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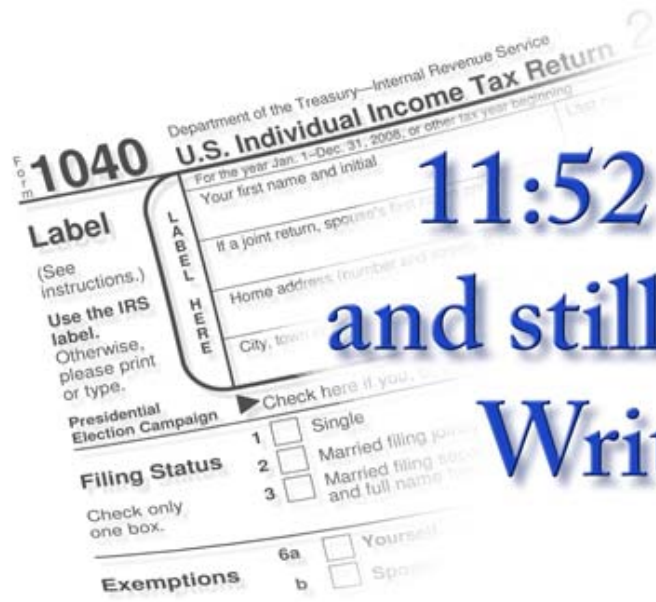
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Without a cover, how will we know what to books to read?

In reading a New York Times [article](#) by MOTOKO RICH that chronicled the increased use of "Kindles" and such a particular phrase struck a chord... "In E-Book Era, You Can't Even Judge a Cover", Ah, the things we continue to lose to the computer age, is there no end?



by John Tiley

Yes folks, yesterday was that wonderful time of the year that we all look forward to: deadline time for tax filing and yes, I am one of the worlds greatest procrastinators! Not that I don't pay my taxes, I just keep hoping to find one more overlooked item I can deduct...

Actually I did have all of my forms filled out last week, but kept hoping in vain that I would discover one more write off I had missed... but alas I did not. So with little time left, the old "send button" got clicked along with even more of my hard earned cash went down the old rabbit hole!

I remember it seemed easier back when I was an "employee" and never actually saw the money, but as a self employed person I get to write regular checks out to old Uncle Sam. And it is certainly harder to give up money that has already made it to my account, but I'm not writing today to tell you about my very ordinary woes, rather I would like to pass on one of those "funny things that happened on my way to tax time".

As you might expect, during the course of working on my taxes, I came up with a question. My first attempt to locate an answer came from going to the IRS web site. Now, I consider myself a fairly well educated man, but digging through the IRS's "explanations" was akin to reading Latin! In other words, how did that work out? Not too good! So next I tried AARP (yes, I am over 50 something)...

of course the only way to get help from them was through an appointment and understandably it was just "a little too late to schedule an appointment now".

11:52 PM and still Digging for Write-Offs?

So, next, and here is where it gets interesting, I decided to try calling the IRS' help line... For the better part of fifteen minuets I spent in the computerized no-mans-land of options: Press 1 for Spanish, Press 2 for Polish, Press 5 to whine about taxes in any other language... you get the picture. Finally I got an option to talk to a person and spent another goodly amount of time waiting for them "to help other people" who got there ahead of me before suddenly, a click on the line! No, they didn't disconnect me, first a lot of static then, yes.... a real, live person answered.... in India, or perhaps Pakistan! I don't know for sure, but judging from the sing-song lilt and the lack of knowledge of the English language, they certainly weren't American? Perhaps in fact, if you want to be fair about it, one of the largest, most influential arms of our government went out of its way to hire an immigrant with a little knowledge of the English language to interface with the average American Taxpayer?

Seems to me that at a time of massive unemployment, economic upheaval and bad PR for all of the American manufacturers sending work overseas to get a better profit, the US Government, the responsible so called keepers of the American way of life, might just be a little more sensitive about keeping key American jobs in the hands of real, literate Americans?

Anyway, my taxes went out thanks to one of those bankers that doesn't have a job at one of the BIG BANKS anymore.

Along with my pound of flesh.

Short Takes

Furry Little friends

Last Monday, I went up to Farm Bureau in Monroe to pay my car insurance, just like I do every two months. While I was there I noticed a fairly large package on the counter top. The box was scratching and shaking and jumping around, and I'm not gonna lie, that's a bit unnerving to see when you're not quite sure what's in it. But to my surprise, the box was a little home for some adorable little baby rabbits. I asked the lady about it, and she explained that the man who mows their lawn saved the babies at the last second and chose to give them a second chance and bring them inside. And now, the three women who run the front desk are bottle-feeding and raising Farm Bureau's new little mascots. It warmed my heart and my morning to see someone going the extra mile to give a second chance and a good life to some animals that wouldn't have made it on their own. Now, to warm my day again, I'd like to hear your rescue story. Tell me care of info@thewaxhawgazette.com

Rezoning, Renovating, Rejuvenating

by Hunter Crowell

If you were to look at the zoning map for Waxhaw's main strip down Providence Rd. South, you would see that among every commercial lot from Main St. to just past Alma Village there is one residential lot. This lot, between Auto Zone and Ace Hardware, is one old house, owned by Dr. Steven Moore of Uptown Eye Care. This house has been sitting vacant for some time now and Dr. Moore is ready to do something with it. At the last Planning Board meeting, the board decided to give this lot conditional rezoning to CD-D3 General Business. This will complete the entire strip as commercial zoning. Dr. Moore will be working with John Ross of Eagle Engineering to outfit this house for use as an office building, and I was glad to hear that none of the house will be demolished and very little of the landscape will be changed. The only major change will be the addition of pavement to the back and side of the existing driveway, making it easier for cars to drive in and out of, and giving a total of four parking spaces. Plus, thanks to a ten-minute argument started by board member Tom McCrory, there will be roughly five or six more bushes along the Providence Farms Rd. side of the property to make sure that none of the neighborhood residents have to see the building ever.



Photo: Hunter Crowell

The board gave favorable recommendation to the proposal to get it underway. So if you're looking for an office building to put your new business in, you might want to jump on this opportunity.

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WAXHAW-WEDDINGTON SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB STAGES FIFTH ANNUAL WAXHAW TOWN AND COUNTRY RUN APRIL 30, 2010

Race benefits Union County Crisis Assistance Ministry

Waxhaw, N.C. April 16, 2010 - - The Waxhaw-Weddington Sunrise Rotary will host the biggest ever Waxhaw Town and Country Run Friday April 30th at 7 p.m. in downtown Waxhaw. The Rotary Club invites participants to join them and the race's sponsors in benefiting the Union County Crisis Assistance Ministry.

"Last year, we were able to help 978 Union County households survive a sudden, devastating financial storm," says Gloria Barrino, Executive Director of Crisis Assistance, "yet the number for this year will exceed 1,200. We desperately need the help of caring people if we are to keep hundreds of other families and children from living on the streets. We're so very grateful to the Waxhaw-Weddington Sunshine Rotary Club and others in Union County who are standing with us in this cause."

At last year's race 251 runners ran through historic Waxhaw—past shops and historic houses with more than 200 onlookers cheering them on. This year about 300 runners are expected with 600 others in attendance.

Club President Arthur Lightbody says, "Our Waxhaw Town and Country 5K race has grown over its five years. We are grateful for our many sponsors — especially to CMC-Union, our new lead sponsor, and also to Farms and Estates Realty that helped established this great community event. Racers should know their participation will assist families through the Union County Crisis Assistance Ministry, the programs at South Providence School, and will help fund a clean water project in

South America."

It's a 5K run with computer chip timing and a 1/2 mile Fun Run. Fitness walk and baby joggers are welcome in either event. Check-in begins at 5:30 p.m. on E. North Main near the old the fire station. The 1/2 mile and fitness walk starts at 6:40 p.m. with the 5 K race at 7 p.m. and the baby joggers and wheelchairs at 7:05 p.m. Certification is pending for the 5K.

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Registrations are still being taken. Donations are \$30 at the race for the 5K and \$12 for the 1/2 mile fun run and will be accepted the evening of the race.

Food will be available for purchase and local food vendors will also have free samples.

The race's title sponsor is Carolinas Medical Centers.

Rotary International is an international service club with 1.2 million members worldwide. Members volunteer their time and talent in living out the Rotary motto, "Service above Self." The Waxhaw-Weddington Sunrise Rotary Club has 24 members,

To find out more about the race and how to register, go to wvsrotaryclub.org or www.runwaxhaw.com, or call Jim Rice at 704-651-2485

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Building for Others

by Hunter Croswell



Since 2003, GS Carolina has been building a park, located behind Kensington Elementary School, in honor of one Mr. Harvey Clay Nesbit. Harvey Clay was a teacher and administrator who dedicated his life to the learning and care of the children of Waxhaw. He passed away in 1984, but is still remembered

fondly and will be now for years to come. On March 27th, a ceremony was held for the unveiling of the brand new sculpture in his honor. The sculpture was quite impressive, if I must say. Carl Regutti, known for making the horse sculpture at Churchill Downs, was the artist who made it. Before the unveiling took place, time was taken for friends and family of Harvey to remember him. Some of the speakers included David G. Barnes (a former co-worker), Tammy Norwood (a former student), and Patsy McGee (a family friend). All of them were able to clearly remember times they spent with him many years ago.

Though I never was graced with meeting him, he was obviously a very memorable man. Shortly afterwards, everyone was directed outside to the park where Harvey's niece and two nephews read the poem "Build for Others". It was hard to hear over the sounds of children playing, befittingly I think, but everyone there was thankful for the effort put into his memory. As the statue was unveiled, Oohs and Aahs, went around the crowd. All those attending, including myself, agreed that the ceremony and statue were a wonderful way to remember a wonderful teacher. The plaque on the base of the statue says nothing other than "Inspiration".



Photo by Hunter Croswell

Hopefully it will mean a lot to the next person wanting to devote themselves to teaching our children how to create a better future for everyone.

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Move Your Feet to Sweet Repeats!



by Hunter Croswell

Have you ever been driving down Providence Rd. and seen a store called Sweet Repeats? Well look again! They've moved... they've expanded... and they've put on a whole new style! Two wonderful sisters, Michele and Brooke, have got clothes, toys, books, DVDs, and equipment galore for kids and juniors. As a resale store, everything they sell is slightly used, but never in bad condition. You can drop off the toys and clothes your kids have grown out of, and they'll sort through it, take everything in good condition, and cut you a check for 50% of what they'll sell it for. Plus, they'll take all seasons all the time. Or, if you're in the mood for a shopping spree, or just need that perfect outfit for a great price, then you'll have more to choose from than you can handle. The best part is that all of the clothes come from Waxhaw and go back to Waxhaw. No more buying new clothes every year because your kids won't stop growing out of them. Take them to Sweet Repeats, get a little back, and find something new. Michele and Brooke love Waxhaw and the neighborhood atmosphere it provides their business, so I don't think they plan on leaving anytime soon.



So, if you get the chance swing on by Sweet Repeats and see what they have to offer. And chances are, the second time you're there, they'll probably know your name. They're open 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday, and 10:00am to 4:00pm on Saturday. They're only about six stores down in the same strip, so don't get worried about losing them. If you would like to reach them, you can call them at 704-843-0158 or e-mail them at: SweetRepeatsWaxhaw

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

Can you believe this?

When you need to relax and just get away from it all.....
May I suggest..... 'A Day at the beach in CHINA '
I WONDER WHERE THE BATHROOMS ARE????
Where do they park their cars???
Do they have lifeguards??
How the h_ll do you get a tan?



Gotta Love Drunk People...

A man and his wife were awakened at 3:00 am by a loud pounding on the door. The man gets up and goes to the door where a drunken stranger, standing in the pouring rain, is asking for a push.

'Not a chance,' says the husband, 'it is 3:00 in the morning!' He slams the door and returns to bed.

'Who was that?' asked his wife.

'Just some drunk guy asking for a push,' he answers.

'Did you help him?' she asks.

'No, I did not, it is 3:00 in the morning and it is pouring rain out there!'

'Well, you have a short memory,' says his wife. 'Can't you remember about three months ago when we broke down, and those two guys helped us? I think you should help him, and you should be ashamed of yourself!'

The man does as he is told, gets dressed, and goes out into the pounding rain.

He calls out into the dark, 'Hello, are you still there?'

'Yes,' comes back the answer.

'Do you still need a push?' calls out the husband (soaking wet)

'Yes, please!' comes the reply from the dark.

'Where are you?' asks the husband.

'Over here on the swing!' replied the drunk.

After going through a virus attack, losing a hard drive, fighting off hackers, upgrading all my software, installing fire-walls, being threatened with cut-off by my email provider,



Tinkle Tinkle!!

A woman pregnant with triplets was walking down the street when a masked robber ran out of a bank and shot her three times in the stomach. Luckily the babies were OK. The surgeon decided to leave the bullets in because it was too risky to operate. She gave birth to two healthy daughters and a healthy son.

All was fine for 16 years, and then one daughter walked into the room in tears. "What's wrong?" asked the mother. "I was taking a tinkle and this bullet came out," replied the daughter.

The mother told her it was okay and explained what happened 16 years ago
About a week later the second daughter walked into the room in tears. "Mom, I was taking a tinkle and this bullet came out." Again the mother told her not to worry and explained what happened 16 years ago.

street name...
Ho Lee Schitt.

A week later her son walked into the room in tears. "It's okay" said the Mom, "I know what happened You were taking a tinkle and a bullet came out."

"No," said the boy, "I was... well, I shot the dog."

A priest and a rabbi were sitting next to each other on an airplane. After a while, the priest turned to the rabbi and asked, 'Is it still a requirement of your faith that you not eat pork?'

The rabbi responded, 'Yes, that is still one of our laws.'

The priest then asked, 'Have you ever eaten pork?' To which the rabbi replied, 'Yes, on one occasion I did succumb to temptation and tasted a ham sandwich.'

The priest nodded in understanding and went on with his reading.

A while later, the rabbi spoke up and asked the priest, 'Father, is it still a requirement of your church that you remain celibate?'

The priest replied, 'Yes, that is still very much a part of our faith.'

The rabbi then asked him, 'Father, have you ever fallen to the temptations of the flesh?'

The priest replied, 'Yes, rabbi, on one occasion I was weak and broke my Faith.'

The rabbi nodded understandingly and remained silent, thinking, for about five minutes.

Finally, the rabbi said, 'Beats the Heck out of a ham sandwich, doesn't it?'

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