

## EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 79

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### **MAYOR CONTINUES TO USE CITY NEWSLETTER AS A FREE CAMPAIGN FLIER:**

On March 8 most Town and Country residents received the city's newsletter that once again, as it did in 2009, was simply a Jon Dalton reelection piece paid for by the residents.

The latest "newsletter" had merely six pages of the Dalton "State of the City" where Dalton spun, lied and told half-truths that all made it appear he was doing a wonderful job. That was followed by the election section where Dalton and his challenger, Barbara Ann Hughes were each given 300 words to explain their candidacy.

Dalton also peppered the publication with 10 photos of himself.

He did exactly the same thing when I ran against him in 2009.

Here is a bill that I think would be appropriate. Now if we could only get an alderman with enough guts to introduce it:

*"No current elected city official shall be allowed to write or receive any specific publicity in any city newsletter or online publication two months prior to any contested city election in which they are a candidate other than such that is provided equally to all other candidates."*

**MAYOR LIES IN CITY NEWSLETTER:** The mayor continues to deny that the city budget has more than a \$2.4 million deficit. Here is a deadline from the recent city newsletter:

Another Balanced Budget: Our fiscal Position Remains Rock Solid: Dalton then doesn't tell readers that the overall T&C budget is \$2.42 million in the red. Instead he talks about how the general fund is balanced. It is actually barely balanced, with just about \$10,000 in wiggle room.

However the Town and Country budget has five parts. The general Fund is only one part and it is the only one not in a deficit condition. All the parts added together and the budget is \$2.42 million in the red.

**CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY  
2013 BUDGET REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES**

FUND DESCRIPTION	2013 Beginning Fund Balance	Revenues	Expenditures	Transfers In (Out)	Change in Fund Balance	2013 Ending Fund Balance
General Fund	15,108,411	9,304,680	9,290,660		14,020	15,122,431
Road Fund	1,233,954	2,455,900	3,396,460		(940,560)	293,394
Capital Improvements Fund	895,046	1,022,100	2,594,160	1,000,000	(572,060)	322,986
Parks & Stormwater Fund	1,385,244	1,267,000	1,173,810	(1,000,000)	(906,810)	478,434
Safety & Training Fund	47,502	41,020	63,500		(22,480)	25,022
<b>TOTALS ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 18,670,157</b>	<b>\$ 14,090,700</b>	<b>\$ 16,518,590</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (2,427,890)</b>	<b>\$ 16,242,267</b>

Dalton continues to lie to the residents about city finances.

**FINANCE COMMISSIONOR WORRIED ABOUT THE COSTS OF PRIOR DEFERRED STREET PROJECTS:** I went to the March Finance Commission meeting, as city budget director Betty Cotner was supposed to give a financial status report. I never heard that. Betty did report that sales tax revenue was 4% less than what was collected in 2011, but better than her projections when the budget was approved in December of 2011.

Oz Conrad brought up how street repairs needs in future budgets were going to put the city's finances under stress.

Staff then stated that street repairs had been deferred for the last three years to avoid large deficit budgets and while that was accomplished now the city will have to have large deficit budgets for future years or allow the streets to start to go into disrepair.

“I’m a little miffed that Craig (Director of Public Works Craig Wilde) comes in here and says we have to spread \$13 between now 2017,” said Conrad.



Oz Conrad listening to a response to his statement about the effect of defer road work year after year has on the budget

“He was told to defer the work in recent years,” said Alderman Chuck Lenz who was attending the meeting, but did not go into detail about who told Wilde not to do the work...however all the recent budgets were from the mayor without any rewriting by the aldermen.

“These are the biggest numbers I have ever seen. These numbers can impact budgets to come,” said Conrad.

**DALTON’S CLAIM OF HUGE RESERVE IS ABOUT TO SHRINK IN HALF:** Mayor Jon Dalton’s constant claim on what a great job he is doing is that the general fund reserve is ten or fifteen times greater than it is required to be.

That is about to be cut in half. City ordinance only required a reserve of 25% of the current general fund. Keep in mind that the general fund is only about 80% of the entire city budget. For instance in 2013 the general fund has a surplus of a few thousand dollars, but the other four components of the budget are all in the red, with the total budget showing a deficit of over \$2.4 million.

Now thanks to the finance commission and the finance director there is an ordinance proposed that will require the General fund reserve to be at least 50-percent of the current General Fund amount.

While I was an alderman I thought we need at least a one-year reserve at all times in the event of a natural disaster such as a tornado hitting a commercial area wiping out

revenue sources or a tornado hitting a large residential area requiring the city to spend huge amounts of money to protect and provide services to affected residents.

**DEER REPORT FOR FEBRUARY:** Deer accidents which dropped by 75% from 2012- to 2013 in January. They bounced back up to last year's numbers for February.

Both in 2012 and 2013 there were five deer-car collisions in town.



This year two February deer accidents occurred in Ward-2 and three in Ward-3. Here are the locations:

1700 Bradburn Drive (off Mason near Queeny park)  
Mason Road at Queeny Park  
Clayton Road and Chatsworth Place  
Weidman and Devonworth  
Clayton Road east of Weidman Road

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SNOW PLOWING KEEPS THE ADJOINING PARKING LOTS OF CITY HALL AND CHURCHILL BLOCKED:** The city went to great trouble and expense to build a walkway between the parking lot at city hall and the parking lot at Churchill School. On Municipal Court nights and if a Board of Alderman meeting happens to draw a big crowd, people can park at the Churchill school and walk to city hall. Likewise if the Churchill parking lot fills up for a weekend event, people can park at City Hall and walk to the school.



The city made that more difficult after the late February snow. City plows pushed snow from the parking lot onto the entrance of the sidewalk blocking it. This certainly should have been noticed by the Craig Wilde, who usually arrives at work early. Also a number of police officers should have seen this problem however cops being observant about this little stuff appears to be a lost art in Town and Country. Twice in January police officers failed to notice that the chain to the parking lot they were suppose to take down at sunrise remained up all day at Drace Park.

In 2009 when a stop sign on Mason Ridge was hidden by overgrown foliage I waited seven days while the cops never reported the safety issue to the street department, before I finally did. City Administrator John Copeland blamed me in risking the safety of the public, however his officers drove passed this sign a dozen times a day and did nothing.

**LONGVIEW FARMHOUSE CONTINUES TO BLEED MONEY...JUST LESS:** After its first full year of operation the Longview Farmhouse pulled in approximately \$5,000 in rental fees. The city had an employee to rent out the house paid \$20,000 in an annual part time salary.

In 2012 the Longview Farmhouse generated \$20,449.12 I revenue. The employee whose primary job is to rent out the house is now being paid \$20 an hour. She earns approximately \$24,000 a year in salary plus some benefits.

**ANOTHER TOWN AND COUNTRY BUSINESS SHUTS ITS DOORS:** Just days after Sharon Rothmel did her annual rosy report and told the Finance Commission how good

things were looking for Town and Country another business announced it was closing its doors.

The Graniterra soon will be another ghost in the city's ghost town that is called the Manchester Meadows Shopping Center. The first building in the shopping center was original a record store, then a seasonal Halloween store, followed by a kitchen and bath remodeling store that went bankrupt mired in lawsuits for non-payment of bills and services against the company and its owner. Then it was Graniterra.

**PROP P: The spin doctors are making this a safety issue.**

**BIG MONEY PLUS BIG GUNS FROM OUT OF TOWN:** Have you been amazed at the number of mailings and telephone calls you have gotten from the folks at "Citizens for Safe And Accessible Arch And Public Parks Initiative in collaboration With Civic Progress Action Committee"? These folks want us to pass yet another sales tax funding parks.

**JOBS...FOR PEOPLE IN SAN FRANCISCO:** Part of the Prop P Arch campaign claims new jobs will be created for the construction projects involving the Arch grounds. However, the majority of the money being spent on the campaign is going to a San Francisco company that is running the campaign.



**RICH GET RICHER:** Oh I'm so happy that Joe Buck was nice enough to call me the other day and tell me how to vote on this issue. OK so it was a robo call. Jack Buck had never suggested how I should vote. The last time I spoke with Jack Buck was at the Missouri Athletic Club in 1978 and he did not once inquire how I was voting on issues. But his son apparently thinks he needs too.



This guy never told me how to vote.



This guy just did.

Of course sales taxes are regressive and hurt poor people and retired people living on fixed incomes the most. I fall into the second category. But Joe Buck is rich enough so that an ever expanding sales tax lug is hardly noticeable.

#### **CURRENTLY HERE IS WHAT I'M PAYING FOR PARKS:**

**County Property Tax:** A portion of this tax goes to maintain County Parks.

**SALES TAX:** Part of the 4.4.225% state wide sales tax (0.1%) goes to State of Missouri Parks.

0.125 of State Sales Tax goes to the Conservative Commission that runs Hunting and fishing programs, some that involve State parks.

1.0% of sales tax goes to the County, which runs a large parks system.

0.1% goes directly to Regional Parks and Trails.

1.0% in Town and Country goes to the Storm Water and Parks fund.

A portion of the 7.925 sales tax paid in chesterfield goes directly to the City Parks.

**INCOME TAX:** A portion of Federal income tax funds the National Parks Service which maintains the Gateway Arch.

Now they want to add a new sales tax that will partially go to a National Park while other portions will go to miscellaneous other area parks.

The people pushing for the tax and making it sound like we have to save the Arch with this tax before it falls down.

The Committee is located at 211 North Broadway Suite 3600 St. Louis MO 63102. Oddly, one of the companies being paid by the committee is the Bryan Cave law firm. Do you care to guess what their address is? Guess what...it is 211 N. Broadway Suite 3600. What a shock!

**Follow the Money In:** IN the 40-Day before and the 8-Day before the election here is what the committee listed as contributors:

12/ 20/12	\$100	Civic Progress Action Committee 800 Market St Suite 1900
01/29/13	\$150,000	Civic Progress Action Committee
02/15/13	\$75,000	Regional Business Council 7701 Forsyth Blvd Suite 205
02/16/13	\$33,965	Washington University (In-Kind)
01/13/13	\$100,000	Civic Progress Action Committee
02/20/13	\$250,000	Civic Progress Action Committee
02/25/13	\$150,000	Civic Progress Action Committee
03/12/13	\$175,000	Civic Progress Action Committee
03/14/13	\$25,000	St. Louis Regional Chamber 211 North Broadway Suite 1300

**Follow The Money Out:**

EXPENSES:

01/30/13	\$17,500	Sequel Clayton MO Public Relations/Marketing
01/30/13	\$4,242	Bryan Cave St. Louis MO Legal Services
02/04/13	\$17,500	Sequel Clayton MO PR/Marketing
01/30/13	\$2,018	Pairings Catering St. Louis Mo catering event
01/30/13	\$300	Jerry Killian Arnold, MO Clean up event
01/01/13	\$887	The Conservation Campaign Tallahassee, FL travel expenses
<b>01/01/13</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>The Conservation Campaign San Francisco, CA Campaign management</b>
<b>02/05/13</b>	<b>\$88,596</b>	<b>The Conservation Campaign SF, CA campaign management</b>
01/31/13	\$1,630	Bryan Cave Legal Advice
02/18/13	\$5,000	U.S Postal Service
02/25/13	\$17,500	Sequel, LLC PR/Marketing
02/25/13	\$25,000	U.S. Postal Service
<b>02/25/13</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>The Conservation Campaign SF, CA Campaign management</b>
<b>03/07/13</b>	<b>\$168,417</b>	<b>The Conservation Campaign SF, CA Campaign management</b>
03/12/13	\$537	Sequel, LLC paid for catering
03/15/13	\$9,618	U.S. Postal Service
03/15/13	\$3,449	St. Louis American newspaper advertising

03/15/13	\$12,415	Mulligan Printing St. Louis, MO	Printing services
03/15/13	\$35,000	Show Me Victories, LLC 409 N. 15 <sup>th</sup> St	St Louis (campaign advice)
03/20/13	\$25,000	U.S. Postal Service	
02/28/13	\$2,366	Bryan Cave legal Services	

What is interesting the majority of the money to run this campaign is not staying in St. Louis but is going to a company and people from San Francisco. Apparently the committee on shoving Prop P down our throats doesn't think anyone in St. Louis is capable of running this campaign.

My biggest concern about the Arch isn't even mentioned by these folks. What is going to be done to stop tourists from around the country from becoming victims after their car, van, church bus, school bus are broken into while they are visiting the Arch grounds?

**THIS ENDORSEMENT WILL SURELY GET LOTS OF VOTES:** The latest postcard from the Prop P folks and the wise kids in San Francisco, list groups and people endorsing the proposition. On the list is River City Flyer/St. Louis Disc Golf Club. Yep...when I want to know how to vote I turn to people who like to throw Frisbees at poles.



Other groups include area police chiefs...police chiefs are supposed to stay out of politics...instead all the area chiefs are jumping into supporting increasing a regressive tax that affects people on the borderline of turning to crime.

**DALTON VS HUGHES...WHEN IT COMES TO MONEY THERE IS NO CONTEST:** Yes Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist/Snatcher of Widow's Business and Property by Eminent Domain for a Nightclub John Dalton raised more money and spent more money than Barbara Ann Hughes. In fact he out raised her at a figure of 10-to-1.

While we did check the records at the Board of Elections, it certainly saved time to click and drag the below info from patch.com showing the contributions made to the two campaigns in the last month.

<b>CONTRIBUTIONS TO "TOWN &amp; COUNTRY CITIZENS TO RE-ELECT MAYOR JON DALTON" COMMITTEE</b>		
<b>CONTRIBUTOR</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Mari De Villa	Town and Country	\$2,500
John Diehl	Town and Country	\$2,023
Lewis, Rice and Fingersh, L.C.	St. Louis	\$1,649
Richard DeStefane	Creve Coeur (63141)	\$1,500
Mel Lucas	Town and Country	\$1,000
Gregory Hesser	Town and Country	\$750
Victoria Chabot	Town and Country	\$500
G. Scott Engelbrecht	Town and Country	\$500
Daniel J. Devereux	Ladue (63124)	\$500

Ron Carter	Town and Country	\$250
William Riesenbeck	Miramar Beach, FL	\$250
George M. Stock	Town and Country	\$200
Charles Lenz	Town and Country	\$200
Jane Jokerst	Town and Country	\$200
Allen D. Allred	Town and Country	\$200
James Conrad	Town and Country	\$150
Frank Petkovich	Town and Country	\$150

<b>CONTRIBUTIONS TO "CITIZENS TO ELECT BARBARA ANN HUGHES" COMMITTEE</b>		
<b>CONTRIBUTOR</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>

Alan and Hera Gerber	Town and Country	\$400
Phillip Trotta and Mrs. Rosilee	Town and Country	\$258
David Karney	Town and Country	\$250
Scott and Jeanne Martin	Town and Country	\$200

Interesting: I thought it was interesting that Alderman Check Lenz gave Dalton \$200 when Dalton did not do much to help Lenz defeat Al Gerber in 2012.

Also it appears as if Allen Allred (a pushy lawyer) will remain on the Police Commission after giving Dalton a \$200 contribution. Allred at one point when I was on the board of aldermen missed 80% of the Police Commission meetings. He was improved greatly after I tried to get him removed in 2009.

Allred also went nose to nose and chest to chest with a former federal prosecutor and current Federal Admin Law Judge at a police commission meeting when the judge spoke up and said another member was lying about his attendance at meetings. Allred said the judge (who was correct) had no right to say anything. Police officers had to separate Allred from the judge.

Also George Stock, the point man (consulting engineer) and spokesman for both Maryville University and Missouri Baptist Hospital when new projects are presented before the Planning Commission and the Board of Alderman coughed up 200 bucks for Dalton.

**SPENDING:** Dalton claims to be a wizard at managing the public's money, but he spent \$2,743 with patch.com to make sure his face popped up if you logged on to the Town-and-Country/Manchesterpatch.com site. The viewership for patch sites is dropping faster than customers leaving Schnucks. Readership is so low, rumors have persisted AOL will pull the plug this year on St. Louis area patch.com sites.

When I ran against Dalton I cost him well over \$10,000 in expenses to cream me in the 2009 election.

### **A WOMAN SCORNED:**



Dorothy Rogers had no business serving on the Town and Country Police Commission she had no legal, business or technology background. Her only qualification was that she had a house that was at 12827 Clayton Road with a front yard that was ideal for political signs. Mayor John Dalton had his sign in her yard as did other aldermanic candidates who were friends of the Dalton administration.

Rogers was famous for talking at length at Police Commission meetings on subjects that she knew nothing about. She was also famous for making semi-vulgar and certainly politically incorrect statements at a moment's notice.

That is what happened in March of 2012. She complained that a bill to change the wording "handicapped parking" to "accessible parking" was like people telling her she could not say "retard" anymore. At the same meeting she was given an award for being on the commission for 13 years. She did not make it to another meeting. Dalton removed her from the commission by refusing to reappoint her.

It is funny because Allen Allred has made borderline racist comments at meetings, but he is still on the commission. Of course he also gives Dalton campaign contributions and is a power to deal with at the statewide Republican Party.

This all brings us to the nifty sign that Rogers has in her front yard on Clayton Road. It simply states, **“NO MORE DALTON.”**

About all that I can see is that Dalton will get one fewer vote...Rogers...in the landslide win over Barbara Ann Hughes.

**CITY JUDGE WILL PROSECUTE TOWN AND COUNTRY MAN FOR MURDER:** The part time Town and Country Municipal Judge, Dead Waldemer is on the docket sheets having entered as the prosecutor against Town and Country resident William Lynn Gunter for the murder of his wife. Waldemer works fulltime as a senior trial attorney at the St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office. We just hope that Walemer as a prosecutor is tougher against murderers than he is as a judge against drunk drivers.



Swiped from internet...StLToday

**WORLD WIDE COVERAGE:** This murder actually had coverage in England and heavy coverage in Indiana as Suzanne Gunter was a cheerleader at Indiana University. The murder occurred at 1515 Mason Hill Court in the Mason Valley subdivision.

**NEW TOWN AND COUNTRY SERIAL DRUNK DRIVER:** Danielle Derouin, 33, of 19 Brookwood (off of Topping) was charged on March 7 with Felony Persistent Drunk Driving. She had prior with convictions in Des Peres and Kirkwood. She was actually stopped by the Town and Country Police for lane weaving on I-270 back in July of 2012. Her BA test result was .21% BAC.



Facebook photo posted after her T&C Mugshot  
2012 third DWI arrest. Somehow  
I don't think she is getting the message.

Interestingly on Danielle's Facebook page she says she likes the Drunken Fish.

**ALL THIS MEANS IT IS TIME TO UPDATE THE GANGS OF TOWN AND COUNTRY:**  
currently Ward 2 has the most members of the gangs. Here is the breakdown: Ward-1  
6, Ward-2 11, Ward-3 2, Ward-4 4. Thornhill Estates subdivision has the most members  
but up the road in the Mason Valley area are located the most dangerous, including a  
burglar, DWI manslaughter drunk driver and alleged wife murderer.

### **Gangs of Town and Country**

**MURDER/MANSLAUGHTER:** William Lynn Gunter of 1515 Mason Hill Court in the Mason  
Valley subdivision was charged with Murder 1<sup>st</sup> Degree in the death of his wife Suzy Gunter at  
their house. Gunter claimed to police and paramedics that his wife slipped and fell down the  
stairs. An autopsy proved otherwise. (Ward 2)

**INVESTMENT FRAUD PONZI SCHEME S&K Investment Ponzi Scheme Federal and State  
Fraud Convictions:** Richard Neiswonger (Ward 1) Carl Kossmeyer (Ward 4)

**INVESTMENT FRAUD PONZI SCHEME:** On July 19, 2012 61-year-old Grahame Rhodes of  
13301 Thornhill Drive (Ward 2) was indicted by a Federal grand Jury for a \$2.5 million  
investment fraud/Ponzi scheme. Victims included friends and neighbors. He pled guilty to the  
offense a few days before Christmas.

**Embezzler of church bulletin payments** convicted: John Gehm (Ward 3)

**Investment Embezzler** convicted: Don Weir (Ward 3)

**Embezzled \$25,000 from Homeowners Association** convicted: Richard Burbott (Ward 2)

**Mortgage Fraud:** John Mineo, Jr. general manager of Mineo's Restaurant, convicted (Ward 2)

**Serial Child Molester:** Convicted Eric Tolen (Ward 1) Post Oak Drive.

**Drug Dealer:** Brian Marchant-Calsyn convicted and served time in the federal Prison in Lewisburg, PA. Marchant-Calsyn later joined Neiswonger and Kossmeyer as a salesman for the S&K Investment Ponzi Scheme. He then created numerous internet sales companies that resulted in complaints to the Attorney General by the dozen and lawsuits alleging fraud. Numerous judgments were issued against him and his companies. He moved out of his home on Topping Road in May of 2012. (Ward 2)

**Sex assault:** No charges filed but T&C police investigation led to the resignation of the president of Maryville University in 2006 (Ward 4)

**Bank Fraud, weapons violation, drug dealing assault and spousal abuse** and FBI informant that led to the downfall of State Senator Jeff Smith, convicted: Milton Ohlsen III, (Ward 1)

**Medicaid Fraud:** Dr. Abdul Naushad and his wife Wajiha Naushad civil award (Ward 4)

**Felony Sexual Assault Second Degree** convicted: Stanley Williams, AKA Tommy Williams AKA Stanley Carter. Thornhill Drive Thornhill Hill Estates Subdivision (Ward 2)

**Federal Income Evasion:** Convicted William Bialczak Ward 1, skimmed \$1,000,000 from his businesses S&H Parking and Metropolitan Towing, at the center of the St. Louis Police Tow Scandal. Feds seized \$874,978 in cash during searches of his businesses.

**Burglar:** Graham Redington of the 1600 block of Foxleigh Ct. (Ward 2) was arrested on March 24, 2011 after burglarizing a house on Horton Lane and then carrying a large flat screen TV and computer through the woods to a waiting car on Kent Manor Lane. He pled guilty in August of 2012 and was sentenced to a 15-day SHOCK jail term and placed on probation for five-years.

**Bank Fraud:** Doug Morgan, 65, who lived in the Thornhill Estates subdivision (Ward 2), died on the day (Nov 9, 2011) of a scheduled hearing before a Federal judge. Morgan had been charged with Bank Fraud after allegedly making fraudulent loan applications for \$1.5 million. He is alleged to have also solicited close to \$2 million from two persons claiming to be a secret partner for a new casino in North County. Morgan was also the former head of the St. Louis Planning Commission.

**Drunk Driver Manslaughter:** Edward T. Snodgrass Foxleigh Court Convicted Ward-2. As a drunk driver Snodgrass hit and killed a worker in a construction zone on Highway 40. He was sentenced to 10 years in prison, then served a 90-day shock jail sentence before being released and placed on supervised probation for five whole years.

**Serial Drunk Driver #1:** Dan McLaughlin, residing in Ward 1 off of Ballas Road. McLaughlin refused to take a breath test in August of 2010 after Chesterfield Police responded to calls from motorists on Highway 40 about McLaughlin's SUV weaving. The police report indicates that it appeared that McLaughlin urinated in his pants, was falling down drunk, asked to be let go since

he was only a few blocks from home (several miles actually), and offered the officer. In September of 2011 McLaughlin had multiple accidents on Baxter Road. He was so drunk that he could not figure out how to open his door, could not dial a phone, was falling down drunk and again refused to take a breath test.

**Serial Drunk Driver #2:** Jonathan Forrest Dalton, Jr., 22, of Tundra Court (Ward 1) was arrested for DWI on January 1, 2012 at 3:35AM driving down Clayton Road in Ladue with no lights on his 2011 Audi. He then ran a stop sign in front of a Ladue police officer. He appeared to be drunk and refused to take a breath test. Police found three bottles of booze in the car. Less than six months later while his first arrest was pending in court on June 23, at 2:48AM he was clocked speeding by the Ladue Police on I-64. He again appeared intoxicated, was arrested and refused to take a breath test.

**Serial Drunk Driver #3:** In March 2013 the County Prosecutor finally got around to charging 33-year-old Danielle Derouin of 19 Brookwood as a Felony Persistent Drunk driver. Derouin had two prior drunk driving related convictions in Des Peres and Kirkwood when in July of 2012 she was arrested for DWI on I-270 by Town and country Police. Her BAC level was .21%. (Ward 2)

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING VIOLATIONS:** Alderman Tim Welby was fined and placed on two years' probation by the Missouri Ethics Commission for failing to file required campaign contributor and expense reports for over three years. Prior to the action, Welby had received a written warning for violations.

**Criminal-Illegal Importation of Prescription Drugs...Civil-Medicaid & Medicare Fraud** Dr. Abid Nisar of the Thornhill Estates subdivision. (Ward 2) Convicted

**POSSESSION OF HEROIN AND DWI PRIOR OFFENDER:** Andrew Baird of 11 Bellerive Country Club Grounds arrested Possession of Heroin and DWI by Prior Offender in the Pebble Acres subdivision at 3:40am on 3/25/12.

**Serial Sex Offender:** Marco Castandeda, 63, of 582 Pinebrook Court (Ward 4) was arrested exposing himself to a young woman in the office building at 763 South New Ballas. With that case pending Castandeda was arrested again on August 16 for exposing himself to a girl in the next door yard.

## **MUSIC AND FOOD:**

**ANITA ROCKS SMITTY:** Often the start of Anita Rosamond's show at Smitty's one Saturday a month it is hard to get in the door the crowd is so big. In March for her 3-6 performance I decided to show up at 4:45 and guess what, some folks who had been then for two hours were just leaving a nice table on the restaurant side. We still got quite a show for the next hour and 15 minutes as Anita normally builds to a big finish.



Just before the big finish Anita is up on a chair singing for the packed Smitty's followed by starting a dance line as she and Jerry Moser take turns on New York, New York.

Anita is back at Smitty's on Saturday April 6 at 3pm.

**DOUG BERT JAZZ GROUP BACK:** Doug Bert's jazz quartet will be back at John Mineo's at Clayton Road and Mason Road on Friday April 5 from 7:30 to 10:30.



Doug is on the trombone

**DEAN CHRISTOPHER TO HEADLINE MINEO'S 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SHOW:** Mineo's announced they will have a special 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show on Friday April 26 at 7:30 in the main dining room featuring Dean Christopher. Reservations are required. The night will feature meals from the 1973 menu.



**OUR VACATION:** For 15 days in March my wife and I were out of the country. Here are a few photos that are not too touristy that I enjoyed the most:



This is outside of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico on a “major road”. The person waving is in the middle of the road with a wheelbarrow full of dirt and sand and a shovel. He is putting dirt in a pot hole and flagging down passing motorists asking for a donation. He is not with any government agency or road contractor. Just prior to him we were flagged

down by a 10-year-old boy doing the same thing. Our driver gave each of them some change.



This is the prison where Manual Noriega currently resides in Panama.

**CURACAO:** I had been to Curacao in the Dutch Antilles before. This time we hired a taxi driver and told her to take us where we would not see any tourists. Here are a few places we went.



Back interior roads away from the beaches.



Flamingos fly in from the island of Bonaire every morning to eat shrimp in a bay on Curacao. They are a 90-minute drive from the tourist areas.



This is a public beach the local residents drive to and use on the weekend a couple of hours out of Willemsted and the tourist beaches.

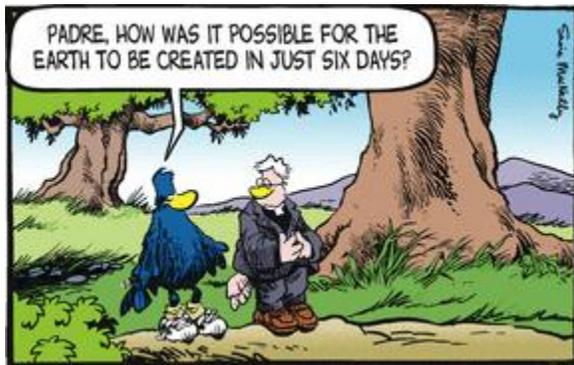


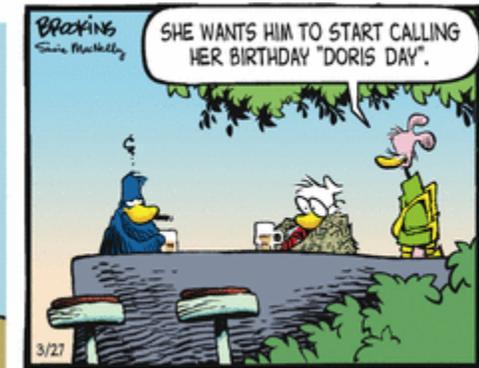
The string quartet on the cruise ship the Queen Elizabeth! The four musicians from the Ukraine were nice to listen to before dinner and my wife enjoyed sketching them.

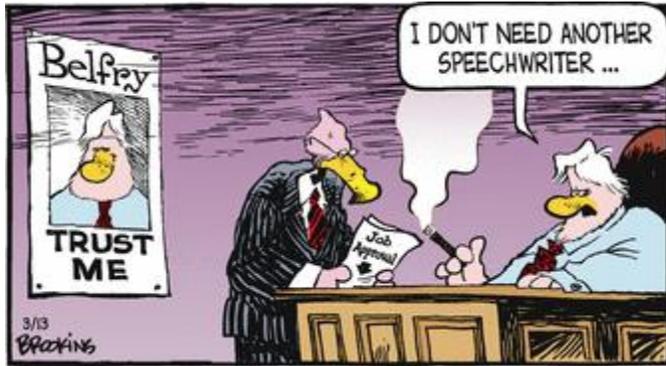
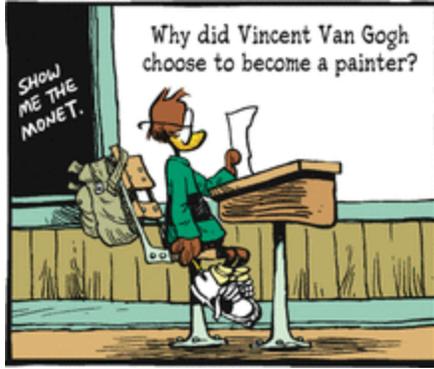
### CARTOONS:











WHY OBAMA COMPARED ISRAEL AND THE PALESTINIANS TO THE U.S. AND CANADA