

UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 47



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By John Hoffmann

WITH NEWEST PARK GRANTS APPLICATION CHESTERFIELD WILL STILL REMAIN BEHIND UNIVERSITY CITY FOR TOP SPOT AMONG CITIES GETTING PARKS GRANT CASH: The City Council voted to apply for a \$275,000 Municipal Parks Grant for the Rivers Edge Park, located behind the Taubman Prestige Outlet Mall. The application would include \$25,500 of city money to be used in the project.

The proposal calls for two miles of stone trail, a gazebo at the 17-acre lake and a fishing dock. The Taubman Outlet Mall is providing parking for park goers.

The area consists of 188 acres of land that was donated to the city by the Monarch Levee District. The land and the lake are outside of the levee protection area and will be subject to possible damage or destruction by a major flood.

The grant money is not some private funds bestowed on cities. It is actually tax money. The funds have come from the Regional Parks and Trails tax...also known as the Greenways tax. The fund is now growing thanks to the voters who in some cases like in Chesterfield added a fifth source of tax revenue for parks when they passed the Arch Grounds sales tax. A portion of that tax also goes to the Regional Parks and Trails people.

CHESTERFIELD NOT GETTING FAIR SHARE OF GRANT MONEY PER CAPITA OR PER SPENDING OR PER TAX GENERATED: For a number of years Chesterfield had received more funding from the Municipal Parks Grants Commission than any other municipality. However they have been overtaken by University City and Webster Groves. Here are the top five Park Grants recipients:

Amount	City	Number of Grants	Amount per resident
\$1,894,743	University City	10	\$53.78
\$1,604,558	Webster Groves	8	\$69.59
\$1,603,467	Chesterfield	8	\$33.62
\$1,550,857	Florissant	7	\$29.68



Mayor Nation showing the size of fish in

the Rivers Edge park lake.

Old Man River, AKA Councilman Barry Flachsbart, commented that the lake with plenty of fish was formed after the 1993 Missouri River flood.

ARBORS AT KEHRS MILL REZONING VOTE POSTPONED: The vote to rezone property at the southwest corner of the city to allow less than one-acre residential lots for a proposed McBride and Sons subdivision was postponed, continued to October 21.

During the agenda-work session meeting before the regular meeting it was explained that McBride and Sons wanted to meet with an adjoining subdivision leaders that claims to have indenture rights on 12 acres of land in the 41 acre tract.

Councilman Barry Flachsbart commended McBride for trying to reach an agreement with the Pacland Place subdivision.

The back story is that apparently McBride and Sons offered Pacland Place a cash settlement to waive the indentures and release any control over the property. It is believed the offer was in the five figures. Apparently it was not enough for Pacland Place to release the claim that the property is in their subdivision.

While it appears as if there are enough votes to pass the rezoning, despite other nearby residents' concerns (read Jean Whitney's articles in the last two newsletters) the possibility of a lawsuit slowing up the project maybe pushing McBride back to the table.

VERY BAD HEADLINE WRITING...EVEN FOR A UNION WEBSITE: They are often in the middle of some hot local political issues, many of their own making, so you might

think the firefighters Local 2665 would have someone with some better editing skills running their website. To wit this headline:



Andy Stecko



Jane Cunningham

Andy Stecko has appeared to me over the last couple of years to have a tendency to be a hot head. It appears from this headline that perhaps he and Local 2665 are suggesting that Monarach local resident, former State Senator and current Monarch Fire Board director, Jane Cunningham is a beast and needs to be killed.

Once you read their typical rabble rousing piece that is not the case. They were merely quoting Cunningham out of context. Cunningham in opposition to state legislation that allow unions of government workers more access that could result in more control by unions of political subdivisions. Cunningham was saying unions getting control of government agencies and political subdivisions were beasts and needed to be stopped or "killed."

Still perhaps a better headline writer should be used.

FIRST BERNARD F. DICKMANN...WHO IS NEXT CHARLES LINDBERGH? Renaming Idlewild Airport in New York City to John F. Kennedy Airport really wasn't striping away a prior designee. The airport was built in 1942 on the ground of the Idlewild golf course (named after a land developer) and thus got its name.

When Idlewild began servicing commercial flights in 1948 its official name was made New York International Airport. So the change to JFK really did not strip anyone of their naming rights.



However the I-70 bridge across the Mississippi River known as the Poplar Street Bridge was actually dedicated to someone. That person was Bernard F. Dickmann, who was mayor of St. Louis from 1933 to 1941. Now the State of Missouri has renamed the bridge after former U.S. Congressman William Clay.



Bernard F. Dickmann



William Clay

Some will say that Clay, the first black congressman and civil rights activist deserves the honor and too hell with Dickmann. However, Dickmann had ties to civil rights in his own way. He was born in Mississippi and moved to St. Louis where with the help of the black community was elected the first Democratic mayor in over 30 years. He was also behind finally getting construction done and opening the Homer G. Phillips Hospital for

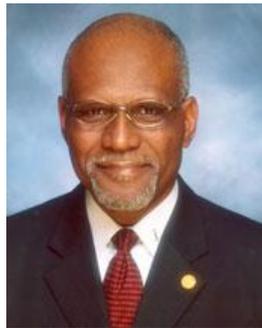
the black community. Besides that it was Dickmann who obtained the land for the Arch and Arch grounds and was a central figure in reducing St. Louis' choking air pollution from the use coal for heating.

I thought the point of naming things after people was to remember their legacy. Apparently that is now out the window as Governor Nixon and the legislature kick Dickmann aside.

It appears to be time to rename things for more recent people. Since Lindbergh Blvd. goes from North County to South County, with only a brief name change to Kirkwood Road in the City of Kirkwood, it would be perfect for change. The north half can be named for Charlie Dooley, the County's first black executive. Sure he has been involved in a number of scandals but those are quickly forgotten with the indictment of some underling or the closure of a grand jury inquiry with no charges. For the south end of the Highway 67, who better to name it after than Rush Limbaugh. After all Lindbergh and Limbaugh both start with "LI." More people in South County listen to El Rushbo than any other talk show dude.



Lucky Lindy



Currently unindicted Charlie



Former drug addict Rush

Now Auguste Chouteau and Pierre Laclede founded St. Louis 259 years ago, why do they still have streets named after them when John Goodman and Jon Hamm don't?



Laclede



Chouteau



Goodman

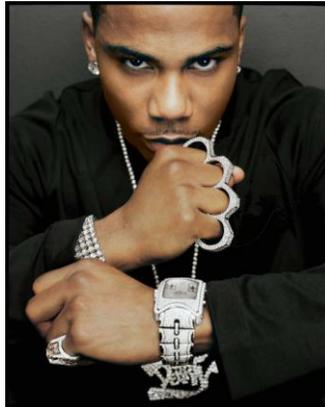


Hamm

That brings us to the biggest problem of them all...why is the city named after a dead French guy? The biggest fish in St. Louis now is rapper Nelly. Why not change the name of the city to Nelly?



Long dead Louis IX



Former drug dealer and current rapper, Nelly.

THE 7,500 MILE BREAKFAST: It is nice no longer having to be at an office, police station or government building first thing in the morning. Now every 7,500 miles on my car I put breakfast off (easy for a fat guy to do) until 11 or 11:30. My secret for my 7,500 mile breakfast is that I have our cars worked on by Dave Dwyer and his staff at Claymont Auto Service on Clayton Road at Kehrs Mill Road. Dave, a Kirkwood resident, used to be the top mechanic at the McNamara's station at Clayton and Ballas Roads and bought his own place four years ago. He is one of the most honest mechanics I have known. He has given me estimates for work and charged me several hundred dollars less when parts were less than listed or the work was easier than he thought.

Behind his service station is Charlotte's Rib. When I'm getting a routine oil change and tire rotate I drop off my car and then walk to Charlotte Peters namesake.



My 7,500 Mile Breakfast club



Serving the original Parkmoor style O-rings



Dave and Claymont Auto are my excuse for breakfast at Charlotte's Rib

A ST. LOUIS TRADITION GOES OFF THE AIR: The other day I was listening to the radio and not a CD while in the car. I heard a new Frederick Roofing jingle on the radio. Actually in one spot the entire commercial was a new long jingle. That was pretty cool, until they came to the end and did not use part of the old jingle. A new jingle that goes with a spoken radio ad was also done by new jingle signers.

The Frederick Roofing jingle played on St. Louis radio and TV commercials for 40 years was the voice of Bonnie Herman. Bonnie was a jingle signer from Chicago who joined Gene Puerling and Don Shelton from the well known 1950's group the Hi-Los and another jingle singer, Len Dressler who was famous as the voice of the Jolly Green Giant in TV ads, to form the Singers Unlimited. They had 15 albums which are now on a seven CD box set, plus a Christmas album. While being popular in the U.S. they were a big hit in Europe. I had heard another new Frederick spot a year or so ago. At the end they still used Bonnie's crisp "Frederick Roofing" tag line. I guess I always thought it was cool to hear someone singing about a St. Louis Roofing Company on Manchester Road in Brentwood who was a well known U.S. and European jazz singer.



The Singers Unlimited



Bonnie Herman

PERRY MASON FANS: I know I'm only writing toward the older readers of this newsletter. However I am a regular viewer of the repeats of the old Black and White Perry Mason TV shows that ran from 1957 to 1966 that are shown on the KMOV digital sub channel (channel 85 on Charter Digital). Recently they were showing shows from the 1960 season and in a number of the shows the constantly losing District Attorney Hamilton Berger had been replaced. It turned out the actor playing Berger, William Talman, had been arrested in March of 1960 at what was described as a "wild Hollywood party" that included marijuana and naked people. CBS fired Berger, but he was later rehired after a letter writing campaign. Three months after the arrest a judge dismissed the charges against him.



Talman, Seven Others Face Dope Charges

Actor William Whitney Talman — the "district attorney" of the Perry Mason television show — was among eight persons jailed early yesterday as sheriff's deputies raided what was called a wild marijuana party in a Hollywood apartment.

Television producer James H. Baker, 39, and actress Lola C. DeWitt, 31, also were seized with Talman and the others in the apartment of Richard Reibold, 31, at 1156 N Curson Ave.

Talman, 45, of 15426 Valley Vista Blvd., Sherman Oaks, was booked in the County Jail for asserted possession of marijuana and vagrant, lewd conduct.

Others Identified

Booked on the same charges were Baker, 7215 Hillside Ave.; Miss DeWitt, who listed her address as 433 S Spring St.; Reibold and the following:

Peter Neil Hestelt, 29, of 1267 N Laurel Ave., and his wife, Suzanne Elizabeth, 24; Mrs. Willie Jean Donovan, 26, of 438 S Cochran Ave., and Mrs. Peggy Louise Flannigan, 25, of 13518 Hartland St., Van Nuys.

"What can I say? This is going to ruin me," said Talman as he met newsmen after conferring with his attorney, C. Richard Maddox.

Discusses Career

Gail Patrick Jackson, executive producer of the Perry Mason series, said she was inclined to agree.

"I don't think it will help his career any, if the report is true," she said. "I don't know anything about this. Naturally, I'll be very interested in learning more—especially in learning that Mr. Talman is innocent."

Talman and Baker, producer of the former Bobby Troup Stars of Jazz show, retained Maddox in an effort to obtain release of all eight suspects.

Freed on Writ

The eight were freed later on writs of habeas corpus. Bail was set at \$1,050 each. The writs are returnable at 1:45 p.m. Thursday in Department 100.

All parties concerned either protested their innocence or refused to discuss the matter.

"It must be some kind of mistake," said Talman, the man known to millions for his three-year portrayal of Dist. Atty. Hamilton Berger on the Perry Mason series.

'Middle of Rumble'

"We just dropped into a friend's house for a drink—and suddenly we find ourselves in the middle of a rumble," he went on.

He said he arrived at Reibold's apartment only a short time before raiding officers burst into the place.

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WILD PARTY RAID

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admitted by an undercover
sheriff's officer who said he
had an invitation from Reibold.

Talman refused to identify
the "friend" who accompa-
nied him to Reibold's apart-
ment. Baker likewise was re-
luctant to discuss the cir-
cumstances of the case.

Sheriff's Capt. R. B.
Brooks, in charge of the raid,
said his narcotic detail has
had Reibold's apartment un-
der surveillance for some
time.

The undercover officer
who managed to obtain an
invitation to the party was
admitted by Reibold him-
self, Capt. Brooks reported.
Reibold, a salesman, said,
"I was cooking dinner at the
time. There was nothing
wrong."

Raiding officers said they

found one marijuana ciga-
rette stub, several prepared
marijuana smokes and a
quantity of loose marijuana
in bedroom closets, the bath-
room medicine chest and
elsewhere in the apartment.

Of the four women, only
Miss DeWitt, a 5-ft. brunet
who said she has been in
love for four years and in
consequence hasn't made a
picture in that time, was the
only one who would speak:

"You can quote me," she
declared, "there has been a
miscarriage of justice."

Reds Plan Displays

BAGDAD, March 13 (AP) —
The Soviet Union plans to
hold two exhibitions in this
Iraqi capital next month, in-
formants report. One is to be
on the peaceful uses of the
atom and the other on in-
dustry.



William Talman (left) as Hamilton Berger Ray Collins (right) as Lt. Arthur Tragg from the Perry Mason TV series.

NOW YOU CAN BUY A SIX PACK BEFORE 10AM MASS: The Chesterfield City Council made it possible for you now to buy beer, wine and the hard stuff on Sundays starting at 9am instead of 10am. The change to the city ordinance made it mirror the state law concerning liquor sales on Sunday.

Jeez, I remember being a regular at Sunday Cardinal games where they could not start selling 3.2 beer on Sundays until 15 minutes before the first pitch. First of all it was harder for bleacher creatures to reach a blissful state on Sundays because the only kind of beer sold by venders and concession stands on Sunday was the 3.2 variety. When entering the ballpark on Sundays the beer taps were all covered by a sheet at the concession stands until I believe it was 1 o'clock.

In Chesterfield the grocery chains were complaining that their cash registers area wide were programmed to accept Sunday liquor sales beginning at 9am, but in Chesterfield the time was 10am and they were fearful a cashier would accidently put their license in jeopardy for a one or two day suspension. The changed passed on a 8-0 vote.

SCHOOL CRIME FRONT: We have learned that a male math teacher from the very upscale and pricey Villa Duchesne School on Conway and Spoeede Roads in Frontenac was removed from a classroom on Thursday afternoon by the Frontenac Police. A parent told us on Friday the school sent emails to parents saying the teacher had been fired.

Villa Duchesne is an all girls school. Tuition for grades 7-12 is \$18,700 a year. We have the teacher's name but are withholding until or if charges are filed.



MUSIC: Tuesday Night Big Band Jazz...The Route 66 Jazz Orchestra will be moving for their October concert to a Tuesday night. It will be **Tuesday October 22** at The Sheldon Concert Hall on Washington Avenue just west of Grand. The concert is at 7:30 and tickets at the door are just \$10. Tuesday night...perfect...no crowds ...no traffic...go to O'Connell's Pub before or after the music. The World Series doesn't start until October 23! No baseball on October 22!

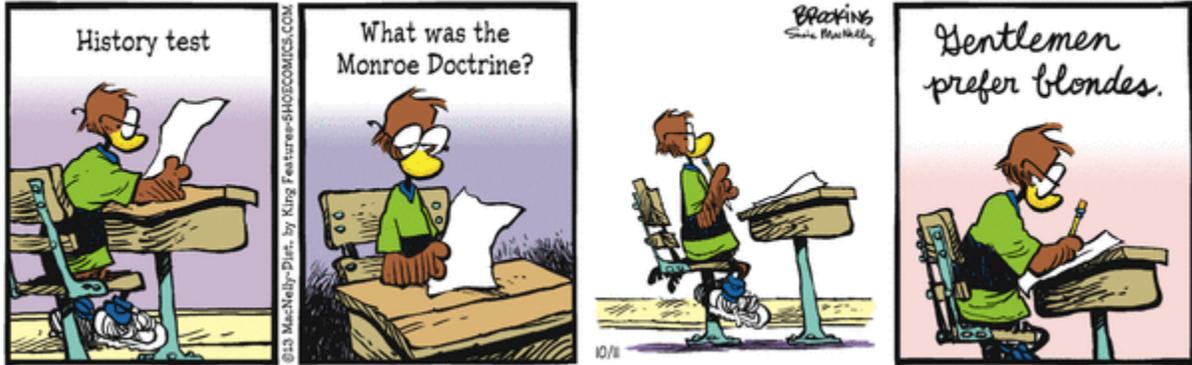


Wednesday Night Extra Musicians No Patrons: Last Wednesday as the St. Louis Cardinals were beating the Pirates downtown jazz duo, grew to a quartet at Sasha's in Clayton, unfortunately there were very few people to enjoy them.

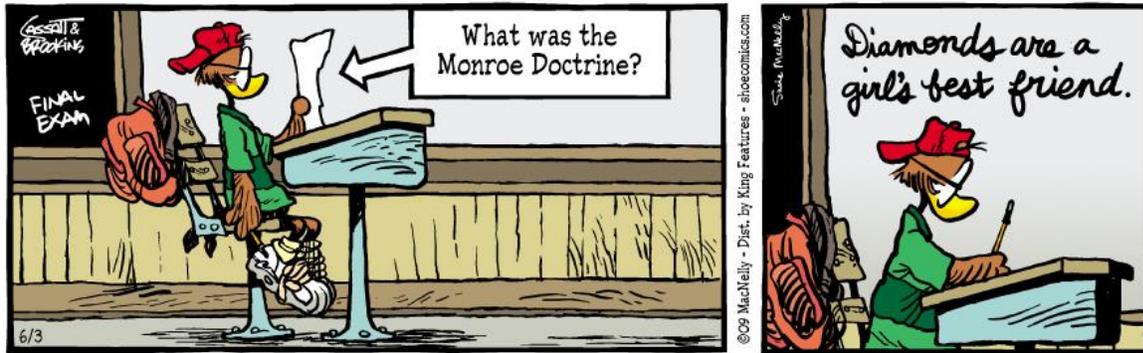


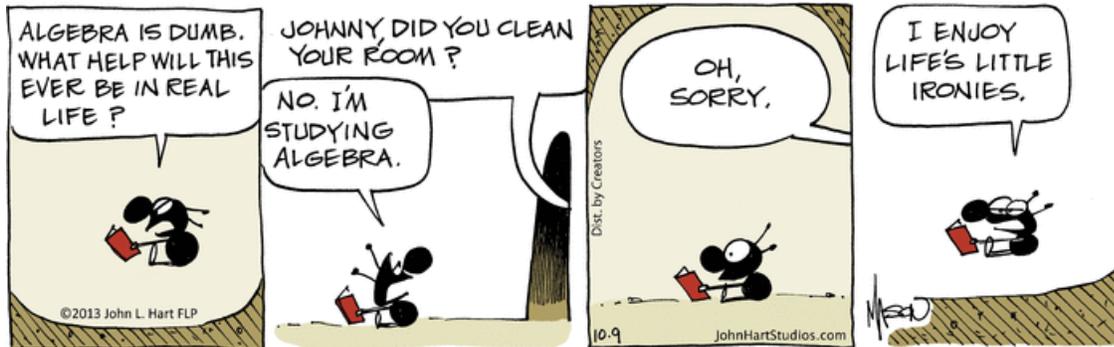
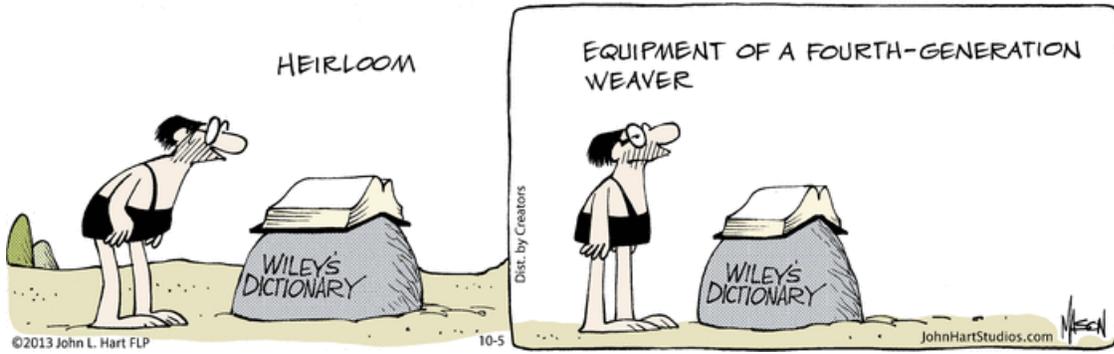
CARTOONS: Concerning the government shutdown, I tried to pick some cartoons from the right and the left.

Here is a new take on one of my favorite cartoons:



Here is the original...which I think is still the best:









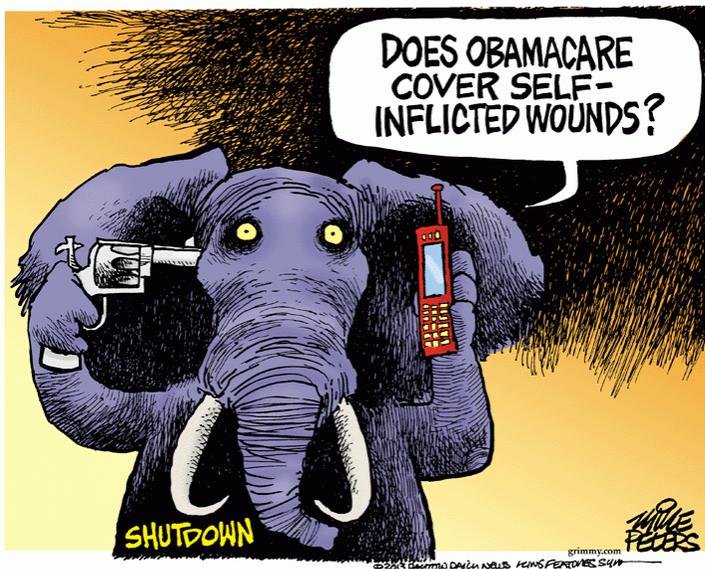
“... And so, after much consideration, I've decided to leave my wife and kids to devote more time to my obsessive pursuit of coaching immortality ...”

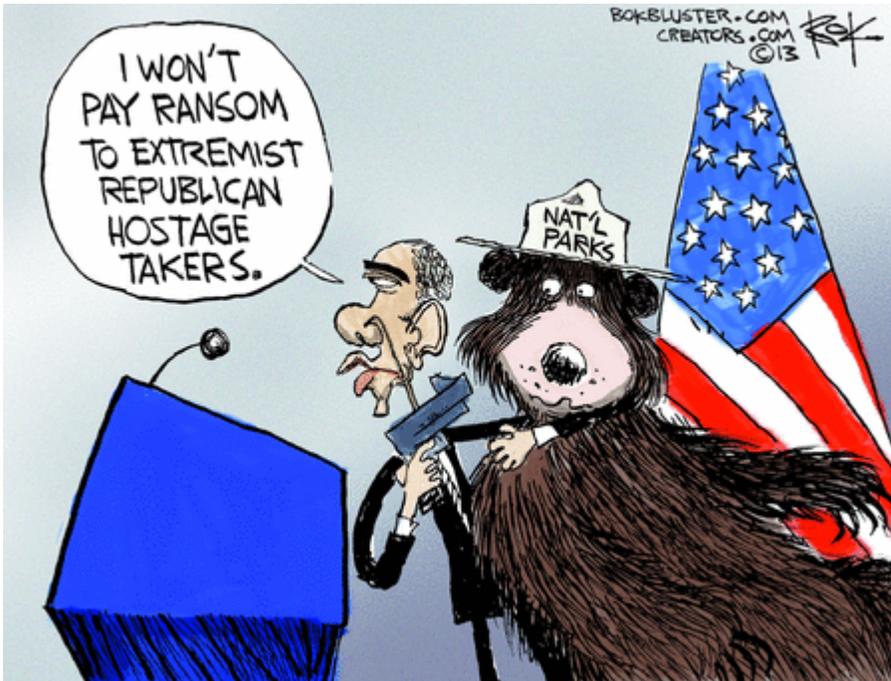
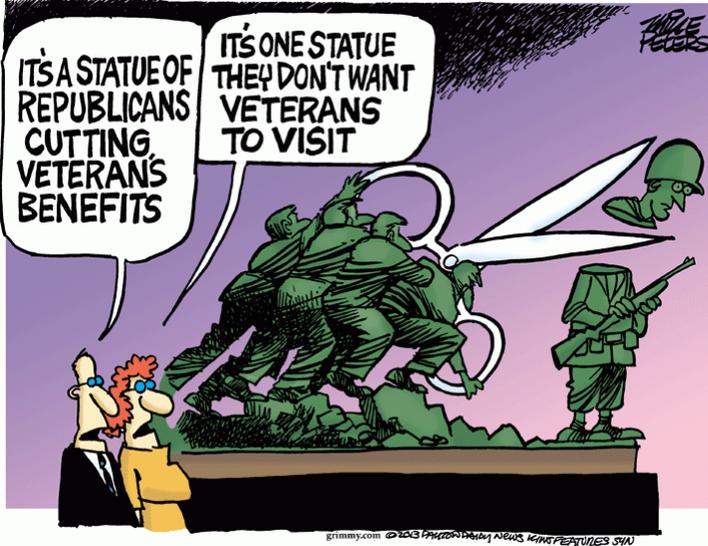


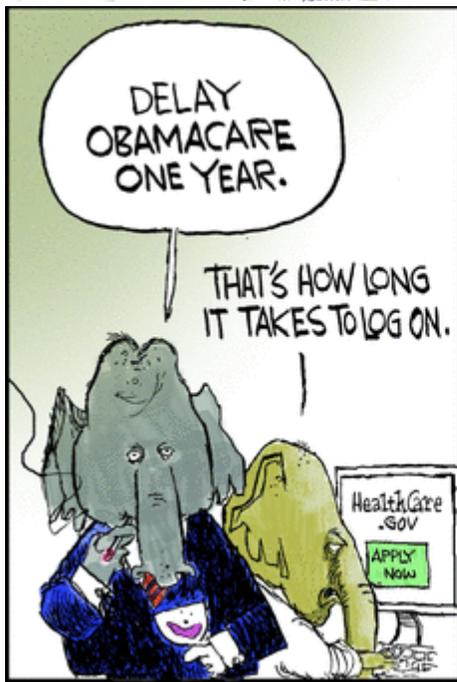


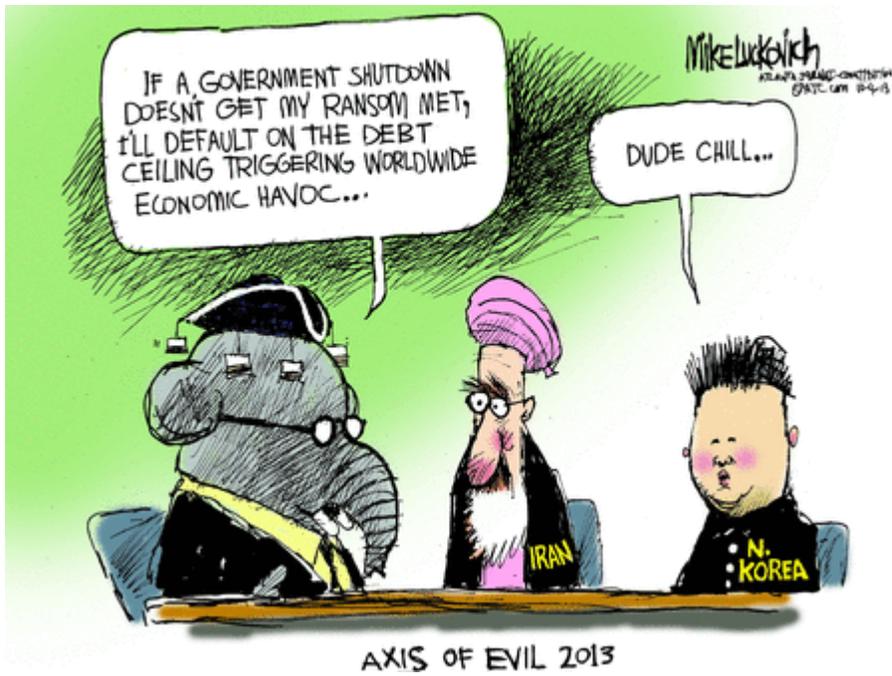
DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS DISCOVER COMMON GROUND.

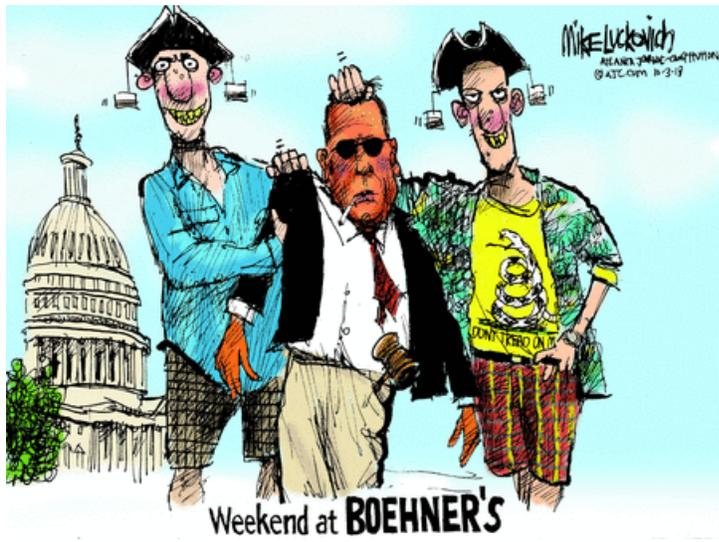
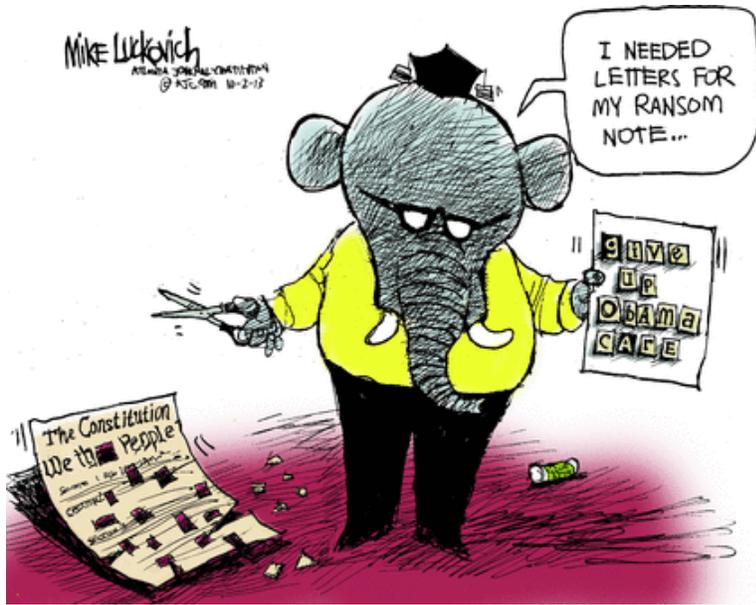
Here are two from Charlotte Peters' kid, Pulitzer Prize winner and CBC grad Mike Peters.











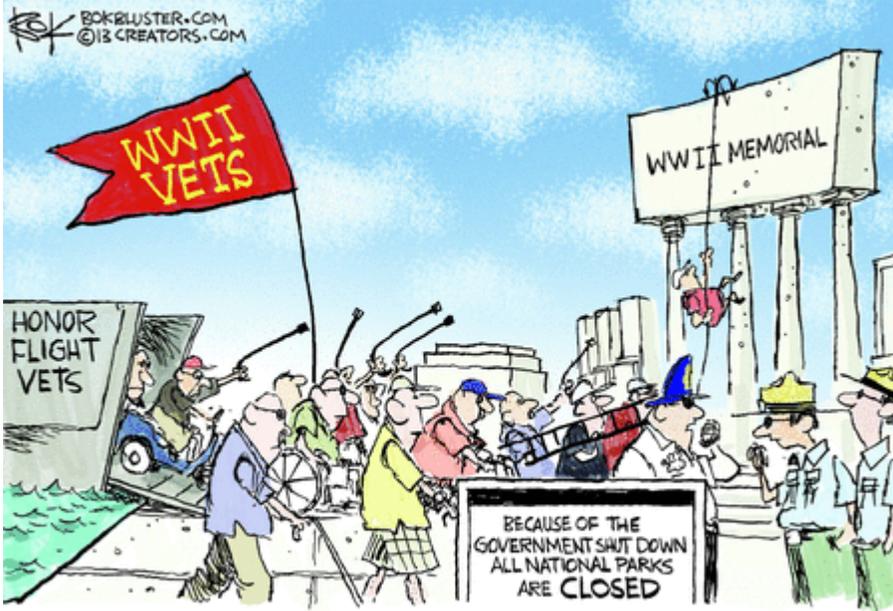


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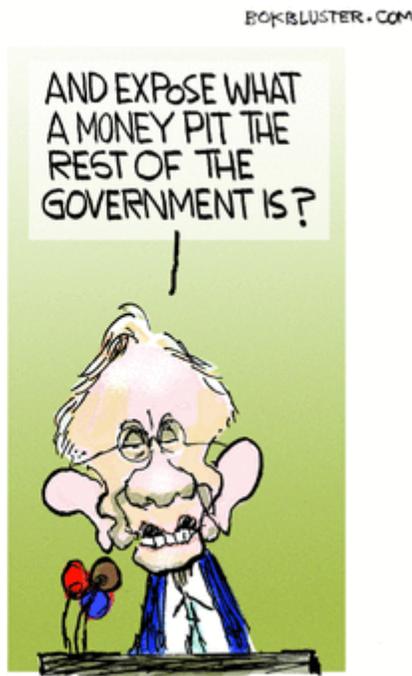
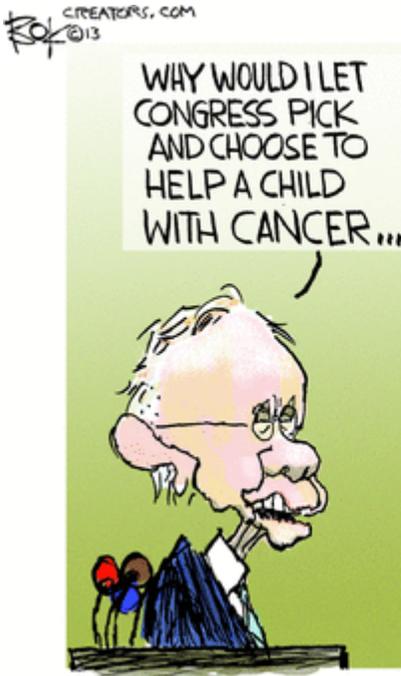
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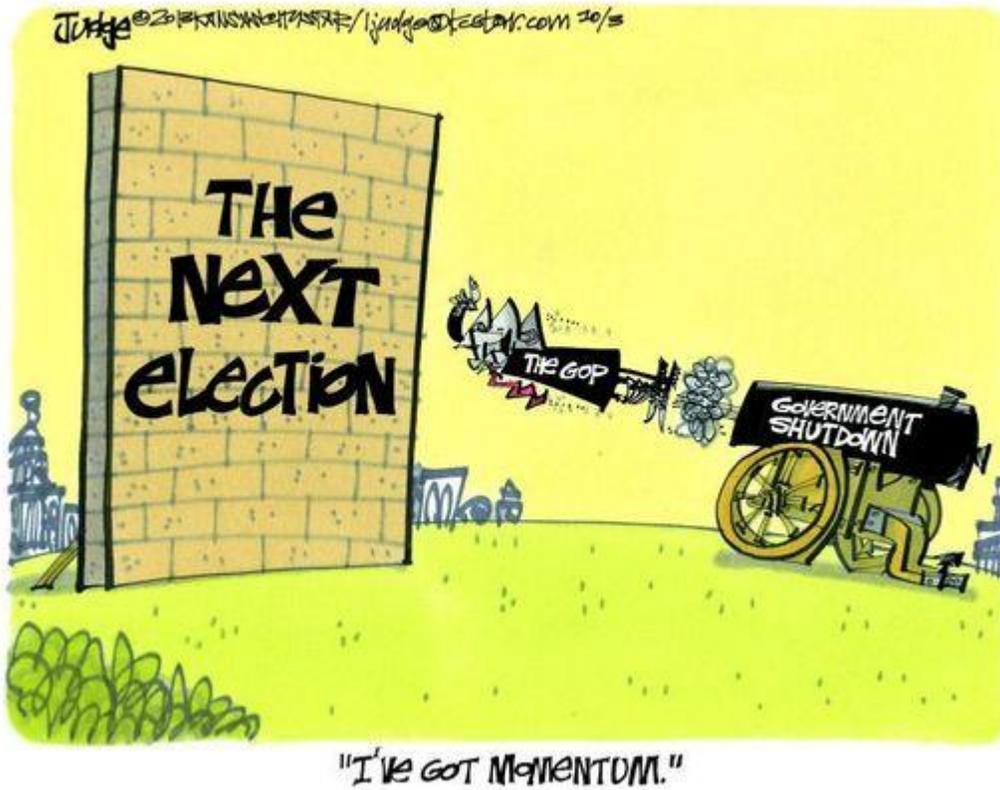
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THE NEWSLETTER IS GOING ON THE FINAL VACATION OF THE YEAR AND FOR A WHILE: Three vacations in one year are a bit much...we are downsizing travel plans for 2014...but the newsletter will be out of town until the first week of November after we get back from New England and the Maritime Provinces. .



