

EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 113



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By John Hoffmann

BJC REZONING PASSES...ONLY ONE ALDERMAN VOTES AGAINST

DEVELOPERS: There was another large crowd at Monday's Town and Country Board Aldermen meeting, with once again BJC packing the place with employees. The rezoning of the residentially zoned land where the Highway Patrol used to be located passed as did the site development plan.

YET ANOTHER PRESENTATION: It was shorter, but consulting engineer and BJC spokesman George Stock once again was speaking to the board about the proposal, saying much of the same stuff he had said on three other occasions. A member of the BJC delegation who also apparently had heard it all before was seen dozing.



ZZZZZZZ time.

Citizen Comments:

Bruce Bollinger who lives in unincorporated St. Louis County off of Weidman Road led things off speaking out against the proposal equating the development of the Children's Pediatric surgical center to sending Town and County into a downward spiral.

"Why would people pay more to live in Town and Country and have it look like Ellisville or Valley Park," asked Bollinger.

It would be hard to image the area becoming another Valley Park as there will not likely be any bars, pool halls, boat dealers or family fried chicken restaurants in the area anytime soon. As for looking like Ellisville I don't think there is any room for 15 automobile dealerships (eights open and seven closed with empty lots) which gives Ellisville its unique look.

An Upset Mange to the Rescue: Alderman Skip Mange, a Christian Scientist on the faculty of Principia appeared to be upset and demanded that Bollinger qualify his remarks.

Bollinger began his remarks by saying how when he attended Principia and he would run in the neighborhoods as part of the cross country team, how tranquil...blah, blah and blah Town and Country was. There was no inference that Bollinger was speaking for Principia and someone would have to be an idiot to have thought so.

Mange, who really does not like it when people disagree with his point of view, called Bollinger back to speaker's podium and demanded that Bollinger say he was not speaking in behalf of Principia. After Bollinger said something so stupid that the BJC facility would turn Town and Country into another Valley Park it was hard to image anyone saying something even dumber, but Mange was up to that challenge.

Of course Skip is a guy who doesn't believe in medicine for people, but thinks it is okay to give deer forced hysterectomies.

ANOTHER REBUKE FROM THE DIAS: Next up was another Principia alum, Amy Anderson, who filed a week earlier to run against incumbent Chuck Lenz for the Board of Aldermen. Anderson was upset over the Allegro rezoning attempt of the residential zoned property next to her street (Rutherford Lane). She started her remarks by thanking the board of turning down Allegro. Unfortunately the Board of Aldermen did not turn down the Allegro development plans. The plans never got to the Board of Aldermen after they were defeated by the Planning and Zoning Commission and Allegro decided to withdraw the plans. People running for office should know their boards and commissions.

Next Anderson mentioned she was there as a resident and that she had recently filed to run for alderman. She spoke about all the emails she has received from people against the development and how she was against the BJC development.

When she was finished Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist Dalton spoke to her and said he appreciated her remarks as a citizen, but he was not so sure he appreciated them as a candidate.

This is typical of Dalton. In 2009 he called our resident kook, Barbara Ann Hughes, who was running for alderwoman in Ward-1, a liar during the citizen comment section of a Board meeting. Hughes commented that the League of Women Voters and the Chamber of Commerce had told her there would not be a debate that year because Mayor Dalton had scheduling problems. Dalton loudly claimed that it was untrue and Hughes had no right to say such a thing. At the time Dalton had opposition...it was ME, who as a first year alderman filed against Dalton thinking that the residents deserved to have someone else to vote for other than a cigarette lobbyist.

It turned out that what Hughes had said was true. A couple weeks later Dalton apologized to Hughes in private but not in a public forum which is where he called her a liar.

In the case of Anderson it made sense that she mentioned she was a candidate because that would explain why she had received a number of emails on the issue in the last week. But King Jon Dalton thought otherwise.

HIGH COST OF MEDICAL CARE: Much of the same material on the pros and the cons of the issue were repeated. One exception was Dr. Dorothy Cooke whose comments two weeks ago we posted in our newsletter.

Two weeks ago Cooke pointed out how all the services BJC wants to place at Mason Road and I-64 already exist within three miles at three different hospitals. This time Cooke, a retired internist, tied this project to out of control medical costs.

She said the U.S. spends the most of any industrialized country on health care but of those countries citizens of the U.S. receive the lowest quality of services.

"You have the opportunity to control medical costs by voting no," said Cooke, somewhat tongue in cheek.

Cooke is often painted as a “whack-o” because of some of her past statements about deer control and because she often sits with Mariette Palmer, but more often than not she presents excellent on point comments that include a bit of humor. It is too bad she is not on the BOA.

BEST YOU CAN HOPE FOR: Several nearby residents continued to speak in favor of the project. I sat next to one couple who were in attendance and had spoke at the public hearing two weeks earlier.

The bottom line I take away from these residents is that they feel the BJC plans are not so bad and if they were turned down something five or 10 years later could be much worse.

THE LONE DISSENTER: Prior to the vote Alderman Jon Benigas spoke. He talked about having a problem with BJC creating a zoning classification only for this project that no other medical development could fall under the way the bill was written. In fact BJC wrote the bill.

“Just because a major corporation has determined they have a need doesn’t mean the city has a need,” said Benigas. “I think this property has been properly zoned (residential),” he added as just part of his remarks.



Here is Jon Benigas between Fred Meyland-Smith and Chuck Lenz he calmly but firmly states his position in opposition to the BJC development.

THE COUNTER ATTACK: Skip Mange immediately attacked Benigas’ remarks.

“This piece of property has had an office building on it its entire history. The highway patrol building was on it when we annexed it,” said Mange. “The noise level (I-64 traffic noise) makes this land not appropriated for houses. You cannot say it is not appropriate

for medical offices the same way Chesterfield could not say two outlet malls were not appropriate.” Apparently the highway creates too much noise for people in houses, but not for sick children, their parents and health care professionals

Mange also stated that if the city did not rezone the property the way BJC wants it the city could get sued.



Here is Mange on the attack responding to Benigas' opposition with his verbose support.

Lynn Wright then quietly mumbled, “I agree with Mr. Mange. Once again Lynn lets everyone know exactly what her thoughts are.

LAST WORDS: Benigas then made his last points.

“To suggest that our hands are tied on this matter is not true. I have heard mumbo jumbo and misdirection on this from the beginning,” said Benigas.

At least Benigas had been paying attention, because much like the positions given by spokesman George Stock on Maryville University’s rezoning, Stock used similar half truths to make many points on the BJC project.

“I know we have a traffic problem there. I can imagine the already bad traffic will be negatively impacted,” Benigas said.

Votes for the rezoning and the site plans were 7-to-1 in favor with only Benegas voting against them.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD WANTS MORE AT BJC SITE: The Architectural Review Board approved the plans for the BJC project prior to the Aldermanic meeting and made four additional suggestions:

- 1) Build a Parking Garage. The nearby residents do not want a tall structure overlooking their property. The P&Z Commission voted down the project in July that included a large parking garage. However, the ARB wanted it because once again BJC was getting approval to have less than 55% green space on a development due to the surface parking. Back in 2009 BJC got permission to expand the campus of the nearby Missouri Baptist Medical Center. The expansion was going to reduce the green space to on the medical center campus to 42%. BJC then built a trail along I-270 on property that was not part of the medical center and was zoned residential. They called it a "greenway trail." If added to the campus it put the green space back above 50%. Many of us are waiting sometime in the future for BJC to bulldoze the greenway and put in a road to connect the medical center to Clayton Road. There will not be a parking structure at I-64 and Mason.
- 2) Do more landscaping on Missouri Department of Transportation Property connected to I-64. (That's not likely happening. BJC has already included some MoDOT property they have agreed to landscape don't look for them to add more.)
- 3) Put up a piece of Public Art such as a large sculpture near the intersection of Mason Road and I-64. (We are assuming this would be at BJC's expense.)
- 4) Do a new traffic study one year after the facility is open and make any changes dictated. Good idea but getting someone to reopen their wallet after the project is done is a tough trick.



While very strong local opposition killed the four story parking garage originally proposed for the BJC site, but these people of the Architectural Review Board still think it is a good idea.

BILL TO INCREASE JUDGE'S SALARY PASSES...APPARENTLY \$200 AN HOUR

WAS NOT ENOUGH: The Town and Country Municipal Judge has not had a raise in years. He was getting \$1,200 a month to attend two court sessions. Figuring the judge spends about 3-hours a session his average pay comes out to \$200 an hour. Of course there are times court is in session longer than 10pm and often it is over in two hours. He will now be getting \$1,500 a month, which will move him up to about \$250 an hour.

Frankly this raise after a new budget has been approved by the Finance Commission, the Board of Aldermen and is in place is odd. Why not put it in next year's budget or have included it in the 2014 budget when it was first presented in October and passed in December of 2013?

We started 2014 with a budget deficit of \$857,320 and are now adding to it with this raise. It seems this should have been placed in the 2015 budget, which will hopefully be balanced, but I doubt it.

In the agenda meeting prior to the regular board meeting, Phil Behnen mentioned he did not think even with the raise Judge Dean Waldemer was getting paid enough.

"We are still under paying compared to Creve Coeur and some other cities," said Behnen. Considering the city judge in Creve Coeur is Tim "Let m Loose" Englemeyer who refuses to hold court in public and instead reverts to whispering so the public cannot hear how he is letting everyone off by reducing serious charges to illegal parking and littering, I would not want my city judge compared to him in any way.

Behnen comment about paying Waldemer even more brought a quick quip from Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist Jon Dalton.

"Would this constitute bidding against ourselves," asked Dalton on Behnens' suggestion to raise the pay raise legislation.

THE RULES FOR MARIETTE PALMER AND THE RULES FOR EVERYONE ELSE:

Speakers on topics before the Board of Aldermen are requested to hold their remarks to 3 minutes. There is a countdown clock directly in front of the speaker's podium so the speaker can see how much time they have left. At the end of 3-minutes they are expected to wrap things up or shut up. That's the rule...well it is the rule for everyone except Mariette Palmer.

She complains that the clock makes her nervous and almost demands it be shut off. Now when she walks up to talk the clock is not turned on.



Here is Mariette Palmer speaking on and on,,,note that the screen where the countdown clock is suppose to be shown is blank.



Here is what the clock looks like for everyone else.

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FIRE DISTRICT DISPATCH MUNITY CONTINUES: At the Thursday January 23, 2014 meeting of the Central Country E-9-1-1 fire dispatching board of directors, three more fire districts in a surprise move presented resolutions to give up their ownership rights in the Central Country E-9-1-1 dispatch center located in Ellisville. The districts submitting the resolutions were West County EMS & FPD, Maryland Heights and Creve Coeur. At a prior meeting the Metro West FPD (serving Ballwin and Ellisville and parts of Wildwood) submitted a similar resolution.

That only left Monarch FPD and a Franklin County based ambulance district as owners of the dispatcher center that have not wished to give up their ownership.

Financing for the dispatch service started in 1969 was by seven founding agencies, Creve Coeur, Maryland Heights, Manchester (WCCEMS& FPD) Ballwin (Metro West), Chesterfield (Monarch), Eureka and The Village of Town and Country Fire Dept. The agencies paid a rate not on how much they used the service, but based on assessed property valuations.

Since that time Eureka and much later Town and Country gave up ownership rights. Eureka went with South County Fire Alarm and is now back at CCE9-1-1 after South County Alarm folded. Town and Country is now paying a users fee at a reduced rate.

The chiefs at WCCEMS&FPD, Maryland Heights and Creve Coeur complained of the drop in service when CCE9-1-1 took over much of the dispatching duties for North and South County. They went from dispatching for seven fire districts and departments plus an ambulance district to dispatching for 37.

The new 9-1-1 0.10-cent sales tax being collected by the County has not been distributed to CCE9-1-1, which has had two grant applications turned down. Jane Cunningham the representative from Monarch on the CCE9-1-1 board of directors accused the three chiefs of sabotaging the grants. Other combined municipal police and fire dispatcher centers have received grants from the County using the 9-1-1 sales tax money to help subsidize their operations.

The departments with the resolutions to give up their ownership stake in CCE9-1-1 apparently are hoping to go to a new St. Louis County Police and Fire Dispatching center being built in Ballwin. At one meeting County Administrator Gary Earls had stated the County was not that interested in taking over fire dispatching. At the next County Dispatching meeting he stated otherwise.

Cunningham had later told me that Monarch Chief Tom Vineyard was ordered by the Monarch Board of Directors not to attend any County Emergency Communications meetings as they feared Vineyard would join the other chiefs in speaking against CCE9-1-1.

JANE WALKS: At the Thursday CCE9-1-1 meeting the board voted to go into closed session after the three resolutions were presented to give up ownership rights. The three fire chiefs were in the room for the closed session. Cunningham and Tim Flora a board member from Metro West complained that fire chiefs were not on the board of directors and could not attend closed sessions. They were out voted and walked out of the meeting.

Cunningham later claimed the chiefs and their board of directors are sabotaging

ANTI-UNION AND PRO-UNION JANE: It has been odd that Jane Cunningham a right wing Republican has been fighting the firefighters union at Monarch since the day she was elected. However at CCE9-1-1 where all the dispatchers are members of the firefighters' union Jane has been sticking up for them and trying to save their jobs. (Of course if the County offers fire dispatching a number of these dispatchers will surely be hired by St. Louis County.)

Cunningham hasn't missed the irony.



Cunningham sees herself as trying to rein in one out of control fire union group and at the same time try and save another fire union group's jobs.

The dispatchers at Central County have a totally different attitude," said Cunningham. "At Monarch they are antagonists and want to attack the elected officials. At Central County they have sacrificed their time and energy in taking over the north and south county dispatch centers. I feel sorry for the staff at Central County," she said.



A CCE9-1-1 staff photo.

MONARCH FIRE CHIEF DOES NOT SEEM TO BE A LONG TERM FIXTURE: We wrote back when Tom Vineyard was hired as the Monarch Fire Chief in December of 2011 that it was odd. He was the chief of a one-engine station fire district (The old Wellston FPD now the Mid-County FPD). Not only was it a one engine station, they only operated one fire truck with no ambulances. The district covered seven municipalities from Wellston to Pagedale. The area was so depressed it did not even have a McDonalds.

He was hired to run a fire district with the highest assessed valuation of property in the County with five engine houses, a full EMS ambulance division, units that provided fire and rescue service to a large County airport and plus Missouri river rescues. The only thing that Vineyard had going at the time of his hire was that he was a strong fire union guy and the Monarch Fire Board had directors representing a 2-to-1 pro labor stance.

Now that there is a board that is not cozy with the fire union, you have to seriously wonder if Vineyard's contract would even be considered for renewal at the end of this year. On the plus side Vineyard started to turn around in work comp losses that were the highest in Missouri for a district in an area with few fires prior to the new board being in place.

However attending the meeting where the public can see Vineyard roll his eyes at comments made by newly elected Jane Cunningham and to watch as Vineyard asks Harris at meetings if he can comment on an issue, given permission and then is shut down before finishing his thought, you have to wonder if Vineyard is long for his title of Fire Chief.

The opposite of what has happened at Monarch occurred in the last nine months at two St. Charles County fire protection districts. Two independent Board of Directors were replaced in the April elections by pro-union boards and suddenly entire command staffs have been fired.

I would be very surprised if Vineyard has not shown some interest in taking over as chief at a St. Charles district.

BOY SCOUT TOUGH: I'm sorry but back when I was in Boy Scouts the Roberts Boys Shop, first on Gore Ave in Webster Groves and later in the Warson Village Shopping Center (Warson Woods) and the Mason Village Shopping Center (Town and Country) sold Boy Scout uniforms. They did pretty good. They sold us the winter uniform with a long sleeve shirt and long trousers and a summer uniform of shorts and short sleeved shirts.

When we were at meetings we all pretty much dressed the same in the same uniform. Those days are apparently long gone. At a recent Chesterfield City Council meeting Scouts from Troop 505 presented flags. The kid giving the orders surprised me, by snatching the wireless microphone out of the hand of Mayor Bob Nation and then gave the flag presentation orders in a soft meek voice. Hey, shouldn't they picking a kid who can shout out the orders for that job? I mean he doesn't have to carry anything.

But what really got my attention was the array of uniforms. Everyone was in short sleeved shirts. Two had neckerchiefs and two didn't and one was wearing a pair of shorts with no socks. The outside temperature at the time was 24-degrees F with a wind chill in the teens. Is this kid working on a Frostbite Merit Badge?



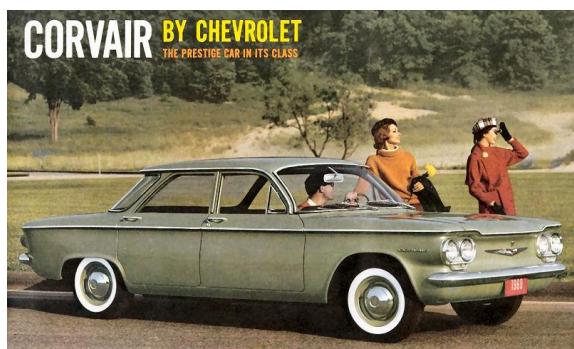
THE REGION:

MEDIA WATCH: The Olympics may help KSDK save face for a few months. While the information of how many customers Schnucks lost and many Dierbergs gained after the March 2013 credit and debit card scandal when Schuncks was slow in letting customers know their cards were compromised, may never be known...because of the two grocery chains are not revealing their revenue and sales figures. TV ratings are different.

KSDK's rating during the "sweeps" month of February should take a hit after one of their reporters and the newsroom management caused the lockdown of the Kirkwood High School and an armed police response. However, February is when the Olympic coverage begins and KSDK being the NBC affiliate will have the 10pm newscast moved back due to taped coverage from Russia.

We will have to wait until May before we get a clear picture how bad the KSDK News venture to Kirkwood High School will cost them.

POST-DISPATCH EDITOR HAS TROUBLE IDENTIFYING BETWEEN THESE TWO:



They were both unsafe. One was unsafe to Japanese Zeros and the other was unsafe at any speed.

Editors! God bless them! They can save a story or torpedo one right away. Or they can make such a big mistake you feel like you have to read it just to figure out what they are writing about.

Bruce Kunz writes an old car column every Monday on the Post-Dispatch auto section. In the January 20th edition an editor put the following headline on a column that featured the Chevrolet Corvair however the editor wrote this headline to go with the article:

"Corsair an unconventional answer to compact imports."

The Corsair was the answer to one foreign mode of transportation, the Japanese Zero fighter plane. It was introduced by Marines and then Navy pilots in the Pacific during World War II. Not only was it able to knock Zeros out of the skies it could also carry a bomb.

However the Corsair was never the answer to those VW Beetles or British Hilmans or Renault subcompacts being shipped to the U.S. in 1960.



There was actually a Corsair concept car in 1938, but it was never mass produced and Bruce Kunz was not writing about the Corsair car or the fighter/bomber.

APPOINTMENTS TO ELECTION BOARD WERE APPROVED: The Missouri senate did not waste any time in approving Governor Nixon's ill-advised appointment to fill Republican seats on the St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners.



The appointment of John Maupin to the Elections Board came seven months after a circuit court judge ruled that Maupin's rulings as the hearing officer in the impeachment hearing of Ellisville Mayor Adam Paul grossly violated Paul's constitutional rights. In other words, Maupin's incompetence or intentional actions illegally helped remove an elected office holder. He is now overseeing elections.

Also appointed was zoning lawyer John P. King who in 2008 wrote a letter that threatened Town and Country residents with a lifetime of lawsuits with they complained about a neighbor to city officials. Also King's law firm had just given Governor Nixon \$10,000 in contributions for his 2012 re-election.

Real Estate:

If you remember last week we looked at the owners of the property at 9847 Litzsinger Road in Ladue advertised in the Ladue News for a bargain price of \$6,650,000.

This week we are looking at the next most expensive home listed in the Ladue News, this time in the Village of Huntleigh at 12 Huntleigh Woods Drive for a mere \$5,800,000.

The property is currently owned by John and Deborah Capps. Taxes on the house are \$40,007.



If you ever wondered where the profits to the car dealer go if you bought a BMW at Plaza Motors...here where.

The Capps have been in the house since 2002, but apparently don't own any cars...at least in their names. There was a Ford pickup truck registered there for three years in Capps name, but no cars. Also at one time in the last decade Capps had a Harley-Davidson motorcycle in his name, but again no cars.

But why own cars when you are a big time car dealer. Until he was forced out in 2012 as head of Plaza Motors, a company his father founded. Capps was clearly driving high-end dealer cars. We believe he is now a part owner in some of the Suntrup automobile dealerships. Although it has to be tough going from a BWM to a Kia.



Two photos at a car dealership

and one from this year's Veiled Prophet Ball.

The other most expensive house being advertised in the Ladue News is the house that belonged to the late car dealer Johnny Londoff at 1751 Woodlawn Avenue in Ladue. Besides the house you get a swimming pool in the shape of the Chevrolet logo for your \$4,150,000. Taxes on the Ladue spread are just \$34,280.51 a year. I would imagine that they would be more if the pool was in the shape of a Mercedes Benz logo.



MURDER HOUSE IS ON THE MARKET: The home of the late Ivan Mullenix's 70-year-old wife Mary Mullenix is officially on the market. The house at 14 Country Life Acres is on the market for just \$1,175,000. There is no question that Mary murdered Ivan stabbing him repeatedly, but she is free on bond and the defense is rumored to be justified homicide/self-defense. In the interior shots of the house it appears there has been a lot of fresh paint. The house went on the market about six months after the homicide and a couple of months after an estate sale by invitation was held there.



PURINA TO BRING BACK DEADLY WAGGIN TRAIN: In the Sunday January 26 edition of the Post-Dispatch there was a story how Purina was planning on bringing back the Waggin Train Jerky treats for dogs that were made in China and linked to deaths of dogs in recent years. Purina withdrew the products over a year ago. They plan to continue to make them in China, but claimed they will have a closer inspection program. Here is what I tried to post to article on the StLTtoday website:

Here is a news flash to the people at Purina...make the damn things in the United States, advertise them as US made and charge more! I and millions of other pet owners are not giving our canine family members anything to eat that was made in China or where the company puts on the package "America Owned Company" but will not put on the package where the product is made. Give the jobs back to US workers who don't have a track record of killing dogs.



Here is the graphic put out by publication Talesofthetails.wordpress.com after Waggin Train and other Chinese made treats were recalled in January of 2013.

MUSIC: The Fourth Sunday of every month the Dave Dickey Big Band appears at the Kirkwood Station Brewery on East Jefferson and Kirkwood Road. Here are a couple snaps from last Sunday's performance. Dickey has mostly college music educators and well known local musicians in the band. He is brilliant in filling the place because during intermission of the Big Band he has high school kids in jazz bands perform who bring along a set of parents and grandparents.



Photos by Linda Gurney The big kids



And the kids.

ANOTHER SRO AFTERNOON AT SMITTY'S: Rarely does Anita Rosamond not have a standing room only crowd at Smitty's on Clayton Road at Baxter Road in Chesterfield. I have gotten to the point that I show up with about one hour left in her show, hoping a table has opened up. If you have not seen Anita at Smitty's on a Saturday afternoon it is an event. If you are under 50, bring your parents or grandparents so you don't feel out of place.



Anita belts out a song on a January Saturday afternoon at Smitty's.

NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT: If you were one of the 98 people who attended the benefit we put on for the family of T&C Police dispatcher Lisa O'Brien in August of 2011 after she caught a cold in July and suddenly died. The concert featured the band Wild, Cool and Swinging, with lead singer Charlie B and guest vocalist Dean Christopher. Everyone had a lot of fun.

On Monday February 10 you will have a chance to relive part of that. Someone is putting on a private party at the rear of the One-19 Restaurant in Kirkwood for 25 guests and featuring much of that same group. While someone other than the restaurant management is paying for the entertainment, the rest of the patrons in the other 2/3s of the place can enjoy the show. It's Valentine's week... avoid the crush of Feb 14 and go out on Feb. 10.

The Entertainment starts at 7:30



These guys will make music.

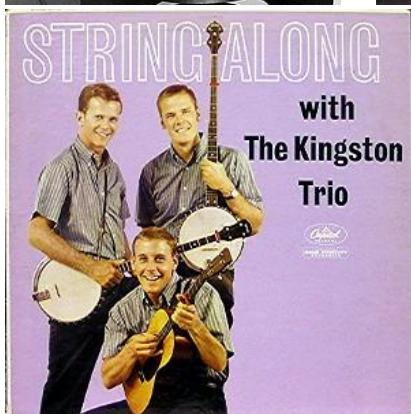


These guys will make you laugh.

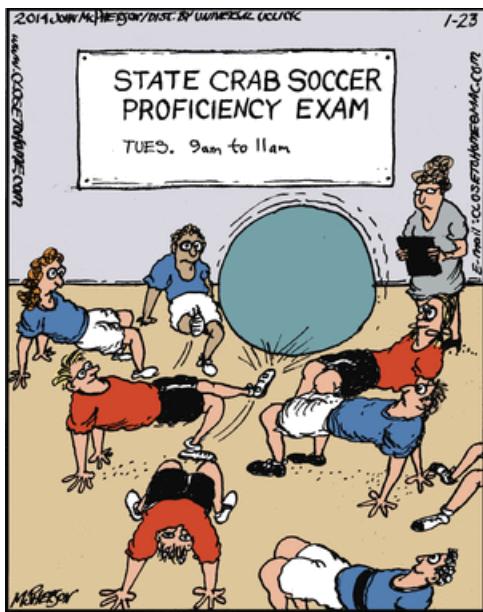
PETE SEEGER: For two years in the early 1970s when I was a disc jockey, I did a Saturday morning Folk Music Show. It wasn't all folk music because my opening theme at 6am was "Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is" by Chicago, because even as a kid I was still pretty much in a coma at 6am. Another "every show" song was Joni Mitchell's Chelsea Morning. There was another that I didn't play too much but was a

favorite of mine. It was a 10-inch album instead of a standard 12-inch LP, by Pete Seeger. The album was called “The Goofing Off Suite.” What I loved to play was Pete Seeger on the five string banjo playing Bach, Beethoven and Stravinsky.

While I considered myself a raging liberal, station management described me as their conservative kid from the suburbs. I’m sure I used to tick some listeners off by playing the same song twice. Pete Seeger singing his Turn, Turn, Turn followed by the Byrds doing the same song. Or Seeger singing his “If I had a Hammer” immediately followed by Peter, Paul and Mary singing the same song. I have to admit that don’t think I have a Pete Seeger CD and the one or two Seeger albums have been untouched for decades and are in my basement. But on his death last Monday night, I was taken back to a different time with music by the people who were clean cut , but usually liberal like the Kingston Trio, the Chad Mitchell Trio, Peter, Paul and Mary, Tom Rush, Ian and Sylvia and others with guitars, banjos and enchanting voices.



CARTOONS:



Some feel that standardized testing in schools has gone too far.



