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Story of a reprobate of a rebate disappearing down a rabbit hole?



We have all heard about them.

They have been in the news again lately, probably because of the dismal retail sales. A depression will have that effect.

At any rate, we are talking about the infamous rebates that make an every day purchase seem so inviting. You know the item you probably would have passed over or maybe an upgrade that was a bit more than you wanted to spend?

Well, as the ad goes, buy it today and receive a really good rebate for your troubles. That could be \$5.00 or \$5000.00 Dollars. All you have to do is send in a copy of your receipt and we'll send you your money, someday, maybe? Well this is just such a story....

Last July, I decided that it was time to upgrade from the cable company. I wanted better audio, better video and better programming with all of that new tech stuff included. The Ultra High Def., wide screen theater format for my wide screen television sitting in the living room being under used! Of course both of the satellite companies were running summer specials with all kinds of give a way's, rebates and free channels. I went with one of them. Now I will say, as far as the satellite company goes, I have been quite happy with the product and pricing, it was just one of those add-on incentive rebates that I will not give up on (and you know that is ultimately what they want you to do).

The particular incentive in this case is an Apple Shuffle. And have they ever made this one difficult. A company out of Miami Florida is running this particular program. And through the hoops you will go with them. First you had to send in the info just to make sure your qualified. Then they tried to get you to switch to something else, then money. Finally, many months later, a form to fill out, shipping and handling charges in the form of a cashiers check only and another 4 to 6 weeks. Yes, I was so intent on seeing if I would ever get a Shuffle from them I did all that they asked. And so, on the 8th of December of last year (a full five months since I had started this), I send the last piece of the puzzle out to a fulfillment company in Oklahoma with the expectation that next, I would be receiving my Nano, sometime in the hopefully not to distant future?

Now, all these months of patient waiting later I still have not seen my Shuffle, nor heard anything about it. Recently I had been thinking how I could follow up on it but hadn't gotten around to it before I found myself in the Rabbit Hole.... Just before the holiday took over all of my attention, I received a letter from Hawaii! Now, I know a lot of people with many of them scattered around the world, but not a soul from there? It was a plain white business envelope hand addressed with one of those sticky return address labels the insurance company people give their customers. There was no note, no explanation. Just my final envelope that I had sent 5 months earlier to that address in Oklahoma. My envelope (unopened, by the way) was properly cancelled here in the Charlotte area when it left in December and the envelope that it was forwarded back to me in was properly cancelled when leaving Hawaii. It just popped out of this end of the Rabbit Hole!



I wonder where it was all of those months in between?

I will make sure that the company heading up this rebate gets a copy of this story, but somehow I have the feeling I won't be getting my Apple Shuffle. It has probably exceeded the time limit or some such thing....

Or perhaps there is an evil rabbitsomewhere with a big grin listening to my brand new Shuffle?

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

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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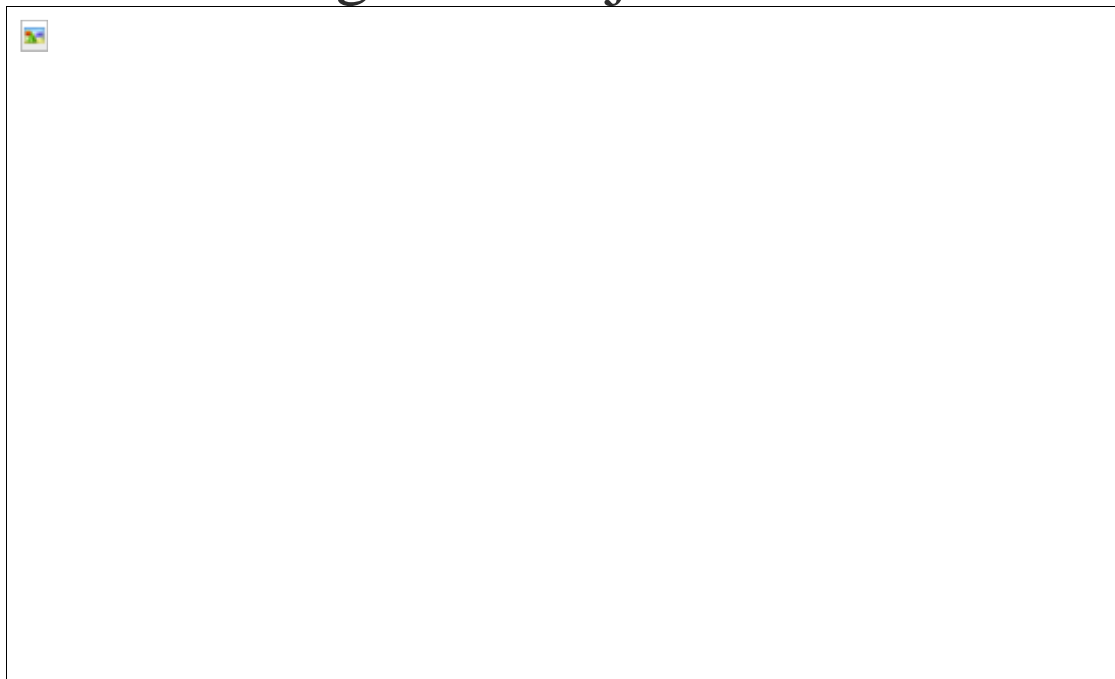


THIS IS INDIA. IT IS WHERE YOU CALL WHEN YOU HAVE A TECHNICAL PROBLEM WITH

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!

Centraal Station Antwerpen gaat uit zijn dak!



In case you didn't get the opportunity to see the Sound of Music rendition put on by Parkwood High School last weekend, here is a bit of the Musical Magic from another source to set your day! Enjoy!

Antwerpen Centraal gaat uit zijn dak want Op zoek naar Maria komt er aan! Bekijk hier hoe meer dan 200 dansers en danseressen het station op zijn kop zetten op het klanken van de Sound of Music!

Yes, it was planned :) The core of the dancers are from a dance school, but as you can see plenty of bystanders did join in, and they of course didn't know what was going on.

It was a stunt to promote 'Op zoek naar Maria', a Flemish (Belgian) TV show where they look for a girl to play Maria in a new Sound Of Music musical.

In wine there is wisdom.....



A recent study found the average Canadian walks about 900 miles a year.

Another study found Canadians drink, on average, 22 gallons of beer a year.

That means, on average, Canadians get about 41 miles to the gallon.



An old Italian lived alone in New Jersey. He wanted to plant his annual tomato garden, but it was very difficult work, as the ground was hard.

His only son, Vincent, who used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament:

"Dear Vincent,

I am feeling pretty sad, because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. I know if you were here my troubles would be over.. I know you would be happy to dig the plot for me, like in the old days.

Love, Papa*

A few days later he received a letter from his son.

"Dear Pop,

Don't dig up that garden. That's where the bodies are buried.

Love, Vinnie*

At 4 a.m. the next morning, FBI agents and local police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologized to the old man and left.

That same day the old man received another letter from his son.

**YOUR
COMPUTER.**



Kind Of Makes You Proud To Be Canadian, doesn't it?!!

"Dear Pop,
Go ahead and plant
the tomatoes now.
That's the best I
could do under the
circumstances.*

"Love you,*
Vinnie



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



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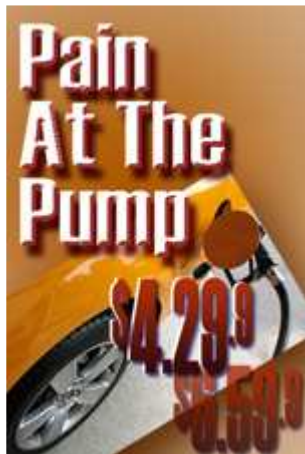
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Prices for gas...

Things haven't changed too much over the past week, however I suggest that you look for the best price you can find as many stations are selling at below the going rate. Most places have been selling at the 2.39.9 rate while I was able to buy my gas at 2.32.9 over on Independence Blvd.

Yes the Cartel has been ratteling its purse complaining it isn't making enough, so they are threatening to jack the prices up? Time will tell, but it does seem that the "free market" is making gas at least a bit on the competitive side.

	Start Tracking 3/20/08	One Year Ago 5/23/08	Current 5/2909
Texaco:	\$3.19.9	\$3.81.9	\$ 2.39.9
Pure:	\$3.24.9	\$	\$
Little General:	\$3.24.9	\$3.74.9	\$ 2.39.9
Shell:	\$3.24.9	\$3.72.9	\$ 2.39.9
Wax. In n Out:	\$3.26.9	\$3.74.9	\$ 2.39.9
Mineral Springs:			
M. S. Grocery	\$3.20.9	\$3.81.9	\$ 2.39.9
Texaco:	\$3.21.9	\$3.81.9	\$ 2.39.9
BP on New Town	\$3.21.9	\$3.89.9	\$

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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