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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

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Quick, Better Hide That Cash!

...the Feds wants to spend it on Aristocrat Criminals caught holding a financial Hot Potato!

by John Tiley

First of all, I consider myself to be a "Traditional Republican" ...a small businessman who was raised to believe that the Ten Commandments were the underlying foundation of this country.

Now, if you are to believe what we hear on TV, the current plan is to spend **HUINDREDS OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS** to save our country from economic ruin. Well, just in case the folks in Washington and on Wall Street haven't noticed, we are already there, living in a country that has been devastated, and it has been going on for years now. The "Bailout" will NOT help those who have lost or are in the process of losing their homes and life savings or the hundreds of thousands of people that have lost their jobs, you know, the loan originators at the banks, the real Estate Agents, the IT people, the builders and the craftsmen that built these homes, the list goes on to every corner of our country.

"...employees were "kept in the dark" about problems at American Home and the company kept hiring even as a complete wipe out approached".

"Corporations" from creating such greed induced havoc that it reaches the point of being criminally irresponsible before this country even has a chance of recovery. These people need to be prosecuted to the fullest extent possible and sent to jail ...not allowed to disappear on a golden parachute! It appears that the government learned nothing from that fiasco just a short six years ago.

When McCain said the other day "if Congress does not pass legislation to address the crisis, credit will dry up, people will no longer be able to buy homes, life savings will be at stake and businesses will not have enough money" He certainly isn't talking about the average American I see every day.... To them credit is one thing they have too much of and are paying the greedy bankers far too much interest on already. The ones that still have homes are trying to figure out how to hang on to them, certainly not buy new ones because most of their "life savings", if they ever had any, has already been spent trying to keep their heads above water... and as to business's ...well they are dropping like flies anyway, just look in the newspaper tomorrow morning to see what plant closed, Freightliner, Hanes, Springs? That is of course if the papers are still publishing tomorrow... most of them are already in bankruptcy and are only a week

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Around Town:

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With all of the bad news out there here is a link to an article that is so outlandish it will certainly put a bright spot in your day:

Ben & Jerry's Decides Against Human Milk

PETA Proposal Would Have Changed Vermont's Image

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There are all kinds of events and meetings this coming week. [Check out the Events Page!](#)

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From the Mayor

Union County will be holding a public forum to receive input on the proposed new county-wide comprehensive plan on Monday, September 29th, from 7-9pm at the Union County Agricultural Center located at 3230-D Presson Road in



The American people are the ones who end up paying for these ill-conceived plans. And a high percentage of them are all already on the street with little or no hope of finding work, all fired by companies or bosses' who's only interest was in saving only their profit margins and thus, their own hides!

Not all that long ago, the Enron debacle taught us that oversight and transparency is mandatory not only with US companies but with international companies doing business here as well. We are going have to stop these "CEOs" and

or two away from closing, at least here in the Southeast. And saving people? The financially challenged customer is up on Wall Street, where deregulation, greed and fraud ran wild.

And most of those people that still have something to lose, well they are the investors who helped perpetuate the fix we're in and aren't poor at any rate. Besides, under the circumstances you can't possibly save everyone.

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Monroe. The official meeting notice is **attached** as well as a draft of the **proposed plan**.

Waxhaw has not had much input into this draft as none of the steering committee members are from Waxhaw and most of the steering committee meetings were scheduled at the same time as our regular town board meetings. I am planning to attend this forum and hope to have comments from staff and residents to take with me so please feel free to attend this forum or share your thoughts with me beforehand.

Best,
Daune Gardner
Mayor of Waxhaw

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In a nutshell:

1, There are too many houses out there, too many vacant or unsold, too many homeowners underwater. Credit will not start to flow, as some suggest, simply because the crisis is contained. There have to be borrowers, and there has to be collateral. There won't be enough.

2, Wealth loss to near-retirees and the elderly from a declining stock market as things shake out is unacceptable. How about taking care of this with rough justice, through a supplement to Social Security? And for the revenue to support it? Impose a turnover tax on stocks.

3, Conflicts of interest and criminally creative bookkeeping are generally the culprit as is often a combination of financial complexity and insanely expensive compensation packages. These have to stop, they are fundamentally wrong and cannot be allowed to continue!

This "Bail Out" is happening **WAY TOO FAST!** Washington is being forced into dealing with this whole mess far too fast and must demand accountability, not just print some more money to throw at the problem in the hope it will go away.

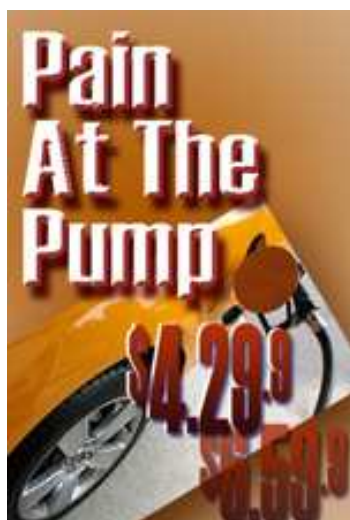
IT TOOK DECADES TO GET HERE. IT WON'T BE FIXED BEFORE BUSH LEAVES OFFICE!

Personally, I have heard the President read the plan off the teleprompter Wednesday night and I don't believe he has the right idea at all, in fact, after watching it several times* I'm not sure he is even convinced it is the right way to go. Hopefully Congress will see through this apparent ruse and move in a better direction this time around. With the way things are going, how many more times can Washington afford to step up to the plate, how many more of these "world financial crises" can we endure?

In my humble opinion, Uncle Sam needs to step back, and come up with a real plan that will focus on America, not the Elite Aristocratic Profit Takers up on Wall Street. I fear we are being sold yet another "Bill of Goods" by those in power so they can look good, burying this fiasco before the current administration leaves office. Remember, the financially challenged customer isn't Uncle Sam. He's up on Wall Street, where deregulation, greed and fraud are running wild. Jobs, homes and equity that were stolen, yes stolen from average Americans should, and need, to be returned to them so as they are called on, and be sure they will be called on, that they can support the reconstruction America will have to go through when the dust settles from this fiasco.

Once again Washington is being forced to talk about accountability! How about this time around, they mean it.

**I took the precaution of recording it just to be sure.*



As this shortage continues to ignite only short tempers, it appears that the Shell Station is the only outfit in the area getting any gas. Hopefully things will start getting back to normal soon.

Area prices for gas in the Waxhaw area

	3/20/08	9/26/08
Texaco:	\$3.19.9	No Gas
Pure:	\$3.24.9	No Gas
Little General:	\$3.24.9	No Gas
Shell:	\$3.24.9	\$4.09.9
Wax. In n Out:	\$3.26.9	No Gas
Mineral Springs:		
M. S. Grocery	\$3.20.9	No Gas
Texaco:	\$3.21.9	No Gas
BP on New Town	\$3.21.9	No Gas

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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Waxhaw's Events Calander

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to share with you news of yet another performance of the Storefront Theatre scheduled for this weekend at the Museum of the Waxhaws. Judy Simpson Cook and Melvin Faris will perform "Love Letters" by A.R. Gurney.

Performances will be Saturday at 8pm and Sunday at 2:30. Tickets are \$10. Reservations suggested at mail@thestorefronttheatre.org or 704-243-7283.

Please come out and support the Storefront Theatre, the only local performing arts group in Waxhaw. I'm sure you won't be disappointed!

Daune Gardner
 Mayor of Waxhaw

Dear Friends,

I'm excited to be able to invite you to Waxhaw's first Volunteer Recruiting Fair this Saturday, September 27th from 3-7pm at the Waxhaw Woman's Club in our historic downtown. Please come out on Saturday and see what opportunities there are to get plugged in to the community. It will be a casual and family-friendly environment so feel free to drag the kids along. Who knows, they may find a place to volunteer, too!

I've been privileged to be assisted in this project by two fantastic volunteers who have really excelled in helping put this event together...

...Pete Dwyer has recruited all active town boards and committees to be on hand to share information about what they do and what skills and experience are helpful in serving on those boards.

...Debbie Kniegge has secured at least ten and possibly twelve local non-profits who will have information about their mission in the community and what types of volunteers they are currently looking for.

Please let everyone that you know who may be interested in stopping by on Saturday to learn more about what is happening in Waxhaw. I hope to see you there!

Daune Gardner
 Mayor of Waxhaw

Dear Friends,

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Tree House
Getting A
Little Too
Small?**



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The Waxhaw Board of Commissioners will hold a special called meeting on Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at 6:30pm at the [Museum of the Waxhaws](#). The agenda is attached in PDF format. [Click Here](#)

I will be available at the following times and places over the weekend with the agenda packet for those who would like to look over that information or would just like to chat before the meeting:

~ **Friday, September 26, 7:30-9am @ Manhattan's**

~ **Saturday, September 27, 8-10am @ Crossroad's**

~ **Sunday, September 28, 2:30-4pm @ Café Fino**

~ **Monday, September 29, 7:30-9am @ Main Street Grill**

~ **Monday, September 29, 5-7pm @ Crossroads**

Please stop by and visit with me if you can!

Daune Gardner
Mayor of Waxhaw



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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!

This week we bring you two fantastic videos. The first one is very serious and extremely well done.

The second is from Jib Jab, and if you are not familiar with them, you will be soon!

Both Videos are great and well worth your time, so when you are ready, turn up the speakers, kick back and enjoy.



'The Story of a Sign'



A Very well done message



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



JibJab is back!



...and as Good as ever. This is GREAT!



You ...have a Great Day!

UPS Pilot/Tech Log

Remember it takes a college degree to fly a plane, but only a high school diploma to fix one; a reassurance to those of us who fly routinely in our jobs. After every flight, UPS pilots fill out a form, called a 'gripe sheet,' which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft. The mechanics correct the problems, document their repairs on the form, and then pilots review the gripe sheets before the next flight.

Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humor. Here are some actual maintenance problems submitted by UPS ' pilots (marked with a P) and the solutions recorded (marked with an S) by maintenance engineers.

By the way, UPS is the only major airline that has never, ever, had an accident.

"Always do right - This will gratify some people and astonish the rest."
 --Mark Twain

P: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement.

S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.

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P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.

S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

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P: Something loose in cockpit

S: Something tightened in cockpit

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P: Dead bugs on windshield.

S: Live bugs on back-order.

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P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent.

S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

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P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.

S: Evidence removed.

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P: DME volume unbelievably loud.

S: DME volume set to more believable level.

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P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.

S: That's what friction locks are for.

P: IFF inoperative in OFF mode.

S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

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P: Suspected crack in windshield.

S: Suspect you're right.

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P: Number 3 engine missing.

S: Engine found on right wing after brief search

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P: Aircraft handles funny. (I love this one!)

S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right and be serious.

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P: Target radar hums.

S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

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P: Mouse in cockpit.

S: Cat installed.

And the best one for last:

P: Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.

S: Took hammer away from midget.

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