

## EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 68

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**DIEHL GOES OVER THE MILLION MARK:** State Representative John Diehl (Rep. Town & Country), whose district now includes Town and Country and Chesterfield, is in his third term. He has never faced any opposition in primary or general elections.



Adding up all his campaign contribution reports from July 15, 2008 to October 16, 2012 Diehl has collected \$1,026,104. He still has another contribution report due in at the Missouri Ethics Commission on December 6. Much of his big money contributions came from special interests outside of Missouri and very little actually comes from within his district.

Despite collecting over \$1,000,000 in his races against no one, he currently has just \$274,342 in the bank.

Over the years he has used campaign money for golf green fees, over a dozen airplane tickets out of town, \$1,156 for a hotel room in Bethesda, Maryland plus hotels in Kansas City, Branson and Jefferson City. Keep in mind he gets a per diem for his official duties as a state rep. If we are playing Let's Make A Diehl, every time Diehl picks a curtain, he gets the one with the big prize often from people far, far away.

**FUND RAISING FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST NO ONE:** Here are some of the expenses he has listed as fundraising events for his "campaigns against no one" or meals for his staff, which I believe is one person.

### 2010

\$2,474 On his Am Ex card for catering at Drury Inn  
\$1,744 Meals at Jefferson City Country Club  
\$1,878 Russo's catering  
\$430 On his Am Ex for food at Schnucks  
\$735 Meals at RNC Conference  
\$1,175 Café Napoli

## 2011

\$911 Seven Gables Inn

## 2012

\$248 Capital Plaza Hotel Food

\$662 J. Bucks

\$289 Madison Café

\$327 Pierpoints, KCMO Staff dinner

\$355 V.R. Yardhouse Summertin, Nevada Staff dinner

\$367 Landry's Dallas, Texas donor's meal

Wouldn't it be nice if he spent a little more money in his district and less in Clayton, Nevada or Kansas City?

**Dumb or Dumber:** Diehl has claimed in four years he has spent over \$62,000 for political consultants. I REPEAT...HE IS RUNNING AGAINST NO ONE! He can give me one thousand dollars and save the other \$61,000...here is my consulting advice..."Don't say anything and don't go on The Charles Jaco Show."

**Money to Other Candidates:** Diehl gave huge amounts of money to other Republican candidates running for Federal, state and local offices. One Diehl contribution was to Citizens for Ed Martin for Congress. Another went to Nancy Avoili who had opposition running for alderwoman in Town and Country in 2010. On election eve robo calls went out from Missourians Against Unfair Taxes for Avioli. The group was associated with Diehl's buddy, T&C Mayor and tobacco lobbyist Jon Dalton. The same name was used to fight cigarette tax increases. Dalton has been a longtime cigarette lobbyist.

**THE BUDDY SYSTEM:** John Diehl remains as an appointee of his buddy, Mayor/Lobbyist Jon Dalton on the Town and Country Architectural Review Board. A couple of years ago Dalton represented as a lobbyist in Jefferson City the St. Louis Police Board. The City did not hire Dalton and balked about paying his bill. It was the Police Board who hired him on the city's nickel. The Police Board wanted defeated a bill improving pensions for St. Louis Officers. Instead of a state representative from the City of St. Louis taking up the matter, John Diehl of Town and Country successfully led the House in killing the bill. Since most police officers still have to live in the city no state representative from the city wanted to piss off voters. Diehl did it for his buddy Dalton, even though it had nothing to do with his legislative district.

In turn Dalton keeps appointing Diehl to the Town and Country Architectural Review Board. I voted against his reappointment when I was an alderman just on the grounds that he missed so many meetings. Dalton's defense of Diehl was he was a big contributor with his knowledge and experience the few times he was there.

**AWOL:** So far in 2012 out of 11 meetings, Diehl has missed 10 and only attended the July meeting. So far in 2012 his absentee rate is 91%. In 2011 he missed 70% of the meetings.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** In the last 12 months Diehl has accepted campaign



contributions totaling \$25,900, from building, realty, civil engineering, architectural, and energy development associations, all having a role in any building, hospital construction or subdivision developments.

Here is the list:

10-23-12	St. Louis Assn of Realtors	\$1,000
10-23-12	Civil Engineering Design Consultants	\$500
10-04-12	Missouri Architects PAC	\$300
10-03-12	Builder Assn PAC	\$500
10-03-12	Realtor PAC	\$1,000
10-02-12	Missouri Hospital Assn	\$2,500
10-02-12	Ameren Missouri PAC	\$2,500
09-11-12	Missouri Land Title PAC	\$500
09-02-12	Home Building Industry PAC	\$2,500
08-29-12	St. Louis Assn of Realtors	\$1,000
08-02-12	Missouri Asphalt Pavement Assn	\$500
07-31-12	Burns and McDonnell Civil Engineers	\$3,000
07-02-12	Missouri Forest Products	\$500
06-18-12	Missouri Realtors PAC	\$2,500
06-15-12	Missouri Land Title PAC	\$400

05-11-12	Crescent Plumbing Supply	\$200
04-24-12	Duffe-Nuernberger Realty	\$250
04-05-12	E.M. Harris Construction Co	\$250
12-30-11	Responsible Builders PAC	\$1,000
12-15-11	Realtors PAC	\$500

So how can someone who is pocketing all this cash from industry groups sit on a board that votes on construction projects? Apparently this is okay in Town and Country.

**SECRET MEETING RESULTS IN ANOTHER CONTINUATION FOR SOLAR**

**PANELS:** The City of Town and Country really wants to pass a bill that will allow them to control if someone can use solar panels at their home.

There is one problem...a recent court ruling out of Cole County involving a case from Clarkson Valley is keeping the city attorney from making a decision.

The court case out of Cole County (Jefferson City) ruled that cities could not pass rules, regulations or ordinances that superseded those of the Missouri Public Service Commission.

Monday the Solar Panel bill was on the agenda. Before the regular meeting the Board of Aldermen went into secret session that was closed to the public so city Attorney Steve Garrett could speak on the legal issues.

Why this has to be in a closed meeting is beyond me. The citizens ought to be able to see if they are getting their money's worth from Garrett. It turns out he still doesn't have an official opinion formulated yet. As soon as the Board of Aldermen meeting began, the bill was continued for a third time.

**SKIP MANGE HAS THE BOARD AND SOME ALDERPERSONS DRINKING THE KOOL-AIDE.** Skip Mange introduced a bill that both wastes money and breaks city law.



Skip wants to push through a bill that will give a contractor without going through bids a \$10,300 job to take apart and move logs of a log cabin located in a house at 13348 Conway Road that is set for demolition to Drace Park.

City law says bids are required for work over \$7,500. Mange claims there is no one else who could do this work. I say let's find out and put it out for bid.

I also say the whole thing is a waste of money.

**ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN COMPETITIVE BIDS IS REQUIRED BY LAW:** Apparently Mange thinks his ideas are exempt from city law. Here is the law on competitive bids:

**SECTION 140.030: COMPETITIVE BIDDING--WHEN REQUIRED**

A. All contracts providing for payment in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) but not in excess of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) for purchases of supplies, materials or contracted services shall be made with the lowest and best bidder after at least three (3) competitive written bids have been taken, unless multiple sources are not available. Items in this category, if budgeted, may only be approved by the Finance Director.

B. All contracts providing for payment in excess of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) for purchases of supplies, materials or contracted services shall be made with the lowest and best bidder after due and public notice inviting sealed bids. The City shall make every reasonable effort to seek bids from qualified contractors. Bids shall be opened at the time and place designated in the notice and the opening of such bids shall be public. Items in this category must be approved by the Board of Aldermen. (Code 1975 §11.10(3), (4); CC 1989 §2-263; Ord. No. 2829 §1, 6-24-03)

**THE OUT FOR THOSE WANTING TO GO THE SLIMELY ROUTE:** The city code makes a provision that competitive bidding can be exempt when looking for professional services.

**SECTION 140.040: COMPETITIVE BIDDING--PROFESSIONAL SERVICES EXEMPTED FROM REQUIREMENTS**

The requirements of competitive bidding hereinabove required shall not apply to service of professional persons, including, but not limited to, accountants, architects, attorneys, physicians or other services requiring expert or specialized knowledge or skill, planning consultants, insurance advisors and brokers, landscape architects and designers. (Code 1975 §11.10(5); CC 1989 §2-264)

Mange wants the no-bid work to go to an expert in log cabin restoration who will then subcontract the real work out to the home builder doing the teardown on Conway Road who has no "specialized knowledge." This is a shame and the city code should be followed, especially when the city continues to experience revenue shortfalls and deficit budgets.

But Mange has Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist Jon Dalton on board as Dalton was defending the plan when an alderperson showed some resistance.

“\$10,000 might not seem like much to you but it is a lot of money to me,” said Alderwoman Gussie Crawford who was the only person to ask why bids are not being required.

Mange said the city would need \$80,000 in grants to put the log cabin back together. That caused Alderman Tim Welby to comment, “That is hope, wish and prayer,” referring to Mange claiming he would get grants to put the cabin back together.

Mange continued that he wanted to build a village of log cabins at Drace Park and have re-enactors show what life was like in 1850. There is limited parking at Drace park now, which is a passive park. There are not enough parking spaces for re-enactors and the public. Plus a similar thing is done at Faust Park in Chesterfield.

I’m convinced in his later years Skip has a desire to collect log cabins at yours and my expense. The 2013 city budget is \$2.4 million in the RED!

**SPECIAL MEETING ON SATURDAY AT THE LOG CABIN:** Alderman Phil Behnen announced that Skip has arranged a special tour of the cabin for the board of alderman on Saturday at 10am. Under Missouri law if you have a quorum of an elected body meeting and there is any discussion about pending legislation it is a public meeting.

That means you and I are invited to attend the special Saturday meeting at 10am at 13348 Conway Road. I’ll see you there.

**DEER MANAGEMENT FINANCING BILL PASSED:** It was a little odd. A large group of deer lovers appeared at the meeting. I was counting on 45 minutes of “Don’t harm a hair on the head of a deer” speeches. There was one TV camera crew plus a reporter from KMOX. The only speech was given by former Alderwoman Barbara Ann Hughes.

“The Town and Country Board of Aldermen is becoming addicted to killing deer,” Hughes said in a repeat of remarks made in October.

This was very much a done deed since the entire Board of Aldermen was sponsoring the bill. The money was in the budget since November of 2011. Sharpshooters with White Buffalo will be back in town in December. The city has \$57,200 set aside for lethal deer management and another stab at a deer census guess. Since White Buffalo works on an hourly rate and is not paid “per head” the harvest rate could be anywhere between 50 and 100 deer.

**MARYVILLE UNIVERSITY RIDS ITSELF FROM A SAINT AND PRESENTS PLANS FOR A NEW BUILDING:**

George Stock, the consulting engineer for all things big in Town and Country (Maryville University and Missouri Baptist Medical Center) along with several high ranking officials from the University presented the plans to tear down the two-story Duchesne dorm building and replace it with a three-story 87,500 square foot building and parking lot for the School of Health Professionals.



George Stock successfully explaining another big construction project on the campus of Maryville University.



The proposed new building to replace Duchesne Dorm.

This building plan has already passed the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Architectural Review Board. It was on a first reading on Monday night and will be passed on November 26.

I asked one of the senior members of Maryville if the university was going to bury the



name of Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne and the link to the university's beginnings with the Order of the Sacred Heart when they tear down the dorm or will something else be named in Saint Duchesne's honor?

Here's the answer I got...I'm not kidding.

"If you want to change your name to Duchesne and then give us \$3,000,000 we will name something Duchesne."

So much for remembering a college's roots!

**NEW JANITORIAL CONTRACT COMES IN AT A \$10,000 SAVINGS:** Bill Number 12-62 was first read on Monday night calling to accept the \$25,000 bid for custodial services at the City Hall for 2013. Corvus Janitorial Services is the low bidder.

The current provider was the low bidder last year at \$33,000 and bid \$35,000 for the 2013 contract. Two aldermen asked if city staff was familiar with the work of Corvus. They seemed to be a little suspicious of such a low bid. Public Works Director Craig Wilde said he was not, but Corvus submitted references with the bid. He added that the people doing the actual work are subcontractors and if there is a problem the city can insist Corvus replace them.

**DALTON CAUGHT TRYING TO BLOW SMOKE UP BUTTS OF THE BOUNDARY COMMISSION:** Tuesday night was the St. Louis County Boundary Commission meeting which was held at the Des Peres Lodge. Cities appeared to present maps of land they would like to annex.

Des Peres, Town and Country both gave presentations to annex the 57.8 acres of land on both sides of I-270 between the J.J. Kelly overpass and Manchester Road. Included in this area are the Scott Trade buildings and most of Edward Jones buildings that sit away from Manchester Road. It also includes the proposed Quarry Development along Manchester and Topping Roads.

The Des Peres City Administrator Doug Harms said that Des Peres had little financial interest to annex any of the areas along Barrett Station Road as they would have to pay the West County EMS & Fire Protection District for taxes they have taken away. However, he said they would like to even out their borders.

The exception was the 58 acres along I-270 which is not in a fire district or a city. The building owners in this area have a contract with West County EMS & FPD to provide services.

Harms said that Des Peres could provide the area with better fire and police services than it currently has.



Dalton next to window with back to the camera, talks to Des Peres City Administrator Doug Harms before the meeting.

**DALTON TRIED TO LAY OUT SOME SMOOTH BS:** Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist Jon Dalton spoke for Town and Country and immediately praised the Commission and told them how all the residents of Town and Country appreciate the job they do.

Dalton used three different reasons why the area should be annexed.

First it was a logical extension of the city.

The area is consistent with the high quality of Town and Country.

The third reason was that the City of Town and Country can effectively serve the area.

Dalton then gave another three reasons why the area should be annexed by T&C. He said the city would provide excellent police service and provide fire and EMS service and finally the area meets community expectations whatever that means.

Dalton pushed the fact that the section of I-270 is not in a fire and EMS service area and implied if your car caught fire that it would burn up and if you were injured no one was coming to help you.

At one point under questioning he even implied the cops would not come.

He then told a tacit lie. Dalton explained it the map and area being requested is the same that the city presented in 2006. This caused a commissioner to ask, "Why didn't Town and Country annex the area then?" Dalton stated they city just didn't at the time.

Dalton also lied by saying since Town and Country has no residential or business property tax the annexation would not affect businesses in the area.

**POINTING OUT THE LIES:** Joe Kelly spoke in opposition of the annexation. Kelly developed the area and pointed out to the commissioners that Des Peres tried to block the development decades ago. He also went back in time and pointed out that the then Village of Town and Country tried to improperly annex the area in the 1950s and the annexation was overturned by the courts.

Kelly correctly mentioned that while Town and Country does not have a property tax, the city business license fees are so high that it is actually more per square foot than the contracts the property owners have with the fire district, so an annexation would cost the businesses more.

I spoke next and immediately pointed out that Mayor Dalton's statement on how all the residents of Town and Country appreciated the work of the commission might be slightly incorrect since I would bet 98% of the residents had no idea there is a Boundary Commission.

I next told the lady commissioner that while Mayor Dalton didn't fully answer her question and why the city did not already annex the area was because there used to be

a double wide trailer on the property near Topping Road and it appeared as if someone was living there and I would bet that person was a registered voter. I asked if she got my drift. She nodded as if she did.

Finally the real reason I spoke was to tell the commissioners that after four years of working afternoon rush hour at the MoDot Traffic Management Center and watching accidents around town, the small section of I-270 between Manchester and the J.J. Kelly overpass needs to be in a city. I didn't care if all the businesses remained unincorporated, but the slow response times to people involved in accidents there was dangerous. The Des Peres Fire & EMS and West County EMSFPD contrary to Dalton's statement always responded to accidents in this area. But the fact that County cops or State Troopers to deal with minor accidents or stalled cars are very slow to respond to that area could be fixed if the small section of I-270 was forced into either Des Peres or Town and Country.

The last person to speak on the subject was West Co. EMS&FPD Chief Ernie Rhodes who said his district has always responded to accidents and car fires in that area and contrary to what Mayor Dalton said and always will. He then sat down.

It was an interesting statement since West County EMS&FPD depends on the Town and Country contract to keep one-third of its firefighters/EMTS employed. But the chief was clearly pissed that Dalton would suggest they would leave injured people out on I-270.

### **SCHNUCKS LIES AND THEY DON'T LIKE TO HAVE THAT FACT POINTED OUT:**

On Tuesday November 13, I went to the Schnucks store on Clayton Road at Woods Mill in Town and Country. As soon as I walked in I saw the sign "Sale Honeycrisp Apples \$3.99." I refer to Honeycrisp apples as "Schnucks Heroin" and I have been hooked on them for some time.

However I have never seen the price higher than \$3.99. In past years they were \$2.99 in the fall and then bumped to \$3.99 after Christmas. This year started out at \$3.99 and briefly went back to \$2.99 in connection with the opening of the new store on Kehrs Mill Road at Clarkson Road. However, they have never been higher than \$3.99 so there wasn't any sale.



I contacted the manager of the store and showed her the sign and asked how Schnucks could claim there was a sale when the apples have never cost more than \$3.99 which is also the current everyday price. The manager agreed and immediately took the sign down.

I called Schnucks Consumer hotline and spoke with Marsha. As usual the folks at consumer affairs immediately began grabbing in the excuse bag. "I don't know if perhaps the price has not gone up to \$4.25 and they are on sale with the new price never having been posted," suggested Marsha.

Oddly the store manager agreed with me and was talking to the produce manager who also agreed that the apples were not at a sale price.

I wanted to send Marsha the photo I took of the sign. She first checked with her supervisor and declined to give me an email address.

Finally I mentioned that my real problem was I was sure this "Sale" sign was in all the other Schnucks' stores. That the store managers, produce managers and other employees have walked past the sign countless times and did not notice the mistake and correct it was troubling. Instead they waited until a customer (me) brought it to their attention after they had been cheating (misleading) customers for several days. Now the consumer affairs division instead of thanking me is coming up with excuses.

I mentioned this and Marsha told me to go ahead and send the photo and gave me her email address.

**SURPRISE, SURPRISE, SURPRISE!** In the immortal works of Gomer Pyle, but was anyone surprised to see that sports radio host Kevin Slaten was once again fired on Monday from Webster Groves sports talk station KFNS (590 AM)? This time it was reportedly over some racial comments Slaten made on the air the Thursday after the election.

Slaten seems to get fired every six-to-18 months from one of the three St. Louis All Sports stations. He technically isn't fired nowadays, since he is a self employed contractor who sells advertising time to his show and buys the air time from the station. But he was kicked off the air, which is pretty much the same thing.

This isn't the first time Slaten was fired from KFNS. My favorite time was in 2008 when Slaten got fired after not telling Cardinal pitching coach Dave Duncan, who had refused to appear on the air with Slaten for some time over past comments, that in fact they were on the air.

Duncan was unaware he was on the air when he answered his phone and told Slaten he was not going on the air with him, telling Slaten, "Kevin, I'm not going on your show." When asked why not Duncan replied, "Because you're a nasty man."

Duncan threatened to sue the station. Slaten according to a transcript lied and said he did tell Duncan he was on the air. He later blamed it on a young off-air producer, who he claimed told him that Duncan was told he was on the air.

As Dan Levin a poster from Philadelphia wrote as a tag to the Post-Dispatch story, "In other news the sun will rise tomorrow."

**THANKSGIVING AT THE RITZ...REALLY?** I can appreciate why you might not want to cook at home on Thanksgiving. For the first eight years we lived in the Washington DC area I usually had to work as it was the busy season up to 6pm on Christmas Eve for law enforcement. It gave us the perfect excuse to stay away from relatives in Missouri! No more being on the edge or in the center of family bickering and eating buffet Turkey dinners for 16 that were cold by the time you put your fork into the sliced Turkey.

We would drive to the Watergate Hotel for a brunch, followed by a trip to the greenhouse across the street from the U.S. Capitol to view the Christmas flowers and model trains. The day ended in the evening with a stop at the Robin's Nest Bar at the



Willard Hotel where the bar staff brought in Christmas Cookies baked at home for the customers. SO I can appreciate enjoying a holiday away from home.

BUT...I WAS AMAZED...reading the Thanksgiving Restaurant Openings list in the



Post-Dispatch. Dinner at the Ritz-Carlton was \$82 a person and \$41 for smaller children. That's \$164 for a couple!

I like going to the Ritz for music in the lobby. Sure a cocktail is between \$12-15 and a club sandwich is pricey at \$12. But the Ritz is giving me free music and I leave a couple of hours later with a bill of \$30.

Now charities are looking for end of the year money with winter ahead, plus people are in a bad way on Staten Island and in New Jersey and really need help. If you were thinking of spending \$164 for Turkey-day dinner at the Ritz, consider these options...which won't include the Boston Market or Cracker Barrel.

The Hilton Hotel in Frontenac is just \$37.95 for dinner, a savings of over 50% compared to the Ritz. Use the savings and send a check to the Salvation Army. It's in Frontenac! The Snob Appeal factor is still in play just for a lot less money.

The Surf and Sirloin on Manchester is nice place and All You can eat Thanksgiving meals are \$25. It's a Thanksgiving buffet for \$29 at the Bristol Seafood Grill on Olive Blvd. in Creve Coeur.

**KMOX THE VOICE OF SNOBURBIA:** I'm taking this one step further than Joe Hanrahan's letter to the editor in the Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup> Post-Dispatch, where he suggested after the election results KMOX should consider dialing themselves back to more of a middle-of-the-road programming. Of course he was talking about Rush followed by local right winger Mark Reardon ranting during afternoon drive. He ended his letter by saying KMOX should start calling itself, "The Voice of Ladue" instead of "The Voice of St. Louis."

Joe missed is mark a little bit...the Voice of Town and Country or Chesterfield would have even been a better choice, judging by the campaign contributions and yard signs for Todd Akin.

KMOX's ratings began slipping with the death of Jack Carney in 1984 and continue to fall today. The station dumped a much more entertaining Paul Harris in the afternoon to save on salary and put the far right wing Reardon on in his place. Now the annoying Charlie Brennan's ratings are slipping enough that the station decided he needed help and moved Debbie Monterey in as a co-host of the first hour of his 2-hour program.

WBAL is the big AM station in Baltimore and was similar to KMOX. Popular morning shows, outstanding afternoon host and they broadcast Orioles baseball games. WBAL also had Rush Limbaugh on in the middle of the day. That was until about five years ago, when they dumped Rush, not so much for ratings but also for the station's image.

The afternoon host, Ron Smith, who died from cancer less than three years after the changes, was very conservative, but very popular in the solidly Democratic State of Maryland. The difference between Rush or Reardon was that Ron Smith was polite and funny. He also had liberals on the show. They would joke but not be rude to each other. The formula brought in big ratings. When WBAL dumped Rush, they replaced him by moving Smith to his time slot.

I just wish KMOX could go back to the days when it was the station I listened to most of the time, even when I was a FM rock n' roll disc jockey. News from Rex Davis and Bob Hardy, smart political correspondents like Andy Glass from Washington, DC, Jack Carney during the day and John McCormick walking and talking at midnight telling stories of WWII area Los Angeles, airplanes and spending time with Howard Hughes. (I have to admit, I was never a fan of Jim White.) No one was angry and nobody hated anyone.

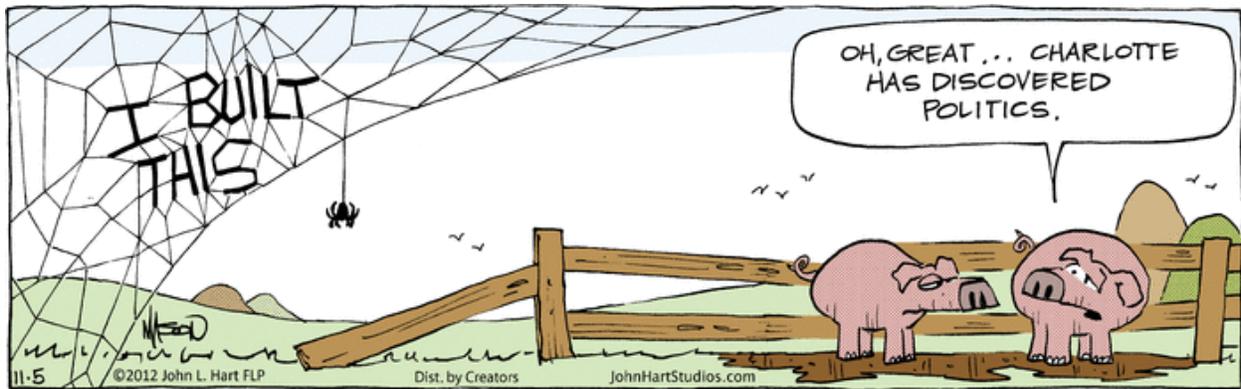


Jack Carney getting a hug from Miriam Blue, the KMOX cleaning lady from East St. Louis who Jack had on his show regularly answering Dear Abbey type questions. "All is well" was Miss Blue's catch phrase that was known by 40% of all St. Louisians.

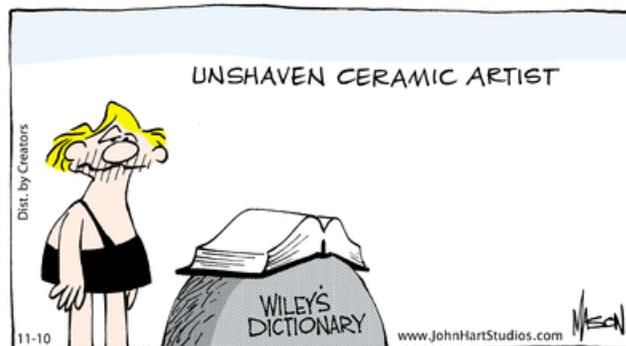
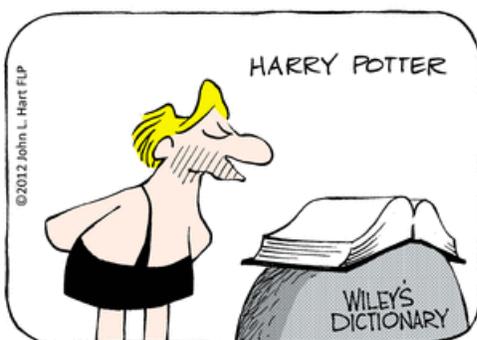
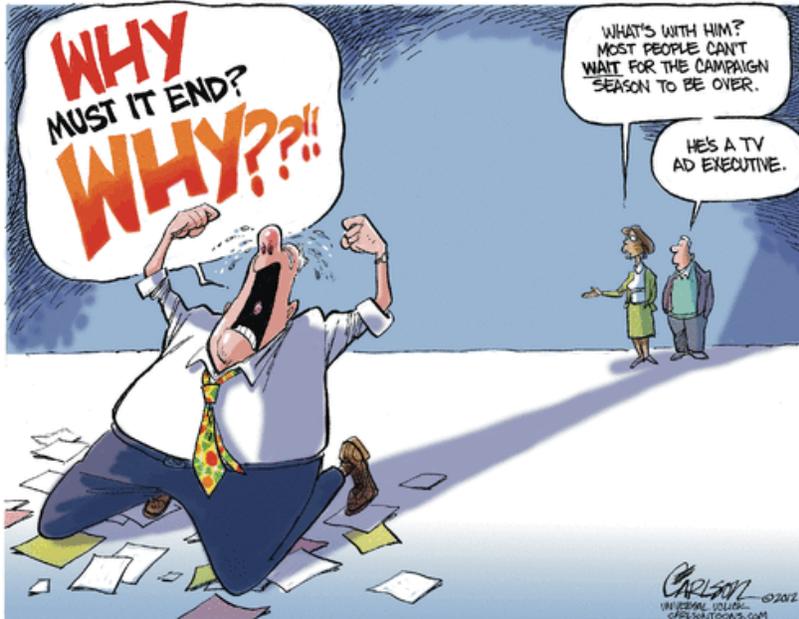
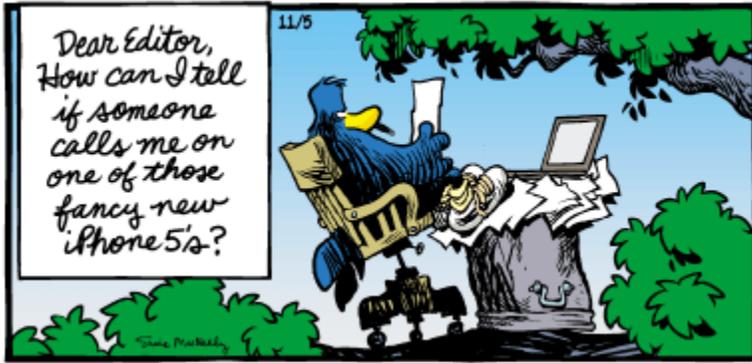
Now I punch up KMOX for CBS news on the hours, maybe to catch a traffic report or a couple innings of a Cardinal baseball game. Otherwise it's the Jazz Station WSIE 88.7 or CDs.

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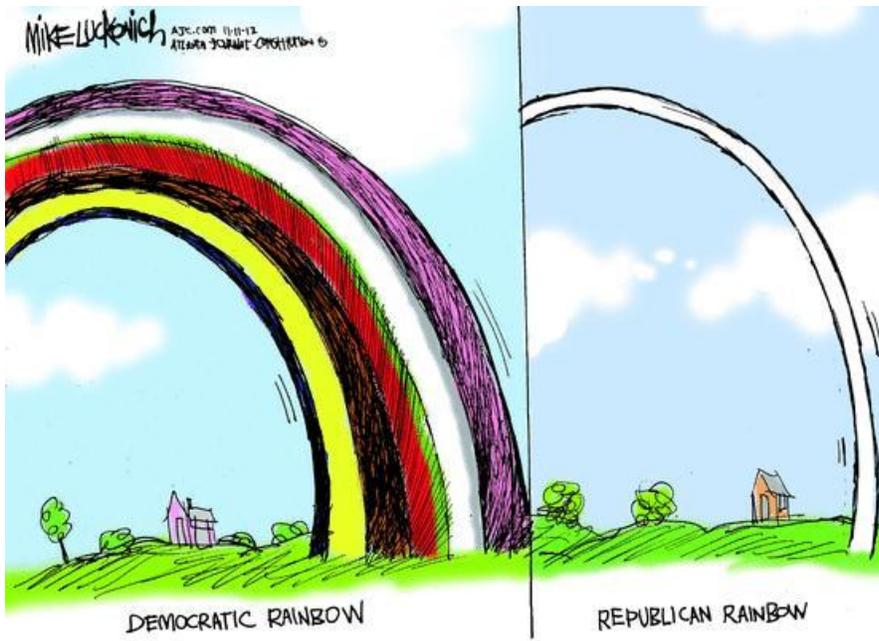
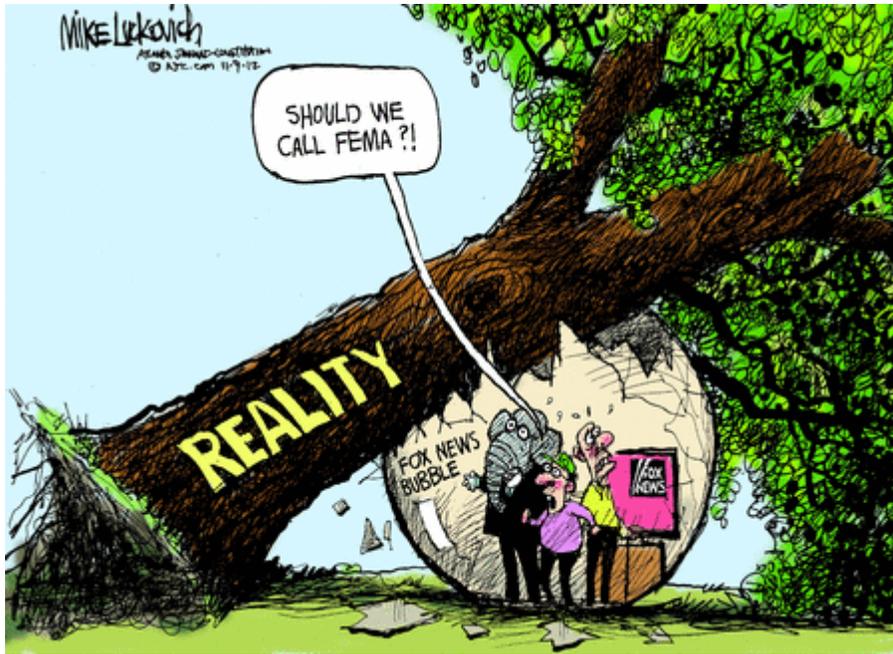


"I'm sorry, sir, but in order to vote you must be alive and, as a zombie, you do not meet our 'Has a Pulse' requirement."





"God is SWAMPED right now. So knock it off with prayers like 'Help my bundt cake turn out great.' and 'Help me find my nail file.'"



**INTO THE UNKNOWN**



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CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS  
CONTEMPLATES SAILING  
ACROSS THE UNCHARTED  
ATLANTIC...



1804  
LEWIS AND CLARK  
CONTEMPLATE TREKKING  
ACROSS THE VAST NORTH  
AMERICAN CONTINENT...



2012  
THE U.S. CONGRESS  
CONTEMPLATES REACHING  
ACROSS THE AISLE...

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AND FROM CHARLOTTE PETER'S KID:

