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FOREWORD

MAYOR BOB CORKER

“IT IS AN HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE TO BE MAYOR AT SUCH AN EXCITING TIME IN CHATTANOOGA’S HISTORY. OUR COMMUNITY HAS SOME OF THE MOST GENEROUS, INVOLVED AND SUPPORTIVE CITIZENS OF ANY CITY IN AMERICA, AND TOGETHER, WE ARE CONTINUING THE WORK OF BUILDING A GREAT CITY.

BUT BEING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL ALSO MEANS FROM TIME TO TIME BEING SUBJECT TO POLITE AND NOT-SO-POLITE JABS FROM THE PRESS. IN THIS DEPARTMENT, THE CHATTANOOGA FAX DOES NOT DISAPPOINT.

OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS DEAN ARNOLD, AND THE LOCAL ARTISTS WHO ASSIST HIM, HAVE CREATED HUNDREDS OF CARTOONS THAT HAVE DEALT WITH THE ISSUES OF THE DAY IN HUMOROUS TERMS.

ALONG WITH OTHER COLLEAGUES IN CITY GOVERNMENT, I HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF SEVERAL OF THESE CARTOONS. AND THOUGH WE DON’T always AGREE WITH THEM, THEY ALWAYS HAVE A WAY OF MAKING US LAUGH.

READERS WILL ENJOY REMEMBERING SOME OF THE BEST OF THESE CARTOONS, COMPILED IN THIS BOOK, AND THEY WILL REMIND US THAT AS WE WORK TO BUILD A GREAT COMMUNITY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP A SENSE OF HUMOR AS WELL.

SINCERELY,

BOB CORKER
MAYOR OF CHATTANOOGA
DEDICATED TO:

GARY-MAC
GARRY-MACK
VERY SLACK
THAT GUY
People & Personalities
Would anyone like to dance?
Gore Behind in Tennessee

C’mon, support the home boy, you guys!
uh, I mean...ya’ll
Provident's Disability

CEO Harold Chandler
NEED MORE TIME WITH THE FAMILY!

KINSEY SLIDES OUT OF OFFICE
Harold Coker to Retire

COKER

Bobbo, it's up to you now. Here, take the "R" thing.

COKER
When Truth is Stranger Than Fiction
What? The President said to take my show off the air? 
....No, no, no...
He was talking about Bin Laden!
They made me a plea offer I couldn't refuse.

Catanzaro Testifies to Pleading Guilty & Not Pleading Guilty

— Chattanooga Fax original
Covenant Names New President

Property of Frank Brock
Harry "Houdini" Chandler

- $3 Billion Loss
- Provident Stock Plummets
- Massive Layoffs
- Lose Majority Control

"Manager of the Year"

- $5 Million Bonus

—with apologies to Bruce Plante for heisting "Houdini"
Which Jack?

It caused a local stir when Jack Murrah asked the United Way to consider defunding the Boy Scouts for their refusal to allow gay scout leaders.

Jack Murrah runs the Lyndhurst Foundation which got its millions from Jack Lupton’s Coca-Cola fortune.

So, everyone was asking, “Which Jack?”
The Local Scene
Local Investors Lose Millions with ST3

We make money the new-fangled way...we imagine it.
CHANNEL 12 OFFICIALS CHOSE NOT TO COMMENT ON THE HARASSMENT CHARGES...
See you in 10 minutes
2 hours
Try Gatlinburg
Stadium Jealousy

What's she got that I don't got?

Government subsidies

Private Sector
Business Smarts
Market Demand

"We won't build it 'til we know they will come."
Major Plans to Redevelop the Riverfront

A re-enactment of the Trail of Tears?

No, they're just relocating the Riverbend crowd.
The nice thing is....they don't cause any pollution.
SON, THAT’S LOSING MONEY!

LET’S KEEP IT IN HERE.
Mister Mayor
Brethren, there ahh Two Ways to Paradize!
Mayoral Stature...

...Redefined

Gene

Jon

Bob

$90,000

$250,000

$620,000
I Really Do Live Here!

When mayoral candidate John Wolfe listed allegations of Corker failing to meet the residency qualifications for the office, the case went to the Election Commission.

The commissioners lent a helping hand by ruling in his favor.
So...who do you think's the frontrunner?
Finding the Correct Conflict

The newspaper made a big deal about a $50/mo. city phone line Mayor Corker had used for RSVPing to a Lamar fundraiser.

But the paper hardly mentioned the hundreds of thousands Corker actually raised for Lamar at the fundraiser. (Not that there’s anything wrong with that :)
FOUL! CORKER CALLS LAMAR ON CITY PHONE!

Chattanooga Blind Press
I won't be Partisan

But I will be Partyin'

Kinsey in '97

Kinsey in 2000
The Kinsey Legacy
His Ancestor’s Horse Never Got Ticketed!

City Councilman David Crockett got dealt another 15 minutes of fame after it was discovered that the nearly $4,000 he racked up in parking tickets was dismissed by city court.

He went ahead and paid the fines anyway, even though it was all for “official city business.”
NO TICKET PLEASE.
IT'S OFFICIAL
CITY BUSINESS.
Chamber of Commerce Check-Ups

YOU NEED YOUR OWN ORGANIZATION.

WOULD AN ENDORSEMENT FOR THE WATER TAKE-OVER HELP?

HOW ABOUT SOME MONEY FOR THE SALES TAX CAMPAIGN?

GREAT! LOOKS LIKE WE'RE DONE FOR THE DAY!

WAITING ROOM
ATTACK of the KILLER DONKEY

DEM. CONTROLED ELECTION COMMISSION

DEM. WH. COTTON

S.G.W.
12-02
The Evolution of Church & State

Moses

George

Bill
(Hullander)
Ham. Co.
Chairman
WHEEL TAX.
TIRE TAX.
WHATEVER.
NO FAIR! YOU HAVE LOWER MONTHLY PAYMENTS!
Mayor's Chief of Staff Moves to "Private Sector" to Head River Valley Partners
Judging Judge Bean

Welcome to Chattanooga, where a rehabilitated cocaine user becomes Congressman (Zach Wamp) and an attorney disbarred from federal court -- who had a little drug involvement himself and got six months for felony theft -- gets elected the City Judge (Russell Bean).

But, then again, who are we to judge?
He who is without sin, cast the first Bean

Williams  Wamp  Meyer  Kinsey
And just in case anyone thinks I’m in a better position to judge than these guys, I had one of my artists draw an addendum:
Tennessee Politax
AGAINST THE INCOME TAX? WHY CAN'T YOU BE PROGRESSIVE!
The Cost of Breaking Things

One Broken Window:  
A few dollars

One Broken Promise:  
A few billion
Seemed Like a Good Idea at the Time

In late April, the IRS said they wanted their bill sent in.

During that same week, the people of Lookout and Signal Mountain learned their Bill would also be expiring.

Bill McAfee, who held the high honor of accepting Gov. Sundquist’s request for him to sponsor the income tax bill, was replaced later that year by staunch income tax opponent Chris Clem (R-Lookout Mt.).
EXPIRED THIS WEEK!

Form 1040
Department of the Treasury- Internal Revenue Service
U.S. Individual Income Tax Return 1999
For the year Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 1999, or other tax year beginning

Label
(See instructions on page 18.)

Use the IRS label. Otherwise, please print or type.

Presidential Election Campaign (See page 18)

Do you want $3 to go to this fund? 

If a joint return, does your spouse want $3 to go to this fund?

INCOME TAX BILL

Income Tax BILL

(Rep. Bill McAfee, House Sponsor of Tenn. Income Tax announces retirement)
Gov. Sundquist's Office Conducts Poll

Do you believe the people are aware of Tennessee's current crisis and should there be reform?

Yeh! The governor should fire Coach Fulmer right away!
You're spending too much on flour and sugar!...and make me some more desserts!!!
SUNDQUIST PROPOSES $1.2 BILLION INCREASE

HONEY, WE NEED TO GET A NEW BOAT!

GAS CO. OVER DUE

EViction NOTICE

TN.
OLD GOBL DONALD
HAD A FARM

CATS
D.O.G.S.

INCOME TAX

S.G.W.
6-02
“Solving the Problem”

There were lots of proposed solutions to the financial crisis, including the DOGS, then the CATS budgets. (See previous page.)

The Governor tried a short term solution to stop the bleeding: eliminating all “non-essential” positions. (Cartoon to your right.)

On the reverse side of the page, the twilight zone hit for Republicans when they avoided the income tax and “solved” the problem with a sales tax hike.
What about that guy over there?

He's essential, sir.
We won! We won!
We passed the
largest sales
tax in history!

TENN. GOP

WOW! Our
brain washing
unit gets
better
every day!
The Water Company Takeover
The Mayor was right. Our water bill was cut by 25 percent!
The Unanimous City Council Crumbles

When City Councilwoman Marti Rutherford announced she would oppose Mayor Kinsey’s ambitious plan to take over the privately-owned water company by eminent domain, it was the first “break in the dike” after a bunch of little leaks.

(And, since you had to ask: no. “Dike” has nothing to do with Marti.)
Takeover Dike Doesn't Hold Water

DE COSIMO REPORT
WATER CO. PR.
CHATTANOOGA FAX STORIES
KINSEY

SEWER RATES
The Infamous Decosimo Report

Asked why the city should take over TN-American Water Company, the mayor pointed squarely at the “Decosimo Report,” the feasibility study prepared by Joe Decosimo’s high-profile accounting firm.

Problem was, Kinsey wouldn’t let anyone actually see the Decosimo Report. (He said it was private between he and Joe, not public.) Ultimately, a judge ordered Kinsey to release it, but the battle was already over by the time the appeals court confirmed the ruling. Mayor Kinsey lost but didn’t have to pay the legal fees. (Uh...*my* legal fees :( I was the one who sued him :)

The cartoon to the right was Chattanooga Fax’s first, published around the time President Clinton claimed no relations with “that woman.”
I did NOT have public financial relations with THAT MAN.... Joe Decosimo!
So one day I just got to thinking... Maybe we should negotiate.
Why the Mayor Didn’t Release the Decosimo Report (below)

From the Desk of Joe Decosimo

DECOSIMO REPORT

$1,000,000 - .42 + 2 \times 10^2 \div 1 
\times \text{mucho dinero} = 0

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\end{array} \\
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\end{align*}

YES, IT’S FEASABLE

Jon:
Great idea!
Go for it!
P.S. Keep this note secret. My handwriting is awful.
Thanks! Joe
Community Chest

HAND OVER DE COSIMO REPORT

DO NOT CONFER WITH JOE,
DO NOT LET HIM COLLECT
ANOTHER $200,000.

THIS MAY BE THE
FIRST TIME THE
COMMUNITY CHEST
DIDN'T HELP HIM!
Court Ruling: City to Hand Over Decosimo Report but Not Pay Costs
NOT LEAVING FOR ANY PARTICULAR REASON...

JUST NEED SOME BREATHING ROOM.
Publick Schools
IT'S SCHOOL TIME AGAIN!

COUNTY COMMISSION

SCHOOL

JESSE

TAX HIKE

1111

S.G.W.
8.02
IS THIS THE MORIAH GROUP PR FIRM?
HEY, LISTEN—WE NEED A NEW PAINT JOB...
We’ve Trimmed All the Fat!

Just after Mayor Kinsey lost the water company takeover battle (or, got kicked off the eminent domain bus), Superintendent Jesse Register got another 15 minutes of fame when the story broke that $40,000 a month was being spent to transport kids in taxi cabs.

It wasn’t our simplest cartoon, but it’s our best drawing of Jesse. So it made the cut.
NEED A RIDE HOME?
THAT'LL BE $1,000.
Ham. Co. Commission

MARRIAGE
CONSEER

PUBLSCHOOL

We've decided that if we increase our grocery money our love life will be better. Right honey?
National Cartoons
by the Chattanooga Fax
Evolution of the PLAYBOY Interview

1979

"I'M VERY RELIGIOUS BUT, I HAVE LUSTED IN MY HEART"

1999

"SURE I VISIT BROTHELS BUT, AT LEAST, I'M NOT RELIGIOUS!!"
Centuries’ Top African-American Actors Accept Awards

Sidney

Halle

Denzel

Jesse
Yes, Peter, he demanded a revote but his opponent insisted the election was legitimate. Scholars say national stability is in danger, but the results are still being contested...

... by Slobodan Milosovic.
Reporting live from Belgrade.
Back to you, Peter.

(Published when Gore was protesting the vote count in Florida.)
Thanks. My kid's college fund is a bit low.
I've decided to heed the call of my leaders, serve my country, and do what makes America great by...

Maxing out my credit cards!
(Irony of cosmic proportions: Ted Turner, who proudly announced that Christianity is for losers, couldn’t even convince his own wife. News reports confirmed that Jane Fonda had become a Christian of the born-again stripe.)
National Toons
w/ a Local Twist
Chattanooga's Public Relations Coup

It's a Bloody Nightmare in Noble!

Sure beats Chattanooga Chamber of Horrors.

U.S. • KNOXV
• CLEVELAND
• CHATTANOOGA
• NOBLE
• ATL
NATIVE AMERICANS
STOP CONSTRUCTION
OVER GRAVES

NORTH GEORGIA
CREMATORY
DESECRATES
BODIES
Distinguished Visitors

The familiar face to the right visited Chattanooga around the time the media always alluded to the “secret, undisclosed location” where he often hid.

The familiar figure on the following page was “On the Road Again” to Chattanooga just as the mall announced that anyone wearing headbands (a gang signal) would be removed.
The "Secret, Undisclosed Location"

WHAT ABOUT THE THREAT OF NATURAL GAS?

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Court Overturns Obscenity Conviction
Says Porn Seller Had No 'Actual Knowledge'

YOUR HONOR, I HAD NO IDEA. I THOUGHT WE WERE SELLING NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC!
Osama Runs Too Far...

....Way Too Far.
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What, Me Worry?

Not that he shouldn’t. But, nevertheless, Chattanooga Fax Publisher Dean Arnold rushes in where angels and other local media fear to tread.

Along with writing profiles and investigative reports, he also concocts cartoon ideas for his artist friends at CFax.

He’s written one historical novel about the Scots and half of another about the Cherokees.

He’s also been involved in a number of other really cool projects that don’t seem to make much money.

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