

EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 182 AND CHESTERFIELD 127



By John Hoffmann

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CHESTERFIELD MAN GETS TWO DAYS IN COUNTY JAIL FOR DRIVING 125 MPH IN TOWN AND COUNTRY:

It was 1:45 in the morning on Monday night/Tuesday morning when 22-year-old Robert Stewart of 200 Ambridge Ct. in Chesterfield decided to open up his 2008 Mazda 3 on his way home.

Mazda, is the Zoom-Zoom car according to the commercials and Stewart was getting the most of the zoom-zoom his Mazda had to offer.

Sgt. Wolfe clocked him doing 125 MPH in a 60 MPH Zone on WB I-64 after I-270.

Once stopped Stewart was arrested for Speeding, Improper Lane Use for lane weaving and failure to signal.

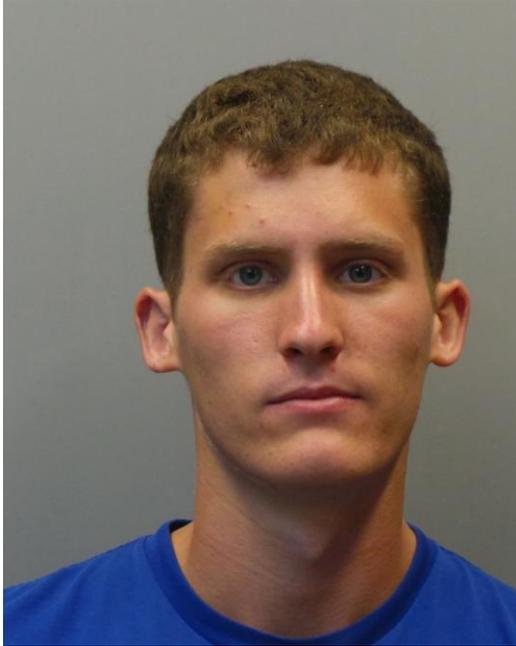
Stewart's attorney moved the case to the Circuit Court. Town and Country prosecutor Brain Malone dismissed the lane weaving and failure to signal charge. On May 18 Stewart appeared before Judge Dueker, who has let plenty of drunk drivers and other miscreants off on probation or reduced charges like Parking Violations, did not take kindly to someone doing 65 MPH OVER the speed limit.

Dueker accepted Stewart's guilty plea. He fined him \$250 and then sentenced him to 2-Days in the County Jail. The jail time was served on Sunday May 31 and Monday June 1.

STATE OF MISSOURI
DIVISION OF 21st CIRCUIT COURT

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I, KNOWING THAT FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS FORM ARE PUNISHABLE BY LAW, STATE THAT I HAVE PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT:					
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200 AMBRIDGE CT					
CITY		STATE	ZIP CODE		
CHESTERFIELD		MO	63017		
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DID THEN AND THERE COMMIT THE FOLLOWING OFFENSE. THE FACTS SUPPORTING THIS BELIEF ARE AS FOLLOWS:					
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Stewart didn't like the 2-days in jail one bit. **FROM HIS FACEBOOK:**

On the day he pled guilty:

[Robert Wood Stewart](#)

[May 18 at 9:04am](#) ·

The judicial system is disturbing. Our government is messed up. It makes me so angry as to how things proceed in this injustice, ravenous world. Your world is so affected by the little decisions you make. Keep on the right path. Life is worth so much more as long as you leave the law out of it.

On the day he turned himself in to serve two days at the County Jail:

[Robert Wood Stewart](#)

[May 31 at 2:49am](#) ·

The worst feeling is knowing your rights and privledges will be stripped from you in less then 12 hours.. *frown emoticon* this sucks..

Here is his message on the day he got out after his 48-sentence:

[Robert Wood Stewart](#)

[10 hrs](#) ·

48 hours of my life gone by. What an experience. Time to move ahead and make my goals come true

And a half day out of jail and he discovered how to make his car go faster...lesson not learned:

[Robert Wood Stewart](#)

[7 hrs](#) ·

So i found out part of my boosting issue. My intake came off the turbo intel... oops... so now i peak again at 22psi but i rapid drop boost to 15 psi.. this is an issue... lol

The 125 MPH was not a simple isolated oops! Stewart's Facebook account is nothing but photos of fast cars, mostly Mazdas. Here is a photo of his Mazda a month after the speeding arrest along with a note.



If Stewart looks familiar...he used to work at the Gas and Wash at Clayton and Woods Mill until he quit in March. Prior to that, he worked at Yellowstone Café in the Lamp and Lantern Shopping Center.

THEFTS FROM 13 VEHICLES AND ONE STOLEN AUTO IN OVERNIGHT CRIME SPREE IN TOWN AND COUNTRY'S WARD 2 AND COUNTRY LIFE ACRES: On Friday morning June 5 the Town and Country Police received 14 calls of overnight vehicle break-ins, thefts and one stolen auto.

The stolen car occurred in the gated community of Country Life Acres. It was recovered Friday afternoon in North St. Louis. The Town and Country Police also recovered a stolen car on the shoulder of I-64 at about the same time.

The following are homes where the police were called concerning car break-ins. All the cars with thefts had been left unlocked. They were all off of Mason and Topping Road.

1. 155XX Mason Valley-
2. 136XX Peacock Farm Rd
3. 136XX Peacock Farms Rd.
4. 16XX Featherstone Dr
5. 16XX Featherstone Dr.
6. 16XX Featherstone Dr.
7. 135XX Weston Park Dr.
8. 133XX Buckland Hall-
9. 11XX S. Mason-
10. XX Williamsburg Est Dr. (Ward 3)
11. 18XX Topping Rd.
12. 128XX Topping Woods
13. 128XX Topping Woods Est Dr.
14. XX Country Life Acres- Stolen Vehicle

TIME TO CHANGE THE SIGN: Back in 2007 Janet Williamson a retired nurse who along with her husband, Dr. Joe Williamson had one of the most unusual backyards around, consisting of all Missouri native plants. Janet, despite being somewhat frail took on a project to beatify the rocky hole along Topping Road between Pingry Place and Manchester Road.

Janet managed to plant native Missouri Prairie Grasses (which some highway and road department heads still refer to as weeds) among the rocks. At the time the property, which is still owned by the Missouri Department of Transportation (since it abuts Highway 100-Manchester Road) had a chain link fence around it.

The city under Mayor Jon Dalton then spent \$100,000 to replace the chain link fence with a faux metal stake fence. This was back when Town and Country was swimming in money receiving sales tax from Wal Mart before they moved out of town and also improperly receiving around \$800,000 in tax money from Charter Communications that should have been going to other communities.

Janet was given an award by the city and a sign was hung on the new expensive fence identifying the growth inside the fence as being Native Prairie Grass. Now we move eight years forward it is clearly time to change the sign. Since the property inside the fence belongs to MoDot and MoDot without a new tax revenue source is almost broke no one has tended the prairie grass. It is rapidly being overgrown with the fence disappearing in places and it is now time to change the sign to read "**NATIVE JAPANESE HONEYSUCKLE.**"



THE TOWN AND COUNTRY DEFICIT CONTINUES TO GROW: At the May 26th Board of Aldermen meeting a bill was passed to hire an engineering company for \$33,770 to prepare data for a proposed sidewalk from Clayton Road to Queeny Park.

The engineering report is required before the city can obtain a parks grant from money raised through the Great Rivers Greenway and Arch Park Taxes.

This raised the Town and Country 2015 Deficit to \$1,297,632. Keep in mind the deficit could shrink at the end of the year if some street repair work comes in under bid.

2015 Town and Country Budget Deficit revised 05/26/15

-\$1,230,929 December 31, 2014... 2015 proposed budget*

* includes \$25,000 after budget was approved by the Finance Commission for Beautification Grants added to budget by Mayor Dalton

+ 17,580 February 9, 2015 Increase in Police Holiday Pay by adding w more paid holidays (GF)

-\$1,248,509

+ 1,800 March 9, 2015 Increase in funds to Board of Elections for April City election (GF)

-\$1,250,309

+ 6,960 March 23, 2015 Increase in IT contractual service Capital Improvement Fund

-\$1,257,269

+ 1,111 March 23, 2015 Building equipment/repairs & maintenance Capital Improvement Fund

-\$1,258,380

+ 450 March 23, 2015 Other repairs (Capital Improvements Fund)

-\$1,258,830

+ 5,032 March 23, 2015 Service Contracts (Parks and Storm Water Fund)

-\$1,263,862

+ 33,770 May 26, 2015 Engineering services for Mason Rd. sidewalk/trail/linear park

-\$1,297,632

RIGHT TURN LANE ADDED AT CLAYTON ROAD AND MASON ROAD: For years people have been driving on the paved shoulder of EB Clayton Road at Mason Road to make a right turn, something that was illegal.

While Clayton Road is a Town and Country maintained and controlled street, Mason Road is a County Road and the entire intersection is under the control of St. Louis County. On Friday June 5, a County road crew made turning right onto Mason Road from what was the shoulder, legal. They turned the section of the shoulder just before Mason Road into a right turn lane, although it is a very narrow lane.



ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL: The construction just across the Town and Country city limits in Creve Coeur doesn't look like a "football practice field" but is clearly a football stadium for Missouri Baptist University. Take a look.





All the building is going on in Creve Coeur, but the parking lot I took the photos from is in Town and Country and is owned by CBC High School. Missouri Baptist University came to a Town and Country Planning and Zoning meeting to request additional parking spaces on CBC's existing parking lot and access to their property. Of course the City's Official Windbag Fred Meyland-Smith put a number of restrictions on the plan including forcing MBU to add things or promise not to add things in Creve Coeur, which MBU can begin ignoring immediately.

MBU did state that this would be a practice facility at first and they would continue to play football games at the CBC field, something that I seriously doubt will happen too many more times.

BEAUTIFICATION GRANT FOR TOWN AND COUNTRY ESTATES CONTINUES:

Town and Country Estates off the South Forty Drive in Ward One wants a fourth beautification in the last 16 years. The first ones were over three straight years from 1998-to 2000,

The request includes to do much of the landscaping the earlier grants covered. That is supposed to be maintained by the subdivision after a grant pays for it. Of course 15 years is a long time.

In one former grant the subdivision received taxpayer money for two spruce trees. In the current grant application they want money to remove two spruce trees. In fairness the last grants were 15 years ago.

The subdivision also used past grant money to put up a "Residents Only" sign keeping the public or the people who helped pay for the sign out of their subdivision. Since then the subdivision's streets have been taken over by the city and the sign keeps the public from using a public street.



Here is this from the minutes of the February 27, 2006 Board of Aldermen meeting when the BOA accepted all the streets in Town and Country Estates as public city streets. But residents still try and keep the public out. Word was they did not want people using the Greek Church and Center to park on the street and walk up to the sports field. But that is what you get when you turn your private street into a public street to save money. People can park on public streets unless it blocks traffic flow.

BILL NO. 06-14, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT RELATIVE TO THE DEDICATION OF STREETS, TOWN AND COUNTRY ESTATES SUBDIVISION

(sponsored by Aldermen Wright and Wasinger) (1st reading 02/13/06)

Mayor Dalton called for a second reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 06-14 was read for the second time by title only and placed upon its final passage. Alderman Meyland-Smith moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Fons. The roll call vote was as follows: AYE, Aldermen Donaldson, Fons, Meyland-Smith, Wasinger, Wiggins and Wright; NAY, none; ABSTAIN, none; ABSENT, Aldermen Benigas and Marsden. The Bill passed and became Ordinance No. 3117.

Before the regular meeting there was a discussion of Beautification Grants during the agenda meeting. Ald. Skip Manage (a Democrat free spending guy who claims he is a Republican) stated he had received input from several alderpersons. Here are some of the items of interest.

Grant money should be confined to the entrance of a subdivision.

Don't allow the same improvements already paid for in prior grants. (Make the subdivision maintain original improvements.)

Change the process and have all the applications for grants presented at the same time each year so they can be judged against each other on merit.

Of course Mange said "Don't change the rules for this year's grants."

Now this last statement contradicted what Ald. Gussie Crawford was told last November when she challenged the properness of Mayor Dalton adding the grants to an already deficit budget. She was told that she could vote against all the grants she wanted to on an individual basis. Now she is being pressured to vote for any grant approved by Mange's rubber stamp Conservation Commission.

Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist Jon Dalton clearly is using the grants to garner support for himself.

"We don't want to run a program that is destined for disappointment," said Dalton. "These grants are for community building."

So why bother getting them approved by the board of aldermen at all if you are afraid of disappointment?

Alderwoman Tiffany Frautschi said the ordinance required whoever got the grant to maintain the improvement.

"One of my concerns is about grants going to subdivisions for items that we already provided grants for."

Amy Anderson then chipped in with a good point taken from the Town and Country Estates application.

"We shouldn't pay for annuals," said Anderson referring to flowers that have to be replaced every year.

Linda Rallo, last year's fresh new independent face, then began to question Frautschi all while giving her the stink eye.

"Are you concerned about procedure or the budget," asked Rallo staring across the table.



After every new meeting it appears more and more as if Rallo is with the Daltonites more and more. Lynn Wright wants the Beatification grants to be left alone and Rallo and Wright appear to be tighter and tighter. Rallo is even drifting further and further away from her core constituents. This spring she endorsed Fred Meyland-Smith for reelection. Meyland-Smith and his treatment of Ward-4 residents who opposed the Maryville University rezoning was one of the reasons why Rallo was recruited to run.

On Monday night she asked that her name be added to legislation to change the Final Site Development Plan at Maryville University. That would normally be no big deal, but Rallo's core supporters listened to Maryville lie and twist the facts during the rezoning and plans to move their maintenance garage into a residential area.

No one even brought up how the grants discriminate against people living on major roads who don't live in subdivisions.

THE BILLS: Town and Country Estates made some of the landscaping improvements before the grant was approved. Under grant rules that would have made those purchases ineligible. (Oddly this did not stop the BOA in 2009 in handing over \$5K to the Bellerive Country Club Grounds subdivision in November for work they did in July to spruce things up when a resident's daughter on her wedding day would enter the subdivision in a horse drawn carriage. At the same time they gave \$5K to the Country Club folks Dalton laid off three female employees.)

Later in the night Ward-1 Alderman Skip Mange moved to continue the entire matter so he could find a way to get that money back into the grant.



This is the front of Town and Country Estates that the Trustees claim is in need of \$10,000 to make it look nicer (\$5K they hope comes from taxpayer money.)

The Confrontation: In the regular BOA meeting the topic was not Beautification Grants in general, but specifically the Town and Country Estates Trustee grant application. Brenda Bucol a Town and Country Estates trustee was at the meeting to answer questions and appeared to be pissed. The give and take was tense.

Bucol mentioned that she thought this was all settle after she appeared before the "professional" Conservation Commission. She added in a style with 'attitude" that she was a trustee when the other three grants were issued.



Jon Benigas asked about the \$600 price for "two hollies." Bucol snapped back, "These are large trees not some bush. There are three of them."

Benigas replied that there were only two on the submitted application.

"Everyone in this room knows \$10,000 is easy to spend on landscaping," said Bucol. She then added something that had a rarified air of snoburbia about it. "We had four bids from very expensive landscapers." This led me to think, "Why not try some bids from some less expensive landscapers."

Bucol then snapped, "You should have got back to us before now!"

That terse reply did not stop someone was questioning her on the \$300 they were spending on begonias.

Before she could answer Ward-1 Ald. Skip Mange moved to continue the matter to June 22. Mange made it sound like he wanted to find some way to put money back into the grant that the subdivision disqualified itself from by doing the work before the grant was issued. The continuation passed 8-0.

THE DALTON SIDESTEP: He did it again, just like clockwork, when there is several rows of angry residents and eager businessmen who live in town confronting each other on a zoning issue, Mayor Jon Dalton finds a way to leave the dais so he doesn't tick anyone off. It may not have worked on Monday night.



Much like Charles Dunning as the Texas Governor performing "The Texas Sidestep" in the Best Little Whorehouse in Texas, Mayor Dalton does the "Dalton Sidestep" more often than not when there is a controversial issue and he might have to vote.

On Monday he left the spotlight with a number of Ward-1 residents in attendance opposing the building of Tim Horton's at Clayton and Ballas. He said he was recusing himself because one of the 250 lawyers at Armstrong-Teasdale, where Dalton now works, represents one of the groups involved with the development.

This is just another reason why Dalton, a lobbyist at the Missouri State House and now representing more and more developers needs to step down as mayor. He has too many conflicts of interest to serve the residents of Town and Country.

PUBLIC! WE DON'T NEED NO STINKIN PUBLIC:



Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist Jon Dalton recused himself from one of three public hearings on Monday night. It was the public hearing on creating an Overlay District for the northeast and southwest corners of Clayton and Ballas Roads. Without the approved Overlay District the Tim Horton's and Reliance Bank would not be able to be built.

There was a court reporter present to write down ever work spoken by city staff members, alderpersons and one would think the public, because it is a public hearing.

Ald. Jon Benigas as president of the BOA took over the dais when Dalton stepped down. Earlier in the evening it was suggested by Dalton that residents speak when the first reading of the Site Development Plan ordinance came up. That would be long after the court reporter had packed up and left.

That is exactly what Benigas did. He took a statement from Craig Wilde the Director of Planning and questions by alderpersons for Wilde. He then closed the public hearing without asking if anyone from the public had anything to say. Only in Town and Country would elected officials advertise, post and then hold a public hearing, hire a court reporter to capture every word including that of the public and then keep the public from saying anything. I was waiting for some alderperson to say, "Hey what about the public?" But there was not a peep.

Afterwards the court reporter wasn't sure if public comments would be taken later. She mouthed to City Clerk Ashley McNamara, "Can I go?" The City Clerk nodded in the affirmative. She quickly packed up and went out the backdoor.



BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR: A number of people were at the Aldermanic meeting upset over Tim Horton's plans of going in at Ballas and Clayton Roads.

The Threat: Attorney Bob Pedroli who lives on Covington Place Estates, the last subdivision street before Bopp Road spoke. Pedroli spoke about all the people on his one-block long street full of over sized homes who are opposed to this.

He then made a sexist remark by having to qualify Mrs. Lee Roarty's opinion.

"Lee Roarty, the widow of Mike Roarty is against it," said Pedroli. It was as if Mrs. Roarty's opinion didn't count unless it was connected with her late husband Mike Roarty who handled the PR and media for the Busch family and the brewery.

Pedroli then said how drunks would be at Tim Horton's late at night. He said that Tim Horton's is owned by the same company that owns Burger King. (Restaurant Holdings International which now owns Tim Horton's bought Burger King in 2014.)



Finally he made a threat to the Alderpersons.

"I suggest you contact me after the meeting. We are going to get a ground swell of support to stop this drive thru," he said.

Pedroli has a three lawyer law firm in Clayton. In other words he makes a right turn on Clayton Road from his street to go to work and does not even past Ballas and Clayton.

People from the following streets spoke against the proposal:

West Point Lane 2 blocks away
Crystal View Lane 3 blocks away
Covington Place 3 blocks away

Dalton pal who should keep a low profile on zoning issues speaks: Mark Dunn an attorney and buddy of Mayor Jon Dalton, who lives three blocks away from Clayton Road on Crystal View Lane off of Ballas Road spoke in opposition of the proposal. Keep in mind that Dunn has the law office building on the North Forty Outer Road on land that had been owned by two spinster sisters. They tried to get the property rezoned from

residential since it had no value as residential land. They couldn't and sold to Dunn who managed to get it rezoned. He then build his office building. He should sit down and shut up.

STUPID: One person spoke out saying Horton's had agreed to no advertising signs on I-64 but not to none on I-270. The person was stupid and unaware that MoDot only allows MoDOt signs for businesses where there is an exit. There is an exit on I-64 to Ballas Road. There are no exits from I-270 to either Clayton Road or to Ballas Road so a Horton's sign would be ineligible.

FRED MEYLAND-SMITH DOESN'T GIVE UP: Despite the Horton's ownership group agreeing instead of staying open 24 hours to close at 11pm on weeknights and 12 midnight on weekends, Fred was not satisfied and continued his demand that they do it "Fred's Way" and close at 10pm every night. Meyland-Smith mentioned that only McDonalds in the Lamp and Lantern Shopping Center is open after 10 pm (24 hours). It was later pointed out to Wrong-Way Fred that several bar and grills are open after 10pm and even Mineo's at Clayton and Mason is often open serving drinks after 10pm.

And of course there is residential area close to McDonald's. But it is apartment and townhouse located in Chesterfield behind the Lamp and Lantern so I guess in Fred's mind, "screw em...they don't count as important people if they live in Chesterfield." Actually McDonald's creates very little noise during their overnight operations.

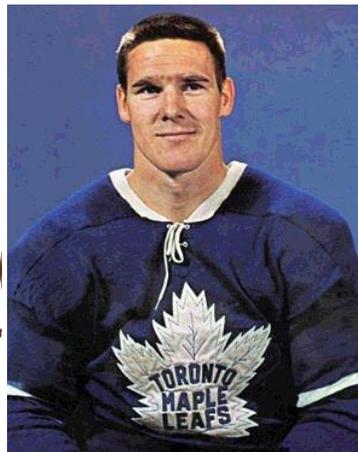
Fred continued to attack the location of the bank's proposed ATM and insisted that the customers go inside the bank. A bank representative pointed out that a mom with three kids in the car all seat belted in doesn't want to go inside nor do some people with handicaps. He added that the ATM was there as a convenience and the tele-connection with a bank teller is not with a teller at the brank but at the main office in Frontenac. fred didn't like what he heard because it showed how stupid his position was. At least he got him to shut up.



An unhappy Fred,

Tim Horton's reputation: I spent time in Canada and I know that Alderwoman Tiffany Frautschi spent three years of her childhood there while her father served at the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa.

Tim Horton's has a reputation as a family place. It is a place where you will find parents and kids not drunks as claimed by Bob Pedroli. Tim Horton's Cafes in Canada it is not unusual to find people who have been working there for 15 and 20 years and many of those employees live nearby (something I would not expect in Town and Country).



Tim Horton's was started in 1964 by a popular hockey player Tim Horton who played from 1948 to 1974. He had a partner Ron Joyce (originally from Nova Scotia) who expanded the company and made himself a billionaire.

Horton died at his own hands in 1974 when at 44 he was driving home after a hockey game drunk and flipped his sports car killing himself. He was so popular in Canada that the RCMP did not release autopsy results or information from the accident for 30 years.

HERE IS WHAT THE DEVELOPERS AND TIM HORTON'S HAVE AGREED TO SINCE THE FIRST PLANS WERE SUBMITTED:

- Added 12 parking spaces
- Added two additional exit lanes
- Reduced hours
- Agreed to extend height of fence
- Agreed to extend offsite parking for employees from 10 year lease to 20 years

The Tim Horton's people have been compromising and trying to be good neighbors despite what The Grinch Fred Meyland-Smith is trying to sell.

In fact the president of Show Me Hospitality, LLC (which is the area Horton's franchisee holder) Eric Sigurdson has lived in Ward 4 of Town and Country for the last 14 years.



Eric Sigurdson president of Show-Me Hospitality operates the power point while an associate goes over the Tim Horton's menu.

Best line of the night: It went to Horton's traffic engineer who pointed out to residents complaining about there being too much traffic, if there wasn't traffic in the area no one would want to put a business there.

Misfire: For some of the people who showed up in opposition said after the meeting they thought that the bank and Tim Horton's were a done deal. "It seems like if someone the mayor works with is behind it, it will pass," said one resident which ruined what Dalton was hoping to avoid, ticking off a voter.

Just thinking! I have to wonder if there would be any dissent if the place was named Barclay Plager's or Brett Hull's.

The matter is up for a final vote at the June 22 BOA meeting. We know that Pompous Fred will vote against it.

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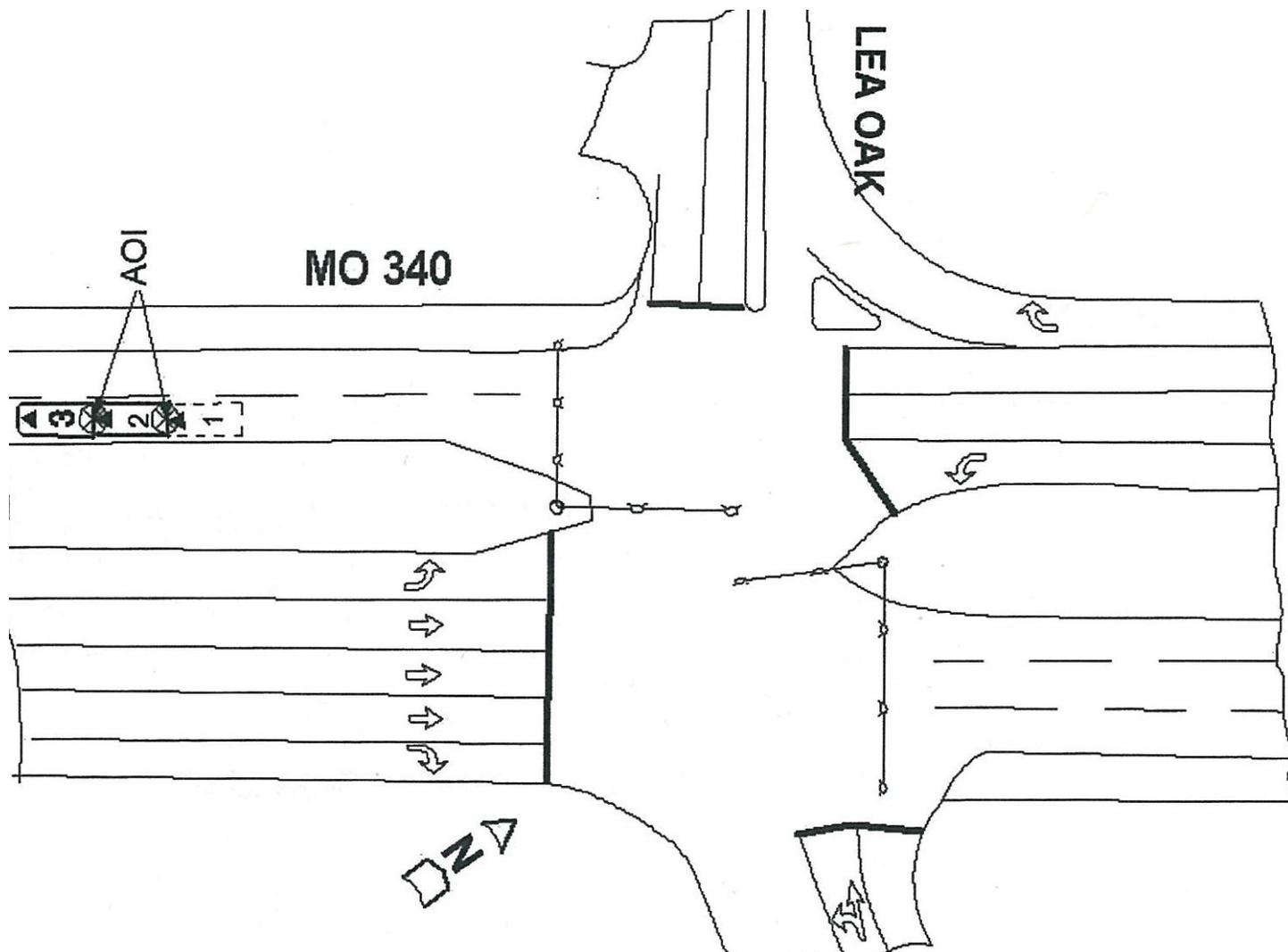
FORMER BALLWIN RESIDENT DRUNK, IN CRASH WITH 2-MONTH IN CAR, THEN FIGHTS PARAMEDICS AND COPS AND INJURES HIMSELF HITTING HIS HEAD IN BACK OF POLICE CAR. Meanwhile this Newsletter was dissed while Police gave KMOV detailed information, but not us.

Peter Toth a 25-year-old former Ballwin resident, now living in Gerald, Missouri in far Western Franklin County had an interesting 10-day period.

On May 24 Toth was burglarizing the Hartnagel house on Kehrsdale Drive in Clarkson Valley. He stole a laptop computer, gift cards, a purse, a wallet and a Visa credit card.

He later used the credit card.

On May 26 things were going downhill for Toth. At about 5 pm on Tuesday May 26 Peter A. Toth, 25, was driving a Ford (Year, model and color withheld by the Chesterfield PD for what reason I don't know) in the left lane on westbound Clarkson Road just past Lea Oak Drive, when he rear-end the car in front of him, a Nissan (the model year and color was withheld by the PD) but it was a 2013 Nissan Altima operated by Patricia J. Fickey of Cedar Grove Ct. in Chesterfield. The impact from Toth's car forced the Fickey Nissan into a Ford operated by Debra Palmer of Meadow Oak Dr in Chesterfield. (Of course the PD would not supply the address or year and model of the car.) It was a 2009 Ford Escape.



The May 27th 6pm KMOV news broadcast had a story about Peter Toth being arrested for DWI with his two-month old son in the backseat and then also arrested for assaulting a police officer and other charges. KMOV even had a mug shot. Their piece and website article quoted "Chesterfield Police."

The next day I filed a request for the mug shot, police press release, booking information and accident report. The following day I went out and obtained the accident report, which was heavily redacted and did not contain the information given to KMOV. It had the year and color of the Ford driven by Toth redacted, I'm not sure what section of the Sunshine Law the Chesterfield Police is using refusing to release that information on a public report.

A week later I received an email with the mug shot. It was the same one used by KMOV on May 27. The email reported the incident report was ready. I knew that the investigative part of the report would not be available until the case is adjudicated. But I should have gotten basic arrest information including charges and the full identity of Toth.

Here is what I got for \$5, One-and-one-quarter pages that reported a traffic arrest was made on Tuesday May 25, 2015 at 6:10 at Clarkson Road and Lea Oak Driver. That is it! No name of the person arrested and no lists of charges. The Missouri Sunshine Law says police incident reports establishing that a crime occurred are public information, however investigation information is not. Apparently the Chesterfield Police don't believe in following this section of the Law. (The \$5 was later credited.)

After looking at the report that said nothing, I told the clerk I wanted to see Capt. Steve Lewis, the media relations contact, or the head of the record room. The clerk said they were both busy in meetings. I had just seen them both in the hallway minutes earlier.

I told the clerk I had a new James Patterson novel in my car that I had been meaning to start, so I would just sit in the lobby until someone was done with their meeting. (If this sounds familiar I did the same thing at Velda City when I was told the court clerk was too busy to get case information on a prostitution arrest of the president of the West County EMS & Fire Protection District. The difference was it was a John Grisham book in Velda City.)

10 minutes later at least one meeting was over and the records room supervisor came out and met with me. I was told that the supervisor and Capt. Lewis were both on vacation when the arrest was made and were unaware any information was given to KMOV and didn't know who did it. It was later determined that another command officer gave KMOV the information that I couldn't get.

So now using the little bit of information provided by the Chesterfield Police to me and the additional information they gave KMOV here is what I know:

Here is what we learned from KMOV:

By Stephanie Baumer, Online News Producer



Peter Toth, 25, allegedly drove drunk with a 2-month-old inside his vehicle.

CHESTERFIELD, Mo. (KMOV.com) – A Gerald, Missouri man is facing charges after allegedly crashing his vehicle while drunk driving with a 2-month-old in the backseat Tuesday.

Twenty-five-year-old Peter Toth is charged with driving while intoxicated, resisting arrest, assault on a law enforcement officer, endangering the welfare of a child and possession of drug paraphernalia after he was taken into custody on Clarkson Road.

According to police, Toth was driving westbound on Clarkson Road, near Lea Oak Drive, when he rear-ended another vehicle that had stopped for traffic. The accident forced the vehicle Toth hit to be pushed into another vehicle. Following the collision, police said, Toth became irate and yelled at the other motorists.

When officers arrived at the accident scene, they suspected Toth was intoxicated. Officers placed Toth into custody and put him in the back of a police vehicle where he allegedly yelled and trashed around, striking his head against the cages partition of the vehicle, which required stitches.

When emergency crews attempted to secure Toth on a stretcher to take him to the hospital, he allegedly spit blood onto one of the officer's faces. The officer was taken to an area hospital for treatment and released.

According to police, Toth was in possession of a marijuana pipe at the time of the incident.

So the Chesterfield Police would not tell us about the Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer, Resisting Arrest, DWI, Endangering the Welfare of a Child, but they would tell KMOV.

Well here is something we learned. Toth was arrested for the Clarkson Valley burglary, stealing and stealing a credit card, all felonies. A warrant was issued on June 3 and he is held on a \$25,000 cash only bond. On Monday June 8 I went to Clayton and got a copy of the charges.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
STATE OF MISSOURI

JUN 02 2015

JOAN M. GILMER
CIRCUIT CLERK, ST. LOUIS COUNTY

-VS-

PETER AARON TOTH
9 PEAR TREE LN
GERALD, MO 63037

RACE: White
SEX: Male
DOB: 07/09/1989
HGT: 5'04"
WGT: 150lbs.
P.D.: St. Louis County
ORI Number: MO0950000

SSN: ~~██████████~~
OCN: D6091067
CASE ID: 189349288
RPT NO: 15-30376
CT. NO:

Aliases:
Defendant

35W

152-CR0359

CHARGES

Count: 01 BURGLARY 2ND DEGREE - CLASS C FELONY
Count: 02 STEALING OVER \$500 - CLASS C FELONY
Count: 03 STEALING A CREDIT CARD - CLASS C FELONY

David \$25,000
Cash only

COMPLAINT

State of Missouri)
County of St. Louis) SS

Comes now the State of Missouri by and through the undersigned Assistant Prosecuting Attorney on information and belief that there is probable cause to believe that the above named defendant committed the following crime(s):

COUNT: 01 BURGLARY 2ND DEGREE - CLASS C FELONY

That Peter Toth , in violation of Section 569.170, RSMo, committed the class C felony of burglary in the second degree, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011 and 560.011, RSMo, in that on or about May 24, 2015, at 16843 Kehrsdale Dr., in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant, acting with another, knowingly entered unlawfully in an inhabitable structure, located at 16843 Kehrsdale Dr. and owned by Thomas Hartnagel, for the purpose of committing stealing therein.

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COUNT: 02 STEALING OVER \$500 - CLASS C FELONY

That Peter Toth , in violation of Section 570.030, RSMo, committed the class C felony of stealing, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011 and 560.011, RSMo, in that on or about May 24, 2015, at 16843 Kehrsdale Dr., in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant appropriated a laptop, wallet, purse, gift cards, and miscellaneous other items, of a value of at least five hundred dollars, which property was owned by Thomas Hartnagel, and defendant appropriated such property without the consent of Thomas Hartnagel and with the purpose to deprive him thereof.

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COUNT: 03 STEALING A CREDIT CARD - CLASS C FELONY

That Peter Toth , in violation of Section 570.030, RSMo, committed the class C felony of stealing, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011 and 560.011, RSMo, in that on or about May 24, 2015, at 16843 Kehrsdale Dr., in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant appropriated a Visa card, a credit card, which property was owned

Date: June 2, 2015

I, Henry Griese, DSN 4267, 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 May 24, 2015, at 16843 Kehrsdale Dr., Peter Toth, White, Male, DOB 07/09/1989, 5'04", 150lbs, committed one or more criminal offense(s).

Count: 01 BURGLARY 2ND DEGREE – CLASS C FELONY

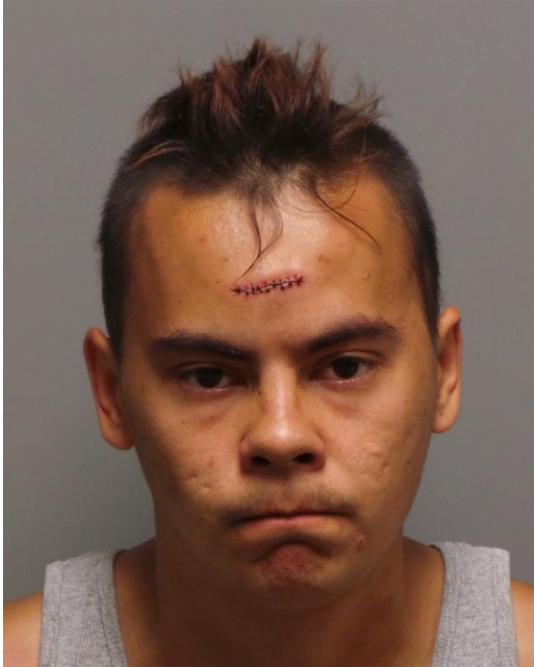
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The facts supporting this belief are as follows: Defendant was identified as the one of the people who entered unlawfully into the victim's residence and stole multiple items. Stolen in the burglary was a laptop, credit cards, and other items valued at over \$500.

Henry Griese, DSN 4267, St. Louis County Police Department

[Signature]  4267



Toth currently lives when not in the County Jail at 9 Pear Tree Lane in Gerald, MO (western Franklin County). However he formerly lived at 280 Oakleigh Woods in Ballwin.

I'm Confused: I'm confused how the Chesterfield PD gave a mug shot and information including charges and the fact he had his 2-month old son in the car with him at the time of his DWI accident on May 27 to KMOV. However, they would not give me the same information for nine more days. Sure I'm not KMOV, but I have a one-man news website and a loyal readership of around 1,000. I'm not sure why Chesterfield PD wants to treat me very differently than other media outlets. It is not like I have never been a journalist. I have worked for as a reporter or editorial staffer for major newspapers, magazines and websites including covering the DOJ and Congress in Washington, DC.

It seems that events that deserve press releases in Chesterfield don't get them and the Police Department doesn't want to have the public know too much.

CITY COUNCIL APPROVES \$305,000 FOR MORE LIGHTS ON SOCCER FIELDS.

The Chesterfield City Council approved spending \$305,000 to light three athletic fields. \$210,000 of the cost over the next three years will be picked up by three groups which will all be using the fields.

Services Director Mike Geisel explained that Ascension Soccer, part of the local parish, along with J.B. Marine, a private select soccer club and Chesterfield Football were groups coming up with the two-thirds of the funds, but over several years.



What is in it for these groups? Simple, they will be "preferred users" meaning they will get a discount rate for the fields. Actually it will be the lowest rates for field rental. So much for that theory that, "all men and athletic clubs are created equal."

They also will get "Priority Scheduling" status, meaning they will get the best times to play their games. So much for that other theory of how, "athletic competition is played on an even playing field." In Chesterfield if you bribe the City you get the best times for your games and pay the lowest rates.

Geisel said the City would break even in the costs of renting lighted fields within 60 hours of nighttime rentals, but he anticipated 2,240 hours in annual rentals for the fields. He saw a minimum of \$41,000 and more likely \$82,000 in increased income due to the fields.

Hurt raises a yellow card: Councilman Dan Hurt raised a yellow card of concern with J.B. Marine, the private select soccer clubs organization being involved.



"My concern is if I hear from my residents that they can't get games times," said Hurt referring to "preferred users" getting all the good game times.

Hurt went on to say that the athletic fields are for residents first and foremost. The problem with Hurt is that he talks a good game in meetings (and sometimes talks a bad game when he won't shut up and starts talking about cops and donuts) but he never goes out and checks things out. He kept talking about traffic patterns at the big stores in the Chesterfield Valley, but clearly had not gone out and looked. We did and showed two things. The city was not enforcing codes for fire lanes and blocked sidewalks and Hurt was wrong about his demands for one-way traffic at outside storage areas.

I would be shocked to see Hurt at the Athletic Complex this fall checking to see where J.B. Marine players are from.

Field Condition: Councilman Barry Flachsbart brought up a topic that I was thinking all along. He questioned how much use a natural turf field can take before it is ruined and the city has to install very expensive artificial fields.

Flachsbart had a very good point, because not only will soccer and football be played on these fields, but lacrosse is played on them also. Lacrosse is a field killer. Lacrosse players' cleats are longer than in other sports and there is a lot of planting your feet and then turning them to make passes.



When I was a sportswriter on the East Coast almost all groundskeepers for colleges, minor league baseball teams the NFL and MLB hated it when lacrosse was played on their fields because of all the damage that was done.

I knew Al Capitos, who was one of the youngest major league groundskeeper when he worked for the Baltimore Orioles from 2000-to-2004. He hated lacrosse and what it did to fields. However, he was offered a big salary increase to go to John Hopkins University.

At Hopkins all sports are Division-III non-scholarship sports with one big exception. Lacrosse is a D-1 sport and Hopkins is a National lacrosse powerhouse. I asked Capitos how he could go to Hopkins as much as he hated what lacrosse did to his fields.

"It was a simple decision. The Hopkins lacrosse field was artificial turf," he said. "The only grass I have to worry about at lacrosse games is the grass on the side of the parking lot."



Capitos has left Hopkins and is now the head groundskeeper at Purdue.

NO SURPRISE! CHESTERFIELD PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT JUST 100TH CITY P-W DEPARTMENT IN NORTH AMERICA TO ACCREDITED. The Chesterfield City Hall operates at amazing efficiency. Other than grossly ethically challenged city prosecutor and judge, the city staff has as high a level of competency as you would hope to find at any city or county in the country. As good as the planning department is the public works department might be just a little better.

Here is part of a internal memo from the Chesterfield's Public Works' Director to the City Administrator.

Mike, I am very pleased to announce that on May 18, 2015, the Department of Public Services was notified that we have officially received Full Accreditation (Accreditation) from the American Public Works Association (APWA). In order to achieve Accreditation, a Public Works agency must demonstrate compliance in 39 areas (Chapters). These Chapters include titles such as Communication, Engineering Management, Right of Way Management, Facility Management, Street Maintenance, Snow Removal, Traffic Operations, Bridges, and many more. The Department of Public Services has been working for several years to achieve Accreditation, and we increased this effort from the Summer of 2014 through the Spring of 2015. We officially submitted for Accreditation on April 14, 2015, and a Site Visit was arranged from May 4 through May 6. During the Site Visit three representatives from Accredited Agencies (Marri Lundquist, Team Leader, Mohave County, AZ; Bill Sterling, retired PW Director, Greeley, CO; Jay Goldie, PW Director, Cherry Hills Village, CO) and the Director of Accreditation from APWA (Ann Daniels, Kansas City, MO) met with Staff and reviewed each of the Chapters to ensure our compliance. This team determined that the City of Chesterfield was fully compliant in 356 of the 362 applicable practice areas. In the remaining six areas the City was substantially compliant, meaning that some additional verification will be necessary prior to re-accreditation. Note that an agency only needs to achieve substantial compliance in order to become Accredited, so the fact that we obtained full compliance in 98% of the areas of practice is impressive. In fact, a number of our areas of practice were chosen by the evaluation team as “Model Practices” and will be shared with all members of APWA, including cities which will attempt to obtain Accreditation in the Future.

This is a monumental accomplishment as the City of Chesterfield will be the 100th Public Works Agency in North American to receive Accreditation. This includes only four other cities in Missouri (Belton, Springfield, Columbia, and Lee’s Summit). While several other cities have been working toward accreditation, the City of Chesterfield is the first city in the St. Louis area to achieve Accreditation.

THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CONTINUES: Let's keep looking at the probable conflicts of interest that new Councilwoman Bridget Nations has since she has a fulltime job as the number-two person and is Director of Membership with the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce.



#4 June 1, 2015 City Council meeting Nations voted to pay \$85,000 for sculptures from Chesterfield Arts. There were some questions if the city didn't already own some of the art work. Chesterfield Arts is a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

#3 June 1 City Council meeting nations voted for the zoning change for the Fischer and Frichtel gated community. Fischer and Frichtel are members of the Chamber of Commerce.

#2 May 21 in the Planning and Public Works Committee Nations voted for zoning change and plans for a drive through at the Four Seasons Shopping Center. The legislation was for Caplaco, Inc. (Capital Realty), Dierbergs and Four Seasons Shopping Center. Dierbergs has been a longtime member of the Chamber of Commerce.

#1 May 7, 2015 voted in the Planning and Public Works Committee meeting for approval of a gated subdivision of \$1.5 million homes being built by Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce member Fischer and Frichtel. The vote sent the matter to the City Council for final approval.



DIEHL TAKES \$400 WORTH OF TICKETS WITH THE END BEING NEAR: Through the end of April and a week before he resigned from the Missouri House and as Speaker of the House John Diehl had accepted \$1,473 from lobbyists and his staff took another \$1,025.

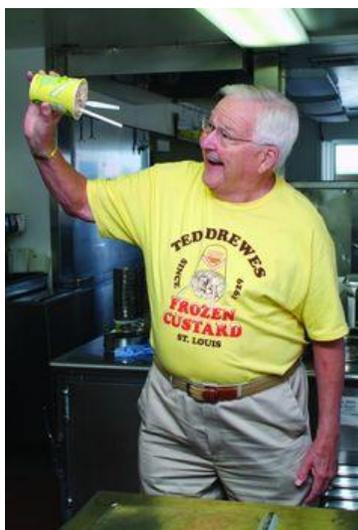
The freebies that interested me were the ones he took after he knew that the Kansas City Star had evidence of his sex texts with a 19-year-old college intern.

The Kansas City Star reported that Diehl was aware of their investigation into the sex texts on April 24 when Star reporters contacted him asking for comments. So Diehl was aware of a career ending scandal just ahead but still took the following free stuff from lobbyists:

04/25	\$80 in entertainment ticket	BNSF Railroad
04/25	\$80 in entertainment ticket	Missouri Marine Dealers Assoc.
04/25	\$80 in entertainment ticket	Northeast Missouri Health Council
04/25	\$80 in entertainment ticket	Three Rivers Community College
04/25	\$80 in entertainment ticket	Pediatrix Medical Group
04/27	\$50.90 meal	J.E. Dunn Construction
04/28	\$67.16 meal	Bank of America
04/29	\$41.44 meal	Missouri Automobile Dealers Assoc

I don't know exactly what the \$400 in the entertainment tickets were for on April 25. The Cardinals were out of town. The Blues had the night off before being eliminating from the NHL Playoffs.

REAL ESTATE: Ted Drew's Town and Country house finally sells! The 4,857 square foot two story house with an outdoor pool at 1 Mason Ridge Court on the busy corner of Mason Ridge and Mason Ridge Court has sold. The iconic frozen custard stand owner put the house on the market in October of 2014 for \$1,395,000. It apparently has a contract pending for around \$1,225,000.





MUSIC & MEDIA: If you remember from last week we wrote how Ray Kennedy, an internationally known pianist, who graduated from Maplewood-Richmond Heights High School, whose father owned a music store in Maplewood and whose brother is internationally know bass player Tom Kennedy. Ray had been dead for five days before the Post-Dispatch bothered doing an obit.

Now Will Holt died on May 31. By June 7 the Post-Dispatch had not done a local obit on Holt. A small AP obit ran in the P-D on June 9 with no mention of a St. Louis connection. His death was no surprise or secret. The New York Times and Washington Post ran obits and the Washington Post even mentioned Holt's St. Louis connection.



Holt is most famous for writing the folk song "Lemon Tree" recorded by many including The Kingston Trio, Peter, Paul and Mary and Trini Lopez. He also wrote a folk music and jazz standard "Strawberries and Raspberries." He had some success on Broadway

having written the book for a musical about WWII starring two of the Andrews Sisters called "Over Here" which I saw at the Muny in the 1970s. He also wrote a Broadway Show on blues singer Bessie Smith that starred Linda Hopkins.

His St. Louis connection was that he owned an interest with Fran and Jay Landesman in the Crystal Palace theater and bar on Boyle at Olive in the heart of Gaslight Square.



This is where Fran Landesman wrote the lyrics and Crystal Palace's house pianist Tommy Wolf wrote the music to the song "Spring Can Really Hang You Up the Most." I was a DJ at a radio station located over the Crystal Palace in 1969 and 1970. Unfortunately the radio station was the last business in the old Musical Arts Building. Across the street on North Boyle was O'Connell's Pub before Jack Parker moved it to S. Kingshighway and Shaw.

Briefly as a co-owner Holt performed at the Crystal Palace on a regular basis. Holt was 86 at the time of his death in Los Angeles.

JUNE 22 RAT PACK NIGHT: Do me a favor. I usually try to get at least 10 people to meet me at the One-10-North on a semi-monthly Rat Pack Monday with Dean Christopher. I will be out of town. If there is not a good crowd the management will complain about having to pay a meager amount to some great musicians and comedian.

So to make up for the 10 people I usually get to go, think about heading to the One-19-North in Kirkwood on 119 N Kirkwood Road and enjoy Dean Christopher, Jim Manley and Chris Swan.



Also now that elementary, high school and college are all off for the summer that means there will be a better chance that top saxophone man Larry Johnson will be sitting in at Sasha's on Wednesday nights with Jim Manley and Chris Swan.

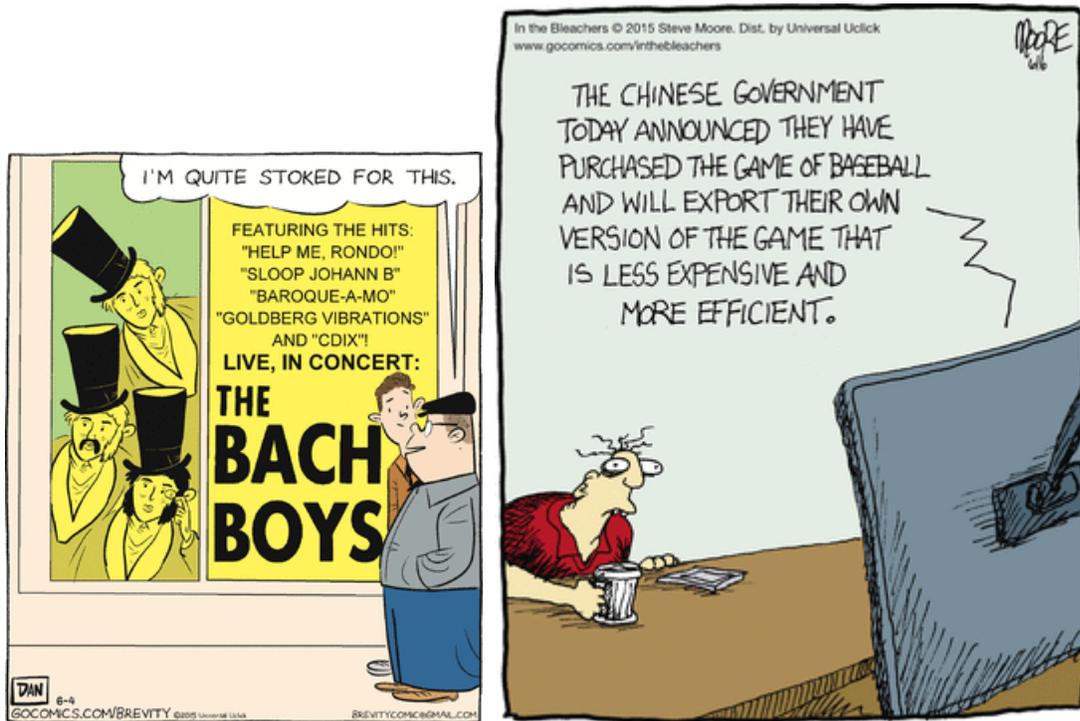
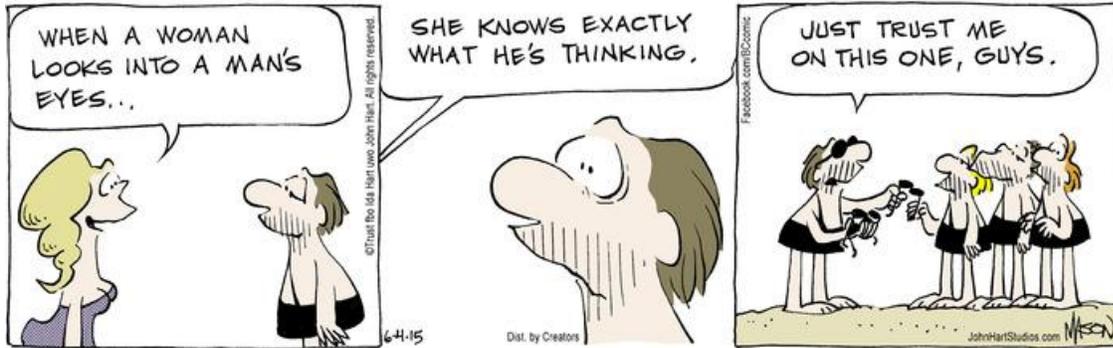


Jim Manley takes a break and Larry Johnson and Joe Bayer are front and center at Sasha's last week.

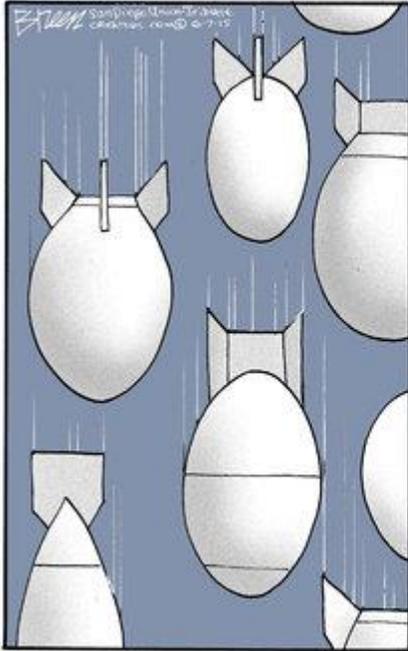
READERS NOTE: The next three newsletters will be as Jamie Allman calls them, "Mug Shot Newsletters" where we take randomly picked cases normally involving drunk drivers and thieves and follow them through the court system. These newsletters will be posted on our website on June 18, June 25 and July 2. While a number of the mug

shots are very funny and most of the actions by local prosecutors and judges would be laughable if there were not pathetically sad, the actual cartoon section will return in July.

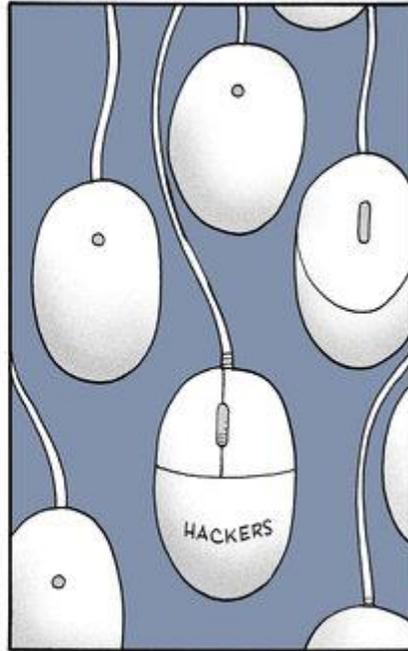
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