts will be appreciated. As I mentioned additional shipments will be assembled and sent on a monthly basis. This will continue until all donations have been exhausted!

Again, it is a pleasure to report on such an event and the people of Waxhaw, who give so willingly, it really does make me proud!

John Tiley, Editor & Publisher of The Waxhaw Gazette



Justin Matthews

From the Waxhaw Gazette, a heartfelt Thank You for your time and donations!

...and thanks to all of our troops, here and abroad, for all they do for us here at home!

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

The Week Ahead:



starts **Tomorrow,** May 17 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., and Sunday, May 18 from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. so be sure to stop by and enjoy all there is to see and eat!

You may know, President Bush is due to meet Saudi King Abdullah on Friday. US Rep. Sue Myrick sent the attached letter to President Bush

urging him to engage King Abdullah regarding wahabi funded textbooks, and R-1 and R-2 reciprocal clergy visas. These key points are very important to protecting the public.



And on, and on and...

I strongly recommend, no, your Editor Insists that we all make sure to remember our pain this coming November!



Arts Crafts & Homes:
A special thanks to Amy Jordan and Golden Leaf Nursery for their continued contributions and support of The Waxhaw Gazette!

From The Editor:

Every week I dutifully collect and report the increases in gas prices. I have found even later in the same day that I report them they will up the price again. This morning, as I was writing down the posted price at the Pure Station in town, they raised the price yet another two cents. That makes for an average of .15 cents so far this week alone! And since March 20th when I started reporting these price increases it has risen over .50 cents a gallon. In what, five weeks? I have written about this before, talking about the horrific profits, Wall Street's unbridled profit taking but this morning, I spoke with a woman at one of the local gas stations and I saw just how it really hits home.....

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Area prices for gas in the Waxhaw area as of 9:00 AM. , 5/15/08

	3/20/08	5/08/08
Texaco:	\$3.19.9	\$3.71.9
Pure:	\$3.24.9	\$3.71.9
Little General:	\$3.24.9	\$3.68.9
Shell:	\$3.24.9	\$3.69.9
Wax. In n Out:	\$3.26.9	\$3.68.9
Mineral Springs:		
M. S. Grocery	\$3.20.9	\$3.69.9
Texaco:	\$3.21.9	\$3.71.9
BP on New Town	\$3.21.9	\$3.71.9

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 announcement, 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. And remember, there is never a charge to be a subscriber!

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"Belk is a great source of pride for our community and we are delighted that they are playing a central role in the revitalization of the center," said Kathy Trull, General Manager of the newly renamed Monroe Crossing.

A number of improvements to the center have already been made, including beautification and modernization of the center's interior spaces and the addition of several exciting new tenants such as Xtreme Play and Café don Pablo along with the relocation of Glamour Nails and Claire's to brand new stores.

A dramatic new entrance to the enclosed center is also slated for construction. By fall 2008, the exterior of the center will be completely renovated with new signage, landscaping and architectural features.

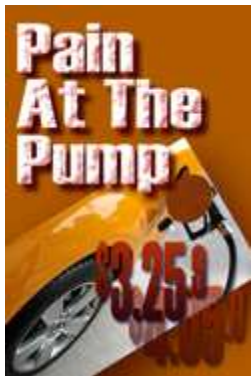
Madison Marquette acquired Monroe Mall in January 2006. The company recently opened a corporate office in Charlotte

and is actively seeking additional investment opportunities in the Carolinas. In December, Madison Marquette acquired University Mall and Rams Plaza in Chapel Hill.

About Madison Marquette

Madison Marquette is a Washington, D.C.-based investor, developer and operator of retail and retail mixed-use real estate throughout the United States. The company specializes in creating unique retail destinations that respond best to consumer preferences. With regional offices in Philadelphia, New York, Charlotte, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle, San Diego and Fort Lauderdale, Madison Marquette seeks investment opportunities in growing markets. The company maintains a sophisticated in-house operating capability and oversees 23 million square feet of retail real estate. This diverse national portfolio includes many properties that Madison Marquette manages and leases on behalf of third-party owners. For more information about Madison Marquette, please visit <http://www.madisonmarquette.com>.

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The lady was driving a beautiful Dodge SUV, the smaller version at that. I commented that I liked the vehicle and she told me how she did at first, when she bought it not all that long ago. Having saved and struggled to finally buy a new vehicle of the kind she wanted and thought she needed. And then she told me how the Dodge now sits in the driveway most of the time as it is too expensive to drive any more.

She had the joy of realizing one of those American Dreams we all have only to have it turn into a financial nightmare. The payments are still coming due, she now drives a "beater" that gets better mileage and there is nothing she can do about it. It is my understanding that dealers won't take an SUV of any kind, save for the newest of fuel efficient "crossovers" in trade. So her SUV will sit..... until somebody will either buy it or she runs out of money and the bank reposes it! It doesn't take much imagination that this sad story is repeating itself every day all over the country.

Everywhere people just like you and I are giving up other things, be it pleasure or necessities, just to have enough fuel to get by on. And we are all just shell shocked every time we go in to a station. There is nothing we can do about it. Even the construction guys are leaving their macho pick up trucks home and riding motorcycles or whatever they can to save on gas!

Now, what really concerns me is that I don't see an end to the price escalation in sight. Even as predictions of Four Dollar a Gallon Gas are becoming a reality for us here in Waxhaw, North Carolina, the price of a barrel is supposed to go up again to over two hundred dollars a barrel! And America is heading down a path that is a dark and winding one.

In the late 1940s when the boys got home from World War Two, every family chased the dream of having their own home and at least one car in the drive. Before long it became two. In the 1950s President Eisenhower initiated the interstate highway system and the growth and reliance on the auto has never stopped. Our railways have deteriorated to the point that they are only for major cargo now and are in pretty poor condition at that, unlike our European counterparts. As fast as these changes are happening to us, my concern is that even in the Mighty United States, can we possibly recover and reorient our way of life fast enough to get us out of the ever tightening bind we are in.

This is happening right now, it is not a threat of Global Warming, Terrorists or impending Communism....

It is right here and right now!

John Tiley, Editor & Publisher

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Tens of Thousands Dead, Many More Missing

On Wednesday, the International Committee of the Red Cross, which has assisted in virtually every conflict and disaster for decades, gave a more pessimistic estimate of the dead, between 68,833 and 127,990.

The cyclone that hit Myanmar was without doubt one of the worst ever, but what is even more despicable is the ruling governments position on refusing foreign aid. Granted it is a military junta, ruling by fear and suppression. But with the death toll rising and the undoubted disease and starvation to come I cannot fathom what kind of people these are that would willingly block help. We all know that a lot of the help would end up lining the military's pockets. Some things can't be circumvented. Knowing that, the free nations and organizations of the world are still being blocked. I am a well traveled individual and have seen first hand the object poverty of third world countries but this overwhelms me. It is the face of evil like I've never seen. After reading excerpts from the news media not to mention the article in this mornings New York Times where the reporter would post only incognito because his secret identity was the only way he could sneak past the military to get first hand information on what was, or was not happening in the worst affected areas, I am sadly convinced that no matter what is done there are still Hitler look a like's breading out there.

John Tiley
Editor & Publisher



"Concerns mounted over the lack of food, water and shelter in the delta region and adjacent Yangon, where nearly a quarter of Myanmar's 57 million people live, as well as the spread of disease in a country with one of the world's worst health systems. "Our biggest fear is that the aftermath could be more lethal than the storm itself," said Caryl Stern, who heads the U.N. Children's Fund in the United States."

(Reuters) - After 46 years of unbroken military rule, many people both inside and outside Myanmar think it will take an act of God to get rid of the junta. Here are some reasons why analysts say the generals are resisting pressure to open up to foreign aid and workers after this month's cyclone, and are unlikely to face serious unrest despite criticism over the handling of the disaster.

SURVIVAL COMES FIRST
Those living in the heavily populated Irrawaddy delta, where millions had homes or crops destroyed, will be far too busy rebuilding their lives and homes to worry about rising up.

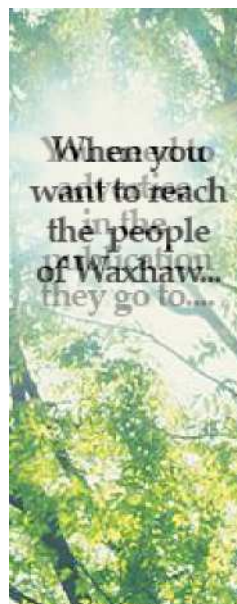
HEADS UP HAMMERED DOWN
Those elsewhere remember what happened when serious demonstrations erupted before, such as the bloody suppression of monk-led protests last September. A Yangon taxi driver in Yangon put it succinctly. "There won't be demonstrations ... People don't want to be shot." The cyclone might even end up bolstering junta chief Than Shwe's status because of his 2005 decision to move the capital to Naypyidaw, 400 kms (250 miles) north of Yangon, formerly known as Rangoon. With Yangon strewn with rubble and fallen trees, the junta's escape from the destruction is likely to confirm in its leaders' minds that they have a near supernatural mandate and can ignore pressure from within and without. "It is said that Than Shwe's astrologer told him to move the capital because Rangoon would suffer a calamity," Derek Tonkin, a former British ambassador to neighboring Thailand, said.

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And just in case you missed it...

Withering Heights and...



..... can still be seen here!

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!

The Whale!

If you read the SF Chronicle, you might have read about a female humpback whale who had become entangled in a spider web of crab traps and lines. She was weighted down by hundreds of pounds of traps that caused her to struggle to stay afloat. She also had hundreds of yards of line rope wrapped around her body, her tail, her torso, a line tugging in her mouth. A fisherman spotted her just east of the Farralone Islands (outside the Golden Gate) and radioed an environmental group for help. Within a few hours, the rescue team arrived and determined that she was so bad off, the only way to save her was to dive in and untangle her ... a very dangerous proposition. One slap of the tail could kill a rescuer.



They worked for hours with curved knives and eventually freed her. When she was free, the divers say she swam in what seemed like joyous circles.



She then came back to each and every diver, one at a time, and nudged them, pushed gently around - she thanked them. Some said it was the most incredibly beautiful experience of their lives.

The guy who cut the rope out of her mouth says her eye was following him the whole time, and he will never be the same.

May you, and all those you love, be so blessed and fortunate ... to be surrounded by people who will help you get untangled from the things that are binding you.

And, may you always know the joy of giving and receiving gratitude.

I pass this on to you in the same spirit.

Video Links

This needed to stay up another Issue.

The Gratitude Campaign



For the past several years as I've been traveling around the country, I've been approaching soldiers in the airports and thanking them for serving for us. On several occasions I have noticed that it felt a little awkward for both of us. There are several reasons, some of which I am even just now learning as I produce this film and talk to more soldiers. But they have always appreciated being thanked, and I have always felt better having expressed my gratitude.

I started to think that it would be nice if civilians had a gesture or sign that they could use to say "thank you" quickly and easily without even having to approach. I did some research and found the sign that we are now using.

Is this limited to the military? Not at all. If you look around you I'm sure that you'll find lots of people who are serving their communities, from local to global. If you appreciate their service, give them a sign. Say "thank you."

-Scott Truitt, FOUNDER, The Gratitude Campaign

Go here for The Video

THE STORY OF HOW THIS GOT STARTED...

WHY DID THE CHICKEN CROSS THE ROAD???

BARACK OBAMA:
The chicken crossed the road because it was time for a CHANGE! The chicken wanted CHANGE!

JOHN MCCAIN:
My friends, that chicken crossed the road because he recognized the need to engage in cooperation and dialogue with all the chickens on the other side of the road.

HILLARY CLINTON:
When I was First Lady, I personally helped that little chicken to cross the road. This experience makes me uniquely qualified to ensure -- right from Day One! -- that every chicken in this country gets the chance it deserves to cross the road. But then, this really isn't about me.....

DR. PHIL:
The problem we have here is that this chicken won't realize that he must first deal with the problem on 'THIS' side of the road before it goes after the problem on the 'OTHER SIDE' of the

DR SEUSS:
Did the chicken cross the road? Did he cross it with a toad? Yes, the chicken crossed the road, but why it crossed I've not been told.

ERNEST HEMINGWAY:
To die in the rain. Alone.

JERRY FALWELL:
Because the chicken was gay! Can't you people see the plain truth? That's why they call it the 'other side'. Yes, my friends, that chicken is gay. And if you eat that chicken, you will become gay too. I say we boycott all chickens until we sort out this abomination that the liberal media white washes with seemingly harmless phrases like 'the other side'. That chicken should not be crossing the road. It's as plain and as simple as that.

GRANDPA:
In my day we didn't ask why the chicken crossed the road.

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road. What we need to do is help him realize how stupid he's acting by not taking on his 'CURRENT' problems before adding 'NEW' problems.

OPRAH:
Well, I understand that the chicken is having problems, which is why he wants to cross this road so bad. So instead of having the chicken learn from his mistakes and take falls, which is a part of life, I'm going to give this chicken a car so that he can just drive across the road and not live his life like the rest of the chickens.

ANDERSON COOPER - CNN:
We have reason to believe there is a chicken, but we have not yet been allowed to have access to the other side of the road.

JOHN KERRY:
Although I voted to let the chicken cross the road, I am now against it! It was the wrong road to cross, and I was misled about the chicken's intentions. I am not for it now, and will remain against it.

NANCY GRACE:
That chicken crossed the road because he's GUILTY! You can see it in his eyes and the way he walks.

PAT BUCHANAN:
To steal the job of a decent, hardworking American.

MARTHA STEWART:
No one called me to warn me which way that chicken was going. I had a standing order at the Farmer's Market to sell my eggs when the price dropped to a certain level. No little bird gave me any insider information.

Somebody told us the chicken crossed the road, and that was good enough.

ARISTOTLE:
It is the nature of chickens to cross the road.

JOHN LENNON:
Imagine all the chickens in the world crossing roads together, in peace.

BILL GATES:
I have just released eChicken2007, which will not only cross roads, but will lay eggs, file your important documents, and balance your check book. Internet Explorer is an integral part of the Chicken. This new platform is much more stable and will never cra...#@&&^(C% reboot.

ALBERT EINSTEIN:
Did the chicken really cross the road, or did the road move beneath the chicken?

BILL CLINTON:
I did not cross the road with THAT chicken. What is your definition of chicken?

AL GORE:
I invented the chicken!

COLONEL SANDERS:
Did I miss one?

DICK CHENEY:
Where's my gun



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