

## EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 271 AND CHESTERFIELD 216



**April 3, 2017**



**FOLLOW THE MONEY:** It is time to look at the 8-Day Before Election reports filed by candidates in Town and Country and Chesterfield municipal elections with the Missouri Ethics Commission.

**TOWN AND COUNTRY MAYOR:** **While Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist Jon Dalton** has no opposition in the April election after he got rid of the only person who filed against him (Barbara Ann Hughes) by creating the Deer Task Force and making her the co-chair of it, he did receive some campaign contributions, mostly from the last quarter of 2016. He also received one \$250 contribution in 2017 from an attorney and long time member of the Town and Country Police Commission, Allen Allred.

### **\$500**

10/04/16 **Donald Sanders** 2700 Covington Estates T&C 63131

### **\$250**

10/07/16 **Robert Hagan** 1604 Dearborn Drive Warson Woods, MO 63122

12/08/16 **Allen Allred** 915 Arlington Oaks Town and Country 63017

02/27/17 **Allen Allred** 915 Arlington Oaks Town and Country 63017

### **\$200**

10/07/16 **Robert Cima** 12331 Ballas Woods Ct Town and Country 63131

**TOWN AND COUNTRY ADLERPERSONS:**

**Ward 1**

**Lynn Wright:** Wright's biggest contributor was herself. She loaned her campaign \$5,000. That goes with a \$500 loan she gave herself in February. In the last reporting cycle her only contributor was her Campaign Treasurer fellow Ward-1 alderman Skip Mange, who gave her \$250. She received \$2,400 in-kind but not cash from Mange and Republican Committeeman Mark Dunn who let her use his office lobby in Ward-4 for a campaign fundraiser. Here are her cash contributions in her March report:

**\$500**

02/23/17      **Jane Jokerst** 2314 Clifton Forge Rd Town and Country 63131

**\$200**

02/23/17      **Dean Plocher** (lives in Des Peres with a law office in Clayton)

**\$150**

02/23/17      **Colleen Wasinger** Village of Huntliegh 63131

02/25/17      **Alyson Barclay** 1110 Clayton Place Drive Town and Country 63131

**\$100**

02/21/17      **V.C. Mower** 2485 White Stable Lane Town and Country 63131

Plocher claimed he was just a "lawyer" and not a State Representative. Wasinger claimed she was a "housewife" and failed to report that she was a County Councilwoman.

**Michael Cozad:** He had two contributors in March totaling \$450. However, he paid \$1,579 to the Missouri Athletic Club for a March 1 "Campaign Kickoff." I hope he was looking votes and not contributions.

**\$250**

03/22/17      **Eric Morgan** 12809 Topping Meadows Town and Country 63131

**\$200**

02/27/17      **John Gibbs** 15848 Cedar Mill Dr, Chesterfield 63017

It is interesting that despite Lynn Wright's campaign treasurer being Skip Mange, a Christian Scientist and former teacher at Principia, it is Cozad signs in all the peoples' yards associated with Principia.

### **WARD 3**

**Fred Meyland-Smith:** Fred like Lynn Wright got a \$413 "In-Kind" contribution from Mark Dunn (Jon Dalton's buddy and Republican Committeeman) for using his office lobby as a campaign kick off party site. Meyland-Smith did worse than Wright raising money. Wright got \$1,000 the night of the party. Fred got a total of \$300 for the period (March) and ZERO from the night of the party.

**\$200**

02/27/17      **Dean Plocher** (Des Peres resident with law office in Clayton, MO)

**\$100**

03/01/17      **Jeff Wittmair** 826 Millfield Ct Town and Country 63017

**Linda Robson:** Linda has loaned herself \$1,500. She received three \$100 contributions in March. Two from neighbors and one from her campaign treasurer. In February she received small donations from deer whackos Mariette Palmer and Al Gerber.

**\$100**

03/02/17      **Linda Hultgren** 1068 Polo Downs T&C 63017 (campaign treasurer)

03/20/17      **Steve Bransford** 8 Williamsburg Est T&C 63131

03/20/17      **Dave Spewak** 5 Williamsburg Est Town and Country 63131

### **CHESTERFIELD MAYOR:**

**Bob Nation:** Prior to March Bob Natoin had 10 campaign contributors who gave a total of \$2,450 compared to just one contributor (Mike Casey) who gave \$150 to Logan.

This newest report shows Nation had eight contributions giving \$3,000 compared to Logan's three who gave \$700.

**\$1,000**

03/07/17 **Angela Jones** 76 River Valley Road Chesterfield 63017

**\$500**

02/28/17 **James Rosenauer** 15942 Meadow Oak Chesterfield 63017

**\$300**

02/23/17 **Daniel Stepman** 16100 Swingley Ridge Chesterfield 63017

02/28/17 **Thomas Kim** 736 Fairview Chesterfield 63017

**\$250**

02/28/17 **Richard McGahan** 940 Chesterfield Villa 63017

03/17/17 **John Hammond** 1203 Walnut Hill Chesterfield 63005

**\$200**

03/10/17 **Michael Kane** 1292 Stilhouse Creek Chesterfield 63017

03/17/17 **Brad Stephens** 2006 Long Gate Ct. Chesterfield 63017

**Randy Logan:** Randy Logan has been getting almost no grass roots support when it comes to campaign contributions. He gave his campaign \$10,000 during the last reporting cycle. His only other contributor was former Councilman Mike Casey who gave him \$150. It isn't much better for the month of March. He only had three contributors that gave \$700..

**\$250**

03/07/17 **David Eubank** 16324 Wilson Farm Road Chesterfield

03/07/17 **Bruce Geiger** (former councilman and mayor) 14787 Greenloch Ct.

**\$200**

03/07/17 **Carmen Gassert** 271 Cheval Square Dr Chesterfield 63005

## **Chesterfield Ward-2**

**Ben Keathley:** Ben accepted four contributions in March for \$1,150. Two were clearly from relatives and only one was from his ward.

**\$500**

03/10/17 **John McDonald** 1332 Amherst Pl Chesterfield 63017

**\$250**

03/10/17 **Lewis Keathley** 141 Elizabeth Ferguson, MO

**\$200**

03/01/17 **Mark Fitzsimmons** Punta Gorda, Florida

03/15/17 **Sarah Keathley** 16726 Chesterfeild Farms Dr 63005

**Aaron Wahl:** The chriopractor had 17 contributiors in February but only one in March, from a relative. Also in March he loaned his campaign \$1,000.

**\$200**

03/10/17 **Ian Wahl** Arlington Heights, Illinois

**Ryan Miano:** Miano has never formed a committee and never made any filing with the Missouri Ethics Commission. That is permissable if you don't raise more than \$1,000, accept more than \$500 from a single person or spend more than \$1,000.

**Christopher Natsch:** In February Natsch raised \$575 from seven contributors and another \$504.86 from himself. In March he reaised \$1,400.

**\$500**

02/27/17 **Brandon Ducan** 15559 Valley Branch Dr. Chesterfield 63017

**\$250**

03/20/17      **Shawn Vickers** 14056 Camberra Ct. Chesterfield 63017

**\$100**

02/27/17      **Jack Edinger** 14272 Forest Crest Dr Chesterfield MO 63017

02/27/17      **Stephen Baden** 14804 Woodroyal Ct Chesterfield 63017

02/28/17      **Dan Natsch** Pittsburgh PA

03/13/17      **R,B, Clark Living Trust** 736 Fairview Lake Dr Town and Country 63017

03/20/17      **Michael Nettemeyer** 16100 Chesterfield Parkway Suite 100 63017

03/22/17      **Raymond Dierkes** St. Louis County 63128

**\$50**

03/20/17      **Ryan Kane** Ballwin, MO 63021

**Ward -4**

**Matthew White:** White has never filed a campaign committee report, meaning he can not spend over \$1,000 or raise over \$1,000. White is one of three candidates who has never voted in a city election.

**Nathan Roach:** In January Roach had two contributions of \$200 each. Plus he had \$200 of contributions under \$100 a piece for a total of \$600. He did better in March, breaking \$1,000 because he loaned the campaign \$1,000 and he got \$823 in contributions under \$100. Here are his three contributors that he listed giving \$100 or more.

**\$500**

03/03/17      **John Gruender** 14635 Rogue River Chesterfield 63017

**\$250**

03/03/17      **James Rosenauer** 15942 Meadow Oak Chesterfield 63017

**\$200**

02/24/17      **Bob Nation** (mayor) 17669 Bridgeway Chesterfield 63005

Roach worked on Nation's successful mayorial campaign in 2013. Nation then appointed him to the Planning Commission and later to the Council to fill Bruce DeGroot's seat after DeGroot was elected to the State Legislature.

**Michele Ohley:** (Suzanne) Michele Ohley's biggest source of money in March was the \$400 loan she gave herself.

Here are the other four contributions for the March filing:

**\$200**

02/27/17      Cunningham Campaign Committee (**Jane Cunningham**)

**\$100**

02/25/17      **Norm Baxter** 1879 Stenton path Chesterfield 63005

02/26/17      **Gloria DeCampi** 16710 Chesterfield Manor Dr 63005

02/26/17      Taxpayers for DeCampi (Councilamn **Tom DeCampi**)

**ANOTHER DRUNK DRIVER AND ANOTHER NO-POINTS, NO-FINE, NO-RECORD**

**DWI PROBATION IN TOWN AND COUNTRY:** It was Saturday night into Sunday morning at 1:24 AM May 8, 2016 when Town and Country Officer Fowle observed either an old person or maybe a drunk driving a 2013 White Audi west on I-64 with the left turn signal on and not changing lanes. He followed the car as it started to weave between lanes and then onto the shoulder. As the driver exited onto SB Highway 141 the car weaved back onto the shoulder.

The driver was stopped on Highway 141 and was identified as Belinda Ritter, 55, of 418 Gatehall Lane in Ballwin. Ritter appear to be drunk. The strong smell of booze on her breath, bloodshot and glassy-watery eyes and confused speech were dead giveaways. She refused to take the field Breath Test. She was arrested and taken to the Town and Country Police Station.

There she took an official breath test that showed her BAC to be .155%.

In an interview Ritter stated that she only had one or two Bud Selects while she ate in interesting combination of sliders and sushi while watching a hockey game with friends.



**OUTCOME:** On September 8, 2016 Ritter pled guilty to DWI in Town and Country Municipal Court and was placed on a 2-year SIS, No-Fine, No-Points and No-Record probation. She also pled guilty to Improper Lane Use (weaving) and was fined \$225 getting 2 points. In fairness, unlike many people who get this deal, Ritter does not have much of a traffic record and has no prior DWI arrests.

**TOWN AND COUNTRY RESIDENT ARRESTED TWICE IN TWO WEEKS FOR DWI AFTER LOCAL BARS CALL IN DRUNK AND DISORDERLY DISTURBANCE COMPLAINTS TO POLICE, ONLY TO HAVE SUSPECT ATTEMPT TO DRIVE OFF WHEN POLICE ARRIVE:** This is a good one.

On Thursday March 2, 2017 at 1:41 AM the Town and Country Police received the following call from Dave's World Famous Bar and Grill. (If Dave's is famous for anything it is alcoholics sitting at the bar all day and cigarette smoke hitting you about chest high when you walk through the door.)

**TOWN AND COUNTRY  
POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
1011 MUNICIPAL CENTER  
TOWN AND COUNTRY, MISSOURI 63131

**Calls For Service  
Detail Page**

**Event # 1954838**

Date & Time <b>03/02/2017 01:41:14</b>		Day <b>Thursday</b>	Dispatcher ID <b>W84</b>	Agency <b>TCPD</b>
Beat	Sector <b>514.0</b>	District <b>TCPD-B</b>	Incident #	
Location <b>DAVES WORLD FAMOUS BAR &amp; GRILL TCPD 4/2014 : 14306 SOUTH OUTER FORTY RD TOWN</b>				

**CALL DETAILS**Call Type **DISTURB - DISTURBANCE**Description **Notes:**

**INTOXICATED MALE WAS ASKED TO LEAVE AND BECAME IRATE AND BELLIGERENT, HE REFUSED A CAB AND DROVE FROM FRONT TO THE BACK IN BLACK LEXUS [REDACTED] CALLER IS CONCERNED HE MAY TRY TO LEAVE OR THAT HE MAY ATTEMPT TO DO SOMETHING TO THE BUSINESS.**

Date & Time <b>03/02/2017 02:35:20</b>	Day <b>Thursday</b>	Dispatcher ID <b>W84</b>	Agency <b>TCPD</b>
Beat	Sector <b>514.0</b>	District <b>TCPD-B</b>	Incident # <b>17-00268</b>
Location <b>DAVES WORLD FAMOUS BAR &amp; GRILL TCPD 4/2014 : 14306 SOUTH OUTER FORTY RD TOWN</b>			

**REPORTING PARTY INFORMATION**

Name	Phone <b>U ( ) -</b>
Address	

**CALL DETAILS**Call Type **DWI - DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED**Priority **2**Description **Notes:**

**EMPLOYEES WOULD LIKE OFFICERS TO STANDBY WHILE THEY LEAVE FOR THE NIGHT REF EARLIER DISTURBANCE. ADVISING THE SUBJECT FROM EARLIER APPEARS TO BE BACK IN THE LEXUS AND THERE IS A SECOND CAR NEXT TO IT THAT IS RUNNING.**

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of all associa  
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**MOHAMMED ALMUTAIRI WM 04/24/1982 ARRESTED FOR DWI BLEW A .185 IS IN CELL 1 WAITING TO SOBER UP**

**User Defined:**Disposition **ARREST - ARREST**

Mr. Mohammed Almutairi, 34, lives at 14332 Willlow Bend Apt 2 in the Willown Bend Apartments off of Woods Mill Road in Town and Country.



Mr. Almutairi on March 2, 2017 when his BAC was .185% after leaving Dave's Famous Bar

The next police encounter with Mr. Almutairi came on March 17, 2017 when Mohammed was apparently celebrating St. Patrick's Day very early (1:30 AM) at a different Town and Country Bar. This time he was at the Country Club Bar in the Lamp and Lantern Shopping Center. Almutairi's apartment is exactly in the middle between Dave's World Famous Bar and the Country Club Bar and Grill.

Not only was he drunk and acting weird he was also taking a leak on the parking lot.

**TOWN AND COUNTRY  
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

1011 MUNICIPAL CENTER  
TOWN AND COUNTRY, MISSOURI 63131

**Calls For Service  
Detail Page**

**Event # 1960340**

Date & Time <b>03/17/2017 01:36:37</b>		Day <b>Friday</b>	Dispatcher ID <b>W19</b>	Agency <b>TCPD</b>
Beat	Sector <b>514.0</b>	District <b>TCPD-B</b>	Incident #	
Location <b>COUNTRY CLUB BAR TCPD 06/2014 : 288 LAMP AND LANTERN VLG TOWN AND COUNTRY MO -</b>				

**CALL DETAILS**Call Type **DISTURB - DISTURBANCE**Description **Notes:**

**COUNTRY CLUB BAR AND GRILL  
 BLK LEXUS SHORT INDIAN MALE [REDACTED]  
 PEED IN PARKING LOT, WHEN CALLER ASKED HIM NOT TO DRIVE, HE WENT TO  
 HIS TRUNK AND GRABBED SOMETHING  
 [03/17/2017 01:39:10 W19] NEAR PATIO AT THIS TIME  
 BEEN IN EVERYNIGHT OF THE WEEK VERY FORWARD WITH THE STAFF  
 HE GOES TO MARYVILLE AND LIVES IN WILLOW BEND, DOES NOT HAVE ANY  
 WEAPONS UNKNOWN WHAT HE GRABBED**

**GOING DOWN THE STEPS ON THE SIDE OF THE PATIO**

**CALL DETAILS**Call Type **DWI - DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED**Description **Notes:****WILLOW BEND PARK**

**ALMUTAIRI, MOHAMMED WM 04/24/1982 WAS ARRESTED FOR DWI. ALMUTAIRI  
 BLEW A .138 AND WAS RELEASED ON SUMMONS TO A FRIEND. 17-328**

**User Defined:****PLATE: - [REDACTED]****STATE: - MO****YEAR: - 2017****TYPE - BLK,LEXUS**Disposition **ARREST - ARREST**

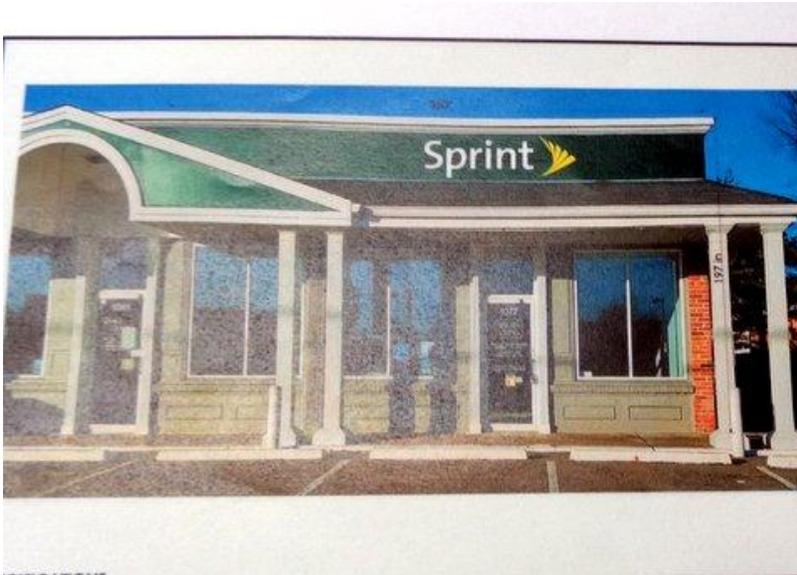
These were the first DWI arrests we could find involving Almutairi. We did find the following traffic citations from 2016:

06/18/16	Speeding in a 30 MPH zone	Kirkwood PD
	09/07/16 PG fined \$144	
11/24/16	Speeding 20-25 MPH Over Limit	Bel Ridge PD case pending



Almutairi after his March 17, 2017 arrest. BAC .138% level after leaving the Country Club.

**PHONE CORNERS:** Town and Country will soon have dueling cell phone stores on opposite sides of Clayton Road and Woods Mill Road. Sprint Cellphone store will be in the Northwest corner of the intersection, next to Rich and Charlie's.

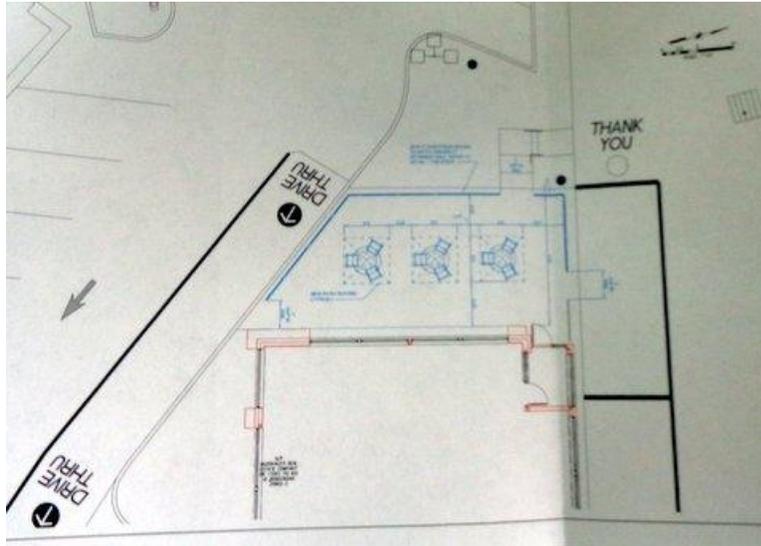


There will also soon be an AT&T store going in at the Southeast corner of the intersection next to Mike Duffy's Pub. The very large Verizon store is located in the Manchester Meadows shopping center between Mason and Weidman Roads.

**PLANS FOR NEW MCDONALDS' PATIO ON WRONG SIDE OF THE BUILDING:**

Boring! The Boad of Aldermen approved Monday night March 27a outdoor patio eating area at the McDonald's on Woods Mill Road in the Lamp and Latern Shopping Center.

The patio will be on the west side of the building facing the Ace Hardware store. That is



**BORING!**

A TDD (Traffic Development District) was approved by the city as part of the Town and Country Crossing Shopping Center plans . It was good for Town and Country Crossing but created one of the most dangerous places in town to try and make a left turn, either into McDonalds across where Woods Mill Road and the Hwy 141 exit ramp to Woods Mill and Clayton Roads merge or a left out of the shopping center. McDonald's owner Colleen Schoendienst has complained how they made the road so dangerous and but her customers are paying a TDD sales tax for a decade now to pay for it.



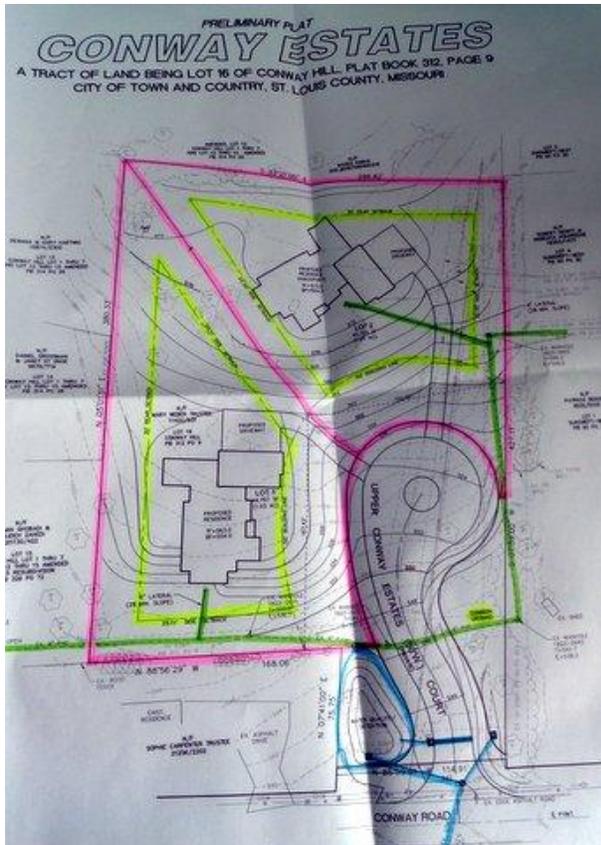
It would be impractical to put the patio between the building the the drive through speakers but it would be lots most fun for diners to watch near misses and cheer on people to "go, go,go" when there is a slight opening in traffic.



This is where the patio will be built. Not a lot of excitement here.

**2-HOME SUBDIVISION FOR CONWAY ROAD:** At 13445 Conway Road a two home subdivision named Conway Estates is being proposed.

Technically it is a subdivision, but not much of one with just two homes.



**MORE FOR 1819 NETTLECREEK:** Let's follow the recent history of 1819 Nettlecreek. The 2,114 square foot 3-bedroom house in the Thornhill Estates subdivision was built in 1963. It sold to a builder on 08/29/16 for \$514,950. It sat on a 1.56 acre lot.



It was torn down in November of 2016.



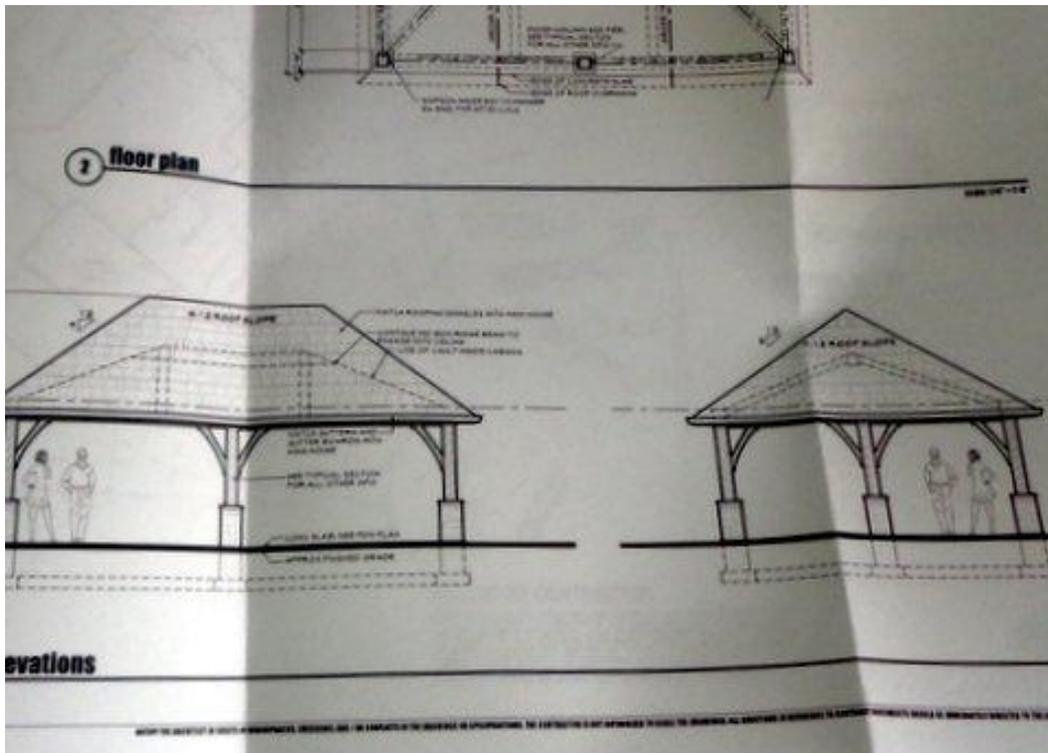
Plans were submitted to Town and Country for a 5,920 square foot spec house by the home builder.



However the home builder found a buyer that wanted a different style house. The above plans were withdrawn and new plans were submitted.



Building has started and now new plans have been submitted for a backyard pavilion. Not a small modest one you might expect to see in a backyard but one the size of a pavilion you would see in a large park. This pavilion will be 634 square feet. It was approved on Monday March 27.



**LYNN WRIGHT CAMPAIGN FLIER MISSING A LITTLE INFORMATION:** In her reelection bid for 14 years on the Board of Aldermen, she continues to use a 20-year-old photo of herself. She balihoos how she came out in opposition of a Tim Horton Donut Shop at Clayton and Ballas, but in reality a city staffer went out and found someone to buy the lot and develop it. That someone turned out to be a Town and Country resident. Wright and her campaign treasurer and co-Ward 1 alderman Skip Mange turned on the staffer and the resident investing the money when NIMBYs popped up.



**ALDERMAN WRIGHT'S TRACK RECORD ON THE BALLAS-CLAYTON CORNER**

One of the primary areas of concern for Ward 1 residents is the corner of Ballas and Clayton Roads and how this former gas station site will be developed to better suit the needs of our community.

- ★ Nearly two years ago, a development was proposed involving Reliance Bank, including a double drive-through entrance off Clayton Road for a Tim Horton's Restaurant. As your Aldermen, Lynn Wright and Skip Mange reached out to subdivision trustees and other residents in the area surrounding Ballas and Clayton Roads to apprise them of the proposed development and seek their input through a series of both public and individual meetings.
- ★ Alderman Wright voted in favor of a Service Station Revitalization District to provide the requisite framework for consensus and protections for an acceptable plan for this important entry point to our city. When the Reliance Bank/Tim Horton's proposal came to a vote, Alderman Wright and Alderman Mange did not hesitate to vote against it based on the preponderance of resident dissatisfaction with the proposed development and impact on the traffic.
- ★ In recognition of her efforts in overseeing the appropriate use of Ballas and Clayton intersection, Mayor Dalton appointed Alderman Wright as Chairman of the Ballas and Clayton Task Force. The Task Force has already commissioned traffic studies for the intersection, based on these studies, recommended appropriate improvements to the intersection. These changes will reduce the traffic impact that will potentially be made by any new development, as well as address consisting concerns in the future. Residents were invited to review these improvement last fall and were pleased with the work of the Task Force.
- ★ Alderman Lynn Wright has consistently opposed any development in our city that does not have broad support of the nearby residents. She will continue to keep all residents duly informed of any proposed developments at the Ballas-Clayton intersection and seek input, so that Ward 1 residents may be assured there will be no surprises. As always, Alderman Wright is committed to initiating strategies for a community-based consensus on future developments at Ballas and Clayton.

**ALDERMAN LYNN WRIGHT**  
A Proven Record—A Vision for the Future

- ★ Twelve years of service as a member of the Board of Aldermen—working for creative solutions such as the exciting Town Square Project to enhance our city, protecting our quality of life by maintaining our zoning and green space requirements, and preserving our zero percent property tax rate
- ★ Chairman of the Parks and Trails Commission—Continuing service as a strong advocate for our beautiful parks and trails. Co-Chaired Clayton Road Task Force creating a trail on Clayton from east to west boundaries in our city. The Parks and Trails Commission is working on the Master Trail Plan for the community
- ★ Chairman of the Ballas and Clayton Roads Task Force—facilitating re-design of the intersection to help alleviate traffic and initiate development strategies sensitive to the needs of Ward 1 residents (see reverse)
- ★ Chairman of the Public Art Commission—coordinated the effort to raise private funds for the "Discovery" bronze sculpture (the first piece of public art in our city) and helped establish both the Plain Art and Art, Wine and Music events
- ★ Chairman of the Topping Road Trail Task Force—working to secure federal grant money to develop a trail to connect Topping Road to Clayton Road
- ★ Co-Chaired Clayton Road Task Force—creating a trail on Clayton from east to west boundaries in our city. The Commission is working on the Master Trail Plan for the community
- ★ Member of the Deer Task Force—represented Ward 1 interests in implementing appropriate deer management to improve resident safety

\*\*\* VOTE APRIL 4 \*\*\* RE-ELECT WRIGHT - ALDERMAN WARD 1

Photo by The Committee to Re-Elect Lynn Wright, Skip Mange Treasurer ©2017

## UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 216



April 3, 2017

**17-YEAR-OLD STEALS ELECTRONICS AT WAL-MART, THEN CHANGES CLOTHES TO AVOID DETECTION. IT DIDN'T WORK!** Dejuan Nelson, 17 of North St. Louis walked into the Chesterfield Valley Wal Mart on Thursday May 26, 2016 at 3:50 in the afternoon. He was wearing a uniform were he worked, Lion's Choice, a fast food restaurant located in the same shopping center as the Wal Mart. He was also carrying a duffle bag.

Carry a duffle bag into a retail store will get the attention of store security quickly. The fact that Nelson was 17-years-old is another factor in gaining the watchful eye of store security. Add the fact that Nelson is an African-American and you have a triple threat guaranteeing store security will watch you. Nelson did not let the security staff down.

They watched on video screens as Nelson went to the electronics department and placed two Blue Tooth Speakers into the duffle bag. Security then called the Chesterfield Police special retail patrol team and Officer McBride responded to the store.

Nelson went into the the Wal Mart bathroom located beyond the checkout lanes. He was in the restroom for a while. When he exited the restroom he was wearing different clothes. By this time Officer McBride was outside of the store. A check of the bathroom showed two empty Blue Tooth speaker packages in the trash can.

Security officers watched Nelson get into a black vehicle which Officer McBride immediately pulled over after Nelson pulled out of his parking space.

Nelson was told why he was stopped. He admitted stealing just one speaker and pulled it out of the duffle bag. We are guessing he was hoping of keeping the other one, thinking the police surely would not search his duffle bag.

When officers did search the duffle bag they found the other speaker and three video games.

Nelson was arrested taken to the Chesterfield Police Station, booked and then released on summons for the charge of Stealing returnable in Municipal Court.



**OUTCOME:** Nelson had no prior record we could find and seemed to be a good candidate for a probation term but he did not have a lawyer. On December 20, 2016 he pled guilty to Stealing. He was fined \$300 and now has a criminal record. The merchandise he stole was valued at \$89 retail. It is a two-sided system. If Nelson could have afforded a lawyer he would have been convicted of an amended charge of Littering. The littering fine and lawyer fee would have been about double what he paid be he would not have had a criminal record. If you can't avoid a lawyer Judge Brunk is not going to give you a break.

**CHESTERFIELD CITIZENS OF THE YEAR:** The Chesterfield City Council Meeting opened and then abruptly went into a 25 minute recess on Monday March 20 as the Citizen of the Year awards were handed out. This year the award went to the Daughter-Father team of Jan Misurala Day and Lee Wall. They were extremely active in the Veterans Park project. The park will open with a dedication ceremony on May 3.



Lee Wall is a World War II Army Air Corp veteran, who went to work at McDonnell Aircraft after the war.

After presenting the awards there was a 20-minute break for a catered reception in the nearby employee break room.

**CONCRETE COMPANY GETS A CHANGE IN PLANS:** At a recent Planning and Public Works Committee meeting Breckenridge Material Company got approval for zoning amendment to continue operating a concrete facility at 17971 N. Outer 40 Road.

The concrete facility was first allowed while the westbound Boone's Bridge was replaced. Since the bridge was completed Breckenridge continued to operate the facility illegally without proper zoning.

**Breckenridge Materials Does a 180:** At the earlier Planning and Public Works Committee meeting representatives from Breckenridge had agreed to pave 100 feet on both side of the River Levee Trail to keep dust down from their trucks using a gravel road. However, the company reps balked at being forced to also add additional dust suppression efforts such as spraying the road.

Now less than a month later the company CEO Nathan McKean wanted to not pave 200 feet of road but buy a water tanker and spray the road twice a day or as needed.



Nathan McKean

He explained that on one side of the trail they would have to meet Corps of Engineer requirements and on both sides the Levee District rules would have to be met if they paved. Plus future levee projects could require the pavement to be removed.

Dan Hurt wanted to give them 12 months to pave the 200 feet in the event there are changes due to Corps of Engineers or Levee District projects. Barry Flachsbart wanted to eliminate the paved portion of road all together and spray the gravel twice a day.

Of course there is no concrete production if temperatures are at or below freezing. Also spraying the road would be unnecessary on rainy days. The wording was changed.

**The silent one speaks:** Nathan Roach who was appointed in January to fill Bruce DeGroot's spot on the Council rarely says anything. Roach had been on the Planning Commission before his appointment to the Council. He was asked several times for his opinion. The only words he spoke all night other than Yea or Nay on votes were:

"There was a major concern at the crossing area."



Nathan Roach a man of very few words.

The amendment to cancel the paved road requirement and do water dust suppression passed 6-to-2 with Dan Hurt and Barb McGuinness holding out for the paving.

The amended bill then passed 7-1 with only McGuinness voting no.

**3 VOTE AGAINST \$25,000 PAY AND BENEFIT REVIEW:** \$35,000 had been appropriated for a review of employee compensation and benefits. CBIZ of the Kansas City suburban of Leawood, Kansas came in with a bid of \$25,000. Sounds good, huh? Saving \$10,000.

No so fast at least three councilpersons wanted to save another \$25,000.

**Tom DeCampi:** Can the Council explain why we need to spend \$25,000 for this review?

**Bridget Nations:** I agree.

**Randy Logan:** The last time we did a study was in 2001. Not to do a study would be a disservice to the residents.

**Guy Tilmann:** There are few companies that I'm aware that don't do regular studies like this.

**DeCampi:** This information is public. I would encourage the staff to go out and get it. I feel \$25,000 is unnecessary to spend.

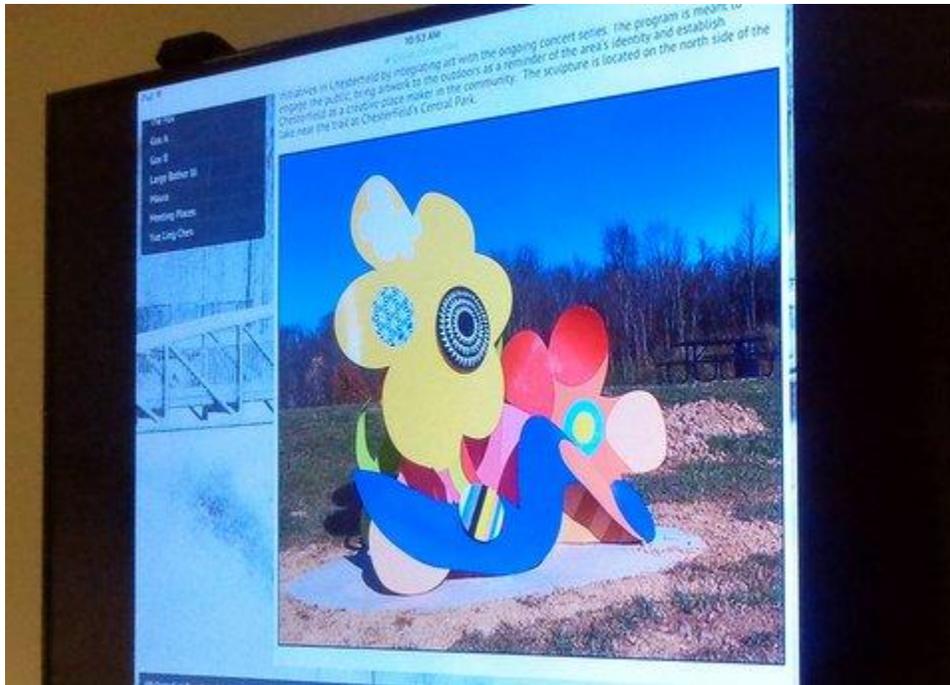
**Barb McGuinness:** I have been against this for some time.

**Decampi:** The press can verify it.

The resolution passed on a 5-3 vote with Nathan Roach, Barb McGuinness and Tom DeCampi voting against it. Despite saying she agreed with DeCampi about having staff do the study, Bridget Nations at her last City Council meeting voted to spend the \$25,000.

What was DeCampi thinking? The press can verify a pay and benefits package? The regular press that covers Chesterfield City Council meetings are me, Mary Shapiro, a stringer for the Post-Dispatch who writes a 200-to-300 word piece at the most for a Digest column. (Mary is a very good writer and sometimes her pieces are used for a short features.) Then there is Jim Erikson of West Magazine who is basically a stenographer. Not one of us has any experience investigating benefit package recommendations, contrary to what Mr. DeCampi was hoping for.

**SCULPTURE MOVED:** It was a five month or more endeavor of some residents, but the City Council on March 20th voted to remove the sculpture titled "Meeting Places" from near the YMCA to "someplace else." A number of councilpersons have mentioned they have heard from residents about how much they disliked the "art work" taking away from the natural beauty of the area.



The council also passed a resolution to have the Parks & Recreation and Arts Citizen Advisory Committee make recommendations where all outside art work should be located if it was to be on display over nine months.

Bridget Nations complained that the city's art director should make that call and not the citizen's committee. However as typical of Nations over the last two years, after speaking against the resolution she voted for it. It passed 7-1 with Barry Flachsbart voting against it. It was moved within days of the vote. Its new home will be by the Parks Department HQ that is isolated in a location by the Missouri River Levee.

**CITY GOES SECONDHAND ROSE FOR THEATER:** The council also passed a resolution to buy a used sound system (Cojic System) for the city's amphitheater for \$64,000. A new system bid price was \$102,000. If you are attending a concert this summer and suddenly the speaker start blasting, think back to this more. However, if everything sounds great for the next three or four years at the outdoor theater remember how city staff and elected officials saved \$38,000.

**PARTY HARDY, BUT WILL HE ATTEND THE WAKE:** The day after an innocent Metro rail rider was dying at an area hospital after being shot in the head by a stray bullet fired by a member of a group of six holding up a father and son on a Metro train, the CEO of Metro was at a party. The victim was shot as a holdup man was pistol whipping a holdup victim and the gun discharged shooting the man on the rail platform in the head.

The night after the shooting and hours before the victim died, the President and CEO of Metro Transit, John Nations was at the Council meeting for his wife's final meeting. After they meeting a quorum of council people and the city attorney went to Chili's for a party in honor of Bridget Nations. Councilman Dan Hurt got the councilperson to kick in \$20 a piece.



Many felt that former Chesterfield Mayor John Nations was offered the Transit CEO job after he helped pass a transit sales tax. He had no experience in the transit business. Some locals think he had his wife run for council in hopes for her becoming mayor.

In the first year of Bridget Nations' term she was a walking conflict of interest as she was the vice president of the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce in charge of membership. She never recused herself and voted on issues involving Chamber members on a regular basis. She did not run for reelection in 2017.

**WHAT WAS HE SAYING ABOUT MOM AND DAD?** At the start of the meeting after the reception for the citizens of the year, Mayor Bob Nation, mentioned that it was Bridget's last meeting and he introduced John Nations and two sons and then asked, "Any other family members?"

Son Jake Nations shouted out, "Not that I'm aware of!"

**PHONY ROBO SURVEY CALLS FOR LOGAN, SLAM NATION:** Residents in Chesterfield have started getting Robo survey calls asking who they will vote for in the April election for mayor. If they pressed the number indicating they would be voting for Bob Nation, they were informed he was censured by the City Council for swearing in a closed office of an assistant city administrator. (He wasn't swearing at the assistant city

administrator but at her boss, Michael Herring. Herring tried to use the event to impeach Nation, who had been trying to expose Herring, former mayor John Nations and former city attorney Rob Heggie for hiding an \$800,000 lease for an empty lot.)

Here is what a regular newsletter reader sent to me about the robo call/survey:

Over the weekend I got a "survey" phone call asking on a scale of 1 -5, was I going to vote, from no, press 1, for definitely yes, press 5, and so on. Was I going to vote for Bob, press 1, Randy, press 2, undecided, press 3. Then the kicker: Did I know that the mayor had been censured 3 years ago by the full council? Knowing that, would I now still vote for him? Press 1, 2, etc.

This was a thinly-veiled opportunity to discredit Bob, not a survey, Disgusting. Bob and I talked about this and he has heard from others that got the call.

"I don't know the legality of it," Mayor Bob Nation said of the phony robo call survey.

Phone calls are not covered by the Missouri Ethics Commission rules. The Ethics Commission directed me to the FCC. We have left a message with the FCC. It will be interesting to see how long it will take to get a response or if I get a response.

Nation told us that his wife has received two of the phony survey calls at their home.

Randy Logan spent \$8,367 with Survey St. Louis of St. Charles in March according to Ethics Commission reports.

**DOOR TO DOOR RANDY:** A Chesterfield resident told me last Tuesday that he and his wife never answer the front door. But he did last week thinking it was someone with his lawn service. There was Randy Logan telling him that Chesterfield has had enough of Bob Nation.

Logan did not mention that in 2013 Chesterfield Ward 3 had enough of Logan when he only got 25% of the vote as Dan Hurt returned to the Council. Logan did get back on the Council in 2016 after a three year absence when he got 52% of the vote against Dr. Alan Politte.

Apparently rather than state his position on issues, Randy was bad mouthing his opponent., which is a time honored tradition which I have also done when running against Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist Jon Dalton.

**NATION GETS POST-DISPATCH ENDORSEMENT:** Bob Nation did get a major editorial endorsement from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, but it was almost a backhanded endorsement as it mentioned as much of the phony-baloney censure of Nation for swearing in a closed office of the Ast. City Administrator. At the time strong opposition to Bob Nation was led by then City Administrator Mike Herring and members of the Council who has had all voted (or in the case of Bridget Nations whose husband, the former Mayor John Nations) were up to their eyeballs in violating the Missouri Open Records law and hiding the information about the \$800,000 Doorack vacant lot debacle.

"I don't know that is a good thing or a bad thing," Bob Nation said of his endorsement over Randy Logan.



**CHESTERFIELD POLICE BLOTTER:** Check out what the coppers and crooks were doing last week. Unusual cases are highlighted.

## CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT Media Report March 22, 2017 - March 28, 2017

**Incident Type    Time of Occurrence    Generic Address Business/Location Name**

**Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting** 03/28/2017, 1225 1XX THF BLVD Walmart

**Brief Narrative Description:** 26 yo male concealed electronics and left store without paying.

**Burglary Commercial - Business** 03/28/2017, 0337 18XXX OUTLET BLVD Michael Kors

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subjects broke out window on store and took purses from inside.

**Drugs Possession - Felony** 12/31/1969, 1800-03/27/2017, 1114 1X UPPER CONWAY CT

**Brief Narrative Description:** 39 yo female in possession of methamphetamines and paraphernalia after suspicious vehicle check.

**Larceny over \$750 from Auto** 03/27/2017, 1506 16XXX SWINGLEY RIDGE RD Doubletree

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle and took a backpack containing a laptop.

**Larceny under \$750 from Auto** 03/26/2017, 2000-03/27/2017, 0900 3XX E CHESTERFIELD CTR Drury

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle and took clothing and bag.

**Fraud Identity Theft** 03/27/2017, 1031 2XX S WOODS MILL RD St. Luke's Hospital

**Brief Narrative Description:** 32 yo male used the identity of another subject to gain access to healthcare and medication.

**Larceny over \$750 from Auto** 03/27/2017, 1105 16XXX SWINGLEY RIDGE RD Hampton Inn

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle and took a bag containing a laptop.

**Fraud Identity Theft** 03/25/2017, 1200 14XXX WATER RIDGE CT

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit card account.

**Burglary Commercial** 03/24/2017, 1715-03/27/2017, 0800 2XX S WOODS MILL RD St. Luke's Hospital  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject entered doctor's office and forced open drawer and took money, stamps, prescription pads, and medication.

**Fraud Credit Card** 03/23/2017, 1405 14XXX CLAYTON RD Walgreens

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject used victim's credit cards after they were stolen in another jurisdiction.

**Fraud Credit Card** 03/17/2017, 1200 13XXX OLIVE BLVD Regions Bank

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject used victim's debit card information to make withdrawals.

**Violation of Ex-Parte/Full Ord Ex-Parte** 03/26/2017, 2254 15XXX SUMMER LAKE DR

**Brief Narrative Description:** 28 yo male violated the conditions of a court order of protection by texting victim.

**Larceny under \$750 Person** 03/27/2017, 1730 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Victoria's Secret

**Brief Narrative Description:** 20 yo female took victim's cell phone after it was left unattended on countertop in store.

**Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor** 03/26/2017, 0025 I64 HWY W & BOONES CROSSING

**Brief Narrative Description:** 19 yo female in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation.

**Assault Common - Actual Assault** 03/26/2017, 1827 14XXX CROSS TRAILS DR

**Brief Narrative Description:** 26 yo female with unknown mental illness punched and pushed family members after argument causing minor injuries.

**Assault Common - Actual Assault** 03/25/2017, 2204 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL AMC Theatre

**Brief Narrative Description:** 19 yo male was intoxicated and pushed victim after argument. After contact with police, subject resisted arrested. No injuries reported.

**Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor** 03/25/2017, 0003 15XXX CONWAY RD Residence Inn

**Brief Narrative Description:** 19 yo male in possession of marijuana after large underage party was broken up.

**Property Damage to Vehicle** 03/23/2017, 1750-2010 17XXX EDISON AVE Skyzone

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject keyed victim's vehicle while parked in business parking lot.

**Larceny over \$750 Shoplifting** 03/24/2017, 1828 17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Polo

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subjects took clothing and walked out of store without paying.

**Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting** 03/17/2017, 1536 4X THF BLVD Target

**Brief Narrative Description:** 53 yo male took toys and left store without paying.

**Harassment/Threat Phone** 03/24/2017, 1048-1547 14XXX CLAYTON RD Autism and Behavioral

**Spectrum Brief Narrative Description:** 63 yo male made unwanted phone calls to victim after business disagreement.

**Assault Common - Actual Assault** 03/24/2017, 2200-2300 15XXX CONWAY RD Residence Inn

**Brief Narrative Description:** Two 17 yo males punched victim after argument causing minor injury while at large underage party. 18 yo male was cited for hosting underage party and 15 yo male was in possession of alcohol by consumption.

**Assault Common - Actual Assault** 03/23/2017, 2200 16XXX BLENHAM WAY

**Brief Narrative Description:** 14 yo male struck victim in face after argument causing no injuries.

**Fraud Counterfeit Bills** 03/23/2017, 1720 13XXX OLIVE BLVD 7-11

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject passed counterfeit currency to business.

**Larceny under \$750 Person** 03/23/2017, 1450-1500 18XXX OUTLET BLVD Adidas

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took victim's wallet after it was left behind in store.

**Larceny under \$750 Employer** 03/23/2017, 1639 1XX THF BLVD Walmart

**Brief Narrative Description:** 24 yo female took electronics and jewelry from employer while working.

**Possession of Stolen Property Clothing** 03/23/2017, 1319 I64 HWY E & CLARKSON

**Brief Narrative Description:** 50 and 42 yo females in possession of stolen clothing after suspicious vehicle stop. One subject also gave false identifying information.

**Larceny under \$750 from Auto** 03/22/2017, 1200-03/23/2017, 1200 1X GLEN COVE DR

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle and took an IPod.

**Larceny under \$750 from Auto** 03/22/2017, 0130-03/23/2017, 0811 4XX STABLESTONE DR

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle and took money and sunglasses.

**Fraud Credit Card** 03/18/2017, 0001- 2359 17XXX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD First Community Credit Union **Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject used victim's debit card information to make withdrawal.

**Possession of Theft Device** 03/22/2017, 1609 18XXX OUTLET BLVD 500 Premium Outlet Mall **Brief Narrative Description:** Two 20 yo females in possession of prohibited theft devices.

**Fraud Identity Theft** 07/14/2016, 1132-03/22/2017, 0000 14XXX BRITTANIA DR

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit accounts.

**Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting** 03/22/2017, 1420 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Foot Locker

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subjects took jacket and left store without paying.

**Larceny under \$750 from Auto** 03/22/2017, 0814 22XX VILLAGE GREEN PKY Kinder Care

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle and took a bag containing a laptop computer and credit cards.

Concerning the highlighted incident at the Chesterfield Mall AMC Theater the police provided this additional information:

At Chesterfield Mall –

Max Brune age 19, resides Franklin County, charged with Assault and Resisting Arrest, muni court



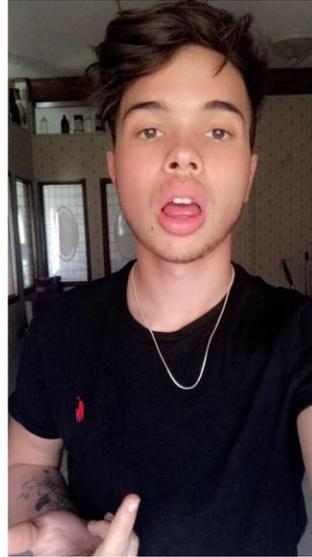
Max Brune

Max clearly has some issues. Here is part of the 19-year-old Max's arrest record:

04/30/15	Burglary 1st Degree	Franklin Co. Sheriff's Office
	Felony Property Damage	
	12/09/16 PG 5 year SIS probation term	
03/26/16	Felony Property Damage	Washington MO PD
	12/09/16 PG 5 year SIS probation term	

He also has had four No Seat Belt citations and one No Insurance citation.

**Here are some of Max's profile photos from his facebook page:**



I think Max is sending a message as to what he thinks of us.

**In the underage teenage party at the Residence Inn we received the following information:**

Incident at Residence Inn – assault suspects still not arrested, under investigation.  
Deandre Young Jr., age 18, resides St. Louis, was issued summons for Social Hosting and Minor in Possession of Alcohol. Released on summons. No mug shot.

**WEST COUNTY DRIVERS BEWARE!** Yes beware of Taryn N. Blackmer, 22, of 16250 Waterfront Way in the Wildwood subdivision of Pierside off of Manchester Road.

Blackmer at the ripe old age of 22 has piled up four DWI arrests.

02/11/11	DWI	St. Louis County PD	Pled Guilty
03/15/13	DWI	St. Louis County PD	Pled Guilty
02/21/16	DWI	St. Louis County PD	
02/19/17	DWI	St. Louis County PD	

In the February 21, 2016 arrest Blackmer refused to take field sobriety tests, refused to take breath tests and then began to remove her blouse to expose herself.

In 2017 she was stopped at Clayton and Strecker Roads by the County Police. The officer reported that she was clearly drunk, wearing a DWI court ordered SCRAM ankle bracelet, with two empty beer cans at her feet.

A backseat passenger commented that she (Blackmer) was drunk and how it was the "shittiest Uber ride" ever as he exited the car and handed her a \$20 bill. (Parts of this story originally appeared in the Riverfront Times. We have expanded on it with charging documents and added mug shots.)



This is from the court files:

TARYN N. BLACKMER  
16250 WATERFRONT WAY  
GROVER, MO 63040

**Aliases:**

**Defendant**

43W

RACE: White  
SEX: Female  
DOB: 06/24/1994  
HGT: 5'07"  
WGT: 130lbs.  
P.D.: St. Louis County  
ORI Number: MO0950000

**CHARGES**

Count: 01 DWI- ALCOHOL- PERSISTENT OFFENDER - CLASS D FELONY

Date: July 18, 2016

I, Thomas Crees, DSN 4321, St. Louis County Police Department, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true. I have probable cause to believe that on February 21, 2016, at Manchester Rd & Centerroyal Dr, Taryn Blackmer, White, Female, DOB 06/24/1994, 5'07", 130lbs, committed one or more criminal offense.

Count: 01      DWI- ALCOHOL- PERSISTENT OFFENDER –  
                    CLASS D FELONY

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

Defendant was operating a motor vehicle in St. Louis County.

Defendant was stopped for traffic violations.

The officer observed clues of intoxication, including a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on Defendant's person.

Defendant admitted coming from Hot Shots and heading home. Defendant however was driving in the opposite direction of her driving.

After Defendant exited the vehicle she was swaying from left to right and unable to stand in one position.

Defendant refused to perform field sobriety tests.

Defendant refused to take a PBT test.

Defendant was arrested.

Defendant began to remove the strap of her tank top and bra with the intent to expose herself.

Defendant was read Missouri Implied Consent.

Defendant refused to provide a breath sample.

Defendant has pleaded guilty to or has been found guilty of two prior intoxication-related traffic offenses.

Thomas Crees, DSN 4321, St. Louis County Police Department

[Signature] 

TARYN NICOLE BLACKMER  
16250 WATERFRONT WAY  
GROVER, MO 63040

**Aliases:**  
Taryn N. Blackmer

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RACE: White  
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**CHARGES**

Count: 01 DWI - PERSISTENT - CLASS E FELONY

I, David Weinhold, DSN 4327, St. Louis County Police Department, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true. I have probable cause to believe that on February 19, 2017, at Strecker Road & Clayton Road, Taryn Blackmer, White, Female, DOB 06/24/1994, 5'07", 130lbs, committed one or more criminal offense.

Count: 01 DWI - PERSISTENT - CLASS E FELONY

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

Defendant was operating a motor vehicle in St. Louis County.

Defendant was stopped for a traffic violation.

The officer observed clues of intoxication, including a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on Defendant's person.

Defendant was using profane language.

When asked if she had been drinking, Defendant stated, "I refuse to answer".

Officer observed 2 empty Bud Light aluminum bottles under Defendant's legs.

Backseat passenger stated, "shittiest fucking UBER ever, paid her 20 bucks and she's fucking drunk."

While explaining the instructions for field sobriety tests the Defendant stated that she fucking knew, its not her first rodeo.

Defendant performed poorly on the HGN test.

Defendant didn't want to take the walk and turn test, stating she didn't want the guys to know of her ankle bracelet.

Officer observed a SCRAM ankle bracelet.

Defendant was arrested.

Officer smelled the odor of Marijuana from Defendant purse.  
Officer discovered a green leafy substance in Defendant purse.  
Defendant was read Missouri Implied Consent.  
Defendant refused to provide a breath sample.  
Defendant stated in the car that she wished that the Officer would crash the vehicle and die.  
Defendant has pleaded guilty to or has been found guilty of two prior intoxication-related traffic offenses.

David Weinhold, DSN 4327, St. Louis County Police Department

[Signature] PO David Weinhold 4327 Date: 03/10/17

When stopped in 2017 she was also cited for Failure to Drive on Right Half of Road, Unsafe Turn, No Insurance and Failure to Wear Seat Belt.

Her bond from the 2016 arrest was revoked and set at \$10,000 . Her bond for the 2017 DWI was set at \$25,000 cash only.

Blackmer has a 2009 Pontiac G6.

**POLICE LABOR GROUPS SUPPORT PROP P, BUT COUNTY ALLOWS ETHICALLY CHALLENGED PRESS CONFERENCE:** Police officers and firefighters are not supposed to wear their government uniforms to push political agendas. They are supposed to be neutral about elections when they are in uniform. That common sense rule was shattered on Tuesday March 28. Not only did the County Police FOP president hold a news conference in support of the sales tax that would raise \$80,000,000 in revenue to go to "public safety" there were uniformed officers behind him.

The press conference was held at a County government building, the lobby of the jail and east entrance to the courthouse, but a politician was present (County Prosecutor Bob McCullough). To make matters worse County police officers, corrections officers and at least one municipal cop were in uniform.

It okay for McCullough to be for a political issue. It is okay for members of the police union to be for an issue. What isn't okay was they were in uniform and I have a feeling on duty. That is a complete NO-NO that was conveniently ignored by the powers to be since they were supporting the issue. Officers might be looking at discipline if the County politicians were against an issue that uniform employees were politicking in favor of.



I have no issue with more funding for police. I was a cop for 30 years. My issue is that it involves sales taxes, the most regressive tax there is. When are we going to look to the east and decide to adopt the British VAT (Value Added Tax) that has grown to 20% or maybe we should have the 25% sales tax they have in Norway? In Iceland they have a very low crime rate (other than alcohol related incidents). The prison population is very low in the country of 323,000. But the sales tax is at 25.5%.

If we keep passing all these little special sale taxes we will soon be joining them in the "25% club".

**CHESTERFIELD MAYOR AGAINST PROP P. CHESTERFIELD POLICE OFFICERS UNION ARE FOR IT.** The entire Chesterfield City Council passed a resolution against the 1/2-cent sales tax for extra money to police and public safety. Mayor Bob Nation has been a vocal opponent of the tax proposal on the April 4 County wide ballot.

KTVI news is reporting the Chesterfield police officers are in favor of the tax but gave no further details. The above photo has the president of the St. Louis County FOP holding the news conference with uniformed police officers. However there was no direct

message from Chesterfield Police Officers. There is now. Below is a letter from the president of the Chesterfield Police Officers Association, supporting Prop P.



Chesterfield Police Officers Association, PO Box 225, Chesterfield, MO 63006

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March 28, 2017

To whom it may concern,

The Chesterfield Police Officers Association is supporting Proposition P in the upcoming St. Louis County election on April 4th. We believe this proposition will improve all of the communities in St. Louis County, and law enforcement as a whole will benefit by the passage of Proposition P.

We believe the money received through Proposition P will assist the Chesterfield Police Department in maintaining and improving its standards as a professional, properly equipped, and well trained department. Our goal is to provide the best service possible to our community, and with the passage of Proposition P, we have a wonderful opportunity to do so. Our city is filled with several parks, retail areas, schools, businesses, wonderful neighborhoods, and great people. It takes a large amount of resources to properly provide police services to such a diverse and growing population. The burden of getting those resources will be eased with the passage of Proposition P.

We do understand the concerns that some have because the proposition does not clearly define "Public Safety", and we do not want to see the use of this term as a loophole to use the money for things it is not meant for. If Proposition P passes, we ask the residents of not just Chesterfield but, all of St. Louis County, to hold local government accountable and make sure the money is used for what it is meant for - the Police Department.

In conclusion, our police officers are truly invested in providing the best possible service to the citizens and visitors of our community. We believe in our community and love being a part of it. We ask that on April 4th, you vote "YES" on Proposition P.

On behalf of the Chesterfield Police Officers Association,

Chad Meyer

President

Chesterfield Police Officers Association

**FOOD: ONE OF OUR REGULAR STOPS CLOSES** Despite the fact the lines had been out the door on Fridays during Lent and on Fat Tuesday you could not get a table in the place, Cajun restaurant The Riverbend on Big Bend near Clayton Road in Richmond Heights closed last weekend.

I was talking with the owner, Sam Kogos at Sasha's in Clayton the Wednesday before he closed down for good on Sunday 03/26/17. He did not let on about the upcoming closing. We talked about the 1988 Frank Sinatra Michelob commercial where Sinatra sang The Way You Look Tonight as hip couples walked into a nightclub where he was singing. Sam knew Sinatra and was given some of the autographed ad posters from the campaign. The ad was the work of the late Town and Country resident Mike Roarty, who ran A-B advertising for 20 years. Here is the video of the ad:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w171F7tND0o>



When Riverbend moved from Soulard to Big Bend we gave it a very good review. However we pulled the review from the homepage of the website in the last year when some of the food quality got a bit inconsistent. However, I was always a huge fan of the Crawfish Bisque. That soup was like an over-the-counter cold medicine. The spices would clear out all your nasal passages and throat while being very tasty.

One reason for the decision to close was that the chef was moving to Spain. Sam Kogos informed his employees in advance and gave them all bonuses.

The biggest thing I will miss is seeing bartender Carol Tanner, who I have been trading books with for three years and whose homemade dog biscuits, "Sparky Bites" have been a regular at our house for a number of years.

**MUSIC: Lola Albright Obit.** We noted that one of our favorite people in the old Peter Gunn TV-Show died last week at the age of 92. The private eye series featured Lola Albright as main character PI Peter Gunn's (Craig Stevens) love interest, Edie Hart. She was first a singer with a small jazz group at Mother's Nightclub and then at her own nightclub in the TV series.

With the passing of Albright, all the main characters of Peter Gunn are dead. Stevens died at age 81 in 2000 and Herschel Bernardi who played Lt. Jacobi died at age 82 in 1986. Bernardi was well known for his work in the play Fiddler on the Roof, but is best known to me as the voice of Charlie the Tuna in the Star Kiss tuna commercials.



Lola Albright



Edie Hart (Lola) and Peter Gunn Lt. Jacobi (Herschel Bernardi)



Here is a clip of Lola singing How High the Moon with Shorty Rogers on the flugelhorn from an episode of Peter Gunn. (If you let it run it will give additional Lola songs.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S4jFd0XYYb0>

And yes I have the Lola CD where the music was arranged by Henry Mancini, who wrote the theme to the TV series.

**SPORTS OBIT or how did the Post Dispatch miss this one?** There was a paid obit in the Post-Dispatch, but I never saw a news obit in either the news section or the

sports section of Audrey Kissel Lafser. who died at the age of 91 on March 19 in St. Louis.



Audrey graduated from Hancock High School in South County in 1943. She lettered in volleyball, softball and was the captain of the girls' basketball team for four years. The Hancock Female Athlete of the Year Award is named after her.

Audrey "Pigtails" "Kiss" Kissel was on the national stage a year out of high school. She was the starting second baseman for the Minneapolis Millerettes of the All-American Girl Professional Baseball League (A League of Their Own). She only hit .189, but was the lead-off hitter and had 32 walks and 47 stolen bases.

**Audrey Lafser**  
 Maiden Name: Kissel  
 Nick Name: Pigtails/Kiss  
 Hometown: St. Louis, MO US  
 Born: 02/27/1926  
 Died: 03/19/2017  
 Throw Hand: Right  
 Bat Handed: Right  
 Affiliation: Player  
 Positions: Second Base  
 History: Minneapolis Millerettes (1944)

**Audrey Lafser Seasonal Batting Record**

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	BB	SO	AVG
1944	102	360	47	68	1	3	1	19	47	32	12	.189

The Minnesota Millerettes (The Minnesota minor league team before the Twins were the Millers) only played for one season and finished last in the standings.

She played second base for the perfect game pitched by Annabel Lee for the Millerettes.

She married her high school sweetheart, Fred Lafser, who was in the Navy in World War II serving on the aircraft carrier the USS Yorktown. Fred is also in the Hancock H.S. Sports Hall of Fame.

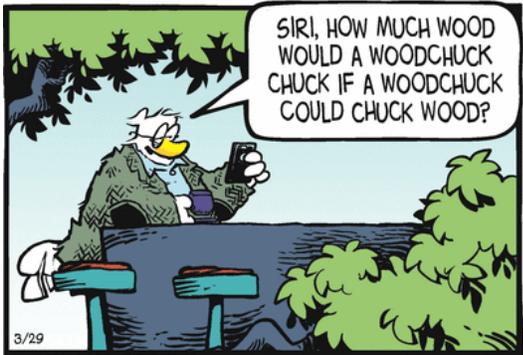


Kiss Pigtales Kissel is in the middle row fourth from the left and second from the right.

### CARTOONS:



Is this possibly a section of County Highway's "Chesterfield Parkway"?



SIRI, HOW MUCH WOOD WOULD A WOODCHUCK CHUCK IF A WOODCHUCK COULD CHUCK WOOD?



A SO-CALLED "WOODCHUCK" (CORRECTLY SPEAKING, A GROUNDHOG) WOULD CHUCK-- THAT IS, THROW-- AS MUCH AS THE WOODCHUCK IN QUESTION WAS PHYSICALLY ABLE TO CHUCK ... IF WOODCHUCKS, IN GENERAL, HAD THE CAPACITY (AND, PRESUMABLY, THE MOTIVATION) TO CHUCK WOOD.

JEFF MACNELLY'S  
**Shoe**  
By Gary Brookins & Susie MacNelly



SENATOR, ARE YOU GUILTY IN THAT LATEST BID-RIGGING SCANDAL?

I AM NOT!



AS GEORGE WASHINGTON ONCE SAID ...



"I CANNOT TELL AN ALTERNATIVE FACT!"



SO YOU'RE DATING A ROOFER?

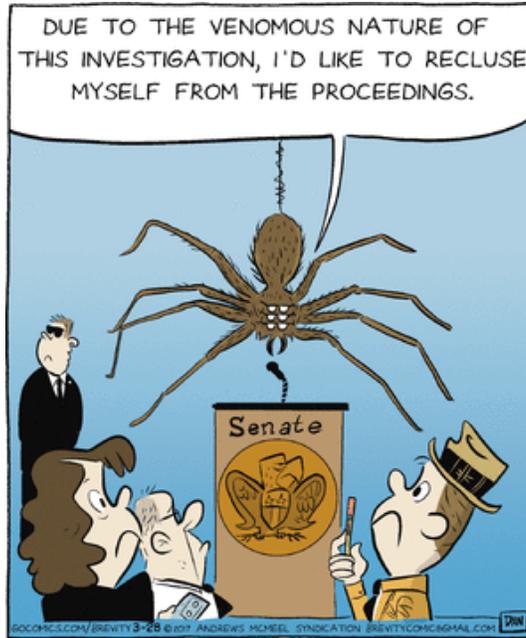
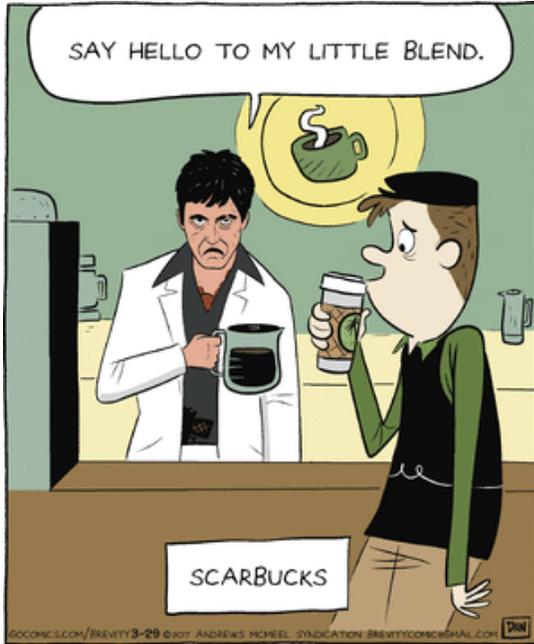


SURE AM.

WHERE DID YOU MEET HIM?



A SHINGLES BAR.



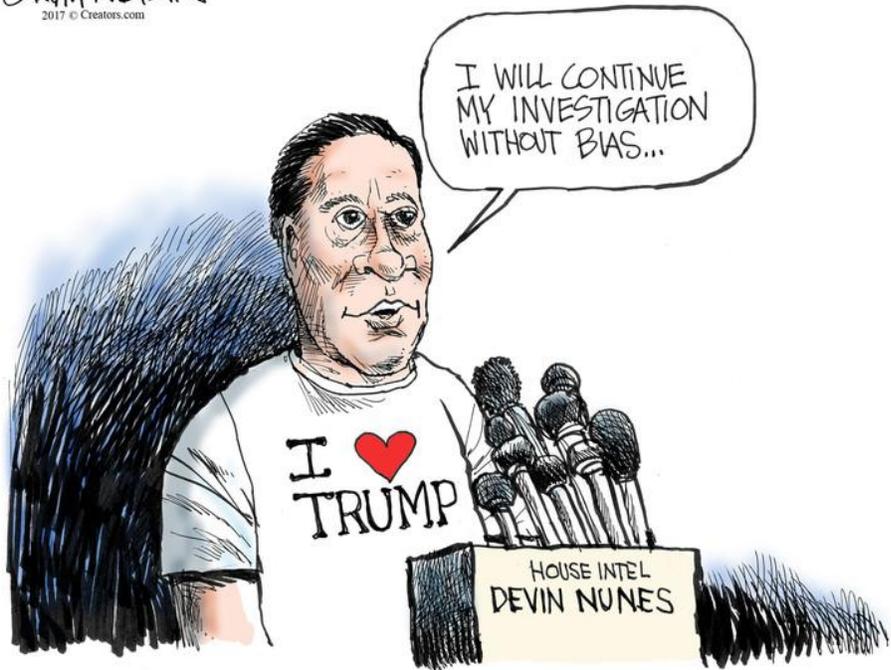
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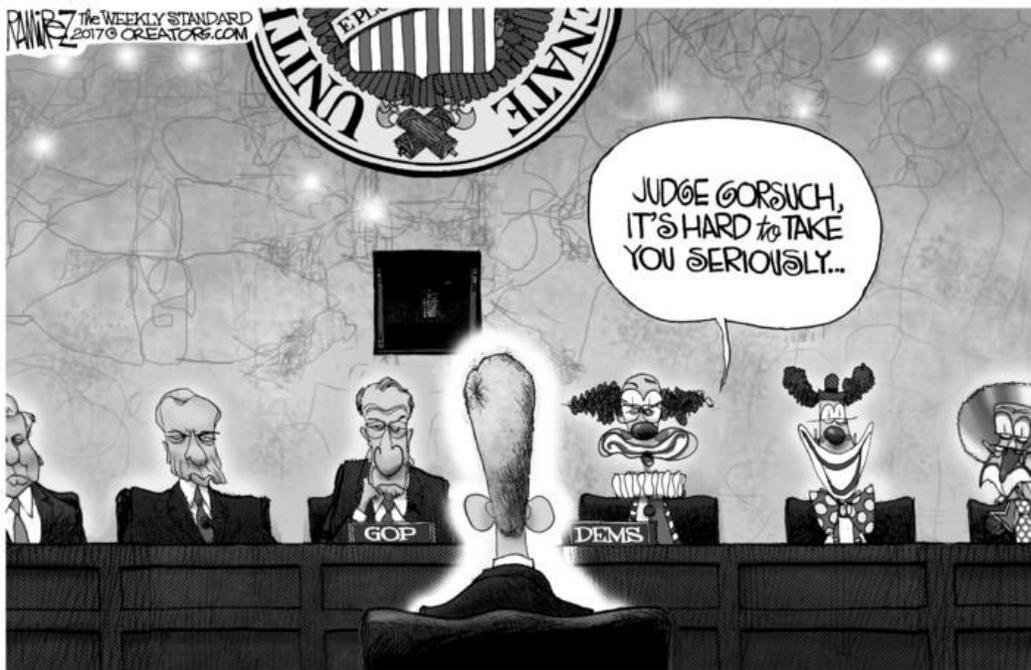
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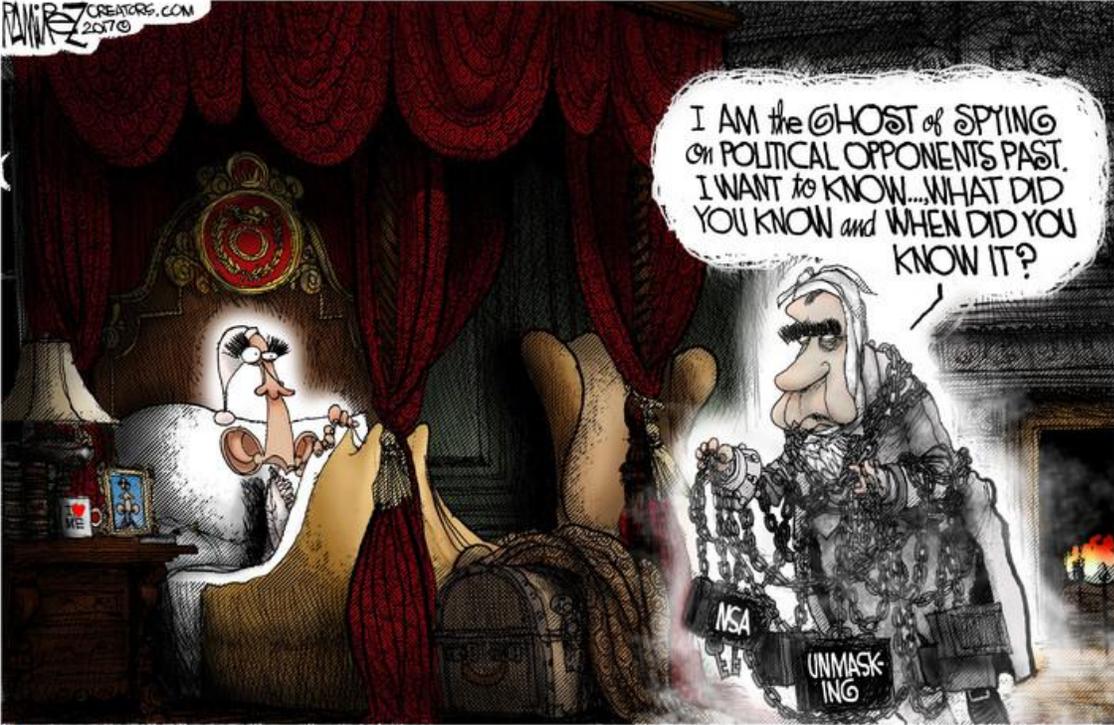
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