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Hallelujah... the Elections Are Finally Over!!

by John Tiley

I have but one last item to cover about the recently concluded elections and that is in response to John McCain's closing speech. I have always held Mr. McCain in the highest esteem. As Senator, a Vietnam Vet and an American I have always felt he is the standard all Americans should hold themselves to. Here is a man who when called on to run for the Presidency, knowing it would be an insurmountable up hill battle, was not only willing but eager to take on the challenge. I feel he ran an exemplary campaign when it might have been easier to resort to some really "dirty politics"..... We can all look back and do a bit of armchair quarterbacking saying if this or if that, but all in all his campaign was well run, well thought out (for the most part) and very well executed. And when he conceded victory to Barack Obama, he showed how a real American deals with the burden of loss, with dignity and pride in the job he and his campaigners had done. He insisted in taking the blame of loss upon nobody but himself, even when odds were against him. Not only from the start but at just about every turn of events, especially relative to the economic downturn.

To John McCain I will say; I am proud to have you as a fellow American, proud of the job you have done and I, for one, am especially glad that



you will be around Washington to help the President-elect deal with an overwhelming burden of troubles this country desperately needs resolved. We certainly need people of your caliber up there!

Around Town:
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Waxhaw Christmas Traditions

The Town of Waxhaw is now accepting applications for the annual Christmas parade in historic downtown Waxhaw

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Liquor by the Drink Forum

by John Tiley



Served... By the Drink?

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Recently I had a comment about this subject, then Indian Trail got into the news with a confrontation about it and now I see that Waxhaw has once again gotten into the fray. Perhaps it is because I grew up in a different part of the country, but I just don't understand the liquor laws here. In fact I miss the way things were done back in Ohio. Now I'm sure I'll get a bit of flack on that but, things were a lot more logical there! How is it OK to go to a restaurant and be able to buy all of the wine you can drink (in fact they generally promote buying it by the bottle!) but not beer or liquor? ...or at least beer? Especially in a town where you can buy those drinks any time you want at the grocery or ABC store, day or night?

November 18th at 6 PM the town will hold a forum on "liquor by the drink". ***This is your opportunity to show up and have your say*** as to why we should or should not allow Liquor by the drink here in Waxhaw. Individuals will be given a maximum of five minutes to have their say. Good conduct is expected from all participants and will be enforced. All comments will be taken into consideration by the commissioners.

If passed what does this mean?

It would allow businesses in the Town to apply for licenses to serve alcohol by the drink. Many already are licensed to sell wine. It would allow new businesses to come to Waxhaw with a broader selection of activities for patrons to participate in such as watching a ball game, enjoy music, perhaps live music after dinner, etc. Of course all businesses would be subject to any new or prevailing laws governing businesses residing within town limits of Waxhaw. Overall it will attract new food and beverage business to the area and offer existing businesses the opportunity to expand their business giving them a competitive edge they currently do not enjoy over competitors in adjacent communities which do allow liquor by the drink such as Matthews, Stallings or Indian Trail for example

What are the Ramifications?

Simply put, if liquor by the drink is again defeated, the restaurant businesses, particularly the evening establishments will continue to operate as they do now, relying on only selling enough dinners to stay in business. Some may be able to weather the economic storm we are now enduring, many probably won't. And new individual ventures as well as chain establishments will continue to see Waxhaw as an unsuitable place to invest in.

If passed, liquor by the drink will allow existing businesses to operate their businesses on a more profitable basis with the opportunity to expand into more of an entertainment business instead of just a restaurant. New restaurants will be attracted to the area including chain outfits like TGI Fridays expanding our choice of venues. Most importantly business currently lost to surrounding communities could then be enticed back into our community increasing the financial health of our town as a whole. It is important to note that as the constituent base of Waxhaw is growing, and as a result, downtown will either flourish or die, but the surrounding areas will flourish because sooner or later "liquor by the drink" will pass. Whether it is in time to save the "Old Downtown" is really the question, or will our historic area become the newest Monroe with all of the history but nobody showing any interest beyond a few government buildings?

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Could it be because of religious beliefs? Mmmm, I find it hard to believe any religion that would say it's OK to drink anywhere but at a commercial establishment, which is essentially what we're saying. Is it preferable for people to go to a friend's home, get good and tanked up, then get in their cars and go out for dinner or a show?

That is what I see happening here.

At least in a restaurant or bar, the server is tasked with watching to make sure the patron doesn't drink too much, and if they do, supervise a taxi or other means of getting them home, or call the police if they become too belligerent. Also the bar is most likely the end of the entertainment run for the evening keeping drunk drivers if not completely off the road, minimizing how much they are? I wish there was a way to prevent drunk driving. And no, we already know that prohibition doesn't work either!

I have heard the arguments about the kind of business a bar might attract, but again, that argument loses steam when you consider that it is up to the town to regulate what business gets a license ...and what business loses that license if they don't keep their act clean. That makes it far easier to control a business that sells liquor than any other type of business.

In my humble opinion, the wine only thing, well its just plain silly. If you are going to sell whisky, wine and beer at the local ABC store, and let a select few establishments sell alcoholic beverages, then you shouldn't be restrictive to the type of beverage they sell! Control who and where and when by virtue of the licensing and enforcement of that licensing and you will control the effects on the community but in a fair and far more responsible, mature manor.

Back in Ohio, almost every neighborhood had a local bar. Usually a small place out of the way but everybody knew it was there. After dinner most nights quite a few of the residents would stop in for a beer or glass of wine and to meet and mingle with friends and neighbors, Play Darts or shoot a game or two of pool. It was loosely built on the English Pub

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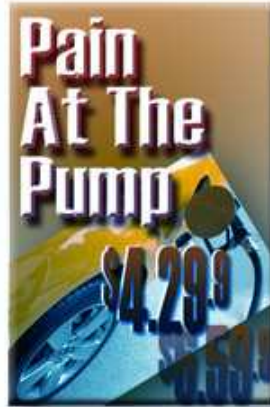
I also have it on good

type of atmosphere that promoted camaraderie and a neighborhood integrity. If you wanted to talk to "Charley" about the new building going up on the corner of Main, well if he wasn't there now, he probably would be by later tonight or tomorrow at the latest. If somebody did have a few too many, one of us would make sure they got home Ok. We all kind of looked out for each other.



authority that the light, by regulating traffic flow is helping to relieve much of the congestion further into Waxhaw!

Perhaps if we had more neighborhood bars here, today, we would have better neighborhoods too?



A First !

The Pain continues to ease and if you are lucky enough to get to South Carolina it eases even more, around \$2.05.9 for regular!

Area prices for gas in the Waxhaw area:

	3/20/08	11/07/08
Texaco:	\$3.19.9	\$2.39.9
Pure:	\$3.24.9	\$2.39.9
Little General:	\$3.24.9	\$2.39.9
Shell:	\$3.24.9	\$2.39.9
Wax. In n Out:	\$3.26.9	\$2.39.9
Mineral Springs:		
M. S. Grocery	\$3.20.9	\$2.39.9
Texaco:	\$3.21.9	\$2.39.9
BP on New Town	\$3.21.9	\$2.39.9

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.

Let's "Keep Waxhaw Alive" folks by supporting our local merchants!

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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!



"Toto, I've a feeling we're not in Alaska any more"

Two Ladies Talking in Heaven

1st woman: Hi! My name is Wanda.
2nd woman: Hi! I'm Sylvia. How'd you die?

1st woman: I froze to death.
2nd woman: How horrible!

1st woman: It wasn't so bad.. After I quit shaking from the cold, I began to get warm & sleepy, and finally died a peaceful death.
What about you?

2nd woman: I died of a massive heart attack. I suspected that my husband was cheating, so I came home early to catch him in the act. But instead, I found him all by himself in the den watching TV.

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1st woman: So, what happened?

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2nd woman: I was so sure there was another woman there somewhere that I started running all over the house looking.

I ran up into the attic and searched, and down into the basement. Then I went through every closet and checked under all the beds.

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I kept this up until I had looked everywhere, and finally I became so exhausted that I just keeled over with a heart attack and died.

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1st woman: Too bad you didn't look in the freezer---we'd both still be alive.

A Classic!

Be patient and be sure to
hear all of this Buddy
Hackett/Johnny Carson
Bit.

It's Very, Very Funny!



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