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Date: 02/04/2009 02:57:27 PM
Subject: say it ain't so

I am sending this to you without further comment from me.
But a local wag who called this to my attention said about Deb's treatment of Wayne Cauthen, "why not just a lynching".

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columnist

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To: <john_sharp@kcmo.org>
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Subject: John, read this

John

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Subject: Interesting stuff

Bill

Here are a couple of posts on the Star you ought to see per our phone conversation.

Funkhouser (finally) hires a political adviser

No question it's been suggested a few dozen times -- at a minimum.

But today, Mayor **Mark Funkhouser's** chief of staff said the mayor had hired a political adviser.

The lucky guy? **Mark Siettmann** who most recently worked at Axiom Strategies, GOP political consultant **Jeff Roe's** shop.

Siettmann starts Thursday. He's on a six-month contract at \$5,000 a month. And yes, he'll work at City Hall.

What on earth has taken so long to get a person like this?

"Better now than never," chief of staff said **Kendrick Blackwood**.

"Even critics said need somebody with a little more political acumen. We believe he will bring this to the table.

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