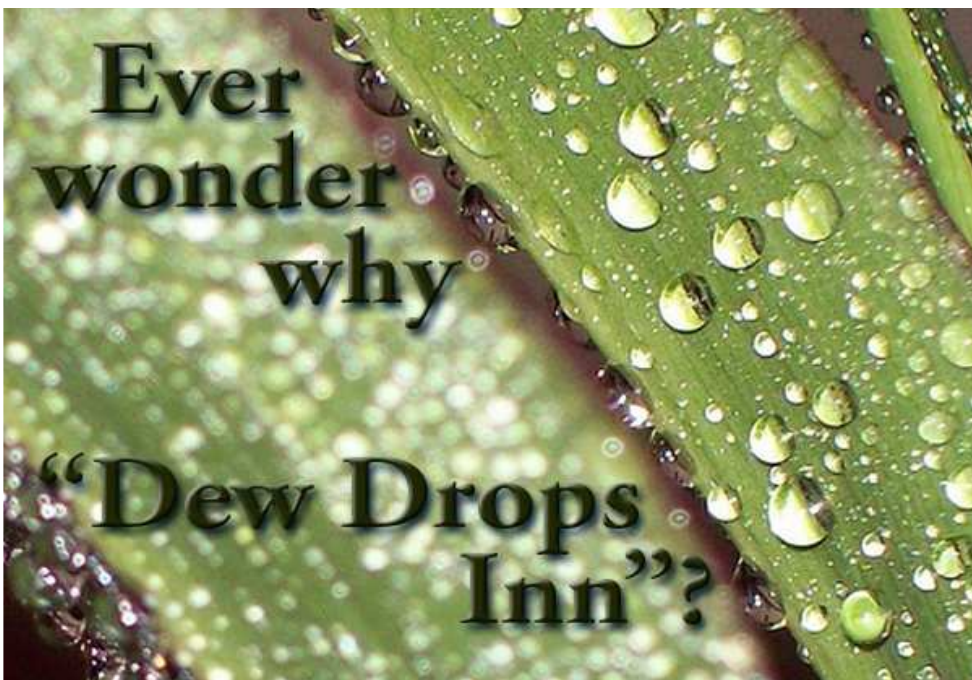


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This morning, as I was having my customary coffee in the back yard (weather permitting) I was pleased at the taste of fall we are having. Cool and calm with "dew on the ground" and everywhere else. And as I sat there I was relieved that, today at least, I was staying home to write these articles for the Gazette instead of driving down the road with fogged over windows. We all do it, run out the door late and try to peek out the small clear spot the defroster has tried to make in the first 30 seconds after being turned on high. Personally I have always had the fear of running into the rear end of a smelly, disgusting old garbage truck and that my car would forever after smell like the dump! I digress from the purpose of this article... why does dew form?

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The Ugly Underbelly of America is Showing.

Nobody can escape the political news these days whether it has to do with health care, Afghanistan, Iraq or talking to school children, I have never been so embarrassed as I am now. How disrespectful can a person be than to raise a ruckus over your kids seeing and listening to him? He is the President of the United States of America for Heavens sake! He holds the highest post in the country which he was dully elected to by a clear majority of the voters and he deserves EVERYBODIES RESPECT no matter what you think of his policies! Remember he walked into a horrific mess left behind from the former administration. Wall Street, Banks and Insurance companies, all belying up from their own misguided greed. People losing their jobs by the hundreds of millions and a health care system ranked one of the WORST in industrialized countries yet with the highest cost per person of any industrialized countries!

Our problems in this country don't emanate from the President, they come from a total lack of morality run rampant in the governing bodies of not only government but big business as well. And don't ever think for a minute that anybody elected is beholding to anybody but the high rollers that gave them the millions to run their campaigns and who have standing offers of highly paying jobs and perks just waiting on the sidelines for them.

During my many years I have always told my employees that if they have a problem or gripe, come to me with it, my door is always open but, make sure you have a solution thought out before you come to my office. Right or wrong, think it through and tell me what you think it will take to fix the problem. You know, mostly they came with good positive solutions if they didn't resolve the problems first without even having to come talk to me.

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Weather Forecast



"Midnight Runner Strikes Again"



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Taken from todays headlines;

Retail sales plunge worst in years

Retail sales in Mecklenburg County registering their biggest percentage drop in at least a decade

2 NC call centers to close, affecting 180 workers

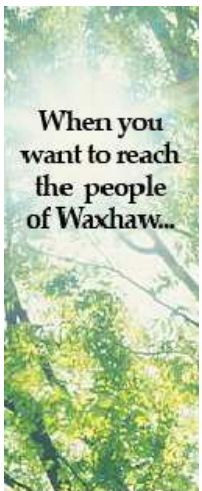
Foreclosure activity reaches record

More firms fall behind on payroll tax

1.3 million to lose jobless benefits Unemployment rate jumps to 9.7 percent

Employers eliminated a total of only 216,000 jobs...

and they say its just about over? Enough Said!



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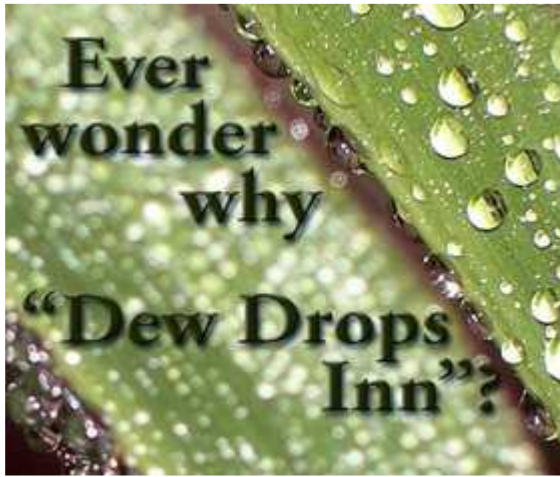
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If you listen to the weather people its has something to do with temperature dropping toward the dew point and evidently if the two ever meet, well, viola, you have dew! Is it really that simple?

Actually yes and no... dew has to do with moisture condensing on objects such as leaves, chairs or the picnic table I like to sit at to have my morning coffee (I didn't look too close this morning and got a damp cold butt for my trouble).

When it is a clear night and the temperatures drop rapidly like last night, those objects radiate their accumulated heat and that is what makes the moisture in the surrounding air condense to form water droplets. And fog on your car windows. This same process, if it is cold enough is what is responsible for frost forming!

So, what does all of this mean? First of all, Summer is indeed just about over with Fall right around the corner and secondly, don't follow the garbage truck too closely under any circumstances!

For a full and far more technical explanation see the [Wikipedia](#)

“Midnight Runner Strikes Again”



This past week I only received one actual sighting report but I sure did hear from readers with questions like where and when did I think would be a good

place to lie in wait with a camera? Well, let me tell you, although I certainly enjoy reporting on something as humorous as this, you won't catch me up at 2 AM with a camera skulking around Old Waxhaw. (I might dream about it, but I;m not about to lose any of my precious sleep over some persons' desire to run around naked ;-)

This weeks report has it that first of all it was defiantly a “she” and was spotted up by the old Belk Building on Tuesday morning around 2 AM. Again clothed only in her signature running shoes and head band. Blond, and evidently in “very good shape, if you know what I mean” the report said. Also noted was it that she was wearing a lot of beaded necklaces. Perhaps she had just raided the Bead Merchant or is a regular there? At any rate she didn't dawdle long, choosing to run behind the building probably after noticing our “reporter” staring at her?

Anybody care to hazard a guess when and where the next sighting will be? I'm sure we can come up with an appropriate prize for the winner! And a photo? Well that would certainly be interesting!

The original story can be read here>



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Right now, the opposition (that's the only nice term I can come up with) are spending hundreds of millions of dollars in advertising, lobbying and blogging coercing every day people like you and me into thinking that the guy (President Obama) is a bum, a communist and a no-good-doer looking to do you in. You better understand these are the same guys that didn't have a chance at winning an election, the same guys that left such a fiasco of a mess for President Obama to deal with and you know what? They don't want anything to change because it will cut into their ungodly profits, perhaps even expose them for the miscreants they truly are? So remember when you read a blog that's a little too well done or you hear an ad on the radio or television, those are being paid for

not by any of the peoples friends but the US Chamber of Commerce (talk about big business)! They are no part of the government nor are they responsible to anybody but themselves.

And have you noticed that none of them are proposing anything to solve these problems, just stop what is being proposed and just leave things the way they are? They like things the way they are, it doesn't matter to them what kind of health care you get, if you have a job or even if you die! Just as long as they can continue to stick their greedy hands into your pocket until there is nothing left. Unless, of course, they can figure out an even better way of picking your pockets!

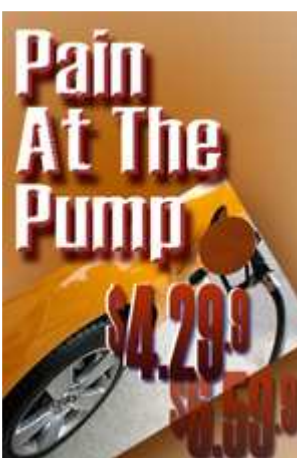
Senator McCain, next time, check the facts!

Taken from the World Health Organization Report:

Since it is not restricted by possible biological limits on healthy life-span, overall efficiency is a more representative measure of the true efficiency of health systems than one based on health status alone.

Ranking of overall efficiency in WHO member states:

- 1 France
- 2 Italy
- 3 San Marino
- 4 Andorra
- 5 Malta
- 6 Singapore
- 7 Spain
- 8 Oman
- 9 Austria
- 10 Japan
- 11 Norway
- 12 Portugal
- 13 Monaco
- 14 Greece
- 15 Iceland
- 16 Luxembourg
- 17 Netherlands
- 18 United Kingdom
- 19 Ireland
- 20 Switzerland
- 21 Belgium
- 22 Colombia
- 23 Sweden
- 24 Cyprus
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- 26 Saudi Arabia
- 27 United Arab Emirates
- 28 Israel
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- 32 Australia
- 33 Chile
- 34 Denmark
- 35 Dominica
- 36 Costa Rica
- 37 United States of America
- 38 Slovenia
- 39 Cuba
- 40 Brunei
- Darussalam
- 41 New Zealand
- 42 Bahrain
- 43 Croatia
- 44 Qatar
- 45 Kuwait
- 46 Barbados
- 47 Thailand
- 48 Czech Republic
- 49 Malaysia
- 50 Poland
- 51 Dominican Republic
- 52 Tunisia
- 53 Jamaica
- 54 Venezuela, Bolivarian



Keep Your Eyes Open...

Blink and the price just might change and change and change...

	Start Tracking 3/20/08	One Year Ago 5/23/08	Current 8/20/09
Texaco:	\$3.19.9	\$3.81.9	N/A
Pure:	\$3.24.9	\$	N/A
Little General:	\$3.24.9	\$3.74.9	\$2.59.9
Shell:	\$3.24.9	\$3.72.9	\$ 2.59.9
Wax. In n Out:	\$3.26.9	\$3.74.9	\$ 2.59.9
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	\$ 2.59.9

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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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 London Times:

A Well-Planned Retirement



Outside England's Bristol Zoo there is a parking lot for 150 cars and 8 buses. For 25 years, its parking fees were managed by a very pleasant attendant. The fees were £1 for cars (\$1.40), £5 for busses (about \$7).

Then, one day, after 25 solid years of never missing a day of work, he just didn't show up; so the Zoo Management called the City Council and asked it to send them another parking agent.

The Council did some research and replied that the parking lot was the Zoo's own responsibility. The Zoo advised the Council that the attendant was a City employee. The City Council responded that the lot attendant had never been on the City payroll.

Meanwhile, sitting in his villa somewhere on the coast of Spain (or some such scenario), is a man who'd apparently had a ticket machine installed completely on his own; and then had simply begun to show up every day, commencing to collect and keep the parking fees, estimated at about \$560 per day -- for 25 years. Assuming 7 days a week, this amounts to just over \$7 million dollars!

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And no one even knows his name.

Call centre conversations

Customer: 'I've been ringing 0800 2100 for two days and can't get through to enquiries, can you help?'

Operator: 'Where did you get that number from, sir?'

Customer: 'It was on the door to the Travel Centre.'

Operator: 'Sir, they are our opening hours.'

Samsung Electronics

Caller: 'Can you give me the telephone number for Jack?'

Operator: 'I'm sorry, sir, I don't understand who you are talking about.'

Caller: 'On page 1, section 5, of the user guide it clearly states that I need to unplug the fax machine from the AC wall socket and telephone Jack before cleaning. Now, can you give me the number for Jack?'

Operator: 'I think you mean the telephone point on the wall.'

RAC Motoring Services

Caller: 'Does your European Breakdown Policy cover me



...have a
Great Day!

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They Walk Among Us!

I couldn't find my luggage at the airport baggage area and went to the lost luggage office and reported the loss. The woman there smiled and told me not to worry because she was a trained professional and said I was in good hands. 'Now,' she asked me, 'Has your plane arrived yet?'... (I work with professionals like this.)

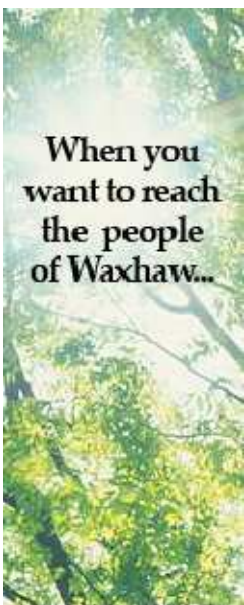
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My colleague and I were eating our lunch in our cafeteria, when we overheard an admin girl talking about the sunburn she got on her weekend drive to the beach. She drove down in a convertible, but said she 'didn't think she'd get sunburned because the car was moving'.

They Walk Among Us!

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Some guy bought a new fridge for his house. To get rid of his old fridge, he put it in his front yard and hung a sign on it saying: 'Free to good home. You want it, you take it.' For three days the fridge sat there without anyone looking twice. He eventually



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when I am travelling in Australia ?
Operator: 'Doesn't the product name give you a clue?'

Caller (enquiring about legal requirements while travelling in France):
'If I register my car in France, do I have to change the steering wheel to the other side of the car?'

Directory Enquiries

Caller: 'I'd like the number of the Argoed Fish Bar in Cardiff please.'
Operator: 'I'm sorry, there's no listing. Is the spelling correct?'
Caller: 'Well, it used to be called the Bargoed Fish Bar but the 'B' fell off'.

Then there was the caller who asked for a knitwear company in Woven.

Operator: 'Woven? Are you sure?'
Caller: 'Yes. That's what it says on the label; Woven in Scotland'.

On another occasion, a man making heavy breathing sounds from a phone box told a worried operator:
'I haven't got a pen, so I'm steaming up the window to write the number on'.

Tech Support: 'I need you to right-click on the Open Desktop'.
Customer: 'OK'.
Tech Support: 'Did you get a pop-up menu?'.
Customer: 'No'.
Tech Support: 'OK. Right-Click again. Do you see a pop-up menu?'.
Customer: 'No'.
Tech Support: 'OK, sir. Can you tell me what you have done up until this point?'.
Customer: 'Sure. You told me to write 'click' and I wrote 'click'.

Tech Support: 'OK. In the bottom left hand side of the screen, can you see the 'OK' button displayed?'.
Customer: 'Wow. How can you see my screen from there?'

Caller: 'I deleted a file from my PC last week and I have just realised that I need it. If I turn my system clock back two weeks will I have my file back again?'

decided that people were too mistrustful of this deal.
So he changed the sign to read:
'Fridge for sale \$50.'

The next day someone stole it!

They walk amongst us!

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