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THE TALE OF TWO MEETINGS: It was almost looked like the “haves” and the “have nots” on Wednesday night when attending the Chesterfield City Council meeting and then the Monarch Fire Protection Meeting. One involved classical music and speeches about how everyone was working toward a common goal while putting the election behind them. The other was a little more “in your face” but clearly more entertaining.

NEW COUNCIL SWORN IN: It was a little surreal walking into the Chesterfield City Hall, which is a little over the top when it come to government buildings to start with, only to hear a classical quintet playing in the lobbying.



I was thinking that an oboe, French horn, two clarinets and a flute isn't exactly the musical instruments of the people, but Chesterfield is part of St. Louis' Snoburbia, plus they won me over when they played “Tis the Gift to Be Simple.” (The Quaker song swiped by Aaron Copeland and inserted in his piece, Appalachian Spring.)

Feel the Love: After the incumbent in a contested race lost, plus the mayoral candidate with the backing of six council members lost there could have been more tension. Unfortunately it was very pleasant.

HUGE CROWD: Far more than relatives showed up for the swearing-in of the new city council. I think the citizen showing demonstrated to Councilpersons Fults, Casey, Grier and Grissom that they were not happy with their earlier votes to increase sales taxes with the money going into the pockets of outlet mall developers. I just wonder if these four had the good common sense to notice.



A standing room only crowd for the swearing in of the new mayor and new members of the council.

The MOST DANGEROUS MAN IN CHESTERFIELD, Municipal Judge/Old Hippie Rick Brunk showed up and swore everyone in. Brunk is the guy who has an almost perfect record in dealing with DWI cases, regardless how much evidence the police present...he refuses to give anyone a permanent conviction and has a record of refusing to revoke secret probation terms when drunk drivers are picked up again for DWI.



City Hippie-Judge swears in Nancy Greenwood and Derek Grier



Brunk swearing in Dan Hurt and Bruce DeGroot.



Brunk, who has needed a grown up haircut for years, swears in Mayor Bob Nation.

FIRST THING TO DO TO MAKE CHESTERFIELD SAFER: If the new mayor and the council really want to make Chesterfield a safer place one of the first things they will do is replace “Let ‘em loose” Brunk” and the city prosecutor Tim Englemeyer who has a similar belief that no one should actually be convicted of anything. It would be nice to see a prosecutor and city judge who actually were part of the solution in reducing drunk driving instead of being part of the problem.

PEACE OFFERING: Mayor Nation offered the olive branch in his first remarks to those still on the Council who had worked to defeat him.

“The election is behind us and we now most serve the citizens of Chesterfield,” said Nation. “United we stand and divided we fall is appropriate here,” he added.

Nation didn't even smirk when he handed outgoing mayor Bruce Geiger a plaque for appreciation of service. Geiger spent a lot of time, money and effort to defeat Nation.



Nation playing nice with former Mayor Bruce Geiger.

OTHERS FOLLOW ALONG:

I'd like to thank the 1,535 voters, without whom I would not be in front of you today," said former mayor and new Ward-1 councilwoman Nancy Greenwood, making perhaps the most pointed remark of the evening in a light hearted manner reference her win with almost 70% of the vote.

Former long time councilman Dan Hurt got a few laughs with his remarks upon returning to the council.

"This book (holding a Bible) was given to me at my first swearing in by Barbara McGuinness. She said 'In God we trust...that you will do a good job' and then she took a shot of whiskey," said Hurt, who made up the part about the whiskey while getting a good laugh.

Hurt made three references to the Bible and then went for one more laugh.

"My wife Rhonda who has dealt with this for 20 years, I want to thank her for not shooting herself," he said and likely could have added "or shooting me" when talking about how local politics effects the home life.

"I have to pinch myself to believe I'm up here," said a somewhat under confident Bruce DeGroot.

FACE IN THE CROWD: In the back of the council chambers, standing in the doorway was the former mayor who cashed in on his job and took a job that he had no qualifications for... running Bi-State/Metro Transit. This was the second straight year

that Nations showed up for a swearing-in ceremony after he departed the job he was elected to do. Nations helped shove a second “transit sales tax” down the throats of citizens by delivering West County and Chesterfield votes. He was rewarded by being given the job of running the transit company. He fled his elected duty to take a job he had no background to do, plus he held out for and got a membership to the Missouri Athletic Club in the deal.



Former Mayor John Nations (center) keeping a low profile at the back of the SRO crowd.

LOVE AND PEACE LAST ALL NIGHT LONG: I was waiting for the new feeling to quickly wear off, anticipating a “NO” vote from Barry Flachsbart for an ordinance allowing a U-Gas Convenience and gas station on Chesterfield Airport Road at Long Road. However after the punch and more classical music during a recess following the swearing-in ceremony things were good and the bill was continued to the next meeting.

CITY CLERK OFFICIALLY HIRED: The end-round city administration Mike Herring did in the hiring Vickie Hass as city clerk without council approval was corrected when the council voted 8-0 to approve her hiring.

SWEARING IN NOTES:

Segal missing...former Ward 1 councilman and losing mayoral candidate Matt Segal was not at the meeting. Bruce Geiger told the crowd that on the Saturday before the election Segal and his young son were in a seven-vehicle auto accident at Clarkson Road and Kehrs Mill Road where his car was broadsided and he is still suffering from the concussion he received.

Derek Grier, the youngest member of the council who tagged along with the others in opposing the new mayor was sworn in with the wife and two-week-old son, who was born on election day. Good thing he was running unopposed and didn't need her vote!

THEN THERE WAS THE OTHER MEETING: Up the street at the Monarch Fire Protection District there was another swearing-in going on and then there was some swearing...

The Monarch meeting's start was pushed back to 8:15 so some could attend both the Chesterfield swearing-in and the Fire District oath of office for former State Senator Jane Cunningham.

There was no classical music but some of the noise was as loud as the cannon fire from Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture at the Fire District meeting.

First Jane, with her husband Gary next to her, was sworn in by director Robin Harris, who backed her in the recent election. Director Steve Swyers, who recruited and backed her opposition, Cole McNary, looked on. Missing was Kim Evans, who Cunningham replaced. Most considered Evans as being backed by the union firefighters.



Next there was the group photo of the Board of Directors and Fire Chief Tom Vineyard and Assistant Chief John Borgman all posed for a group photo. So far so good!



UNLIKE ELLISVILLE...HERE YOU GET A BADGE: If you were following the trial and tribulations from the City of Ellisville where one of the charges against Mayor Adam Paul was that after being told by a former mayor that you get a badge, he asked about the badge. Here at Monarch, there was no asking. After being sworn in and before she could sit down, Robin Harris presented Cunningham with a badge.



“Tonight this is not a ceremony. It’s a celebration of government for the people by the people,” said Cunningham, as the evening began to turn political.

She said the Speaker of House Tim Jones (R-Eureka) sent his regards and “how the voters have sent the message for excellent service at a fair price.”

“Thank you all and let’s play ball,” said Cunningham who indicated the game in the fire district is about to change.

THE POWER SHIFT: Next up was the election of new board positions. Cunningham nominated Robin Harris as board president. It was clear on a 3-person board Harris would win, so even Swyers voted for him. Harris nominated Cunningham to be secretary leaving Swyers with the position of treasurer, which is a good fit for a guy who has worked at Price Waterhouse Cooper, since 1973.

Now in many people’s opinion the anti-union board is back in power after two years of the pro-union board.

THE LONG AND LOUD OPENING: First up on the agenda were comments from the public. These comments were supposed to be three minutes long. Former Monarch Board President Rick Gans was called first to speak by Harris.

Although I did not put a watch on Gans, his remarks seemed to exceed the 3-minute mark, but may have been because his strong words made you forget about checking your watch. Gans was on the attack. It was both entertaining and a little uncomfortable at the same time. First it was the Firefighters Union, Local 2665, then it was the past board and finally he centered on Director Steve Swyers. I tried to keep notes and record hard hitting quotes from Gans, but there was too much material to keep up. He was nice enough to provide me with a copy of his remarks.



Rick Gans reading his prepared remarks at the Monarch meeting.

RICK GANS REMARKS TO BOARD 4/17/13

I wish to begin my remarks by congratulating Senator Cunningham on her election to the Board of Directors. Your stunning victory is significant in more ways than one.

Like all Monarch elections in recent years, this race was hard fought with both sides declaring that they would best represent the taxpayers if elected. Like all Monarch elections in recent years, there was a candidate funded and supported by Local 2665 and one funded by private donations and personal funds. And like all Monarch elections in recent years, the race served to bring regional attention to the problems at Monarch that have surfaced every election cycle, making the public wonder why a fire district race could be so divisive.

However, unlike Monarch elections in recent years, this one had the largest turnout of voters and by far, the largest margin of victory by a candidate. In this case it was the taxpayer's candidate. The entire Board needs to sit up and listen to what the people said on April 2, as the message was loud and clear.

What is important now is what happens tomorrow and the day after that. Can this District and its employees move forward in a positive direction, or will the Union continue to undermine the mandate of the people and support their leadership in being disruptive to the District and its Board? Sadly, I cannot imagine that the battles will ever end. During my 13 years on this Board I witnessed the never-ending clashes for Union control of the Board and its Directors. I saw Board member after Board member get elected with the support of the Union and then turn on them when their demands grew unreasonable. This includes me. Can this pattern be stopped?

Those who knew me well during my time on the Board, heard me say more than once that 20% of the employees hate me, 20% of the employees love me and the remaining 60% of the employees are afraid of the 20% who hate me and they go along with them out of fear of being ostracized. Rather than stand up to their own leaders, these brave men and women cower in the face of adversity in the firehouse and allow ongoing acrimony to continue.

Unless there is an immediate and drastic change in the relationship with the union leadership, I suggest this new Board move quickly to establish wages, benefits and working conditions that represent the relative position of these first responders when compared to our police and military members who also protect us. I don't say this lightly as I know many of these Monarch employees and they are good people who do an excellent job. The time has come for them to tell their leadership that they appreciate their jobs and the public they serve, rather than acceding to the demands of their leadership because they are afraid.

Two years ago, I narrowly lost an election to a man who stated, among other campaign promises, that he would not raise taxes and he would improve the District's transparency. The election was won fair and square and I watched to see that my opponent would be true to the promises he made to the voters as he vowed he was not supported by the Union and would not take orders from them.

Mr. Swyers, I stand here two years later, questioning why you proposed and voted for the largest tax increase in the District's history, why the District's website was stripped of all financial information a year ago, why the District left its longtime association with the Missouri Association of Fire Districts to join a similar organization run by the Union, why you voted to change the District's general counsel to a firm that charges nearly 4 times per hour what was previously charged, why you led the effort to spend over \$50,000 to recruit and identify a new chief and then chose a man, who may be nice, but did not meet any of the published minimum standards for the job and why you allowed the District to be drawn into yet another expensive lawsuit.

Mr. Swyers, when I last attended and spoke at a Board meeting, I condemned you for summarily firing the District's entire command staff in a move directed by the Union leadership that was thinly disguised as a response to a lawsuit the District won and lost. Your actions cost the District 133 years of combined experience and leadership that was replaced by those the union could control. So I stand here once again, as an ordinary citizen, reminding you that you were elected to represent we the people and that you failed. If your actions the past two years are any indication, I doubt you will change.

I finish with a reminder that all of this can end with a positive outcome if those who work for Monarch and us taxpayers embrace the message that we delivered a little more than two weeks ago.

THREE OTHER SPEAKERS: Next was Susan Price, who suffers from MS and was in a wheelchair.

"I'm here to support the Monarch Fire department," said Price. "I'm not here about all this union rigamarole. Their responses have been excellent," said Mrs. Price.

Price was followed by Steven Booty, who said he was a local small businessman and thought the benefits to the district's firefighters were "outrageous."

"I don't want firefighters to get one penny more than their salary. They can put money away just like me. This has got to stop, its (fire district) elected officials who have been giving away the farm," said Booty.

(Both Harris and Cunningham have declined District health benefits and Director Swyers has gone one step further and since being elected has refused to accept his salary.)

Finally resident Norman Baxter spoke.

"It is good when taxpayers elect someone to represent them," he said referring to the election of Cunningham.



Baxter's comments were so short I was only able to get a photo of him leaving the speaker's stand.

FIRST MOVES: Board President Harris wasted no time in taking charge.

“Chief Vineyard I order you to post the labor agreement on the website tomorrow,” said Harris. Vineyard said he understood, but did not seem happy about it. (Vineyard had been hired 16 months earlier from the Mid-County FPD, formerly the Wellston Fire Protection District, which was a big jump. Mid-County had a single engine house with a single truck company. It has no ambulances. While Chesterfield has five engine houses, an EMS Division, with an airport, a huge shopping center, miles of interstate highway, a major river crossing, his old district had none of that or even a McDonalds inside its boundaries. However Vineyard was a popular choice with union reps.)



Chief Tom Vineyard appears rather stoic after being told to post the Union labor agreement on the district's website. The next day it had not been posted.

Next Harris announced that he was moving to put out a request for bids for all vendor services and for professional services. He added he wanted to start with legal services.

Swyers objected to that motion and said he thought it would be short sighted.

“Why are you doing this now? Aren’t we satisfied with our legal services,” asked Swyers.

“To years ago you were very enthusiastic to review legal vendors and hire Mr. Billings despite the fact his rates were higher than anyone else,” said Harris.

“Last year the legal fees dropped,” replied Swyers.

“That’s because we didn’t have as much litigation,” said Harris.

“This district has been in litigation and he (Billings) has been in attendance at all the depositions. Do we want to lose that knowledge,” asked Swyers.

There was a vote and the Harris motion to advertise for legal services passed 2-to-1.

While last week Robin Harris indicated that he would not hold it against Billings for making a campaign contribution to Cole McNary, myself and others saw this move coming.



Fire District Attorney Charles Billings stares straight ahead as Robin Harris and Jane Cunningham vote to obtain bids for legal services.

In “New/Other Business” Steven Swyers made a motion to hold meetings just twice a month and on regular days. Swyers said he thought it would be better for residents wanting to attend meetings and would save the district money.

Harris who is an airline pilot who has schedules change from month to month. He was against such a move. While Cunningham thought the idea had some merit, it was tabled. This could be a long couple of years for Steven Swyers.

DRAMA STUDENTS PUT ON SHOW ON PROM DAY: During the chief’s report, Vineyard showed slides from the recent pre-prom demonstration at Marquette High school on how careless driving can end up deadly. These types of demonstrations with students in roles of dead or injured drivers and passengers have firefighters prying open cars, a hearse arriving to take a body and even a medical helicopter landing.



Chief Vineyard pointed out that in the past these demonstrations focused on drunk driving, they now also include texting and cell phone use as causes in fatal accidents. He also gave kudos to drama students at Marquette for playing the parts of victims.

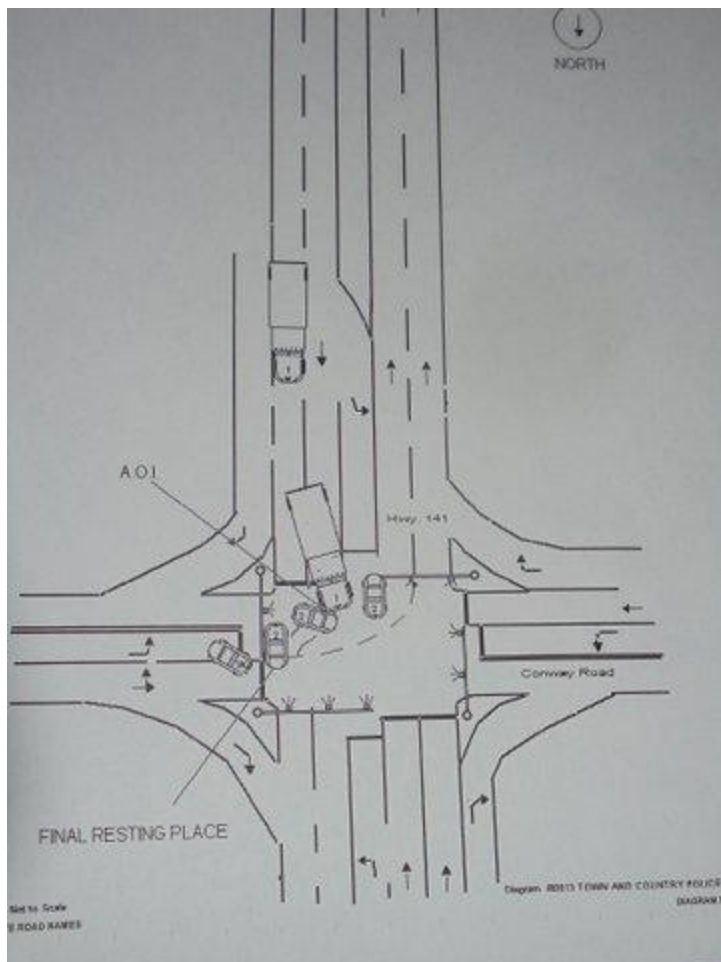
Robin Harris asked if the presentation is also put on at the District’s two other large high schools, Parkway West and Parkway Central. Vineyard told him it was only at Marquette.

FIRE TRUCK-POLICE CAR CRASH: During the treasurer’s report it was brought up that \$8,140 was spent on fire truck repairs resulting from an accident with a Chesterfield Police car. The board was told that the fire district’s and police department’s insurance companies were arguing over whose fault the accident was.

The accident happened not in Chesterfield but in Town and Country on February 12 at 5:47pm at the intersection of Hwy 141 and Conway Road. I obtained a copy of the police report. The officer driving the Chesterfield Police car reported he left Chesterfield to stop traffic to allow a Monarch ambulance with a patient in full cardiac arrest to turn on Conway to reach St. Luke's Hospital without having to slow for traffic.

After the ambulance turned, the officer made a right turn from the middle of the intersection. He did not see a Monarch fire truck that was reportedly running with red lights and siren and the fire truck hit the police car, spinning it around.

The Town and Country officer who wrote the report did an excellent job not saying who was at fault. He marked a box that the contributing factor for the accident was "Failure to Yield" he did not say which emergency vehicle failed to yield.



Here is the diagram of the accident.

MILLION DOLLAR JOHN DIEHL TAKES 20X MORE FROM LOBBYISTS IN FEBRUARY THAN IN JANUARY:

In January it almost seemed as if State Rep. John Diehl was trying to get rid of the “slimy politician” label that he wears so well. Since 2008 Diehl has accepted over \$1 million in campaign contributions to run against no one. The contributions have come from special interest groups from around the nation. Very little of his campaign funds actually came from within his district.

He has also been one of the leaders in the House in accepting free stuff from lobbyists. Last year he accepted just a few dollars shy of \$5,000 in loot (\$4,950).

On Wednesday he announced he is running not for a political office, but for the Speaker of the House in 2015, when the current speaker, Tim Jones (R-Eureka), will leave the house due to term limits. Diehl is hoping to win a vote among the House Republicans in a September caucus. Then he has to win reelection in 2014 and have the Republicans remain in control of the House.

So in January when he accepted just one \$17.21 meal from a Missouri Cable Telecommunications Association lobbyist, it seemed he had possibly turned a new leaf or gone on a strict diet.

However he appears to be well on the road to sleazy again after looking at the February lobbyists reports. In February Diehl accepted \$282 in free stuff, including tickets to MU basketball and lots of meals. The gifts were from lobbyists representing the cable industry, Ameren, builders, Aetna Insurance, health care and realtors.

Diehl is not currently running for any office. He is in the first year of a 2-year term. It is the third term as a state representative. Missouri law only allows state representatives to serve eight years. Diehl has one more two-year term to go.

He currently is not an announced candidate for anything. However in the first quarter of 2013 he has accepted \$54,250 in campaign contributions. That brings his total take of campaign contributions to run unopposed against no one to

...\$1,132,251!



Here are the latest people and companies giving money to the guy who is not an announced candidate.



Nothing like starting things off with \$2,500 from these

guys!

\$ 2,500	RAI Service	Winston-Salem, NC	Cigarettes
\$1,000	MGE Employee PAC	Kansas City MO	Natural Gas Utility
\$1,000	SmithAmundsen	Chicago, IL	Law firm
\$250	Richard Millman	Ladue, MO	Retail Lumber
\$1,000	Berra Construction	St. Louis CO, MO	Sewer and Road Const
\$1,000	Husch Blackwell LLP	Clayton, MO	Law Firm
\$1,000	MO Profession Mutual	Creve Coeur, MO	Insurance
\$1,000	McKelvey Homes	Chesterfield, MO	Home Builder
\$1,000	McBride and Home	Chesterfield, MO	Home Builder
\$250	Travelers Insurance	Hartford, Connecticut	Insurance
\$250	James Owens	Columbia, MO	Lawyer
\$1,000	Home Building PAC	Creve Coeur, MO	Home Builders
\$1,000	Enterprise Holdings	Clayton, MO	Rental Cars
\$500	Charles Burhan	Hoffman Estates, IL	Lobbyist
\$250	Dallmeyer Law Firm	Jefferson City, MO	Law firm
\$500	MO Dental Hygienists PAC	Jefferson City, MO	Health Care
\$1,000	Greater Homebuilders,	St. Charles, MO	Home Builder
\$1,000	Pinnacle Entertainment	Las Vegas, NV	Gambling
\$1,000	Mo Nurse Anesthetists PAC	Jefferson City, MO	Health Care
\$1,000	PT PAC of Missouri	Jefferson City, MO	Health Care
\$50	CVPT	Chesterfield, MO	Health Care
\$50	St Louis Physical Therapy	Chesterfield MO	Health Care
\$1,000	AGC of St. Louis	St. Louis, MO	Builders
\$2,000	Students First	Sacramento, CA	Lobbyists
\$500	St. Louis Home Health	St. Louis, MO	Healthcare
\$1,000	Kienstra Enterprises	Creve Coeur, MO	Concrete
\$500	Bill Hopfinger	Shrewsbury, MO	Healthcare
\$1,000	Fischer and Frichtel	Chesterfield, MO	Home Builder
\$1,000	Mo Petro Markets & Conv Stores	Jefferson City MO	Retailers
\$1,000	QC Holdings	Overland Park, KS	Payday Loan Co

\$250	Paramount Mortgage Co	Creve Coeur, MO	Lending
\$1,000	Thomas Hughes	St. Charles, MO	Home builder
\$1,000	Friends of Tilley	Perryville, MO	Campaign fund
\$500	Penman and Winton	Jefferson City, MO	Lobbyists
\$50	Gregory Kramer	Webster Groves, MO	Health Care
\$1,000	John Bardgett & Assoc	Chesterfield, MO	Lobbyists
\$500	Howard L. Chilcutt Trust	Chesterfield, MO	Enterprise
\$500	Kenneth Stricker	Chesterfield, MO	Home Builder
\$1,000	Payne Family Homes	Olivette, MO	Home Builder
\$1,000	Charles Boyce	Chesterfield, MO	Healthcare
\$500	F & F Land Development	St. Louis, MO	Developers
\$1,000	MACO Development	Clarkton, MO	Home & Section 8 Dev
\$2,500	Anheuser Busch	St. Louis, MO	Brewer
\$1,000	Daniel Stegmann	Ellisville, MO	Insurance
\$250	Realtors PAC	Columbia, MO	Real Estate
\$500	Pyramid Home Health	Cape Girardeau, MO	Healthcare
\$1,000	AMECPAC	Jefferson City, MO	Utilities
\$250	MO Physician Asts.	Jefferson City, MO	Healthcare
\$1,000	MO Health Care Assoc	Jefferson City, MO	Healthcare
\$500	Brent Hemphill & Assoc	Jefferson City, MO	Lobbyists
\$500	AGC MO PAC	Jefferson City, MO	Construction
\$500	Dealers in Interested Gov	Jefferson City, MO	Gambling
\$500	Missouri Leadership Comm	Farmington, MO	Rep. Pol Group
\$250	Nathan Walker	Kirksville, MO	State Rep.
\$200	MO. Chiropractors	Jefferson City, MO	Healthcare
\$250	MO Podiatry PAC	Jefferson City, MO	Healthcare
\$500	Mo Org of Defense Attys	Jefferson City, MO	Lawyers
\$250	Kyna Iman	St. Louis, MO	Lobbyist
\$300	MAPAC	Jefferson City, MO	Insurance
\$500	Fire Services Alliance	Jefferson City, MO	Union Lobbying
\$1,000	Brightergy, LLC	Kansas City, MO	Solar Energy
\$1,000	Isle of Capri Casinos	Creve Coeur, MO	Gambling
\$250	Powerful Perf Solutions	Less Summit, MO	Lobbyists
\$500	American Traffic Solutions	Scottsdale, AZ	Photo Red Lights
\$500	Hunt Midwest	Kansas City, MO	Warehousing
\$5,000	Noranda Aluminum	New Madrid, MO	Metal Manufacturing
\$350	Sanofi-aventis	Bridgewater, NJ	Healthcare
\$1,000	Midland Credit	San Diego, CA	Financial

DIEHL PAYMENTS: During the same time Diehl paid \$13,743 in credit card bills. He gave \$25,000 to Republican House members' election funds. He also gave \$2,023 worth of "in-kind" support to Town and Country Mayor Jon Dalton plus \$1,677 to Dalton's law firm Lewis-Rice for a "fundraiser."

Diehl paid \$15,500 for political consultants and over \$10,000 to Charles Hinderliter of Maplewood. Hinderliter is listed as a "campaign worker." The interesting thing is that Diehl is not an announced candidate for anything, so there is no "campaign" for Hinderliter to work on.



Charles Hinderlite...John Diehl's campaign manager against "no one."

DIEHL CONSECUTIVE MISSES STREAK CONTINUES AT TOWN AND COUNTRY ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:

Diehl was missing as usual at the April Architectural Review Board meeting. Mayor Jon Dalton's buddy has not appeared at a meeting since July of 2012. The July meeting was the only one he attended in 2012, missing 11 other meetings.

He is a perfect 0-for4 so far in 2013 and 1-for-16 in 2012 & 2013. However, as a state rep he has accepted \$10,250 in the last three months from local builders and realtors as campaign contributions.

PARKING FOR TOWN AND COUNTRY GOLF TOURNAMENT WILL BE IN

MARYLAND HEIGHTS OF COURSE: The Senior PGA Championship is to be played at the Bellerive Country Club May 21 through May 26. You have to be a "swell," a member of the media, a corporate sponsor, a participant (golfer or caddy), a worker or a member of Bellerive if you plan to park in Town and Country for the tournament. It appears as if the Chesterfield Police will also be providing some FREE police services for this event.



The 18th Hole at Bellerive

If you are just a regular Joe with a \$36 daily ticket or a \$300 tournament pass you have to drive to Maryland Heights to park. Yes, that's right ...Maryland Heights, a city that doesn't even border Town and Country. Parking for ticket holders will be at the Verizon Amphitheater in Maryland Heights.

LADUE Road will be closed from Hwy 141 to Mason and Mason Road will be closed from Ladue Road to West Walling.

Parking for the Media and NBC will be at the Kirk of the Hills church at 12928 Ladue Road. I hope they are getting plenty to cancel church services on May 26.


The Old Missouri Highway Patrol Troop C building parking lot will also be used for special golf tournament parking.

Back in 2008 the Elks Club on Ladue Road in Creve Coeur tried to sell parking and use a shuttle bus, but the Town and Country Police would not allow them access to drop off passengers at Bellerive. This year the Elks Club will be used for people getting dropped off to use a shuttle bus and people with special handicapped parking needs.

Senior PGA is Very Classy: Yes two of the sponsors of this event are the folks at KitchenAid and John Deere. Both good companies, but kind of middle class for Bellerive, don't you think?

Then go to the Senior PGA Championship website and you find this ad to help senior men be more of a man. I don't know about you, but I think it just reeks class.

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How much will the City be giving the PGA this time? Back in 2008 when the BMW series was held at Bellerive Town and Country gave away over \$10,000 in city services to Bellerive and the PGA. They said all security on the Bellerive grounds was reimbursed. However, the closing of Ladue Road, officers for traffic direction, parking assistance and other duties not on the actual Bellerive property was provided for free by the Town and Country, Creve Coeur, Chesterfield, St. Louis County Police and the Missouri Highway Patrol. This year, all these police agencies plus Maryland Heights PD will be providing free police services.

After the Boston Marathon bombings the police presence should increase even more.

\$6,000,000 DEFICIT IS FORGOTTEN FOR A PGA EVENT: In 2013 Town and Country is spending 32% of its cash reserves. In other words they will be spending \$6,000,000 more than they take in. What really gets me is that the police would not have to deal traffic direction and road closures if there was no PGA event. Because of this golf tournament cities, St. Louis County and the State of Missouri will be providing tax supported services to a for-profit event FREE.

From 2000 to 2005 I worked in a law enforcement position for Montgomery County, Maryland. Every year there was a PGA event in late June. The county was reimbursed for all services provided directly associated to the golf tournament. Apparently the taxpayers out here in Missouri are a bunch of rubes and easy marks in the eyes of the PGA.

CHESTERFIELD LOSES ANOTHER POLICE OFFICER...THIS ONE TO HAVE MORE DAYS OFF: After having two police officers die suddenly in the last two months, chesterfield is losing a third officer.

Officer Josh Hamel is leaving the Chesterfield PD and joining the Town and Country Police Department. There really isn't much to do in Town and Country compared to Chesterfield. The city has one-fourth the population and they are a bunch of rich people. There are a few car break-ins and once every 10 years are so recently a husband kills his wife...but other than that there is not much going on.

While the Chesterfield Police do not actively enforce traffic laws on I-64, Town and Country does with great zeal, raising as much as 15% of the city's operating revenue. I thought at first that maybe Officer Hamel wanted to write tickets on I-270 and I-64 when he joined the Town and Country Revenue Cutter Service...err... I mean police department.

However, I have it on the QT that he wanted to work the 12-hour shifts at Town and Country instead of the 8-hour shifts in Chesterfield. The 12-hour shifts give officers more days off. It also increases the chances of having a fatigued officer on duty.

SMITTY'S WAITRESS UPDATE: Nancy Seaman, the waitress and bartender who has been at Smitty's on Clayton Road at Baxter Roads for 23 years continues to struggle after being attacked with a broken glass by a drunk woman she refused to serve.



Suspect Jayne Baning still not charged with felony assault.

Nancy had plastic surgery on April 8 and due to an open wound from the surgery was suppose to stay at home for two weeks. However 10 days later she was in a courtroom in Clayton trying to get a restraining order against Jayne Baning who attacked her. A one-year court order was issued ordering Baning to keep 500 feet away from Seaman and not to contact her in any way.

Nancy did send me recent photos of her injuries prior to the last surgery, but asked that I don't post them. They are pretty horrific.

Besides the plastic surgery and nasal surgery, she will be seeing a neurologist as she is still suffering severe headaches. All this, plus she maybe looking forward to some root canals as she has lost feeling in several teeth as a result of the attack.

I spoke with Chesterfield Police Chief Ray Johnson on Wednesday night. Chief Johnson is so concerned over the slow response of the County Prosecutor's office in issuing non-custody felony warrants that he is planning to offer Prosecutor Bob McCullough free office staff to help move the backlog and plans to ask area police chiefs to do the same.

Here is an email I sent to the prosecutor's office. Perhaps if you are a regular at Smitty's you could send one too.

From: John Hoffmann [mailto:johnhoffmann@charter.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2013 3:48 PM
To: 'pa@stlouisco.com'
Subject: question

Are you guys ever going to issue a warrant against Jayne Baning for the vicious assault on waitress/bartender Nancy Seaman in January? Seaman works at Smitty's in Chesterfield and refused to serve Baning who she felt was intoxicated. Baning broke a glass attacking Seaman the and jagged stem cut open Seaman's face, leaving her with a cut that took 81 stitches to close. She has been undergoing surgery since the incident with the last operation last week.

Meanwhile Baning made a threatening phone call and forced Seaman to get a restraining order.

Lazy Chesterfield cops had arrested Baning and released her on a muni court summons. The City PA kicked charges to detectives to have a felony issued with county PA 45 days ago. Seaman is fearful for her safety.

How long are non-custody warrant applications waiting now?

Here is a case of a woman following the law by not serving a drunk and now the law is not protecting her.

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FUNDRAISER FOR NANCY GOES OVER THE TOP: One bit of good news for Nancy Seaman is that a fundraiser put on by several of the bands that play on Friday nights at Smitty's held last Sunday at the Ballwin VFW drew 300 people at \$10 a head. However some paid more than \$10 and others who did not attend sent in contributions. \$8,700 was collected to help Nancy, which came in just in time as another payment for her daughter's tuition at Truman State arrived.

MUSIC AND FOOD:

We don't have much on the music and food front this week, except to share this photo from Wednesday night at Sasha's on DeMun.



Colleen Farquhar is on a solo, as Jim Manley looks on with Chris Swan on the keyboard and Zack Hall on the trumpet. Hall is in the Route 66 Jazz Orchestra and had just played a concert at the Kirkwood Brewery Station. Colleen, known as the Sax Kitten, is a former member of the Route 66 group and is now a musician on Holland American Line cruise ships. She leaves on Friday for Rome to join the SS Noordam.

Also don't forget about the 40th Anniversary celebration on Friday April 26 at John Mineo's. The multi-talented Dean Christopher will be putting on a floor show in the main dining room starting at 7:30. Reservations are required and formal attire is requested.



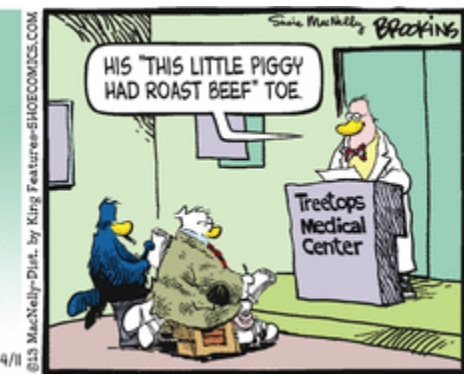
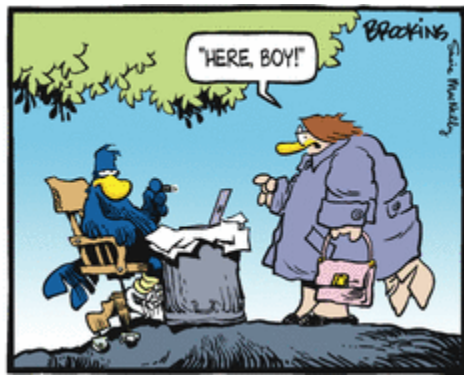
Dean Christopher knocking out a Rat Pack Standard while sitting in with the Charlie B Group recently at Jimmy's on the Park.

CARTOONS:



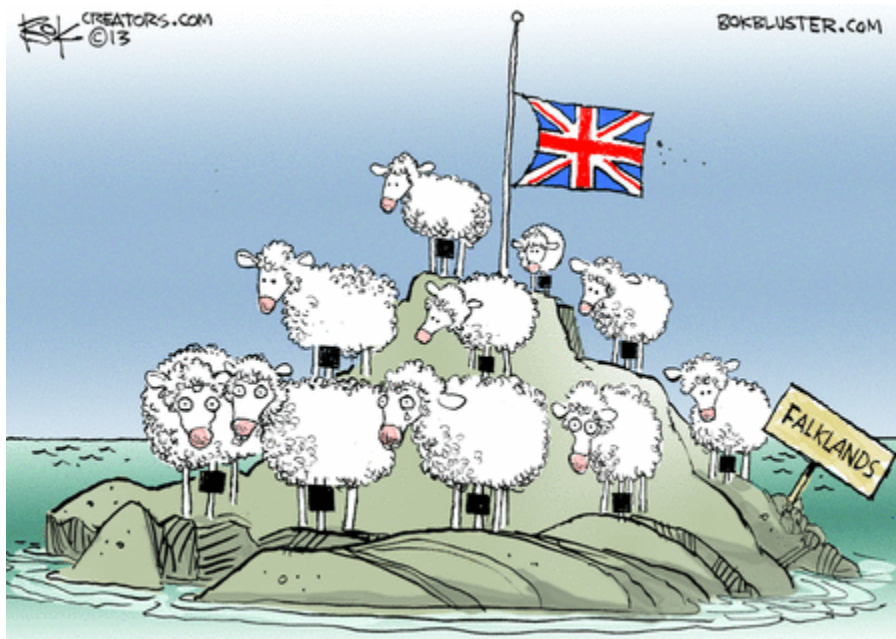


"There is your prescription, Mrs. Hickford, and here is the pamphlet of side effects."



From CBC Grad and Charlotte Peters' kid, Mike Peters:





RIP IRON LADY