

Sunday, June 17, 2007

## **Politics and the Pink Bridge**

Local politics in Cabell County WV is pretty much business as usual as we approach election 2008. there is not too much to report because every political fiasco in the county seems to be professionally covered up and well whitewashed. So much for political commentery from a liberal democrat. I often wonder if I am the last remaining liberal democrat in West Virginia. As I was driving across the famous pink bridge in Huntington the other day. I could not help but notice how much it looked like a big bottle of Pepto Bismol. I have no idea how that particular obnoxious shade of pink was obtained. I can only speculate in the political blog that operates as a sub section of my main blog. I do have a theory as to how the blasted bridge got so pink. 1. Somebody went to city hall and said the blasted bridge needed to be painted. 2. The Mayor said it has to be painted from existing colors in the city paint inventory. 3. So the prospective painter said "give me all the paint you have". 4. City council came up with 20 gallons of white-wash. the same stuff they use to white wash budget errors and scandals and foul ups with purchasing contracts. 5. The painter said this not enough paint. We are a quart of paint short of the amount I need to do the job. 6. The city finance department then came up with a quart of red ink, the very same red ink that the use to write the city budget with. 7. The painter said "Oh my Gawd" as he poured the red ink into the whitewash. I want to paint a bridge in the park, and this hideous pink color is worthy of the out-house at a cat-house! Is this the best the city can do? 8. The Mayor then told the guy that he should be grateful for the whitewash and the red ink. That was the first time the finance department and city council had ever cooperated on anything! That shade of pink was symbolic of a new era of cooperation at city hall. 9. The frustrated painter then asked the Mayor as to the date of the next election. The Mayor replied that the election is a ways off in the future but I hope you will remember me on election day. 10 The painter then told the Mayor that in the next election, he and all of his friends would "help the Mayor out".

Posted by Huntington West Virginia in West Virginia Politics at 08:13

In reponce to your rant about the pink bridge. It was painted by a Huntington citizen to bring attention to Breast Cancer. It looks better than flaking old half white, I guess what the old color was called. Maybe you should try telling some family that has lost their Mother, Sister ,or Daughter to breast cancer how offended you are by the color. Im sure they will have a great deal of sympathy!

Anonymous on Apr 1 2008, 14:54

Making a public structure look like a bottle of Pepto Bismol does nothing to help breast cancer victims.

I would not hesitate to support the city of Huntington West Virginia to increase medical benifits to city employees who actually have breast cancer.

I am sick and tired of symbolic gestures from Huntington government, and want to see actions of substance rather than political grandstanding from the alleged leader Felinton.

Anonymous on Apr 4 2008, 14:08

What I would really like to see is Mayor David Felinton do something of substance rather than grandstanding for the limelight. If Mayor David Felinton made a motion to council to increase the medical compensation for breast cancer victims on the city payroll possibly I might be happy with him. However making a public edifice look like a bottle of Pepto Bismol has nothing to do with breast cancer. Alas some mistake symbolic gestures for substantial action and that alone is departure from reality. I have nothing but compassion for those afflicted with cancer and nothing but contempt for cheap politicians who exploit their plight with symbolic gestures that offer no substance. I guess thats why Mayor David Felinton and his fan club does not like me.

Anonymous on Apr 22 2008, 13:07