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June 2, 2019

28-YEAR COUNCILMAN AND ONE OF CHESTERFIELD'S FOUNDERS DIES ON SATURDAY: Below was on our website compiled by our Internet Editor on Saturday May 25, several hours after the death last Saturday of Barry Flachsbart, a co-founder of City of Chesterfield in 1988 and elected as one of the first councilmen in 1989.

BREAKING NEWS:

Chesterfield's Barry Flachsbart Dies

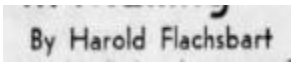
May 25, 2019 (Updated May 26) -- Chesterfield City Councilman Barry Flachsbart died Saturday at 1:00 p.m. He was 81 years old at the time of his death. In addition to serving on Chesterfield's City Council, Flachsbart was a Professor in the Information Science and Technology program within the Business and Information Technology Department at the Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla. Flachsbart was rushed to St. Luke's Hospital after collapsing during a City Council Agenda Meeting last Monday.

Chesterfield Mayor Bob Nation released the following statement on Saturday: "I am saddened to report that I have been informed that Barry has passed at 1 p.m. today. We will provide more information as it becomes available."

Flachsbart was one of Chesterfield's founders and served on the first City Council in 1989. He has been a council member for 28 of the city's 30 years. Flachsbart was Mayor Pro Tem prior to becoming Acting Mayor following the departure of John Nations on October 18, 2010. He chose not to run for Mayor in 2011 and returned to serve as Ward I Councilman.

Flachsbart died one month after a reception honoring him and announcing his retirement at the University of Missouri S&T and one-week after his 81st birthday. Flachsbart would drive back and forth from the campus in Rolla to attend various city meeting. He maintained his permanent residence in Chesterfield. He died of heart disease.

Flachsbart father, Harold was a reporter and sports writer at the Post-Dispatch in the 1950s and 60s. Barry had part time jobs in the newsroom while in college.

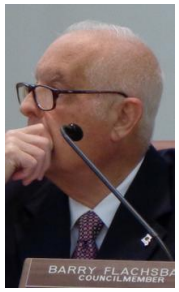


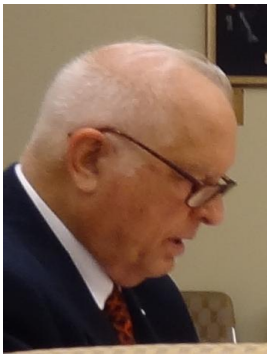
Barry's dad's byline

Barry had a Bachelor of Science degree from St. Louis University, a Masters Degree and a PhD from Sanford.

Besides being on the faculty at UM-ST in Rolla, he had been a faculty member at Washington University, Maryville University and St. Louis University.

He also worked for McDonnell-Douglas and the Union Pacific Railroad in the technology field. It was odd that Barry's death was not on the homepage of the City's website or in the "Message from the Mayor" box. Here are some of the photos we have taken of Barry at work over the last five years.





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THE TOWN SQUARE COST STILL GOING UP: The Brinkman Company has an $185,995 bill that the Board of Alderman voted to pay last Tuesday. You really had to search to find this and there was no explanation as to what work was done for $185,995 on the Warrant List (Bills list). We checked and found it was for items not completed in 2018. There is a correction on the total amount spent on the Town Square. My wife found on the chart how I deducted Brinkman paying for the commercial section of property twice. The overall costs to Town and Country on this project are soon to pass the $10,000,000 mark. They are currently at $9,719,676.

Vendor: 10161 - Brinkmann Holdings, LLC

Brinkmann Holdings, LLC	17-043019	05/01/2019	
DevelopmntAgrmnt-TownSq-4/19			185,995.00
			185,995.00

But wait there is more. **It is anticipated another $400,000 of billable work not done in 2018 is coming soon.** This does not considered additional 2019 work. Also it is not included in the $5m Town Sq construction set aside approved by Alderperson in February of 2018. It appears as if The City of Town and Country will be paying almost $4,000,000 extra for this project.

Here are the idiot alderpersons who could not see this project being a huge deficit creating disaster. On November 24, 2014 these alderperson with vision of

overspending voted for buying the Wirth Property on Clayton Road and build an unneeded Town Square:

Linda Rallo, Lynn Wright, Fred Meyland- Smith, Jon Benigas, Gussie Crawford, Tim Welby, Amy Anderson and Skip Mange.

TOWN SQUARE COSTS 05/24/19

$2,250,000 purchase price in January of 2015
$34,845 misc expenses including consulting fees
$2,284,845 total spent at the end of 2016
+ 330,000 spoil sampling, engineering work, consultant fees 2017
$2,614.845
+$5,759,208 2018 construction costs for grounds and stormwter retention pond
$8,374,053
+ 340,000 unbudgeted for east side trai, constrasting paving stones and 2nd restroom
$8,714,053
+ 156,386 approved 11/27/17 for payment to American Water to move water main
$8,870,439
+ 40,000 approved on 12/11/17 for $196,294 for second restrooms in Town Square. $156.294 already budgeted. Additional $40,000 for new Sanitary Sewer lines placement.
$8,910,439
+ 25,000 Engineering design for Maintenance Building 01/08/18
$8.935,439
+ 106 Coffee for the Dec 16 Town Square "Ground Breaking" added on 1/8
$8,935,545
+ 27,000 Architectural Service for Town Square Pavilion add on 01/22/18
$8,962,545
+ 33,200 2/6/18 Design revisions for Town Square 1st reading 2/12/18
$8,995,745
+ 103,109 first read 2/26/18 sewer design revisions, asbestos removal from house
$9,098,854 prior to demo and slope stability and seepage prevention.
+ 36,904 Soil testing, removal and replacement in area of retention pond 3/12/18
$9,135,758
+ 50,290 Additional security cameras 3/26/18 first read
$9,186,048

+ 12,119 Electrical rerouting on north side of Clayton Road 3/26/18 first read

$9,198,167

+ 469,617 Architectural changes and new construction costs 7/23/18

$9,667,784

- $38,512 late fee aldermen refused to pay 8/13/18

$9,629,272

+ 167,186 changes in site plan, additional electrical work, pump station 8/13/18

$9,796,458

+ 43,745 upgrade of materials for deck, change to concrete patio 8/13/18

$9,840,203

- 750 Fire pit construction voted down by Alderpersons on 09/10/18

$9,839,453

+ 92,439 Additional Landscaping

$9,931,892

- 92,439 Board of Aldermen refuse to pay**.**

$9,839,453

+ 24,516 Legal fees charged by city attorney 01/01/17 to 08/31/18

$9,863,969

- 807,831 Check from Brinkman Development for purchase of Town Sq land

$9.056,138

+ 71,000 Change order #11 to Brinkman for debris removal, tree removal, grading 10/22/18

$9,127,138

+ 308 Lawyer's fee for September on Town Square

$9,127,446

+ 25,391 Retention wall upgrade due to ground water at Clayton Rd tunnel

$9,152,837

+ 4,682 Additional Architectural fees 12/1/18 paid on 01/14/19

$9,157,519

+ 85,043 Brinkman Holdings ongoing development costs 04/1/19

$9,242,562

+ 262 M& H Architects Town Square Pavilion design work 04/01/19

$8,432,824

+ 103,109 Brinkman Holdings ongoing development costs 3/01/19

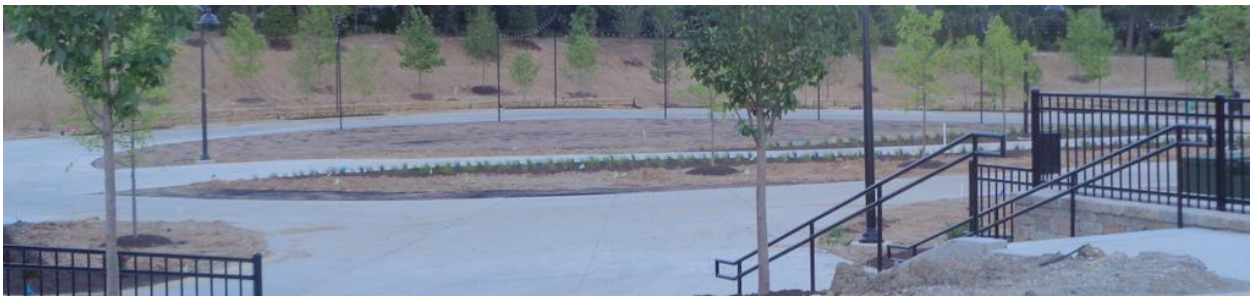
$9,345,933

+ 187,748 Brinkman Holdings ongoing development costs 02/01/19

$9,533,681

+ 185,995 For Work scheduled in 2018 that was completed in 2019 5/1/19

$9,719,676



The Diamond Bar, a perfect retail establishment for the nouveau riche and to generate sales tax revenue. The Diamond Bar, a place you can get drunk at the bar and buy overprice jewelry to go with your overpriced drinks. It seems to be the same concept at Casinos where free drinks are served. Customers lose more money when they are drunk.

LOOKING AHEAD: I found a presentation by Town and Country Finance Director Pam Reitz interesting and very honest. Reitz is the former Admin Director at St. Louis County, who caused the ire of crooked County Executive Steve Stenger and his contractors making bribes by refusing to accept their bids on County contracts and going with the low bids instead.

While the mayor's Town Square project is almost 80% over budget and an alderman wants the city in the publishing business take a look at Reitz's analysis of the Town and Country Road Fund for the next four years.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2 Out-years	Total
Road Fund Beginning Fund Balance	580,023	657,970	204,414	(722,693)	(1,085,854)	(2,269,299)	
Road Fund Grant Revenue - Annual	709,217	869,000	750,050	189,750	881,000	1,325,000	4,724,017
Road Fund Operational Fund Revenue Available - Annual	129,959	83,443	94,344	89,589	100,555	210,000	707,890
Road Fund Transfer from Other Funds - Annual	500,000	0					500,000
Road Fund CIP Expenditure - Annual	1,261,228	1,406,000	1,771,500	642,500	2,165,000	2,650,000	9,896,228
Road Fund CIP Transfer to Other Funds - Annual							
Road Fund Surplus/(Unfunded) Cumulative	**657,970**	**204,414**	**(722,693)**	**(1,085,854)**	**(2,269,299)**	**(3,384,299)**	

DEFICIT SPENDING: Mayor Dalton likes to brag how his budgets are balanced. That is a complete lie. He barely has a balanced General Fund, but the overall budget is much more than the General Fund. Here is how things look so far in 2019:

CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY
2019 BUDGET FUND SUMMARY
Updated Pre-Audit

Fund Description	2019 Beginning Balance	Revenue Estimates	Budget Request	Transfer In (Out)	Change in Fund Balance	2019 Ending Fund Balance
General Fund	8,466,472	10,712,417	10,708,275	0	4,142	8,470,614
Road Fund	580,023	1,767,176	2,928,038	500,000	(660,862)	(80,839)
Capital Improvement Fund	1,736,779	1,649,899	2,313,916	(500,000)	(1,164,017)	572,762
Parks & Storwater Fund	1,458,453	1,968,200	2,297,372	0	(329,172)	1,129,281
Safety & Training Fund	10,342	13,900	9,700	0	4,200	14,542
Public Art Fund	1,652	0	0	0	0	1,652
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	12,253,721	16,111,592	18,257,301	0	(2,145,709)	10,108,011
General Fund Ending Fund Balance as % of Budget Request			79%			

INVISIBLE LEGAL SERVICES: In with the May 2019 bills to be paid by Town and County once again includes a bill from the city's law firm Curtis, Heinz, Garrett & O'Keefe. The overall bill is for $16,955.98. As with other bills voted on by the Board of Aldermen the largest item of the bill is $5,884 for "Hourly Legal Services" without any itemized list of what they actually did.

Vendor: 5218 - Curtis, Heinz Garrett &

05/01/2019	LegalSvc-Hourly-4/19	5,884.00
05/01/2019	LegalSvc-Retainer-CA-4/19	3,500.00
05/01/2019	LegalSvc-Prosecutor-4/19	3,000.00
05/01/2019	LegalSvc-CrtLitigation-4/19	352.00
05/01/2019	LegalSvc-Litigation-4/19	4,219.98
		16,955.98

As we have done in the past, we have filed a Sunshine Request to get an itemized list of what was done in connection with the $5,884 charge.

I'm somewhat amazed that no alderperson will ask for the information before approving payment. Here is the response to our Sunshine Request:

Curtis, Heinz, Garrett & O'Keefe, P.C.
Attorneys at Law

130 South Bemiston, Suite 200
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

(314) 725-8788
Fax (314) 725-8789

May 6, 2019

Town and Country
Attn: Bob Shelton
Town and Country City Hall
1011 Municipal Center Drive
Town and Country, MO 63131

Statement as of April 30, 2019

Professional Fees			Hours
4/1/2019	SWG	[redacted] Review revised draft of smoking ordinance. Research Whole Foods liquor license issue. [redacted] Telephone conference with Ryan Thomas of Wood Engineering regarding easements. Review easement documents. Email from and to Ryan Thomas regarding easements.	1.80
4/1/2019	KJH	Review correspondence regarding Mason Road trail construction; Review plats and maps; research on prescriptive easements; complete ordinance on smoking.	2.20
4/1/2019	EJS	Edits to closed meeting minutes.	0.10
4/2/2019	SWG	Research easement issues. Telephone call to Ryan Thomas regarding easement issues. Review documents received from Pam Reitz regarding business license issue. Research business license issue.	1.10
4/2/2019	KJH	Research on prescriptive easements.	0.30
4/3/2019	SWG	Telephone call to Ryan Thomas regarding easements. Review easement documents. Research easement issue. Research business license issue.	1.30
4/3/2019	KJH	Office conference regarding trail plans; Correspondence regarding same.	0.20
4/4/2019	SWG	Email from Ryan Thomas regarding Mason Road. Research easement issue. Emails to and from Ryan Thomas regarding easements. Telephone call to Ryan Thomas regarding easements. Email from Ryan Thomas regarding work order. Review work order. Research sunshine law issue.	1.60
4/4/2019	KJH	Research pharmacy license tax exemption issue.	0.40
4/4/2019	EJS	Work on outline of revised sign code.	0.40
4/5/2019	SWG	Draft audit response letter. Research sunshine law issue. Research prescriptive easement issue.	1.30
4/5/2019	EJS	Prepare for and attend sign code meeting; Review of draft revisions prepared by staff.	1.70
4/8/2019	SWG	Research Mason Road issue. Review easement documents. Research easement issue. Research real estate issue.	1.30
4/9/2019	SWG	Review documents received from Ryan Thomas regarding easements. Research sunshine law issue. Research business license issue. Research sign code issue.	1.40

4/10/2019	SWG	Research resolution issue. Research easement issue. Research copyright issue. Research business license issue. .	1.30
4/11/2019	SWG	Telephone call to engineer Ryan Thomas regarding Mason Road trail. Review documents received from Thomas regarding trail. [redacted]	1.20
4/12/2019	SWG	Review documents regarding Worker's Compensation claim. Review easements recorded regarding Ballas/Clayton Road. Research privilege issue.	1.20
4/15/2019	SWG	Revise smoking ordinance. Review trail documents. Review title policy regarding Clayton Ballas. Review closing documents regarding Clayton Ballas. Review easement documents received from engineer Ryan Thomas.	1.40
4/15/2019	KJH	Review and revise smoking ordinance.	0.40
4/16/2019	SWG	Review documents received from Tim Randick regarding trail. Research trail issue [redacted] Research open space issue.	1.30
4/17/2019	SWG	Email from engineer Ryan Thomas regarding easements.	0.20
4/17/2019	EJS	Research regarding code enforcement question; Email to staff regarding same.	0.20
4/18/2019	EJS	Research related to amending the sign code; Meeting with R. Spencer regarding same and other pending zoning issues.	1.70
4/19/2019	SWG	Email from attorney Deborah Dearing regarding property issue [redacted] Research tree nuisance issue.	1.20
4/19/2019	EJS	Correspondence related to park donation.	0.20
4/22/2019	SWG	Research Preservation Park issue. Prepare exhibits for meeting. Telephone call to George Stock regarding property issue. [redacted] Review documents received from George Stock regarding property issue.	2.20
4/22/2019	EJS	Research pertaining to real property issue; Review of draft resolution related to park issue; Research regarding same; Emails related to same; Telephone call with attorney for property owner related to park issue; Edit outline of revised	1.20

		sign code; Email to R. Spencer regarding same; Email from R. Spencer regarding nuisance issue; Research regarding same.	
4/23/2019	SWG	Research property issue[redacted]. Draft response to attorney general. Telephone call to Attorney General's office regarding response[redacted]. Research court issue. Review documents received from Ashley McNamara regarding SL issue. Research Preservation Park issue.	1.80
4/23/2019	KJH	Research on sunshine law question.	0.90
4/23/2019	JNR	Research Creve Coeur deed restrictions.	0.20
4/24/2019	SWG	[redacted] Meeting with Bob Shelton and Michael Jordon of CBC at CBC.[redacted]	2.20
4/24/2019	KEH	Review of municipal code regarding nuisances, notice of nuisance and abatement.	0.70
4/25/2019	SWG	Research land donation issue. Research zoning issue. Research copyright issue.[redacted]	1.40
4/25/2019	KEH	Email to E. Sluys regarding nuisances, notice of nuisance and abatement.	0.30
4/26/2019	SWG	[redacted] Research real estate issue.	1.20
4/29/2019	SWG	Research West Point code issue. Research property issue.[redacted] Research smoking ordinance issue.	1.30
4/29/2019	KJH	Research on sunshine law issues.	0.50
4/29/2019	EJS	Research regarding enforsement issue.	0.20
4/30/2019	SWG	[redacted] Research property issue.	1.10
4/30/2019	KJH	Research on trademark.	1.20
4/30/2019	EJS	Research regarding hearing requirements for nuisance process.	0.30

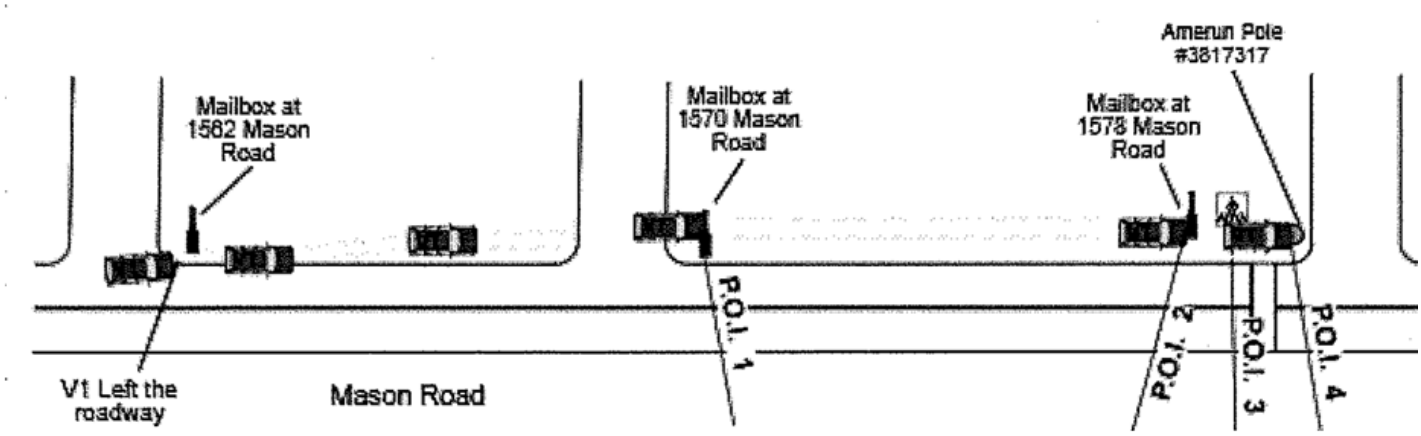
			Sub-total Fees:	5,884.00

Rate Summary

Steven W. Garrett	28.80 hours at $ 140.00 /hr	4,032.00	
Kenneth J. Heinz	6.10 hours at $ 140.00 /hr	854.00	
Katherine Henry	1.00 hours at $ 140.00 /hr	140.00	
Jaime Reifsteck	0.20 hours at $ 90.00 /hr		18.00
Edward J. Sluys	6.00 hours at $ 140.00 /hr		840.00
Total hours:	42.10		

ANOTHER SERIOUS CRASH ON MASON ROAD SOUTH OF CLAYTON RD:

I don't have any photos but I have the police diagram of the latest car crash on Mason Road south of Clayton on May 10, 2019. In this crash the vehicle left the road and had four different points of impact with fixed objects.



Unlike most crashes on the southern half of Mason Road, this one was not caused by speed, but because of a medical emergency when the 80-year-old woman driving the car had a stroke.

To view all of our photos of crashes on this section of road go to our website

http://johnhoffmann.net/mason_road_crashes_052519.pdf

Here is a list of the crashes we are aware of over the last five years:

14-01776	10/12/2014	on Mason Rd after Blossomhill Ln	off Roadway
14-02078	12/1/2014	on Mason Rd after Blossomhill Ln	off Roadway
14-02079	12/1/2014	on Mason Rd before Buckland Hall Rd	on Roadway
15-00055	1/11/2015	on Mason Rd after Blossomhill Ln	off Roadway
15-01242	7/6/2015	on Mason Rd after Blossomhill Ln	on Roadway
15-02280	12/18/2015	on Mason Rd at Blossomhill Ln	off Roadway
16-00226	2/15/2016	on Mason Rd at Blossomhill Ln	off Roadway
16-000609	4/20/2016	on Mason Rd after Blossomhill Ln	off Roadway

Report #	date	location	on/off roadway
16-781	5/6/2016	on Mason at Buckland Hall	On roadway
16-952	6/14/2016	on Mason at Buckland Hall	On roadway
16-964	6/15/2016	on Mason at Buckland Hall	off roadway
16-1642	10/12/2016	on Mason at Blossomhill	On roadway
17-43	1/10/2017	on Mason at Blossomhill	off roadway
17-74	1/19/2017	on Mason at Blossomhill	off roadway
17-1306	9/13/2017	on Mason at Blossomhill	off roadway
18-404	3/19/2018	on Mason at Blossomhill	off roadway
18-944	6/22/2018	on Mason at Blossomhill	off roadway
18-968	6/26/2018	on Mason at Blossomhill	off roadway
18-1547	10/17/2018	on Mason at Blossomhill	On roadway
18-1599	10/26/2018	on Mason at Blossomhill	off roadway
18-1656	11/6/2018	on Mason at Blossomhill	off roadway
19-192	2/15/2019	on Mason at Blossomhill	off roadway
19-220	2/24/2019	on Mason at Blossomhill	off roadway
19-235	2/28/2019	on Mason at Blossomhill	off roadway
19-242	3/1/2019	on Mason at Blossomhill	off roadway
No police resp	5/5/19	on Mason at Blossomhill	off roadway
19-554	5/10/19	on Mason at Peacock Farms	off roadway

BOARD ALDERPERSONS APPARENTLY HATE DOGS AND HORSES OR THEY ARE JUST SADISTIC. At the Tuesday May 28, 2019 Board of Alderpersons meeting they were approving a bill to spend $7,600 with J & M Displays for fireworks at the Fire and Ice event on June 22. The fireworks will be launched from The Principia School campus for the crowds at the Town Square (after the ribbon cutting) and Longview Park.

Alderman Jon Benigas apparently wants to spend more money for the city being close to $4,000,000 over budget on the Town Square project and suggested that the city pay for twice as many fireworks. The current show is 15 minutes long. Benigas wants to double the length. Of course Ald. Skip Mange who over the years has shown a great fondness of wasting money was all for the idea.

Nobody spoke up about the city extending scaring dogs and horses from 15 minutes to 30 minutes. I don't live especially close to The Principia but my dog heads to the bedroom when the Fire and Ice fireworks are exploding. I also know that horses are not crazy about fireworks and explosions either and there are four horses at Longview Park.

Benigas and Mange want more fireworks to celebrate spending 75% over budget on the Town Square

WARD-TWO ALDERWOMAN LINSEY BUTLER IS THE ONLY ONE TO VOTE AGAINST SPENDING MORE MONEY ON UNNEEDED SIDEWALK. Lindsey Butler asked for discussion before the Board of Aldermen voted to spend another $7,870 on the Mason Road Trail to No Where (sidewalk) boondoggle.

Ald. Butler City Administrator Shelton Asphalt covering where concrete one existed

Flashback: The City got a County Municipal League Parks grant to build an extra wide sidewalk, that they call a trail, from Clayton Road to Queeny Park. Several residents refused to sell a few feet of their property next to the street for the sidewalk and Mayor Dalton refused to use eminent domain to obtain the ground.

The city got an amended grant simply to replace the existing concrete sidewalk with the extra wide sidewalk. The city's contractor never got a permit to do the work from St. Louis County Highway Department. Mason Road is a County Road.

The city staff never checked to make sure the contractor had the permit. The contractor started the work that included cutting down large trees and digging up the existing concrete sidewalk. Then St. Louis County ordered all work stopped. That was early last October.

Butler wanted to walk away from the project rather than wasting money replacing an existing sidewalk. Butler wanted the vote to be continued so a cost analysis could be done to see if the city should give up on the project.

City Administrator Bob Shelton spoke and laid out some facts.

The total cost of the project is……. $560,000
The current grant is……$220,000

The city's cost of a trail to nowhere is $340,000. (Of course if the city would walk away from the project, they would still have to restore the original concrete sidewalk.)

“I would be concerned with it continued,” said Shelton, referring to the aldermen continuing the vote. If we have the intent not to go forward I would have no problem”

Shelton added the preliminary plans submitted to the County have been approved, but the overall plan has not yet been approved.

Then Skip “I love spending tax money” Mange spoke up. “I see no reason to stop this project.” Apparently Skip was blind to $340,000.

“This could be an example on future projects,” said Ald. Sue Allen, who apparently did not see it as a good example on this project.

A vote was then held to proceed with the project. There was only one “NO” vote. It was from Butler.

NO SMOKING IN PARKS TAKES A SOFTER STAND. Several alderperson who use Longview Park stated that they did not think smoking at the park was a problem. Ald. Matt Reuter asked Parks Director Anne Nixon if she saw problems. “Occasionally” was her reply. Instead of making smoking illegal in the parks and on other city property (other than city hall, where there are designated smoking areas) it was decided to try signs. See below.

NEW POLICE CHIEF COMING SOON: We hear Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist/Sports Gambling Lobbyist Jon Dalton will announce on Wednesday June 5 his selection for police chief. The Board of Aldermen still have to approve the pick at the regular meeting on June 10. I think he may be coming from Illinois. Here is the possible new

chief standing in the lobby of City Hall before being taken back to meet the Board of Aldermen in a secret non-public meeting.

The probable next Town and Country Police Chief and the first one not coming from within the department.

Acting Chief, Capt. Bob Arthur will retire by the middle of June. He and his wife will then head to Eastern Europe to do volunteer ministry work.

NEW HOUSING ADDITIONS IN TOWN AND COUNTRY:
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ITALIAN STYLE HOUSING:

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OVERALL CHESTERFIELD REVENUE IS DOWN IN 2019: Revenue coming into the city is down 5.31% in 2019 through May 23 as compared to 2018. In 2018 revenue was up just 1.49% when compared to 2017.

Revenues	2017	2018	% incr/- decr from 2017 to 2018	2019	% incr/- decr from 2018 to 2019
January	561,167	527,666	-5.97%	546,623	3.59%
February	420,980	680,722	61.70%	489,247	-28.13%
March	837,570	696,023	-16.90%	781,521	12.28%
April	559,042	538,378	-3.70%	530,052	-1.55%
May	486,840	464,664	-4.56%	405,484	-12.74%
June	555,331	573,231	3.22%		-100.00%
July	716,153	711,126	-0.70%		-100.00%
August	480,756	522,633	8.71%		-100.00%
September	760,229	739,637	-2.71%		-100.00%
October	537,883	585,894	8.93%		-100.00%
November	423,338	493,373	16.54%		-100.00%
December	721,667	632,910	-12.30%		-100.00%
Total	7,060,957	7,166,257	1.49%	2,752,927	-5.31%

A concerning fact is that in 2019 the highly successful Top Golf has been paying tax revenue to Chesterfield (remember that 52% of sales now goes to Chesterfield, which is still in the Tax Pool) and despite the new revenue from Top Golf there is still a decrease in revenue. (Top Golf was only open for five months in 2018.)

Top Golf

At the Finance and Administration meeting on Tuesday, Chesterfield Ast. Finance John Hughes made an interesting statement.

“We need to pay more attention to this because there is more cause for concern, before panicking,” said Hughes.

Ast. Finance Director John Hughes

MAYOR BASHES ME AND THE NEWSLETTER. Read his email where he ordered that I could not share it with you, my response and his response to my response.

From: Bob Nation [mailto:BNation@chesterfield.mo.us]
Sent: Saturday, May 25, 2019 1:10 PM
To: John Hoffman
Subject: Your May 26 Newsletter

John,
This e-mail is intended for you personally, and you do not have my permission to share in any form with anyone.
I must say that your publishing of unflattering pictures of one of our council members in your newsletter is in very poor taste and very disrespectful of the individual, who obviously was not feeling at his optimum. Further, your reference to my comment about his absence failed to recognize that I was merely trying to mitigate what was an ill-advised comment made previously by another council member.
Additionally, your reference to a zoning petition that would allow larger homes misses the main point that the R 3 zoning would require a slightly larger minimum lot size (10,000 sf vs. 7500). This is just one example of how you seem to either miss the point, or deliberately misrepresent the facts.
I think you are fundamentally a good guy, but there seems to be a negative and disrespectful agenda associated with much of what you write (to the point of being a bully). My view of municipal government is that we are here to provide services on a non-partisan basis. Some of us view ourselves as public servants, whereas others seem to have a political agenda. I hope and think that you believe you are providing a service to the public, but you frequently miss the mark when you either distort or misrepresent the facts (you can always ask for an explanation rather than misrepresent). Therefore, the totality of your work, in my view, becomes a disservice to the public.

Another point while I am at it; just because certain individuals have been supportive on past issues does not warrant reciprocal allegiance on all future issues.
I could go on, but I think enough has been said.
Cordially, Bob Nation
Sent from my iPad
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At least Mayor Nation is Cordial. Here is my response.

On May 25, 2019, at 2:07 PM, John Hoffmann <johnhoffmann@charter.net> wrote:

Bob,

Here are responses to your email:

1) Residents and voters have a right to know if someone they elected to the White House, US Senate or Chesterfield City Council is in poor or failing health.

Barry is one of the founders of Chesterfield so people have more interest in him that possibly other councilpersons. Those photos show that this is possibly not an isolated incident but an ongoing issue.

People have the right to know if someone elected to represent them can fulfill their duties. The photos of Barry show that perhaps his health is making it difficult for him to perform his job, especially after collapsing twice at a meeting and being unconscious.

2) By saying “Barry is a little light headed” is unfair to the citizens represented by Barry to know the truth. Either tell the truth or say nothing.

3) You missed the point about R-3 and R-4 on Conway Road. I did not care. However when the speaker attacked what many consider a normal

suburban lifestyle, that was worth reporting.

4) When I started covering Chesterfield City Council meetings I did it as a columnist for AOL's Patch. That was as an opinion columnist and several
city councilpersons and the city administrator tried to stop me from writing columns. Now that I'm doing this newsletter, I routinely contact City Administrator
Mike Geisel, the Park Director, the Planning Director and the Public Works director to make sure my information is as accurate as possible, but I still offer my opinion too. I pay both a lawyer and an IT specialist to assist me.

5) Finally issuing an order that I don't have your permission to share an email is completely off the mark. Perhaps "I'd appreciate it if you did not share this" would be more
appropriate. Once it lands in my in-box it is mine. In other words you accuse me of "distorting" and providing a "disservice" to the public, by issuing an order in you opening sentence of an email correspondence seems a bit contradictory. Plus you sent it using the city's email system, which certainly does make it a public record.

John Hoffmann

Here is Mayor Nation's response to my response:

From: rsnation@aol.com [mailto:rsnation@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 25, 2019 4:04 PM
To: John Hoffmann
Subject: Re: response

I am not surprised that you try to defend and rationalize your actions!
Best Regards,

Bob Nation, Mayor
City of Chesterfield
314 249-8725

Mayor Nation and his remarkably thin skin for a politician.

At the Tuesday Finance and Administration meeting, which is open to the public with me being the only member of the public in attendance, Nation suggested I had to not hear a question he was about to ask.

“With Mr. Hoffmann in the room I’ll say this is a proprietary question,” announced Nation inferring I could not repeat his question. Here is the definition of “proprietary”

Proprietary | Definition of Proprietary by Merriam-Webster
https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/proprietary ▾
Definition of proprietary (Entry 2 of 2) 1 : of, relating to, or characteristic of an owner or title holder proprietary rights. 2 : used, made, or marketed by one having the exclusive legal right a proprietary process proprietary software.

The question was about money received that Hughes could not answer, so I ignored Nation’s question and concentrated on him claiming at a “PUBLIC MEETING” only he had ownership rights to his question asked.

CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
Crime Report

Time of Occurrence	Generic Address	Business/Location Name	Subdivision	Sector	Incident Type
05/23/2019, 1530 05/23/2019, 1730	1XX THF BLVD	Smart Styles Hair Salon	CHESTERFIELD COMMONS	6	Larceny under $750 Shoplifting
Arrested:					
Brief Narrative Description: Report of know subject receiving hair styling services and leaving without paying.					

19-2209 A 19-year-old, former U-City resident, received a haircut and blue hair color ($102.50) from the Smart Style Salon in Walmart. The subject attempted to pay with a fraudulent credit card and left before police arrived. The subject was reported missing from a homeless shelter in University City and was also known to the Special Enforcement Unit.

05/23/2019, 1928 05/23/2019, 1928	1XX THF BLVD	Walmart	CHESTERFIELD COMMONS	6	Larceny under $750 Shoplifting
Arrested: Brooks,Ivory B | B | 24 | M					
Brief Narrative Description: 24 yo male concealed alcohol and left store without paying.					

19-2210 A 24-year-old, St. Louis resident was caught stealing 11 bottles of liquor ($199.27) from Walmart. The subject had placed the liquor in a backpack and it was too heavy to run and difficult to remove.

Ivory Brooks arrest record:

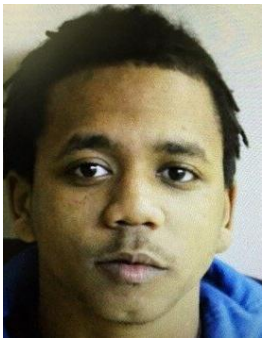
05/23/19	Stealing	Chesterfield PD
04/26/19	Stealing & Drug Para pending	St. John PD
04/17/19	Stealing & Poss Drug Para pending	St. John PD
03/13/19	Stealing pending	University City
03/01/19	Auto Theft pending	Vinta Park PD
01/21/19	Stealing & Resisting Arrest & Assault Police Officer	Overland PD
01/04/19	Stealing pending	University City
01/03/19	Stealing & Drugs pending	University City
06/06/18	Trespassing & Property Damage Pled Guilty Probation	St. Louis PD
02/13/15	Tampering (Attempt Auto Theft or driving stolen car)	
12/08/14	Traffic & No Insurance & No Dr Lic & Failure to Yield to Police	Velda City PD
	Tampering With Auto (driving stolen car)	

THIS HEADLINE ABOUT IVORY BROOKS FROM 2014

Suspected car thief arrested after high-speed chase

A Velda City man is facing multiple felony charges after a police chase in a stolen car.

Author: KSDK Staff
Published: 4:19 PM CST December 8, 2014


Ivory Brooks

05/24/2019, 1445 05/24/2019, 1515	17XXX WILD HORSE CREEK RD	Mobil	DUGSFORD COMMONS	6	Larceny under $750 Person
Arrested:					
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took cell phones after they were left behind in restroom.					

05/24/2019, 2327 05/24/2019, 2327	CLARKSON & I64 HWY E			4	Liquor Violation MIP
Arrested: Geis,Nolan M | W | 19 | M Glickert,Andrew F | W | 19 | M					
Brief Narrative Description: Two 19 yo males in possession of alcohol after being stopped for a traffic violation. Also cited for fake identification and open containers of alcohol inside vehicle.					

May 24, 2019 DAY WATCH REPORT

19-2217 Larceny - A business on Chesterfield Valley Drive is in a dispute with a contractor, however the contractor will not return property that is owned by the business. Forwarded to the detective bureau.

05/24/2019, 1027 05/24/2019, 1027	17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD	Coach	CHESTERFIELD OUTLETS	4	Larceny Over $750 Shoplifting
Arrested:					
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects took purses and walked out of store without paying.					

19-2219 Larceny - 2 subjects stole purses from the Coach store at Taubman Outlet Mall. Valued at approximately $800. SEU is investigating.

05/25/2019, 1030 05/25/2019, 1030	EATHERTON RD & WILD HORSE CREEK RD			5	DWI Alcohol
Arrested: Buselmeier,Bernard J. | W | 63 | M					
Brief Narrative Description: 63 yo male charged with DWI after vehicle collision investigation.					

19-2229 / 30 DWI and 10-50 - Call for a collision near Wild horse and 109. Investigation determined the driver at fault was impaired. Arrested and booked at station. BAC was .210.

05/25/2019, 1626 05/25/2019, 1626	17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD	H&M	CHESTERFIELD OUTLETS	4	Larceny under $750 Shoplifting
Arrested: Juvenile | | | Moore,Jazmyne A | B | 17 | F					
Brief Narrative Description: 17 and 16 yo females concealed clothing and left store without paying. After contact with police, 16 yo female resisted arrest and kicked officer in the leg causing no injuries. Subject was taken into custody without further incident. Both subjects also in possession of prohibited theft device.					

05/23/2019, 1655	9XX E CHESTERFIELD PKY	Walgreens	WALGREENS CHESTERFIELD	4	Larceny Over $750 Shoplifting
Arrested:					
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects concealed over the counter medication and other merchandise and left store without paying.					

05/25/2019, 1230 05/25/2019, 1230	13XXX POST RD		WOODS MILL PARK	1	Larceny Over $750 Residence
Arrested:					
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took victim's ring from residence.					

05/25/2019, 1430 05/25/2019, 1430	1XX THF BLVD	Best Buy	CHESTERFIELD COMMONS	6	Larceny under $750 Shoplifting
Arrested:					
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects concealed computer mouse and left store without paying.					

05/25/2019, 1930 05/25/2019, 1930	17XXX EDISON AVE	Skyzone	CHESTERFIELD COMMONS WEST	6	Larceny Over $750 Person
Arrested:					
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took victim's cell phone after it was left unattended in storage bin.					

05/26/2019, 1540 05/26/2019, 1540	1X THF BLVD	Old Navy	CHESTERFIELD COMMONS EAST	6	Larceny under $750 Shoplifting
Arrested:					
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed clothing and left store without paying.					

05/25/19

19-2235 Larceny Polo Store 17017 North Outer 40 - Two shoplifters were stopped by SEU officers after being called by Security. A total of $345.00 in stolen items was recovered.

05/26/2019, 1700 05/26/2019, 2150	13XXX OLIVE BLVD	Addies Thai House	NO SUBDIVISION WARD 1	1	Larceny under $750 from Auto
Arrested:					
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle and took a purse.					

05/27/2019, 0003 05/27/2019, 0003	10XX E CHESTERFIELD PKY	Fairfield Suites	FAIRFIELD SUITES	4	Drugs Paraphernalia
Arrested: Walters,Matthew J | W | 21 | M					
Brief Narrative Description: 21 yo male in possession of marijuana paraphernalia after suspicious person check.					

05/27/2019, 1130 05/27/2019, 1130	4X CHESTERFIELD MALL	Macy's	CHESTERFIELD VILLAGE MALL	4	Larceny Over $750 Shoplifting
Arrested:					
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed clothing and left store without paying.					

05/27/2019, 2052 05/27/2019, 2052	CENTAUR RD & N EATHERTON RD			5	DWI Alcohol
Arrested: Jordan,Shaphen D | B | 32 | M					
Brief Narrative Description: 32 yo male charged with DWI after vehicle collision investigation.					

19-2262/2263 – Vehicle Collision/DWI – Eatherton/Centaur – Driver struck a utility pole and was found to be intoxicated. Refused BAC.

Staphen Jordan, Drunk driver

05/26/2019, 0930 05/28/2019, 0038	3XX CALLIOPE PL		NOONING TREE ADDITION	2	Burglary Residential - Home
Arrested:					
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject forced open rear door of residence. Nothing taken at the time of report.					

19-2265 – Burglary – Calliope Place –
Forced entry through rear door.
Homeowner out of town, unknown items taken.

05/28/2019, 1829 05/28/2019, 1831	1XX LONG RD	BP	STEVE W WALLACE	6	Larceny under $750 Shoplifting
Arrested:					
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took alcohol and walked out of store without paying.					

05/26/2019, 2127 05/26/2019, 2127	13XX COUNTRYSIDE MANOR PL		COUNTRYSIDE AT CHESTERFIELD	5	Harassment/Threat Texting
Arrested:					
Brief Narrative Description: Report of juvenile family member sending threatening text message.					

05/29/2019, 0251 05/29/2019, 0251	CLARKSON RD & COUNTRY RIDGE DR			3	Drugs Possession - Felony
Arrested: Lacy,Chad M | W | 38 | M					
Brief Narrative Description: 38 yo male in possession of methamphetamine after being stopped for a traffic violation.					

05/29/2019, 1558 05/29/2019, 1558	CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD & WINGS OF HOPE			5	Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor
Arrested: Little,Charlton Jr. | B | 26 | M					
Brief Narrative Description: 26 yo male in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation.					

DOES THIS SOUND FAMILIAR? From the Post-Dispatch online:

Buck said this week he's willing to walk.

"We've got another city chomping at the bit," Buck said. "This is a growing industry. We're going to be a part of it, somewhere. We hope it's here.

"We're very, very close to a settlement. But we realize there comes a time when you have to walk."

From Tuesday's print edition:

"We've got another city chomping at the bit," said Buck

These are quotes from Dan Buck who failed to get financing for his Powerplex/Baseball project in Chesterfield. He needed the financing to obtain tax relief and additional financial assistance from the city to build the project in Chesterfield Valley. After failing to deliver on the required financing and claimed $20,000,000 in donations, the City Council voted not to extend its March 2017 deal with Buck after if expired in June of 2017.

In 2016 Buck got Chesterfield Mayor Bob Nation to hold secret meetings of a few councilpersons at a time to avoid having the meetings fall under the Missouri Sunshine Law. Members of the Monarch Fire Prevention District refused to meet with Buck in secret meetings and Buck cancelled the meeting.

Dan Buck

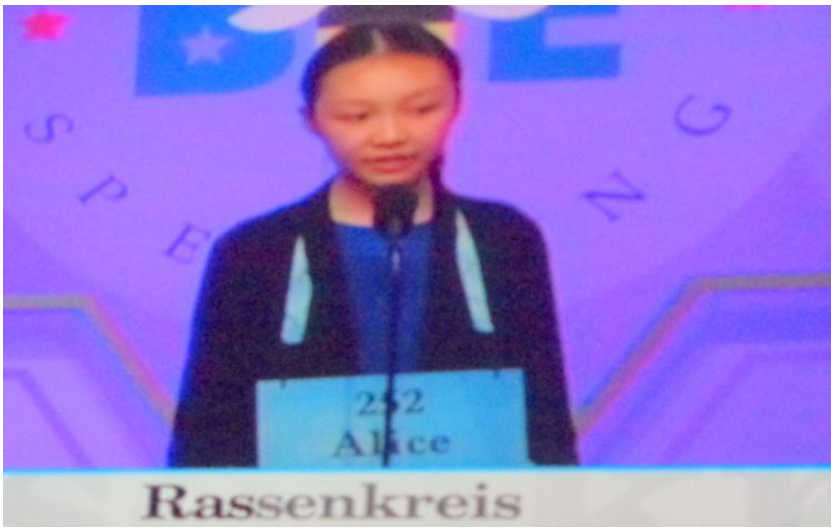
He wants tax $

After having the March agreement with Chesterfield not renewed in June with no financing, Buck claimed St. Charles wanted to help finance his project and Chesterfield was stupid to lose the Powerplex.

Then nothing happened in St. Charles County and next Buck was in Hazelwood looking to make a deal in 2019 again claiming if Hazelwood did not act quickly another city wanted his project.

CHESTERFIELD MIDDLESCHOOLER FINISHES 10TH IN NATIONAL SPELLING BEE: Alice Liu of Chesterfield who was a student at Crestview Middle School in the Rockwood School District finished in 10th place in the Scripps-Howard National Spelling Bee, held in suburban Washington, DC and televised on ESPN on Thursday May 30.

Alice was eliminated in the 13th round of the finals. She left out one “s” on the word Rassenkreis.



The spellers were so damn good this year that in the final dozen rounds they were dealing with foreign words. The finals started with 50 at 10 am and did not end until after midnight when the final eight contestants all spelled theirs words correctly in the 20th round and were declared co-champions. Scripps-Howard saw the first place prize money go from $50,000 to $400,000.

After winning the Missouri Post-Dispatch Spelling Bee three years in a row, Liu was given a proclamation on May 5 by Mayor Nation.

8 co-champs

Co-champ Erin Howard of Huntsville Alabama was the most animated of the champs.

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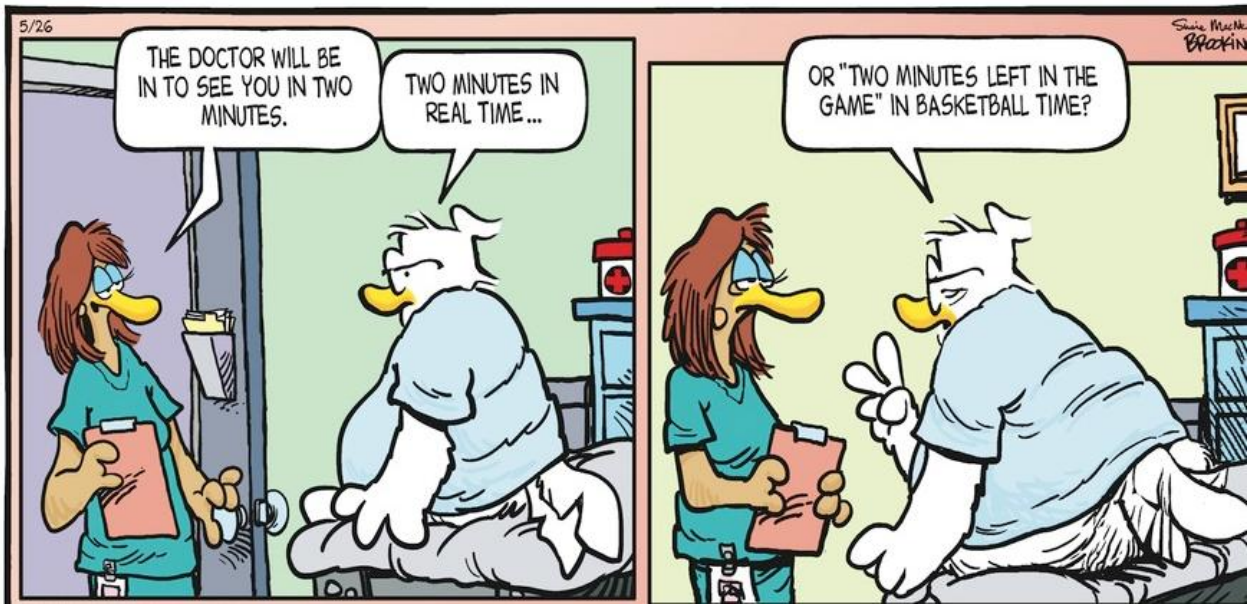
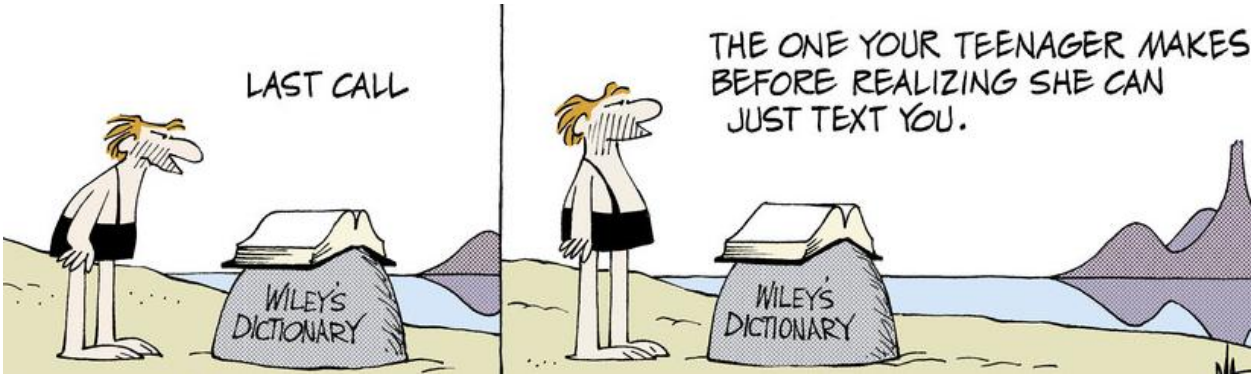
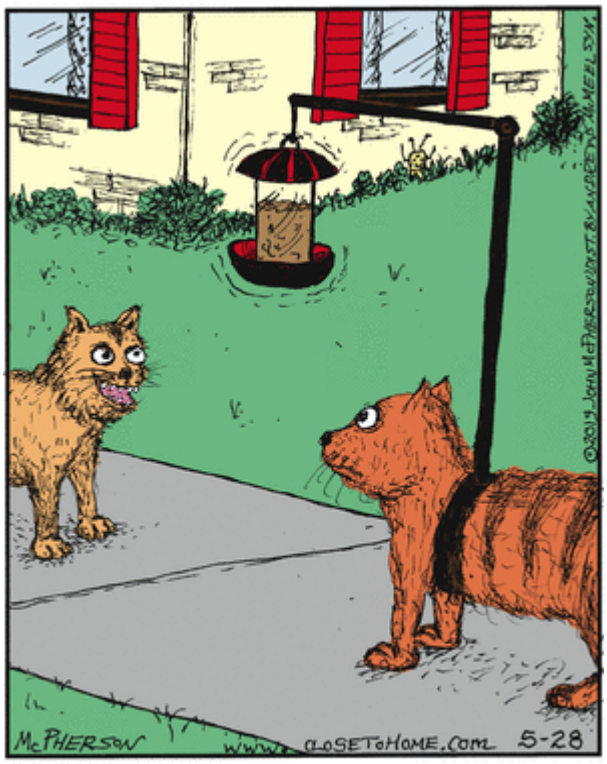
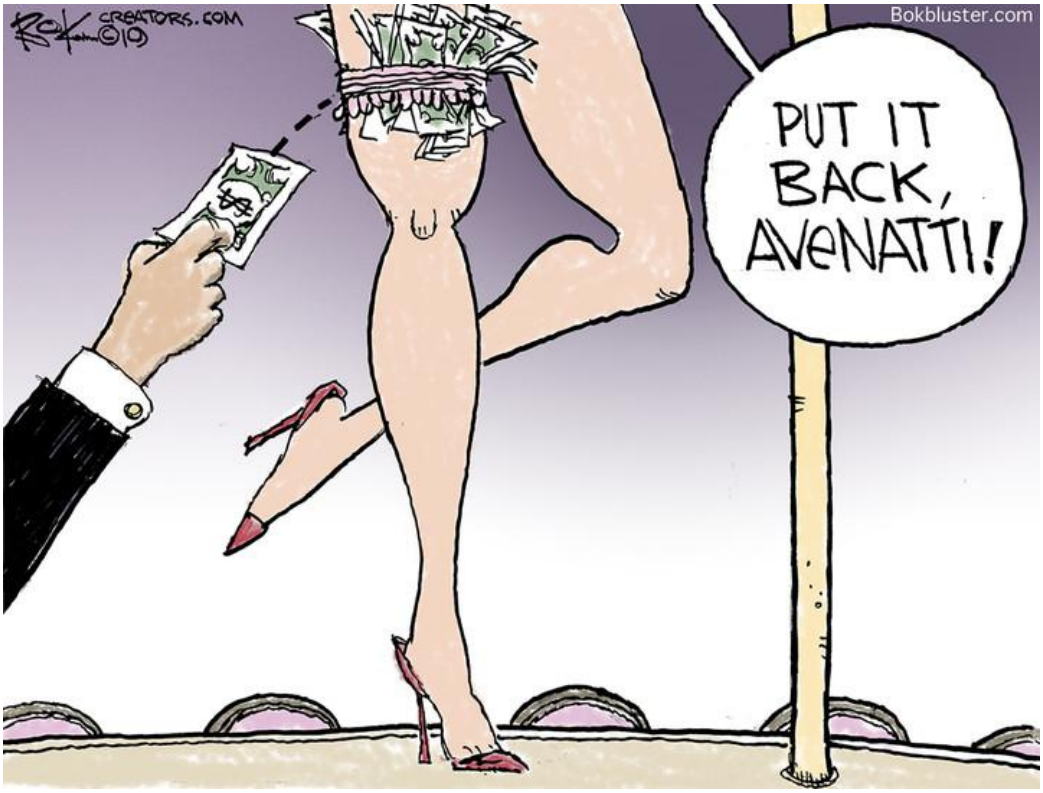






"Seriously?! They're not going to fall for that, you dufus!"



A cartoon about a Parkway Central Grad

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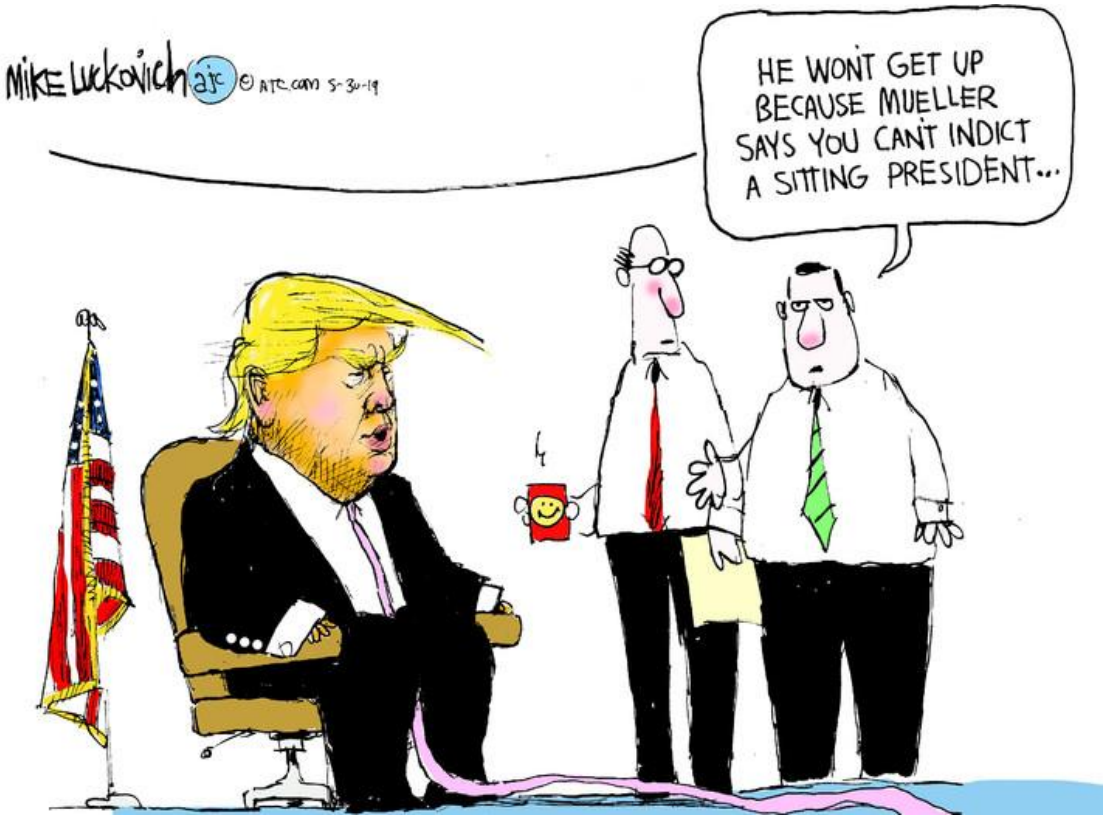
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SPELLING BEE
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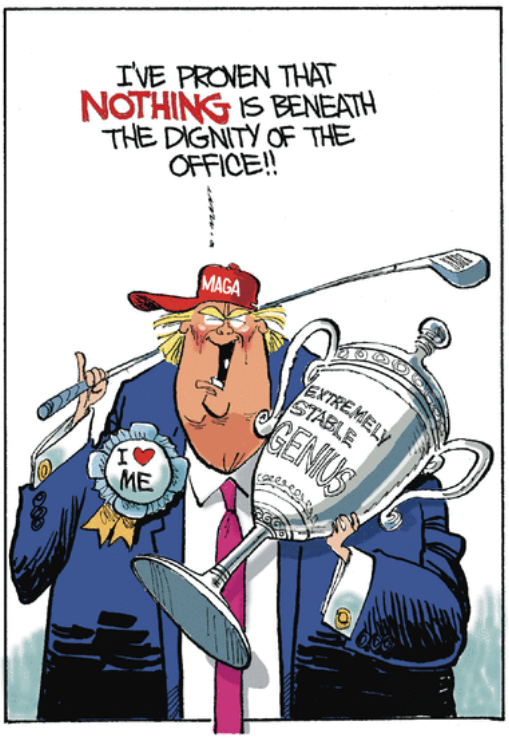
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I ♥ ME
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JOE BIDEN IS LOW IQ. HE'S NOT A STABLE GENIUS LIKE YOU.
THE ENEMY OF MY ENEMY IS MY BEST FRIEND FOREVER!
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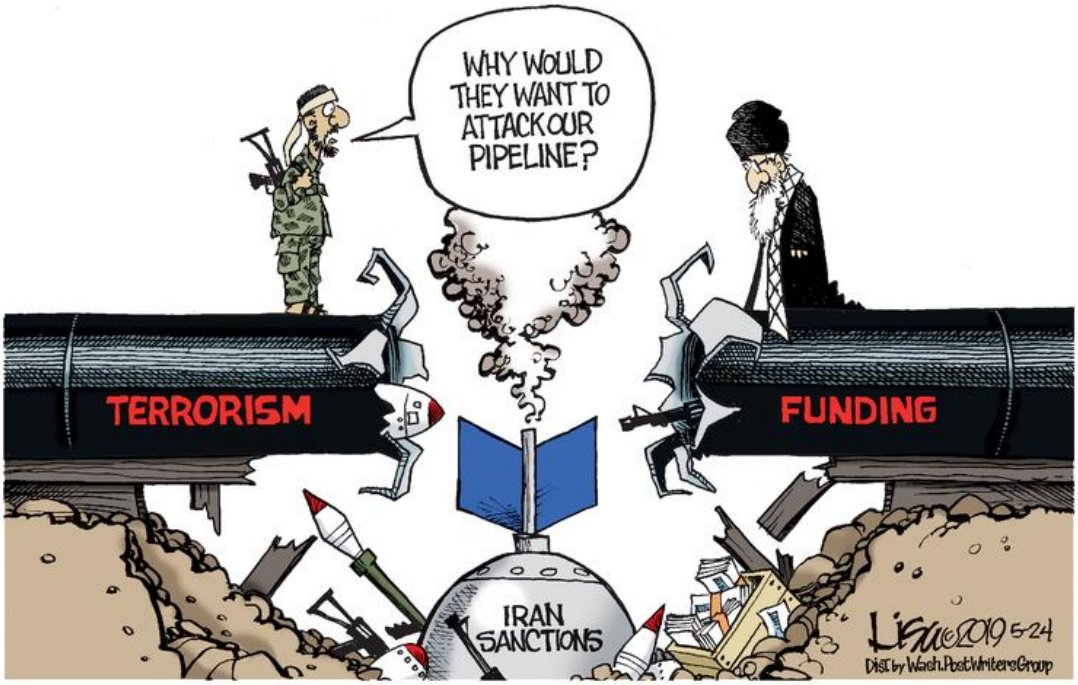
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