

## EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 99



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By John Hoffmann

**CHICKENS KILLED BY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION:** Last Wednesday night the Planning and Zoning commission killed chickens being able to live in backyards in Town and Country. The vote to deny a zoning change to allow chickens in backyard yards was 4-to-2.



The Grim Chicken Reaper



The Chicken Dead on Arrival

Once again Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist Jon Dalton, a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission dodged tough controversial issues and did not show up for the meeting.

**The Presentation:** Alderman Skip Mange, who acts like he is merely a public servant doing his duty in reviewing this issue, clearly is a big supporter for chickens. In fact it appeared as if he invited some of the speakers to the meeting as he thanked them for coming after the meeting.

Mange made the same power point presentation I have seen him make twice before. In it he claimed how chickens do not make noise like dogs. This was very insightful since dogs bark and chickens cluck...clearly two separate and different noises. Of course dogs come in and go to sleep at night. Chickens attract coyotes, raccoons and other wildlife.

He ended his presentation by saying the name of the city is Town and Country and allowing chickens would help keep the spirit of the “Country” part of the name.

Following that logic we need to eliminate zoning in some parts of the city limits, allow cows, pigs and goats along with mobile homes plus septic and propane tanks along with a couple of rusted out cars in the yard because they are all associated with being in the “Country.”

Skip listed all the restrictions on chickens his Conservation and Historic Preservation Commission recommended to be placed on backyard chickens, which we have listed in prior newsletters, including setbacks from property lines and a certain distance from the house. There were also requirements such as regular cleaning and inspections by the city for health reasons.

Skip presented an unbalanced list of area cities that allow chickens but he did not tell the commissioners what cities banned them.



Skip Mange at the start of his chicken presentation

Skip was followed to the podium by five speakers. At the last Green team Commission meeting greenie Dirk Maas, who lives on the campus of Principia urged all of his fellow commissioners to show up and speak in favor of the chickens. The Dirk didn't show up. The only member of the green Team Commission to show up was his wife Ellen Maas who spoke in favor of the backyard chickens and mentioned speaking to a member of the Frontenac P&Z commission about the subject. Chickens are okay in Frontenac.

Next was resident David Bowman who was the lone resident to speak against having backyard chickens.

“I can’t imagine this is a good idea,” said Bowman. “If we allow chickens where do you draw the line? Will goats be okay?”



David Bowman asked about drawing a line in the barnyard.

Next up was Guy Niere, who described himself as “St. Louis’ Backyard Chicken Guy.” He also said he taught Backyard Chickens 101 for the St. Louis Community Colleges. I’m guessing it is a non-credit course.

Niere spent at least 10 minutes speaking on the goodness of having backyard chickens. He also said there should be no setback requirements as most of the trees that provide good shade are along the side property lines and extreme heat will kill chickens. “They need shade,” he said.

He added that most people who are against chickens are people who grew up on farms with 100 chickens and coops that always needed to be clean.



Guy Niere of Black Jack in North County lecturing the P&Z Commission on chickens.

The Guy Niere lecture series was followed up by Bill Rupert of Kirkwood who wanted to talk about his 23 chickens and two roosters on his 1 ¼ acre residential lot.

Mariette Palmer finished off the comment section with some enlightening words.

“If you ever had an English breakfast at a B&B you know what a treat it is. It starts out with eggs!”



Mariette Palmer from a Conservation Commission meeting where she claimed a regulation allowing chickens but prohibiting roosters was sexual discrimination.

Now the Planning and Zoning members got to discuss the chicken coop caper.

Dennis Bolazina started this off.

“I’d quibble with the setbacks,” said Bolazina. “Chicken coops should be 30 feet from the rear property line same as an accessory building.”

“At the back of the yard residents tend to forget about it. But if it up next to the house you’ll take care of it. If they lose the chicks they won’t forget about it,” said Bolazina.

For the second time in a week Alderman Fred Meyland-Smith who is a member of the P&Z Commission took a shot at Skip Mange. (On Monday Meyland-Smtih had issues with Mange not wanting to follow his Conservation Commission which voted to tear off a 1950 addition to a log cabin. Mange wanted to remodel the cabin including the addition.)

“I’m going to suggest that any change to the recommendations from Mr. Mange is similar to rearranging deck chairs on the Titanic. I question the appropriateness of

allowing them. The city staff has to be poop inspectors. This is totally inconsistent with the City of Town of Country,” said Meyland-Smith...along with about another 700 words.



Fred Meyland-Smith on the attack.

Meyland-Smtih said while he heard from five people “tonight” that he had spoken with 14 residents in his ward and all were against allowing chickens and coops into backyards.

Dr. Gary Omell spoke next and he also appeared to not be too crazy about the idea of chicken coops in backyards.

“Who is going to enforce these things,” asked Omell about all the restrictions and regulations regarding chicken coops.

“Would our inspectors be able to inspect 26 coups? I don’t see how they could. Maybe there should be an inspection fee of \$100 that would be for an assistant chicken inspector,” he said.

P&Z chairman Ron Sulewski made his position clear when he spoke.

“I’m against all buildings in the yard. I’m against sheds and these are like sheds,” he said of chicken coops.

Then Bolazina spoke up and cemented his position on the issue.

“In fear that this is going to pass, I’d like to make a motion for some changes to the bill,” he said and then made about a half dozen changes with were all passed.



Dennis Bolazina to make the bill more restrictive than Mange's version in the chance it would happen to pass.

Commissioner Rick Kelly learned forward and stuck up for the chickens.

"I just don't see anything wrong with it," said Kelly, who moved for passing the bill up to the Board of Aldermen with a recommendation for approval.

The measure failed 2-4 with only Kelly and Rick Cima voting for it.

**THE MCRIB IS SAFE FOR NOVEMBER OF 2013:** The night started with the request from McDonald's to tear down their current building in the Lamp and Lantern Shopping Center on Woods Mill Road and replace it with a larger building.

Representatives from McDonald's stated they would tear down the existing building in late February or early March and have the new building up and operating by June. This of course meant that the McRib sandwich, which has a wonderful sauce with onions on top of an almost tasteless piece of pressed pork would be saved for 2013. The McRib comes out for a limited time every November and December.



It was interesting to learn while the new McDonalds' would be larger the seating area would be 23% smaller, apparently giving a nod to the success of the two drive thru lanes and the need for a bigger kitchen.

This was clearly going to pass, but the self centered Fred Meyland-Smith had to take up a few more minutes of everyone's life.

"I want to add my thoughts! I'm delighted! I see this as a significant enhancement to our city by replacing a building out of date with a more attractive modern one.. Blah, Blah, Blah..."

The measure passed 5-1. Dennis Bolazina voted against it apparently thinking there would not be enough new landscaping added.

The odd thing was the Alderman Skip Mange was present during this presentation by the folks from McDonald's and did not speak up wanting to save the building they were going to tear down and move it to Drace Park.



The man intent on saving old buildings were present but Skip Mange made no attempt to save the "classic red roof" McDonald's and have it moved to Drace Park.

### **REHNQUIST HOMES GET SITE APPROVAL FOR NEW SUBDIVISION ON MASON**

**ROAD:** Rehnquist Homes had purchased three homes along Mason Road and the 10.5 acres they sit on. They were at the P&Z meeting wanting site plans approval.

Rehnquist wants to replace the three homes with four "luxury homes" and create a new subdivision with a 26 foot wide street and an evergreen buffer 15-feet away from Mason Road



The home in front and the one in the large lot that is out of view have already been torn down. The smaller house at the top of the picture still remains standing, but not for long! I am kind of hoping they use that house instead of a construction trailer and tear it down later in the project.

The biggest issue during the presentation was water runoff the project would create. Rehnquist said they were following Metropolitan Sewer District requirements and MSD had signed off on their plans.

Several members of the commission were concerned about water runoff to the residences to the south of the project.

Commissioner Rick Kelly who lives in the Mason Valley subdivision south of the project was vocal.

“I’m not an expert on water issues, but I see all the runoff from areas to the north going through two peoples’ yards on Featherstone. We they built Lochivar (a very high-end gated subdivision further north of the Rehnquist project) it ruined our creek,” said Kelly.

Rob Rehnquist claimed that the new streets only increased the pavement surface slightly from than the prior existing driveways and parking surfaces.

The most interesting part on this issue was when Peggy Weltmer of 13410 Mason Grove Lane spoke. Mason Grove is located five blocks south and doesn’t appear as if it will be impacted by this project. Mason Grove is also a fairly new subdivision with much of the subdivision built on rock.

Mrs. Weltmer first cautioned the Commission in taking too seriously what Rehnquist says, since he did not live here. He does in fact live in Ladue. She said that her house was built by Rehnquist and she began to say that the house has had problems.

She continued that she would like the commission to continue the hearing so she could prepare a statement and have it reviewed by her attorney as Rehnquist has dragged her into court before over things she has said about them. It appeared that Weltmer was appearing in the role of a good citizen who wished to issue a warning.



Peggy Weltmer asking the P&Z commission to continue the Rehnquist Homes site plans issue until she can have a lawyer review her remarks to avoid being sued.

I checked this out and found that on October 7, 2005 Rehnquist Homes did in fact sue Weltmer and her husband, Dr. John Weltmer. On December 12 the Weltmer's countersued Rehnquist. In April 2009 the case was heard by a jury and it almost ended in a tie. The jury came back with four judgments against Rehnquist Homes totaling \$41,000 and two judgments against the Weltmers totaling \$97,732. The judgments were satisfied in June of 2012.

I would go and get a copy of the lawsuit if not for two problems. First of all the case looks like it is likely as thick as a New York City phone book (if they still exist). Secondly I would have to hire an attorney to interrupt exactly what had happened.

Mrs. Weltmer was told that the P&Z Commission only passes along recommendations and she could make her statement when the matter is scheduled before the Board of Aldermen in the next month. The Commission then voted 6-0 to approve the site plans.

Again, Skip Mange was present and did not make an attempt to save the final old-style country frame house along Mason Road and move it to Drace Park.

**ELLISVILLE MAYOR RECEIVES FAKE SUBPEONA'S FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY MAYOR'S LAW FIRM...IS THE GODFATHER IS MOVING INTO ELLISVILLE?**

For regular readers of this newsletter these facts are not new. Jon Dalton, the mayor of Town and Country, a longtime cigarette lobbyist in Jefferson City is a partner in the law firm of Lewis-Rice. Dalton helped formed two limited liability corporations (LLCs) that were set up to develop property along South Broadway just south of downtown St. Louis.

He was the front man for these LLCs and he was instrumental in beginning eminent domain proceedings against widow Opal Henderson, with his law firm Lewis-Rice representing the St. Louis Land Clearance Authority in snatching then 78-year-old Henderson's business and property for an under-funded nightclub district. They also sued a Catholic Sacred Heart Order of nuns and even Ste. Rose Duchesne (whose name is on a property deed from the early 1800s).

After Henderson was forced to give up her 60-year-old family business ( a salvage yard) she sued claiming she was low-balled. A court awarded her \$800,000 but the defendants appealed and in general did not pay. Her lawyer, Chet Pleban sued the principles in Federal Court including Jon Dalton, partner of Lewis-Rice. Finally in June of 2012 the Snidley Whiplashes paid Henderson her \$800,000 plus interest. The entertainment district was never built.



Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist Dalton



Snidely Whiplash



Widow Opal Henderson holding her check

Dalton just went after three families (as Henderson employed her two adult sons), now another Lewis-Rice attorney is going after multiple families and appears to have taken over the role of Robert Duvall's character Tom Hagen, the Corleone family's consigliere in the Godfather in a new drama set in Ellisville. The attorney is John Hessell, who was considered a hero after surviving the shootings by Cookie Thornton during the Kirkwood City Council meeting shooting in 2008 where he was the city attorney. Hessell threw chairs at Thornton while also escaping the council room.



John Hessell appears to have taken on the job of Tom Hagen.

Now Hessell is representing The Sansone Group which is trying to use a TIF given by a former city council in Ellisville that wants to put a Walmart store on Manchester just west of Kieffer Creek Road.

Mayor Adam Paul, a reform candidate who ran on an anti-TIF platform won and 10 months later was impeached by a council that was about to be replaced with Paul supporters in the April election.

Paul and his group of councilpersons represented a threat to the project. At one meeting Hessell showed up and threatened to sue each councilperson individually with they voted to revoke the development deal. Some on the Council felt Sansone had violated the agreement by not purchasing all the property they needed by a specific deadline.

The threat by Hessell made its mark. In June Councilwoman Linda Reel, a member of Mayor Paul's 4-to-3 majority against the Walmart TIF stated that Hessell's threat to sue

her frightened her and she and her husband were pensioners and could not afford to be personally sued.

Walmart had not been able to purchase all of the Clarkchester Apartments, home to over 200 Ellisville residents. The city council was in the midst of cancelling the development deal with Sansone for not meeting their July deadline to have all property purchased.

By September 6 Walmart announced they were pulling out of the Ellisville deal. Many longtime Clarkchester apartment residents breathed a sigh of relief about not having to relocate.

However Sansone had sunk a lot of money into the project including buying some land they would now be stuck with.

20 days after saying they were no longer interested in building a store in the Sansone Ellisville development, Walmart did an about face and through Sansone announced they were back in.

A Walmart spokeswoman said, "Walmart remains interested in being part of the Ellisville community." Now the residents at Clarkchester have their lives back in turmoil.

Hessell admitted that Sansone met with Walmart and convinced them the city council could not revoke the building permits. I hope there were no horse heads in anyone's bed.

Ellisville Mayor Adam Paul told us that he wasn't surprised this happened.

"Sansone spent \$40-to-\$50,000 doing mail and phone surveys of residents trying to get support for the Walmart. Sansone is trying to raise the Titanic," said Paul.

Everyone forgets that this did not start out as an anti-Walmart issue. It was an anti-TIF funding issue, with the thought that Walmart and Sansone should finance the development and not the taxpayers. However that may have shifted. With Walmart pulling out allowing the long time residents of Clarkchester to breath-easy and then suddenly announcing 20 days later that they are back in is a cruel thing to do to over 200 people.

I have been a regular shopper at WalMart and I am going to have to rethink about if I can go to Target or Costco to purchase some things I would normally buy at Walmart.

**THE FAKE SUBPEONA'S:** Then there is the case of the fake subpoenas issued to Mayor Paul to appear at a Lewis-Rice office on Monday September 23 to give a deposition .

The first subpoena served on the city claimed the subpoena had been issued by the City of Ellisville. The City of Ellisville had not issue a subpoena to its mayor. There were simple spelling mistakes, false claims about who issued the subpoena and incorrect ordinance numbers.

Did they mean Council?  
Lewis, Rice, Fingersh is NOT legal counsel for Ellisville.

BEFORE **COUNSEL** OF THE CITY OF ELLISVILLE  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

IN THE MATTER OF: September 18, 2013  
Date

REVOCATION OF CONDITIONAL  
USE PERMIT AUTHORIZED  
BY ORDINANCE **#3083**

Ordinance **#3803**  
Southwest Clarkson & Manchester  
Redevelopment Area  
Redevelopment Project Area 1

The correct ordinance  
number for the  
Redevelopment  
Agreement is #3070.

SUBPOENA FOR TAKING DEPOSITION  
(FOR USE PURSUANT TO RULE 57.09)

**THE CITY OF ELLISVILLE TO** Adam Q. Paul  
1194 Oak Hill Court  
Ellisville, Missouri 63021  
(or wherever he can be found)

The City Council never voted  
to issue a subpoena to the Mayor.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO APPEAR at the following place on the date and at the time indicated below:

Place of deposition: Lewis, Rice & Fingersh  
12935 North Outer Forty  
Suite 210  
St. Louis, Missouri 63141

Date of deposition: Monday, September 23, 2013

Time of deposition: 9:30 A.M.

To give testimony in the above cause pending before the Council of the City of Ellisville

To produce the following books, papers, documents, or tangible things: \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS, Leigh Dohack, Clerk of the City of  
Ellisville, Missouri, with the seal thereof hereto  
affixed, at Ellisville, in the County of St. Louis, this  
18<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 2013  
  
Leigh Dohack, City Clerk

SPECIAL NEEDS: If you have special needs addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act, please notify the party in whose office you are to appear for the deposition.

That first subpoena was followed up by a second to Mayor Paul. This one had printed that it was issued by the Circuit court of St. Louis County. That was then scratched out and written in pen was the claim it was issued by the City of Ellisville. Again the City of

Ellisville did not issue any subpoenas. This was a case of Sansone using their lawyer and Lewis-Rice to intimidate officials. The City of Ellisville and Mayor Paul got the subpoenas squashed.

In the Ellisville City Council  
**CIRCUIT COURT**  
 Of St. Louis County, Missouri

In the Matter of: Revocation of conditional use permit authorized by ordinance #3083  
 Plaintiff(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date 9/20/13

**Scratching out Circuit Courts and writing in City of Ellisville does not make this a valid document.**

Defendant(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBPOENA FOR TAKING DEPOSITION\***  
 (FOR USE PURSUANT TO RULES 57.09 & 58.02 IN AN ACTION PENDING IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY)

THE STATE OF MISSOURI to: Adam Q. Paul  
 1194 Oak Hill Court  
 Ellisville, Missouri 63021  
 (or wherever he can be found)

**There was no action in Circuit Court re: revocation of Conditional Use Permit for Sansone/Walmart.**

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO:

APPEAR at the following place on the date and at the time indicated below:

Place of deposition: Lewis, Rice & Fingersh  
 12935 North Outer Forty  
 Suite 210  
 St. Louis, Missouri 63141  
Contact: John Hessel (314) 444-7735

Date of deposition: Monday, September 23, 2013  
 Time of deposition: 9:30 A.M.

CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_ (name) or \_\_\_\_\_ (telephone) who will advise of the place to appear.

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_

To give testimony in the above cause pending in the Circuit Court of St. Louis County Ellisville, Mo

To produce the following books, papers, documents, or tangible things:\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

**Scratching out Circuit Court doesn't make it valid.**

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** If you have special needs addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act, please notify the party in whose office you are to appear for the deposition

WITNESS, Joan M. Gilmer, Clerk of the Circuit Court, with the seal thereof hereto affixed, at Clayton, in the County of St. Louis, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

**Ms. Gilmer is not the Ellisville City Clerk.**

Joan M. Gilmer  
 JOAN M. GILMER, Circuit Clerk

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First the Sansone family is involved with a FBI investigation of graft in the awarding of a police contract and a subcontract issued to a company owned by Gregory Sansone, who had been the president of the police board at the time. Gregory is also on the board of the Sansone Group.

Now the Sansone family is back at it trying to force hundreds of people from their homes and they have reached out to Lewis-Rice, a law firm with an excellent of screwing the little guy to help them.

**MORE TROUBLE AT PATCH.COM:** If it was bad enough there were more layoffs in



August and then the announcement everyone left would be out of a job on October 15, because they will shutting down the St. Louis operation...there was still the looming lawsuit.

Regional editor and Chesterfield resident Kurt Greenbaum along with a former Patch employee, Ryan Martin, who was laid off this summer, have been sued by the person who was running the Arnold patch.com site, who was later fired. The former Arnold editor Michael T. De Los Reyes is claiming discrimination and wrongful discharge.

Martin started off at Patch.com in 2010 as the editor of the Brentwood-Maplewood patch.com site. He was like many of the low paid Patch employees,...just out of college without much experience. With two years experience at Patch during the restructuring period earlier in 2013 that also involved layoffs, Martin was promoted to a combination editorial and supervisory position. He had the Arnold Patch under his control. We hear that he and De Los Reyes had a rocky relationship. His "Linkedin" bio lists a lot of intern and part time web jobs he had before joining patch.com. It doesn't mention the lawsuit.



Ryan Martin



Kurt Greenbaum

We have to wonder what patch.com was even doing with an Arnold site. Patch has a history of setting up sites on the East and West Coasts in more affluent areas. For instance there is lots of news in Pagedale, Pine Lawn and Wellston, but there were no Patch sites. There is little news in Frontenac or Ladue (except when August Busch IV is involved with another dead woman) but there has been a patch site in those towns since day-one of the St. Louis region of sites.

Greenbaum is perhaps most famous when he was at the Post-Dispatch as a social media editor trying to get more reader interaction with the StLToday.com website. He once asked for readers comments on a non-news item involving food. Someone sent a comment that was obscene by Post-Dispatch standards (probably OK by Riverfront Times standards) and Greenbaum deleted it. The reader resubmitted it. Rather than just blocking the reader's email to the site, Greenbaum could see it was sent from a school's IP address. He called the school and complained and the reader who he had solicited comments from was fired.

A national media blog site this week reported that some of the shutdowns of Patch sites scheduled for October 15 will be moved up to October 7.

<http://jimromenesko.com/2013/09/28/memo-regretfully-a-number-of-patches-will-have-to-be-closed/>



Soon the Patch is going to be cut.

Only Greg Palermo, who ran the Creve Coeur and the Ballwin-Ellisville sites still actually appears to be out in the field reporting. The rest of the sites seem to be posting free blogger information, press releases and government handouts.

**HERE TODAY...GONE TOMORROW:** This time it is an original Thornhill Subdivision ranch house circa 1959-60. The only occupants of the house had been the original owners, but it was sold twice before the tear down last week.



**MONARCH FIRE PROECTION DISTRICT MAKES THE RIGHT CALL...FIREFIGHTERS ARE TO WEAR UNIFORMS ASSIGNED TO THEM BY THE FIRE DISPTRICT AND NOT LOCAL 2665 OF THE FIREFIGHTERS UNION:**

The sudden controversy of Monarch firefighters complaining of not being allowed to wear pink shirts to support breast cancer research for the month of October is crazy. The problem is that over the years the Monarch Fire Protection District has allowed the local firefighters union more and more control of the fire district.



photo swiped from StLToday.com

I was a police officer for 30 years. I never decided what uniform I was going to wear. Nor did any labor organization I belonged to. The political subdivision I worked for, whether it was a city or a county had specific uniforms designed for the public to identify public safety employees.

All of a sudden the union is telling Monarch that the standard uniform will only be worn for 11 months a year and for October they will wear the union designated shirt.

Monarch firefighters work for a government agency. Their job when on duty is to respond to EMS and fire calls. It is not to support or do fundraising for a specific charity. There are hundreds of worthwhile charities and it is not in the job description of taxpayer funded government employees to pick and choose what charities to support while on duty.

Earlier this year the Fire District Board ordered that union decals be removed from the fire trucks and ambulances. This was another correct call. The equipment is owned by the public and not the fire union. The vehicles need to be identified as a fire or EMS apparatus and what government agency they belong to. It is not owned or operated by the fire union.

It appears to me that Local 2665 has created this as a story to get back at the new board for doing its job. It also appears as if the young reporters at KMOV and KSDK along with the Post-Dispatch have taken the bait, as did Chesterfield resident, KMOV

anchorman Steve Sevard whose intro to the story appeared to be backing the firefighters.

Fire district director Jane Cunningham also has a very valid point when we spoke on Monday night. Since the fire union was selling the same shirts to the public that they wanted to wear it would be easy for people to impersonate a district firefighter. There is a reason for a regular uniform and that is to create a uniform appearance that is immediately recognizable.

Fire District Director Robin Harris understands this concept better than most people. He is a pilot for Delta Airlines. He wears the Delta airline pilot uniform, so passengers and airport staff can immediately recognize him. He doesn't wear a uniform of his choice or one that his union tells him to wear. He wears his employers' uniform.

## **IT WAS THE BEST OF TIMES...IT WAS THE WORST OF**

**TIMES:** Right here in St. Louis a Dickens type of situation. With the continued success of the Cardinals over the last 13 years my friends in the music business have an unusual rooting style. If they have any gigs booked downtown they are huge Cardinals fans. However if most of their October bookings are in the county they are now hoping for the Cards to miss the playoffs or get eliminated early.



“While things are hoping downtown the county becomes a ghost town,” one musician told me. “Restaurants, bars and clubs in the county lose some serious money if the Cardinals make it to the World Series. Either people are downtown or they are staying at home to watch the games.”

**MUSIC:**

**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 24 NIGHT AT TOUHILL:** The St.L Jazz Orchestra with guest Jim Manley at the Touhill Performing Arts Center on Tuesday in a tribute to Maynard Ferguson played to a full house. The schedule tow-hour concert went an extra 30 minutes with Manley hitting all the high notes. Below is a photo of Manley on Tuesday night (left). On the right is a photo of Manley with Ferguson in Las Vegas.



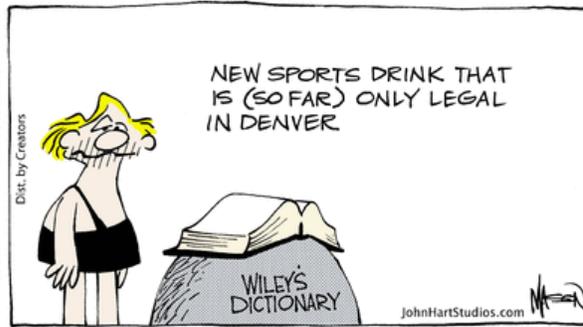
**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 25 AT SASHA'S:** The night after the big Touhill show, three local trumpeters are at the bar at Sasha's comparing notes from Tuesday night as Manley plays with his trio in the background.





The Rev. Scott Sandifer, who sings and plays trumpet with the group Fantasy, left his Sprite at the bar and sat in with Lupy and Arlen.

**CARTOONS:**



IN THE BLEACHERS

BY STEVE MOORE

