

UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 31

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MAYOR DELAYS REAPPOINTMENT OF CITY PROSECUTOR: I was surprised when I checked the Chesterfield City Council agenda on Friday May 3 and found that the reappointment of the city prosecutor was on the agenda. I had spent several weeks working on the latest DWI and Thieves Special reports that showed Chesterfield City Prosecutor almost never prosecuted anyone...he was simply a fixer.

This caused me to push the completion of the newsletter by moving it up by three or four days. I spent the weekend working on it. It had already cost me \$315 to obtain police reports alone. I managed to get the newsletter out to Chesterfield readers on early Monday morning and Town and Country readers received theirs on Monday afternoon. It got posted on the website Tuesday night.

I got some reader comments on the story right away:

John,
Great letter. This is horrific.
Why isn't this a news story?
I can forgive one DWI, but even that is too many.
Innocent people's lives are at stake here.
Why don't our mayor and alderman get hammered on this and why it is occurring?
Getting away with a \$350. fine and no points is criminal.
From what I can tell, most of these people were more than drunk, they were plastered.
(A Town and Country Reader)

John,
Your work on behalf of our region is appreciated.
(A Chesterfield reader)

Hello Mr. Hoffman,
I looked up your newsletter(s) after hearing you on the Allman show for the past year. Anyway, as a former small town City Councilman (to be politically incorrect), I appreciate your broad based spotlight on political types of all stripes. Keep up the good work.
Sincerely, (A Eureka resident)

John,

You seem to have some "wonderful" judges and police chiefs in your local areas??????some, if not all their sentences etc are hard to understand???

R.S.W.

(A regular newsletter reader from Ireland...I think he started reading them for the cartoons)

OVER THE YEARS TIM ENGELMEYER HAS BEEN FAR MORE A CITY COLLECTOR OF REVENUE THAN A PROSECUTING ATTORNEY: Keep in mind Tim Engelmeyer as prosecutor and Rick Brunk as city judge were very good at one thing...raising money.

Municipal Court in Chesterfield has been very efficient at in revenue production. While it doesn't produce the almost 15% of an annual budget like in Town and Country, the Chesterfield cops don't run radar on I-64 either.

Engelmeyer is very good at presenting plea agreements where DWI offenses turn into either no-record probations with \$500 fine for parking offenses that never occurred or simply vanish in favor of a \$500 Careless Driving fine. Brunk is even better at accepting them and whispering to the defendant and defense attorney so no one in the courtroom knows what just happened.

The thing is he never actual prosecutes anyone. No trials, just deals that result in \$500 parking and \$500 littering fines.

Prosecutors are supposed to have a heart and be willing to give someone a break. But with Engelmeyer the safety and welfare of the public at large is forgotten and goes out the window, but the \$500 parking tickets that started as DWI cases keep coming in.

No Complaints: One councilperson mentioned to me that they had never heard of any complaints about Engelmeyer. My response is who is going to complain?

The defense lawyers who charged clients \$1,000 and got their client's DWI down to a \$500 parking fine are not going to complain. The drunk drivers and thieves who never get convicted of the crime they committed are not going to complain. If a member of the public wandered into Municipal Court they are going to have no idea what is happening, since Engelmeyer and Brunk whisper at bench and no one in the audience can hear what is going on. Finally the cops can't complain. They are forbidden to get involved in local political issues.

THE NEW MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL NEED TO MAKE MUNICIPAL COURT TRANSPARENT: The first step to allowing the public and elect officials know what is

going on with cases before the Municipal Court is to post all the cases on casenet. All circuit court cases across Missouri are there and municipal courts can use the service also. But if you don't want people to know what you are doing it is a terrible place to place the cases.

This is an important first move if local politicians are sincere about wanting government to be transparent.

The next move is to replace the prosecutor. Interviews with candidates to fill the position should include that the city expects people who drive drunk and steal to be tried or plea to reduce lesser included charges if a suspended imposition of sentence no-record probation is to be used. They should know that repeat DWI (and we are talking repeat DWI defendants from anywhere and not just prior Chesterfield cases) defendants are not going to get second probation sentences.

If people refuse to take a breath test they should not be rewarded with a no-record probation sentence. If they test over .15% there should not get no-record probations. If they are driving 20 MPH over the speed limit...no probations. If they are involved in a series of thefts such as shoplifting for more than one store at a time or attempting repeated frauds they should not get no-record probations.

If they resist arrest, flee or have physical contact with store employees they should not be eligible for no-record probations.

The same should be said for the judge. NO MORE WHISPERING IN COURT! That is to start. Defendants and their lawyers need to stand 10 or 15 feet back from the bench and address the court from behind a barrier such as a rail or a rope. The judge should not motion anyone up to the bench. The judge should know the citizens of the city do want and expect more from the city judge than handing out no-record probations that leaves thieves and drunk drivers with no records.

SPLIT VOTES HIGHLIGHT MONDAY'S CITY COUNCIL MEETING: There were split votes on two different bills Monday night, leading one to believe there is going to be an independent council for the next couple of years.

AESTHETIC ENHANCEMENTS VS POLICE LAYOFFS: Bill 2925 called the city to cough up \$209,000 to MoDot as a shared expense to add aesthetic enhancements including city logos to the new I-64 bridge and off ramp to Chesterfield Airport Road.

“We downsized the police department but now we want to do this,” asked former mayor and newly elected Ward 1 Councilwoman Nancy Greenwood.

“I agree with Councilperson Greenwood ,” said Councilman Dan Hurt. “I’d rather have more services than this.”



Councilman Dan Hurt at the agenda meeting asking question before voting no on the bill to spend \$209,000 on aesthetic enhancements to a new MoDot bridge.

It was nice to see several elected officials who remember the downsizing of the police department plus other city job cuts and making statements that perhaps they should get the PD and city back to its old size before spending funds on unnecessary items.

Another issue on this is the fact that Modot calls all the shots with the city’s \$209,000.

Greenwood, Hurt and Bruce DeGroot all voted against the bill which passed 5-3. The three were all just elected in May. One more no vote would have resulted in a tie and Mayor Bob Nation would have to use his tie breaking vote.

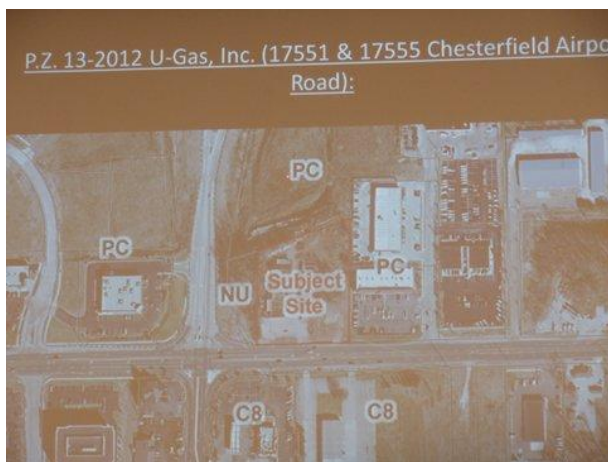
U-GAS PROPOSAL IS ANOTHER 5-3 VOTE: The bill to approve a U-Gas station across the street from the BP station and McDonalds on Chesterfield Airport Road at Long Road passed with another split vote.

This is a little complicated issue. The lot for the proposed U-Gas station does not have an entry or exit onto Long Road. It is only accessible from Chesterfield Airport Road, which is a St. Louis County Road, which Chesterfield has no control over. The city can pass no-turn ordinances however and make traffic only turn right into the station and right out of the station.

A number of councilpersons are concerned about there being accidents from people trying to make left turns into the gas station or out of the gas station. This could be eliminated if the County would extend the center median further east.

“I have been concerned about the safety of this intersection. I’d rather vote no at this point,” said Councilwoman Connie Fults, in the pre-meeting agenda review meeting. 20 minutes later Fults did an about face and voted “yes” on the bill.

If Fults had stuck to her guns and voted “no” this one would have been a tie and Mayor Nation would have gotten to vote. Newly elected Nancy Greenwood and Bruce DeGroot voted against it while irascible old timer Barry Flachsbart joined them.



FOLLOW THE MONEY: SLEEZEY? Segal accepts large contribution from city contractor. A check of the Board of Elections’ campaign finance records shows that Matt Segal’s “30 Days After Election” report how the councilman running for mayor accepted a last minute \$2,000 contribution from Republic Services of Phoenix, Arizona which does business locally as Allied Waste.

Allied Waste currently has the exclusive contract to provide trash hauling and recycling services to the residents of Chesterfield. It was also Allied Services which provided city manager Mike Herring with \$250 tickets to the 2011 World Series which is a violation of the city code. Herring has refused to comment on this “gift.”

That was Segal’s only late contribution. He finished being in debt by \$515 according to his campaign treasurer, former mayor Bruce Geiger.

Bob Nation did not accept any last minute campaign contributions let alone a large one from a city contractor. He ended the campaign being \$4,335 in debt.

Nation spent \$410 for a “Thank You” victory party that was held at his home.

NEW LAW FIRM AT MONARCH: This change should not have come as a big surprise to people who follow the politics of the Monarch Fire District. Chuck Billings is out as the Fire District’s legal advisor. The Fire Board President Robin Harris was not happy with Billings’ hourly rate when he was hired after Rick Gans was defeated by Steven Swyers.

Billings didn’t help his cause when he gave a \$250 contribution to Jane Cunningham’s opponent Cole McNary for the latest open board seat. When Cunningham won you had to wonder how long Billings would be around. The wondering came to an end at the Thursday May 2 Monarch meeting.

The night Cunningham was sworn-in and Harris was chosen as president, Harris ordered bids be taken for legal services.

According to Harris, Billings’ bid was the same as his current rates...\$3,000 for four meetings a month, plus \$250 an hour for additional legal work. Meanwhile the district’s new attorney, Mike Bakewell wanted \$2,000 for the four meetings a month plus \$165 an hour for additional work. There were seven law firms that submitted bids.



Chuck Billings with a somber look on his face after Monarch President Robin Harris called for new bids for legal services in April.

FOLLOWING THE MONEY: Monarch Fire District:

The Monarch firefighters should go back and concentrate on firefighting and medical rescue services for a while and take a break from politics. They sure weren't any good at it in this last election.

Five days prior to the April 2 Fire District election between former state representative Cole McNary and former state-senator Jane Cunningham the Monarch firefighters for Public Awareness gave McNary \$20,000. They coughed up another \$7,100 to McNary after the election, which Cunningham won with 60-percent of the vote. The contributions paid for a last minute push plus wiped out his debts.

The contribution, which we discovered after checking McNary's campaign finance report filed at the St. Louis County Board of Elections, casts considerable doubt on McNary's earlier statements that he wasn't a candidate of the fire union and denials that he was "the candidate" of the fire union.

A check of Cunningham's "30 days After Election report" shows she collected no last minute campaign contributions. She did spend \$1,732 for a victory party at Mike Duffy's in Town and Country.

I found it amusing that Jane held her victory party outside of the fire district, but I'm sure Duffy's provided excellent products at a reasonable price, which was the cornerstone of Jane's platform.

I was invited to two victory parties and unfortunately could not attend either one. I was attending the Ellisville Impeachment fiasco on election night and was doing PA for a college baseball on the day of my other invite.

CRY WOLFE: Local developer Dean Wolfe who talked the former City Council into giving his Premium Outlet Mall by the Missouri River a special CID sales tax which will pour consumer's dollars into the his pocket to help pay off building the mall, has hit the airways in another promotion.

Wolfe announced to everyone except the City of Chesterfield how he plans to build another mall, this one next to the Premium Outlet Mall. Wolfe claimed on several newscasts the new mall will have high end stores, offices and maybe a movie complex to compete with an existing one just down the street at the THF development.

We checked on Friday May 3 and again on Monday May 6 and no plans by Wolfe have made it past the front door of the Chesterfield City Hall and upstairs to the Planning Department.



Dean Wolfe, a guy looking for you to pay for his next investment.

Things have changed in Chesterfield since Wolfe got his sweetheart deal of a sales tax that went into his pocket for up to 20 years. The new council might not be so quick to give him money that long time tax merchants and developers didn't get in years past.

Also, Wolfe probably didn't help himself by giving a sizable campaign contribution to recently elected Mayor Bob Nation's opponent Matt Segal. In the campaign Nation came out against giving sales tax money to developers, while Segal as a councilman voted for the CID sales tax to go to the Premium Outlet Malls.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR AGREES WITH US: Every time I drive to the Chesterfield City Hall I wonder if the County is ever going to rebuild Chesterfield Parkway from Olive Blvd. to the City Hall. That section of road appears to be falling apart.

Last Monday I confirmed my suspicions when I asked Chesterfield Director of Public Works and professional engineer Mike Geisel. Mike told us that the street is failing and needs to be rebuilt. I asked him if the County has given him any timetable when that would be done. He replied that there is no such project currently planned by the county.

I then asked him if that section of Chesterfield Parkway were a city street would it have been replaced. "Absolutely!" was his answer.

You have to wonder if this is the reaction from the administration of County Executive Charlie Dooley, who always loses big in West County and especially precincts in western Chesterfield.

HEY OFFICER, I ONLY HAD 1.883 BEERS: For years the response to a police officer who has pulled someone over for a traffic violation after they had been pounding the beers and asked “Have you had anything to drink tonight?” has been, “Officer, I only had two beers.”

Well thanks to the folks at In-Bev that is about to change.

I have complained in recent years of Ivory Soap, shampoo companies, ice cream makers and other food manufacturers of reducing the size of bars, bottles and boxes. Now Budweiser has joined them.

The folks at In-Bev were doing their best PR to convince you how the new cans of Budweiser look like bow ties, are cool and the latest in beer art. They failed to mention they have reduced the amount of Budweiser you now get from 12 ounces to 11.3 ounces.



So if you had been drinking Budweiser and the cop asks how much you have had you should now say, “Officer I have just had 1.883 beers.”

I lost my taste for beer when I turned 21 and all other alcoholic beverages after I developed a hiatal hernia when I was 22. That bourbon burned on the way down and burned twice as bad if you burped sending the vapors on the way up.

As for A-B products I still bought them and had them in the refrigerator for company. I wanted to support them, because they owned the Cardinals gave me a lot of enjoyable days and evenings watching baseball. I started buying smaller craft beers for the refrigerator the day after August Busch III sold the Cardinals.

SERIOUS DRUNK DRIVER: In our last regular newsletter we wrote about serial drunk driver Roy Anthony Garozzo of 1080 Westmeade Drive (in the apartments that run along parallel to Baxter Road). Roy was recently charged with being a Felony Persistent Drunk Driver after he was arrested on Manchester Road in Wildwood for

DWI. It was his seventh DWI that I could find. He also has half-dozen arrests for driving with a revoked license. We ran his mug shot and the photo of one type of car that Garozzo drives. He works in an office on South Forty Drive at Woods Mill Road in Town and Country.



One regular reader of this newsletter emailed me that last week he saw him at his office in his brown BMW. This week he was seen in his Jeep Wrangler. The observant reader snapped a photo of the Jeep and sent it to us. We forwarded it to the T&C Police.



THIS ORIGINALLY RAN IN THE MAY 4 EDITION OF THE EX ALDERMAN'S NEWLETTER

THE ELLISVILLE FIASCO CONTINUES OR HOW I PARKED MY CAR AND WALKED INTO A BUILDING AND SUDDENLY ENTERED THE TWILIGHT ZONE...ALSO KNOWN AS AN ELLISVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING. The week of April 29 started off badly for Ellisville and the PR firm Casey Communications which the old city council hired to try and soften the bad imagine the city was getting from the ridiculous impeachment of their mayor. Casey is already 4-times over budget and the news does not seem to be getting better.

On Monday Elliott Davis' "You Paid For It" featured Ellisville councilman and mayor pro tem Matt Pirrello. Matt seemed to be holding his own against Elliott saying how they had to impeach Mayor Adam Paul (who was trying to help residents displaced by the new Wal Mart project and taking bids for a new city attorney). He said Paul had to be removed, when Davis asked if the city would not save more than a hundred thousand dollars if they just waited for the next election and let the voters decide. Then things went downhill for Pirrello.



Davis: How were taxpayers losing money by what he was doing?

Pirrello: We are not getting city business done.

Davis: Cite a specific where taxpayers lost money because of what the mayor had done?

Pirrello: (long pause) I can't at this time.

NEW COUNCILPERSONS: The three new councilpersons were present at the May 1 city council meeting. I went to the meeting because after spending a week watching the impeachment of Mayor Adam Paul I was interested in seeing the latest.

Paul and his attorney Chet Pleban had filed suit in Circuit Court to overturn the impeachment. Gary Voss and Mick Cahill were just elected to council on platforms of supporting Paul. Cindy Pool was elected, but barely after almost being beat by a write-in candidate who was in Paul's corner. Pool claims to be neutral in the Paul

controversy. Voss owns a local bowling alley and showed up in a sports jacket and no tie. Cahill did him one better, arriving in a short sleeve sports shirt and slacks. Compared to these two “men of the people” Pirrello looked like a real dandy.

The meeting started with citizens and attorney speaking from the crowd before Pirrello could strike his gavel. They were shouting

STAY THE IMPEACHMENT RESOLUTION REMOVED BY CITY MANAGER AND NOT COUNCIL: Voss had filed a resolution the week before in time for the deadline for items to be on the agenda. Cahill also supported the agenda item. That is all that is required by the Ellisville City Charter. However, City Manager Kevin Bookout removed the item. Under what authority, the always arrogant, Bookout used to remove the agenda item was the question of the night. However, he actually did Cahill and Voss a favor.

Citizens yelled out demanding to know why the agenda item was removed.

Even though the meeting had not actually started, Pirrello asked John Maupin to explain.

For those who have been following this story Maupin is a lawyer that the former Ellisville city council hired at the recommendation of city attorney Paul Martin to be both the hearing officer at Paul’s impeachment and also a special consultant to the Council during the impeachment, a position that many considered to be a conflict of interest. He is now also representing the city in the lawsuit filed by Mayor Paul to overturn the impeachment.

Maupin was in the standing room only crowd at the back of the room. With the sun shining through a window it looked like Maupin was making a pronouncement from on high.



“...so in my opinion the motion to stay (the impeachment action) is inept,” said Maupin.

Before the last of his words were out of his mouth Mayor Paul’s lawyer, Chet Pleban, was standing on the opposite side of the room was on his feet and speaking.

“Why would you want to hear one side and not the other,” asked Pleban.

He then asked who took the resolution to stay the impeachment off the agenda.

Eventually the city manager, Kevin Bookout spoke up.

“I received a call from Mr. Cahill who said he wanted it on the regular meeting agenda, I then called Mr. Maupin. He said he had concerns if it was on the agenda,” said Bookout.



Chet Pleban asking questions from the audience.



Kevin Bookout (far left) looking straight ahead. New Councilperson Cindy Pool and Gary Voss on the right.

“You make the call on what a councilperson wants to have on the agenda,” asked Pleban. “Why would you do that? You are incurring more legal fees for the city, you know that,” continued Pleban.

“Absolutely,” responded to Bookout indicating he knew the call to Maupin was costing the taxpayer more money.



Councilman and Mayor-pro-tem Matt Pirrello who was one of the leaders to remove Mayor Paul shortly after Paul was sworn in. Bookout appears to be texting or checking a score.

“Anyone else want to rant and scream for no reason,” asked Pirrello before hitting the gavel down and calling the meeting to order.

The meeting started off with citizen comments. None of the people recognized as speakers favored Pirrello and all appeared to support Paul.

The theme seemed to be that Pirrello and the Council was wasting valuable taxpayer’s money.

“I think we need to stop spending so much money on attorney’s fees,” said one resident.

Another talked about the city’s recently hired PR firm had already racked up \$8,072 in bills.

A former mayor asked how a rate of \$250 an hour by the PR firm was reasonable.

Another complained the council and Bookout violated the city charter by not interviewing up to three lawyers before hiring one to work on the Paul impeachment.

Another resident thought city staff were taking sides to remove Paul. “It appears as if some city staff thinks they are lobbyists,” he said.

Another was upset that lawyer Keith Cheung’s (Cheung prosecuted Mayor Paul in the 4-day impeachment hearing and stayed on as a consultant) bill had sections blacked out.

Both of Mayor Paul’s attorney’s spoke. First it was Lynette Petruska. She was followed by Pleban. They both got their full 3-minutes of time allotted and maybe a little more.



Lynette Petruska, Adam Paul’s co counsel, speaks while Gary Voss pays attention and city manager Kevin Bookout ignores her.

“Adam Paul is not going away. He didn’t run. He is here to represent the people who put him into office,” said Pleban. “Speeding \$8,000 for a PR firm that charged you to prepare their contract, while I have not seen one piece of positive material come out of these matters (the impeachment).” He then talked about the negative coverage that even included the New York Times.

“At the end of the day you will spend \$150,000 on legal fees. I have to think there is a better way to speed your money, such as repairing streets,” said Pleban.

“Mr. Pirrello, you even attracted the attention of Elliott Davis. That is not a good thing,” said Pleban.

Impeached Mayor Paul was at the meeting and spoke.

“I want to apologize to the newly elected councilpersons that they have to put up with this (the actions of Pirrello and excessive spending on the impeachment),” said Paul who pleaded with the new councilperson to stop the bleeding of cash.

“I have never done anything but tried to save the city money,” he added.



Impeached Mayor Adam Paul speaking from the cheap seats.

NEW GUYS TAKE A MEA CULPA: Councilman Gary Voss had a lot of trouble introducing the motion to reconsider the resolution voted on two weeks earlier to accept the ordinances and resolutions of the past council. Pirrello kept ruling him out of order as he was not properly making a motion. Actually Pirrello had a point, however I have seen plenty of mayors offer a suggestion on how to phrase a motion. Pirrello was not quick to do so and Voss become more and more frustrated. Finally he was successful. He then got a second from Mick Cahill.

CAHILL APOLIGIZES THEN VOSS: Mick Cahill was the first to apologize about his vote at the first meeting to accept the prior resolutions and ordinances of the old council.



regular person.

Councilman Mick Cahill, dress as a

I want to apologize for my vote at the first meeting. I had no idea what I had done. We just didn't have a clue," he said.

Then it was Voss' turn.

"I too want to apologize. When I heard it (the resolution) I paid zero attention. I voted aye and I made a mistake."

Cindy Pool then stated that she was going to vote against the resolution to reconsider because she thought what was done was done and they shouldn't take back the votes of the other council.

The reconsideration failed on a 3-2 vote.

STUPID AND GOOD: It was stupid for Voss and Cahill not to table this vote until the next meeting. The reason was that Councilwoman Linda Reel was absent and she normally voted for Paul and his allies.

It turned out also that Bookout and Maupin were stupid because if they had left the resolution to stay the impeachment until there was a court ruling, chances are it would not have passed with Reel missing. That vote would have hinged on Pool. SO if you are rooting for Adam Paul you would hope that the resolution is back on the agenda for the next meeting and Reel is at the meeting and that some people work on Pool to get her to see the light.

NEW ELECTION: The council voted to hold an election to replace Paul at the November general election. This was an odd vote because the new guys, Voss and Cahill appeared to make the same mistake they did the first week by not thinking this through. It seems they should be voting against any election to replace Paul until there is a court ruling if his impeachment was legal. Otherwise the city could be on a path to continue to waste money.

VOTING DURING A WORK SESSION: Oddness continued even at the end of the Ellisville council Meeting. Matt Pirrello called for a work session. Work sessions are normally before meetings, when officeholders can discuss issues and ask questions of experts and city staffers to better educate themselves. **YOU DO NOT TAKE VOTES AT WORK SESSIONS...**unless you a member of the Ellisville City Council. Pirrello took votes on two matters. Both clearly should have been done at the regular meeting.

These new councilpersons should demand that work sessions occur before regular meetings and that no votes be taken during work sessions.

OUR TAKE: If in two weeks you have Bill McClellan and Elliott Davis making fun of your attempted to get rid of a popular mayor maybe it is time to pack it in...drop the PR firm because they cannot possibly change public opinion. It might be time for the Matt Pirrello and Rose Acup to figure out what the general public wants and drop their stand against Paul or resign.

MISSING PERSON RETURNS: City Attorney Paul Martin, who Adam Paul wanted to replace with an attorney who charged less was at the meeting. He had vanished at the time of the impeachment from his office in Rock Hill and the Ellisville City hall as Chet Pleban had a process server trying to serve him a subpoena to testify at the impeachment hearing. Pleban had evidence that Martin was one of the main people behind filing charges against the young mayor, including some which lacked any evidence. This is his second meeting since the impeachment. Currently there are summonses in the hands of the St. Louis County Sherriff to serve Martin, Bookout and Pirrello reference the action to overturn the impeachment that was filed in Circuit Court on April 17.



Paul Martin again is showing his face in town.

MUSIC, FOOD AND FUN: In the last months I was writing columns for Patch.com I would always try to do a fun one for Saturdays that did not involve politics, taxes or crime. One that I did was about video and audio clips I have saved on my computer that I bring up when I want to put a smile on my face.

http://chesterfield.patch.com/articles/put-on-a-happy-face-and-pick-yourself-up#youtube_video-10080810

The column starts with three clips of the Jerome Kern and Dorothy Fields song Pick Yourself Up. The first one is from the 1936 Swing Time with Fred Astire and Ginger Rogers, followed by a version by the Beegie Adair Trio that I would listen to when I worked late at a County office building outside of Washington, DC and the third was a much slower version by Diana Krall.

I happened to run across a version done by the Mike Samme Singers on the British TV variety show from the early 1960s. It was fun to watch and also made me nostalgic for the old TV Variety shows. Some of the acts simply lip synced to records but others would put on quite a show.



Mike Samme Singers

Here is the link to the Mike Sammes singers

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JXS_8FdhLlc

One thing to another...watching the Sammes singers reminded me of the Hi-Lo's, the singing group that was the forerunner to the Singers Unlimited. The Hi-Lo's used to be featured on the Rosemary Clooney variety Show in the late 1950s. They would follow Rosemary around the set and break into song once or twice a show. It is nice to remember television when people actually put some time and creative effort into the shows.



Here is a link of the Hi-Lo's on the Rosemary Clooney Show with guest star Boris Karloff.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ECsWu1l624>

Here is a link to a clip of the Hi-Lo's on the Frank Sinatra Show.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-hWq322lgmA>

The lead singer for the Singers Unlimited is Bonnie Herman. She is best known to St. Louisans as the person who for 40 years sings the Frederick Roof radio jingle.

Here is a clip of the Singers Unlimited singing "Emily." Listen to Bonnie's solo parts and you can immediately tie her voice to the "For a Hole in Your Roof or a Whole New Roof" lyrics.

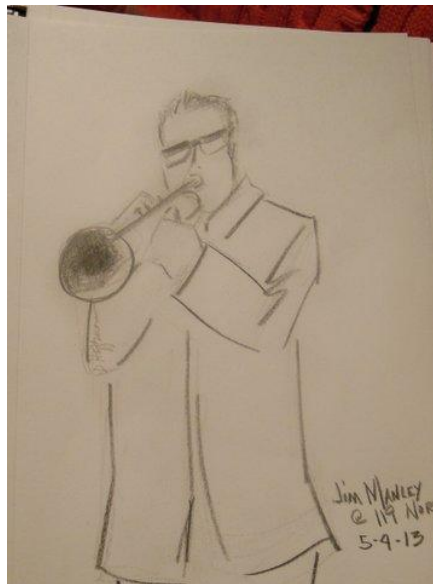
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JUST BECAUSE YOU LIVE IN CHESTERFIELD DON'T FEEL YOU CAN'T DRIVE

EAST OF I-270: My wife and I make it to the One-19 Restaurant in Kirkwood about once a month. Oddly enough our friends Jim Manley and Arthur Toney play there about once a month.



Jim Manley and Arthur Toney
(Note sketch artist removes 10 years and 20 pounds from musicians)



Jim Manley on a solo. (Note sketch artist removes 10 years and 20 pounds from musicians)

The food is soooo good. I recommend the tenderloin and the roasted potatoes. The tenderloin is \$12. I suggest you tell them to hold the blue cheese sauce and use the potato sauce on the steak. I always forget to take a photo of the steak. But I remembered on a reorder of potatoes.



Courtney, the evening waitress and assistant manager, will be leaving in August to attend the Theater Department at Penn State. Amie is the weekend bartender.



Courtney



Amie

Our favorite musician will be back at One-19 on Saturday June 15 from 9-12. The kitchen is open until 11.

The following originally appeared in the may 4 edition of the Ex Alderman's Newsletter

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FUN: I stopped in at Schlafly's in Maplewood last Wednesday to see a friend of mine. Every Wednesday night Miss Jubilee and the Humdingers hold

the Big Beat Jamboree. The band is fun and loud and area musicians and singers can sit in for the Wednesday night performances. Plus often swing dancers are there. Now that the outdoor patio is open, the bar area is not jammed packed and there is some room. I was good for about 45 minutes then I needed to head over to Sasha's on DeMun in Clayton for some jazz until 11.



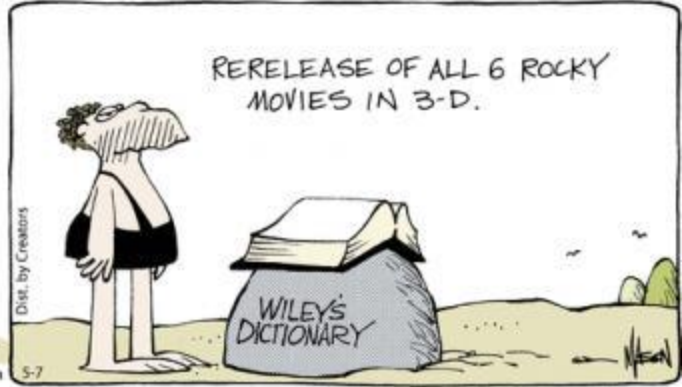
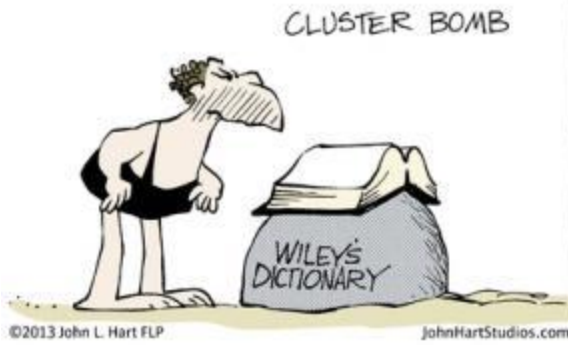
Miss Jubilee taking a break from singing and is on Uke as the trumpet player takes over for a vocal at Schlafly's.



An outstanding jazz trumpet player from out of town joins Jim Manley and Chris Swann at Sasha's.

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