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Your turn

And then you wrote...

As I read today's column (April 29) I did have to laugh at the notion that some Corron parent would accuse you of being a shill for District 303; they obviously weren't at the mold meetings.

What do these parents think will be accomplished by suing, and what are they teaching their children ... if it doesn't go your way, sue? If they sue and the district has to pay to defend itself, where will they be when they want yet another school on that side of town? We won't have any money, and I for one would not vote for them to build another school.

I am confused. Is there a law stating if you don't get what you want, you can sue?

I don't know if it's a law, but it sure seems to be the American way of dealing with situations that don't go your way. In this instance, the school board is on solid legal ground, but that might not stop a lawsuit from being filed. The irony is the money the district would waste defending itself would make it all that more difficult to fund a new school.

Hey Bill,

I enjoyed your column that was critical of the proposed water park for St. Charles. I live off Kirk and Division on the Geneva side, and if this monstrosity becomes reality, it's going to be a nightmare. There are days when going from Kirk/Division to Butterfield already takes me 30 minutes, and it's only eight miles. Never mind noise, trash, crime and other issues.

We can't threaten to vote out those in St. Charles who might approve this project, but many of us from Geneva will turn out in force at the public hearings.

I know visions of dollar signs are currently dancing in the St. Charles leaders' heads, but maybe some of them will start to realize the real cost of this thing and deep six it.

As much as I know you all were hoping to see me on a water slide wearing nothing but a Speedo and a smile, I don't think the project is going to fly. You can thank St. Charles leaders who've done a real good job of researching the whole idea and came to the same conclusion a lot of us did: great idea, but not here.

Why has nothing been written about the situation concerning the athletic director at St. Charles North? Dave Hicks is a good, upstanding moral guy, and my dealings with him were nothing but positive. This man has been told nothing concrete in terms of why his contract isn't being renewed.

I've witnessed a lot since the inception of North and we nut up with more than

our share of green coaches, and the latitude that was granted some of them. That's why I don't understand the sudden release of this man that gave up his job at Larkin to come here. No one, including Mr. Hicks, can find answers. He's baffled, we're baffled, there's more here than meets the eye. How can there be so much inconsistency in their program and school?

I've fielded a lot of questions about this situation, but it is a "personnel matter," and no one at North or from the district is talking. That is the correct thing to do from a legal standpoint, but unfortunately it leads to unwarranted speculation and just plain dumb rumors. The truth appears to be it was a simple case of "bad fit," and nothing more.

I enjoyed your column about the situation at St. Peter's. I am a parishioner and agree with Frank Bochte. The most ironic issue I've seen lately is the church using separation of church and state for denying documents in the Campobello case, and then suggesting that politicians who support abortion rights should not receive sacraments. It is impossible to blindly agree with all of the church's decisions when they are so contradictory.

Good point... and here's another...

I am a parishioner at St. Peter's parish. I read with interest your column today re: Frank Bochte and the parishioners who have their priorities messed up. It was a gentle wake-up call to too many that are so ill informed. Frank stepped forward and became our voice, and his continued efforts have given us all encouragement that wrongs were done and those wrongs must be righted.

As you know by now, Mark Campobello pleaded guilty and was given an eight-year prison sentence. Hopefully, this will help the parish begin to heal... with the possible exception of the next writer.

Mr. Page,

I hope you realize your columns are doing the devil's work! How dare you challenge the decisions our church leaders are making! When you question that authority, you question God himself! You and Frank Bochte are nothing but tools of Stan!

"Tools of Stan?" Monkey wrench and screwdriver, no doubt. By the way, next time you send one of these messages you might want to ask for guidance from the divine spell-check feature...

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