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Fee stance understandable

A proposal, by Millington Town Council member John Piposzar, to increase the charges for those living outside the town who use the town's sewer system, should be viewed as what it really is – venting.

Earlier last month, Piposzar suggested that the town double the rate to unincorporated residents. He said the reason was to recoup money the town lost when the county dropped the grant in aid program.

The county dropped that program – established to offset duplicated services — with little warning to the towns, while they were in the final stages of planning their budgets. It cost Millington about $6,000 — a lot of money for a small town.n.

That, Piposzar said, was unfair when town taxes are being used, to some extent, to help provide sewer service to residents living outside the town boundaries.

Since last month, the council member has softened his stance – the idea received a lukewarm response from the other two members of the council.

Truthfully, doubling the sewer fees would have been an over reaction and would have made the unincorporated sewer customers the unwitting victims of a political squabble

Furthermore, there is a lot of work being planned for the Millington sewer plant, much of it funded by state and county grants. It is important for the county and the town to work together on that activity, without worrying about a tit-for-tat that could blossom over rate hikes for unincorporated residents.

With that said, it is understandable why Piposzar reacted the way he did. When the county dropped the grant in aid program they compensated for it with a baffling plan to give the money back to municipal taxpayers via reduced taxes, worth about $20 to the owner of a $100,000 property. It is a plan that does not benefit the county – it loses the tax income – and takes the money away from the towns.

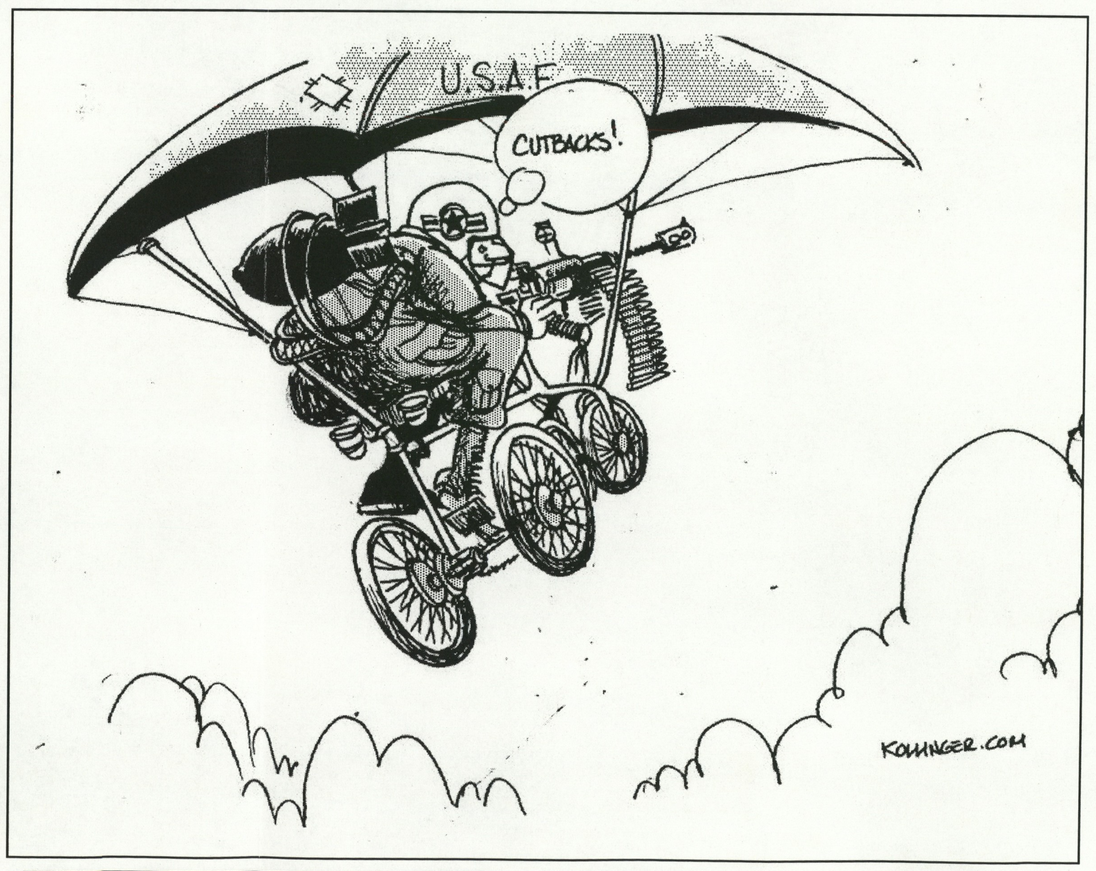
Piposzar's suggestion to increase unincorporated sewer fees is a bad idea. But even if the increase had been supported by the rest of the council, it would not have begun a tit-for-tat – the beginning would be when the county dropped the grant-in-aid program.

Piposzar vented – you really can't blame him.

Who knows what mysteries in vault

THE BRIGHT SIDE

It's not quite Al Capone's vault.



READERS WRITE

Need more entries

To the editor: There's got to be more people out there who could enter the open division at county fair!

I should be the last to complain about the lack of entries, since less entries meant that I brought home more blue ribbons; but, I would like to see how well I do against more people.

There's got to be other people who still put by most of their garden's bounty by canning, and still someones, took offense that your newspaper would print such a thing. I daresay that the photographer didn't even notice the offending banner or even the other banners being displayed. My hunch is the picture was of people. People enjoying a holiday that celebrates our freedom to print that photograph.

Now, what if! What if the American Indians started taking offense to the flag of the United States because it represented broken promises, stolen lands and other ideas. What if one or more of Hilty played Civil War music on a keyboard and Peebles Department Store loaned the manikins for the display of Civil War uniforms loaned by Stuart Barroll and Ward Stevenson. The highlight of the final day of the three-week program was a visit from local Civil War re-enactors; John Wyman, Gerald Chance, Tom Hayman and Jack Raffetto.

The American Civil War program was designed to help students improve their reading and math skills while learning more about this significant event in our played *no* part in this mailing. The printing and postage were paid for from the funds of the local Republican Party, and local Republican volunteers assembled the mailing.

We welcome the many Democrats and Independents who have switched to the Republican Party. We encourage anyone interested in joining the Republican Party to obtain a voter registration form, or change of affiliation form, from the local election office, or from any State agency that displays voter registration forms. For

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