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Been Shopping Lately? Grocery shopping that is. OUCH!



by John Tiley

I am not your consummate shopper. Being a bachelor, I don't collect coupons or any of that and I rarely look at the flyers that come in. But I am conscious of what I do pay at the register and I have to tell you, it has just been going through the roof lately. I am actually very surprised the news media hasn't said anything about it ...yet.

Okay, what am I talking about, specifically? How about the price of meat? I frequent a local Food Lion and have always been generally pleased with the quality of their meat selections. Again, being a bachelor (and yes I do squeak when I walk I'm so tight with money) I make it a point to check out the meat counter on Monday or Tuesday... when the meat that was cut for the weekend and not sold is getting close to it's sell by date. You can, at least in the past, get some pretty good deals buying like that; especially that steak you may very well not buy if you had to pay retail. Tuesday I was checking out a particularly good looking piece of meat at least until I saw the cost.

The original price for on steak was well over \$9 Dollars; the reduced price was not even a ten percent discount. An awful lot of money for one piece of meat to begin with and certainly not an attractive discount for something that if you don't cook it pretty quick will be going out in the garbage! No steak in this house this week.

Alright we've seen meat and yes the price of pork and chicken was similarly high? While running the isles, I needed coffee, so I picked up the large Maxwell house container that I was replacing until..... yep, no special deal there and regular price? \$10 and change... what? So I look at the other "less favored national brand" and that was over \$12 Dollars! Now this is coffee I'm used to paying around five or six bucks for in the past. I can't tell you if that was retail or a special, but ten to twelve dollars as I am finishing up a can that I paid half that price for? There seems to be a pattern developing here....

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Waxhaw
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Weather Forecast

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As Rumors Have It?

I wonder, ...is She a relative of our "Midnight Runner"?

Police arrest half-naked woman on walk

By Christy Mullins
(Rock Hill) Herald

A 50-year-old woman was arrested Tuesday after police found her half nude, walking along Kelly Road in York.

As appearing here in the Charlotte Observer >

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Speed Humps



Recently I have been researching speed humps for my sub-division and this German product which is being highly considered. I have it on good authority that the Town might also be considering them?

Click here for a product demonstration that shows the quality and effectiveness after being installed by a home owner >

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Autumn Treasures Festival

by Cathy Murphy

Waxhaw, N.C. — The Town of Waxhaw invites everyone to come and enjoy the beautiful days of Fall in historic downtown on Saturday, October 10th from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm and Sunday, October 11th from 12:00-6:00pm.

Featuring over 75 local artists and crafters, live entertainment, food court and a separate Kidz Zone, Autumn Treasures promises an affordable and fun event for the entire family. Walk the historic streets of Waxhaw and view and purchase beautiful jewelry, clothing, wood works, candles, local apples, honey, wreaths and much more, all in time for the holidays.

Our Kids Zone at Waxhaw United Methodist Church will offer face and nail painting, sand art, inflatables, Flexflyer ride, The Carolina Raptor Center, The Schiele Museum Gem Mining, Greg Zelnik-Magician, Dave Wufleck –fantasy songs, Matthews Playhouse, A Walk in the Woods, drumStrong, pumpkins and more.

Don't miss RJ Adams, Tim Emore, Bryan Swaringen, Jeff Luckadoo, Norris Boys, GodSent, CWOW Block Party, and more at the Main Stage.

A wide selection of food will be available in the food court featuring: BBQ by Butts R Us, hot dogs, pizza, steak sandwiches, sno cones, funnel cakes, cotton candy, ice cream and more.

This weekend is proudly sponsored by CMC-Medical Group of Waxhaw, Fifth Third Bank, Waxhaw United Methodist Church, Creative Plus, Five Stones Church and the Town of Waxhaw.

Autumn Treasures is a rain or shine event and is free to the public.

Please refer to the town website www.waxhaw.com for additional event information or contact Cathy Murphy at events@waxhaw.com or call her at: 704-843-2195, ext 26.

Ken Lewis to Retire?

...fading into obscurity without as much as a slap on the hand?



by John Tiley

The leader and CEO of one of the largest and most disrespected banks ...who is directly and indirectly responsible for thousands of people's financial demise, is heading into retired obscurity even as consumers and government alike are perusing him and the "Bank of America" with legal action for all types of wrongdoing!

I Wrongfull deeds to the extent that, in my opinion, it actually dwarfs what Madoff did with his ponzi scheme. Is it right that Lewis hasn't been prosecuted (yet) for his complicity?

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by John Tiley

Soda! Used to be able to buy Coke or Pepsi for about a dollar for a 2 liter... now? Try \$1.75 and no deals in sight! How about candy? I have already given up on my favored peanut butter cups what with the demise of one of the peanut processors and all of their USDA type problems

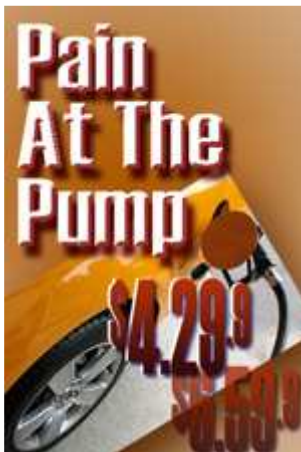
Okay, I can understand that the law of supply and demand comes into play there, at least for awhile, so they became a very infrequent treat instead of a staple, but, what about chocolate? Hershey and the others are now pushing four dollars a bag for what used to be two dollars and something....

And there is far less in the bag? And as the final insult, to me at least, the consummate bachelor I am, the price of propane for my grill... 20+ bucks with a trade in? Sadly the last time I bought, I replaced both of my tanks and it was right afterwards that the story broke about the suppliers short filling the tanks so the price increases didn't appear too exorbitant? From now on I guarantee you I will be going to an independent and I will make sure I'm getting a full tank! No more Blue Rhino in this house!!

I will admit this is certainly not a scientific study, more a personal reaction to what I've been subjected to. And this isn't just something happening in one location or by one store, but pretty much across the boards. I do frequent Food Lion mostly, have been know to buy from the traditionally higher priced Harris Teeter and yes, I admit, I also frequent WalMart! WalMart is and I expect will continue to offer the overall best deal. I will be spending more of my food dollars there in the future because, just like you, I have to really stretch those dollars in this recession just to get by. I wonder what these people are thinking by charging so much?



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Keep Your Eyes Open...

It has been a day or so since I was through downtown, so in a situation like this I generally call the stations to verify their price. Today, Petro had their phone shut off and the rest except for Shell didn't answer their phones. As memory serves me, the other stations in town were priced similarly at \$2.45.9 although that does change... in fact I am somewhat dismayed that stations out this way are charging so much. Just a few days ago I filled up for 2.36.9 at a Citgo in Stallings, and yes the other stations up there were priced accordingly. So, it pays to keep you eyes opn and a tight reign on your wallet when looking for gas.

	Start Tracking 3/20/08	One Year Ago 5/23/08	Current 10/2/09
Texaco:	\$3.19.9	\$3.81.9	N/A
Pure:	\$3.24.9	\$	N/A
Little General:	\$3.24.9	\$3.74.9	N/A
Shell:	\$3.24.9	\$3.72.9	\$ 2.45.9
Wax. In n Out:	\$3.26.9	\$3.74.9	N/A
Mineral Springs:			
M. S. Grocery	\$3.20.9	\$3.81.9	N/A
Texaco:	\$3.21.9	\$3.81.9	N/A
BP on New Town	\$3.21.9	\$3.89.9	N/A

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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Ken Lewis to Retire?

...fading into obscurity without as much as a slap on the hand?



by John Tiley

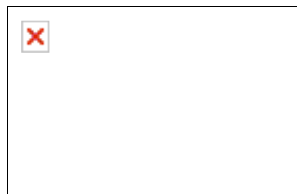
He has spent the last four decades getting into the position of power and responsibility he now holds and as such he is the *one person* that needs to be held responsibilities for the actions the bank has taken. Even Tommy Tomlinson in yesterday's article blasted Lewis, perhaps with a bit more subtlety than I am here; maybe I'm just a bit more impassioned about people that steal from hard working Americans. In Tommy's defense I will say this is not the typical topic of his articles, perhaps that is unspokin something there? I do applaud Tommy as one of the best writers Charlotte has ever produced!

However, Lewis deserves to continue to have his feet held to the fire.... And should not be allowed to slide into that obscurity of retirement on a beach somewhere without paying the consequences of his decisions! He needs to be remembered for all of the thousands of people he has swung his hatchet at and left without the means to earn a living, the stockholders he has bilked out of millions upon millions with poor business decisions and risk taking all the while fattening his own pockets, and of course the part he played in the demise of America's financial standing in the world.

All the while we simple taxpayers will be paying for his bailout for decades to come? NOT RIGHT AT ALL! Perhaps we can arrange for a cell right next to Bernard's ...a place he can contemplate the consequences of his actions, say for the next 4 or 5 decades?

Did anyone else notice the change in the Bank of America logo treatment? I go past one of their branches just about every day and each time, I notice the **red background** they are now putting behind the logo... a Freudian slip there, all that red ink they are immersed in?

It is going to take forever to right that ship, if its even possible. Old Ken Lewis' name and actions are going to haunt old B of A for a very long time indeed.



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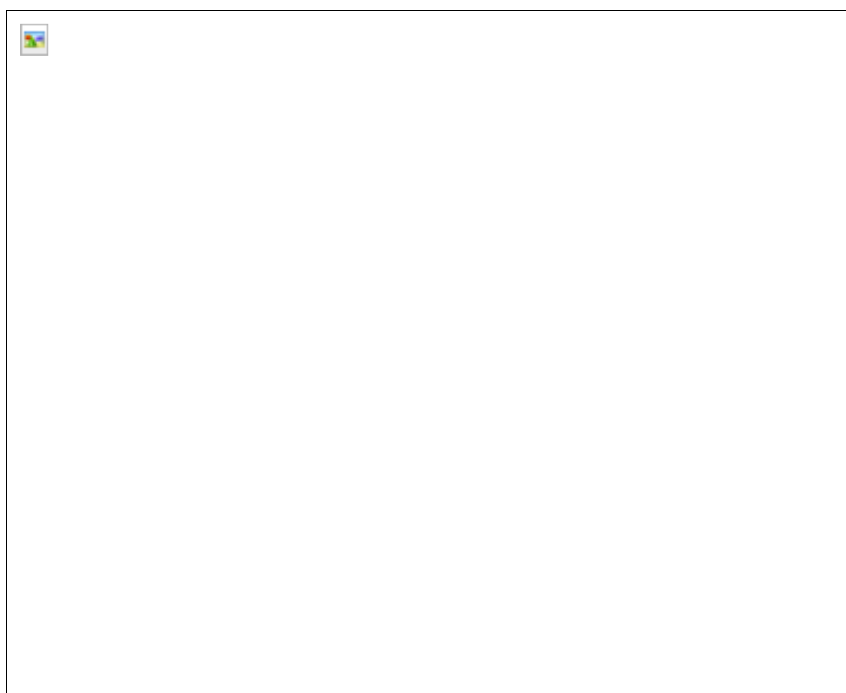
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And now, Our Weekly Dose of Humor directly from the Internet.....

bits and pieces that your Editor will not testify to for correctness, accuracy nor even believability but they are certainly humorous? So Enjoy!

From The RivoliRevue: Press One for English.



A brand of music that is fun and entertaining - Ameriamobilly. Music about America, our love of travel, family, God and country. Unique and up beat the Rivoli Revue will make you smile with the story songs about life in general. Roads we have all walked or will walk one day. Come take a journey with the Rivoli Revue - Not just music - entertainment.

*For more, go to their site dedicated to the wheres and whens of
Ron and Kay Rivoli and The Rivoli Revue.*

The Mouse

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package.

"What food might this contain?" The mouse wondered.
He was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap.

Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed this warning :

"There is a mousetrap in the house!
There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The chicken clucked and scratched,
raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse,
I can tell this is a grave concern to you,
but it is of no consequence to me.
I cannot be bothered by it."

The mouse turned to the pig and told him,

"There is a mousetrap in the house!
There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The pig sympathized, but said,
"I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse,



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"**E**veryone who has ever taken a shower has had an idea. It's the person who gets out of the shower, dries off, and does something about it that makes a difference." - Nolan Bushnell

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BEAUTIFUL
MESSAGE
ABOUT
GROWING OLD:

Crap ...

I forgot what it was....

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but there is nothing I can do about it
but pray.

Be assured you are in my prayers.."

The mouse turned to the cow and said,

"There is a mousetrap in the house!
There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The cow said, "Wow, Mr. Mouse. I'm sorry for you,
but it's no skin off my nose."

So, the mouse returned to the house,
head down and dejected,
to face the farmer's mousetrap

. . . . Alone. . .

That very night
a sound was heard throughout the house

-- the sound Of a mousetrap catching its prey.

The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught.

In the darkness, she did not see it.
It was a venomous snake
whose tail was caught in the trap.

The snake bit the farmer's wife.

The farmer rushed her to the hospital.

When she returned home she still had a fever.

Everyone knows you treat a fever
with fresh chicken soup.

So the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard
for the soup's main ingredient:

But his wife's sickness continued.

Friends and neighbors
came to sit with her
around the clock.

To feed them,
the farmer butchered the pig.

But, alas,
the farmer's wife did not get well....

She died.

So many people came for her funeral
that the farmer had the cow slaughtered
to provide enough meat for all of them
for the funeral luncheon.

And the mouse looked upon it all
from his crack in the wall
with great sadness.

So, the next time you hear
someone is facing a problem
and you think it doesn't concern you,
remember ---

When one of us is threatened, we are all at risk.

We are all involved in this journey called life

We must keep an eye out for one another
and make an extra effort
to encourage one another.



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