

EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 183 AND CHESTERFIELD 128



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DRIVING WHILE BLACK STATS ARE CONSISTENT IN CHESTERFIELD AND TOWN AND COUNTRY:



In 2014 11.3 percent of all vehicle stops made in Chesterfield were of Black drivers. That is up from 8.6-percent in 2013. However keep in mind that I-64, goes through the center of Chesterfield and there are three major shopping centers in Chesterfield drawing people from across St. Louis County. The overall Black population in St. Louis County is 23.2-percent. Here is the stop information from Chesterfield:

	2014	2013	2012	County Population %
TOTAL STOPS	11471	10,319	9,564	
WHITE	9636 84%	8964 87%	8363 87%	68.9%
BLACK	1294 11.3%	890 8.6%	728 7.6%	23.6%
HISPANIC	69 less than 1%	61 Less 1%	7 Less 1%	2.5%
ASIANS	377 3.2%	294 2.8%	314 3.3%	3.5%

Chesterfield's overall white population is 83.1% but the city's black population is just 2.6% while the Asian population is 9.6% and the Hispanic population is 3.1%. If you go on local population figures and not County wide population base both Whites and

Blacks in Chesterfield are being stopped too often and Asians and Hispanics are not being stopped often enough. That is what is wrong with these statistics if taken too literally.

Town and Country:

While Chesterfield does very little traffic enforcement on I-64, Town and Country does quite a bit on both I-64 and I-270 both by choice and through State traffic enforcement grants that puts off-duty officers on the Interstates writing tickets. However, there is less ticket writing since Chief Pat Kranz took control of the police department and moved officers assigned to the formerly separate Traffic Unit to each patrol shift. From 2013 to 2014 Town and Country officers made 1,050 fewer traffic stops.



	2014	2013	2012	County Population %
TOTAL STOPS	7676	8,726	10,355	
WHITE	6358 82.8%	7,324 83.9%	8,759 84.5%	68.9%
BLACK	1,064 13.8%	1,178 13.5%	1,266 12.2%	23.6%
Hispanic	58 less than 1%	66 less than 1%	69 Less than 1%	2.5%
Asian	164 2.1%	41 1.6%	215 2.0%	3.5%

STOPS ONLY ON INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS IN 2013 Total 5,863 In 2014 Total 4846

	2014	2013
WHITE	3869 79.8%	4,801 81.1%
BLACK	817 16.8%	923 15.7%

If you look at the Interstate Highway stop rate versus County population figures it appears as if the Town and Country Police are stopping TOO MANY WHITE PEOPLE. However when you are doing enforcement on Interstate Highways you clock the car, stop the car and then find out the race of the driver. It is impossible to clock a car 600 to 800 feet away with a LASER speed gun and have any idea the race or gender of the

driver. I know as I have written thousands of speeding tickets using RADAR and LASER. This is known as "actions not actors" in police talk.

Frontenac:



Prior to Plaza Frontenac opening in 1974 the police in the City of Frontenac operated quite a speed trap on NB Lindbergh at Litzinger Road. The City now runs on sales tax revenue, but the police still do traffic enforcement on Lindbergh Blvd. and on I-64.

	2014	2013	2012	County Population %
TOTAL STOPS	3045	3838	3494	
WHITE	2459 80.7%	3068 79.9%	2753 78.7%	68.9%
BLACK	469 15.4%	664 17.3%	641 18.3%	23.6%
HISPANIC	11 Less than 1%	12 Less than 1%	10 Less than 1%	2.5%
ASIAN	65 2.1%	57 1.4%	46 1.3%	3.5%

If you look at the numbers, the amount of Whites stopped by Frontenac cops is going up and the number of Blacks is going down.

Ladue:



In the wealthiest of all the cities in the County, Ladue only has 1-percent Black population rate to go with 93% White. But with I-64 and I-170 going through the city

limits the number of whites to blacks on traffic tickets will be nowhere close to local population figures.

Keep in mind for decades Ladue cops stopped Blacks for simply driving in Ladue at the wrong time of day. However over the last six years the number of Blacks being stopped has been on a steady downward slide to the point where it appears as if the Ladue cops are now stopping Blacks for probable cause other than the color of their skin. This year the numbers moved up slightly.

	2014	2013	2012	County Population %
TOTAL STOPS	4107	3856	2783	
WHITE	3341 81.3%	3243 84.1%	2279 81.8%	68.9%
BLACK	575 14%	427 11.9%	384 13.7%	23.6%
HISPANIC	8 Less than 1%	21 less than 1%	12 Less than 1 %	2.5%
ASIAN	127 3.1%	114 2.9%	2.8%	3.5%

PINE LAWN:



While most look for the numbers showing how heavily populated White communities pull over a disproportionate number of Black people, Pine Lawn is always a case in the opposite. Pine Lawn generates revenue by writing speeding tickets to people on WB I-70. Only the westbound lanes of I-70 are in Pine Lawn.

While Pine Lawn is 95.8% Black and just 1.3% White, **33.2% of the vehicle stops involved Whites.** 38% of all vehicle stops in Pine Lawn in 2014 were on I-70. That's up 6.5% from 2013. Of the 2,343 traffic stops Pine Lawn made on I-70 in 2014 45.5% involved whites and 49% involved Black drivers.

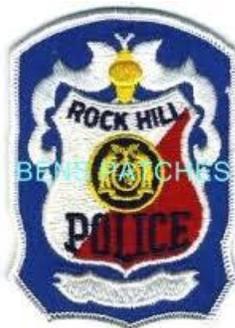
Northwoods:



The City of Northwoods is across I-70 from Pine Lawn and Northwoods has a couple eastbound lanes of the interstate. Of the 4,207 residents of **Northwoods 93.9% are Black and 4.3 are white. However 46.1% of all traffic stops involve White drivers.** On the Interstate the number of **Whites stopped in an almost all-Black town is 54.4% of the 663 Interstate traffic stops.** Black drivers only accounted for 41% of the stops.

No one is calling the Pine Lawn or Northwoods Police Departments racist.

Rock Hill:



Rock Hill remains our favorite to show reverse discrimination. The city has a White population of 68.8% and a Black population of 22.9%. However 82% of the people ticketed in 2014 by Rock Hill Police were White and 13.9% were Black.

In 2013 it was even worse for White Drivers who were stopped 84% of the time compared to 13.2% for Black drivers.

Rock Hill has had an aggressive traffic enforcement program since the mid-1980s. Last year we wrote how most of the Blacks and Whites in Rock Hill and nearby Webster Groves know where Rock Hill runs radar and they don't speed. That leaves people from mostly White nearby suburbs who end up with a traffic ticket in Rock Hill.

Ellisville:



In far West St. Louis County Ellisville is another example of a police department that is stopping more Whites and Blacks in relation to city population totals. The White population is 90% but 92.5% of drivers stopped in 2014 were white. The city's Black population figure is 1.9%, but 4.5% of all drivers stopped are black.

So who is getting off? Once again it is Hispanics and Asians. 2.4% of Ellisville population base is Hispanic but only 0.06% of drivers stopped in 2014 were Hispanics (9 of 1,099). The city population base of Asians is 4.5% but only 0.54% Asians were stopped by the police.

WHAT RESIDENTS PAID TO CUT THE LAWN AT 1761 TOPPING: The abandoned house at 1761 Topping, which had liens a plenty against it but the taxes are paid, had the first grass and weed harvest of the year provided by residents. The property that had been scheduled to be sold on the courthouse steps in January is still in the name of ex-convict and drug dealer Brian Marchant-Calsyn after he declared bankruptcy immediately before the sale. The price for the first grass cutting for 2015 at the end of May was \$607.50.

The \$607.50 goes on top of \$1,844.28 that the city has paid in the past after the lawn was declared a "nuisance."



MAY CRIME AND POLICE ACTIVITY IN TOWN AND COUNTRY: Here is what the Town and Country Police were up to in May:

Officers responded to a total of **1548** calls for service and wrote a total of **205** reports.

98 Vehicle Crashes

37 Criminal Reports (**6** IRS frauds)

14 Driving While Intoxicated arrests (**0** Felony, **1** Misd, **13** Ord)

42 Misc Arrests (Traffic, Fugitive, Failure to Appear charges, etc)

490 Traffic citations issued (**319** speeding)

2015 Police Activity Town and Country YTD Jan-May

391 Vehicle Crashes

295 Criminal Reports

82 Driving While Intoxicated arrests (4 Felony, 3 Misd, 62 Ord)

210 Misc Arrests (Traffic charges, Fugitive charges, Failure to Appear charges, etc)

2,345 total traffic citations issued

1,788 speeding

MAY 2015 DEER VERSUS VEHICLE REPORT: There were nine deer-vehicle collisions in May. That is up from four in 2014. There have been 29 Deer-Vehicle incidents in 2015 compared to just 18 in 2014. Here are where the Deer against Motor Vehicle incidents occurred in May of 2015 in Town and Country:

May 1	10:33 pm	WB I-64 to Mason Ramp	Ward 2
May 4	4:50 am	South Outer 40 Road near Hwy 141	Ward 4
May 5	12:10 am	I-270 at south City Limits	Ward 1
May 9	6:04 am	EB I-64 west of Mason Rd	Ward 3
May 12	7:30 am	13000 block Clayton Road	Ward 2
May 16	1:40 am	South Forty Outer Road at Prin Meadows	Ward 2
May 19	4:18 am	I-64 at Mayville Centre	Ward 4
May 20	6:01 pm	I-64 at I-270	Ward 1
May 23	1:17 am	SB I-270 s of Clayton Road	Ward 1

YEAR TO DATE: 1/3 of the Deer-vehicle crashes through the first fives (10 of 29) have been on a high-speed Interstate highway. This stat shows a serious public safety threat.



2015 Deer Accident Locations thru May

I-270	4	Ward 1
I-64	3	Ballas to Mason Ward 1 & Ward 2
North Forty Drive	1	Ward 1
South Outer 40 Drive	1	I-270 to Mason Wards 1 & 2
Clayton Road	4	Mason to Topping Ward 2
Clayton Road	4	Mason to Woods Mill Ward 3
Weidman Road	1	Ward 3
I-64	3	Mason Road to W City Limits Wards 3 & 4
South Outer 40	1	Mason to Hwy 141 Wards 3 & 4
Conway Road	1	Ward 4
Ladue Road	3	Ward 4
Highway 141	2	Ward 4
Mason Road	1	Ward 4

TOWN AND COUNTRY OFFICIALLY PUTS NOSE IN AIR AND TELLS THE AREA "WE ARE BETTER THAN YOU." At the June 8th Board of aldermen meeting at the request of Architectural Review Board Aldermen have made it illegal to use vinyl siding anywhere in the construction of a new home.

Here are some photos of new homes with vinyl siding:





What kind of message have these swells who call themselves alderpersons sent to the world. It is simple. You don't have the option of using a sensible building material both in costs and durability if you want to live with us.

Vinyl siding has had a reputation of collecting mildew and wrapping in heat, but improvement in the product now see it being used in 32-percent of new home construction...but not in Town and Country.

I think of Ronald Reagan when I see elected bodies from allegedly Republican strong holds start passing laws that don't involve safety but restrict freedoms of citizens.

"Government's first duty is to protect people, not run their lives," said Reagan.

From Reagan's first inaugural address:

“Government is not the solution to our problem; government is the problem.”

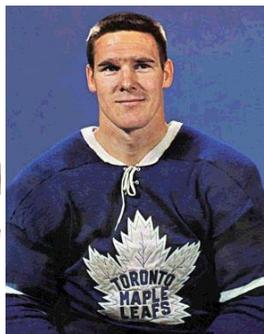


So I think of Reagan when some realtors on the Architectural Review Board convince the Board of Aldermen to eliminate choices from the public.

I was very amused when Alderwoman Amy Anderson, who said she has vinyl siding on her home that was built in the last 10 years, voted for the ban. So much for sticking up for the regular guy!

Besides Anderson, Gussie Crawford, who Reagan appointed as an ambassador to an International Sports Group voted for the ban.

**RESIDENTS WANT ALDERMAN TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST LAND OWNER!
RESIDENTS DON'T REALIZE WHY A DRIVE THRU IS GOOD VERSUS NO DRIVE THRU!
PROJECT IS NOT IN THE BACKYARD OF MOST NIMBYS AGAINST PROJECT:** The signs are up and now people who don't even drive by the intersection of Clayton Road and Ballas Road, don't want a bank and family restaurant with a drive up window.



The late Tim Horton



Crazy opposition speaker

Here is a recent email sent out by Cheri and Mark Dakich

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Cheri Dakich" <cdakichtoolres@sbcglobal.net>
Date: June 23, 2015 at 11:18:02 AM CDT
To: "Cheri Dakich" <cdakichtoolres@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Property Development at Clayton and Ballas Rd

Hello Neighbors,

I am contacting you to alert you of a "proposed" development at the intersection of Ballas and Clayton Road. You may not live directly in this area, but if you travel along Clayton Rd at any time of day, you will *definitely* be affected by this change.

We recently learned that the Board of Alderman will be voting (July 13th) to allow a small office space, Reliance Bank and a "Double Drive Through" Tim Hortons restaurant to be built on this "less than 1 acre" piece of property. The hours of the restaurant will be Sun-Wed 5am-11pm, Thurs-Sat 5am-12midnight. This intersection cannot handle a drive through restaurant, even though the developers have done the traffic studies and don't see a problem. Of course, they did not study the traffic during "peak hours" with buses, students driving to school, parents going to work, hospital workers, and occasional emergency vehicles.

You may be surprised to hear about this---We certainly were! There has been little publication as to these plans, you will not find anything about it on the Town and Country website nor in the latest newsletter. I am, all for developing this corner, but do not feel that a 2 story, 9,359 sq ft building, with double drive through restaurant, ATM, minimal parking and long hours of operation is what is needed. Town and Country is a quiet community and we'd like to see it kept that way.

I encourage you to contact your Town and Country Alderman/Woman or stop by the Town and Country municipal center to learn more and voice your opinion!! (alderman's contact info is attached below)
Not enough residents are aware of this plan and how it will affect our community. . The time to react is now, as the vote will happen on July 13th. Please support the community and residents of Town and Country to help maintain the city's "Mission Statement".

I am attaching recent news of last night's meeting and a petition from Robert Pedrolli, a resident and attorney. *We would appreciate you forwarding this on to your neighbors and friends. (all signatures can be returned to me) Everyone needs to know what is happening!!! Thank you for your support!*

<http://mo-townandcountry.civicplus.com/360/Board-of-Aldermen>

Cheri and Mark Dakich
314/795-7911

The Dakichs are more likely than most to notice a bank and Tim Horton's. They live in a three house subdivision on Clayton Road, where the houses are too big for the lots and face Clayton Road.

The fact they were surprised is surprising. The property was posted by the city with Planning and Zoning signs, the story has been not only in this newsletter with a mere 1,000 circulation, but in the city newsletter mailed to their house, the Post-Dispatch and West Magazine.

Finally if you build or buy a house on a busy road like Clayton near a commercially zoned area, why would you be surprised that a business would want to build there?

WHY A DRIVE THROUGH WILL CREATE LESS TRAFFIC PROBLEMS: If people like Tim Horton's and business is strong a drive through would actually help reduce traffic issues. During the peak demand times in the morning let's say 25 customers who would use drive through, parked and came into the store to get a coffee and a couple of doughnuts to take to work. That is 25 more cars parked on the lot and a shortage of spaces for the people who show up wanting to sit down for breakfast or use the place like a Starbucks by getting a cup of coffee and using the Wifi for 20 minutes. This would create a scarcity of parking places and cause traffic to backup onto Clayton or Ballas Roads.

IRONY: A few miles west on Clayton Road there is the Wirth Property, which sat empty for some time. For some ego driven reason Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist Jon Dalton arranged for the city to buy the property with no plans on how to use it. One of the big items residents in the area keep saying they want is a "family restaurant." Guess what Tim Horton's is? It is a family restaurant. It has Mac and Cheese on the menu.

A CASE OF DISCRIMINATION?



I have to wonder what could go in at the empty lot on Clayton and Ballas that would create as much revenue for the person selling the property as the bank and Tim Horton's. If the Board of Alderman refused to approve this project will this lot just remain empty for another five or 10 years? Some property owners are complaining, but there is another property owner who has some rights. It is the owner of the commercially zone lot at Clayton and Ballas.

Perhaps if the lot sits empty for a couple of years, the city will buy it and have a citizen task force decide what to do with it.

JUNE 22 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING The Board of Aldermen approved the Overlay District plan which changed the zoning and would allow the Regions Bank and Tim Horton's to be built. However they still had to approve the site development plan.

A large crowd showed up in opposition to the restaurant with a drive through. If there is a large crowd and opposition on an issue, you can usually count on Mayor Jon Dalton recusing himself and leaving the dais. Dalton hates to vote and break ties. He continued to claim that someone at his new law firm represents someone with an interest in the project, but he will not say who or what the conflict is.

Skip Mange mentioned that he got a number of emails in favor of the development. However those people were not in attendance and the speakers were all in opposition to Tim Horton's.

At the time of the meeting Fred Meyland-Smith was against the whole project because the developer would not do everything Fred told him to do. While the developer cut back hours, added parking spaces, added turn lanes off the parking lot, agreed to raise the fence along the east side of the property that was not enough for Fred. It is all or nothing for Fred.

Jon Benigas from Ward 4, where the developer lives, joined Mayland-Smith saying he would not vote for it. Amy Anderson (Ward 2) was originally for it, now appeared to be against it.

At this meeting Lynn Wright, Skip Mange Tiffany Frautschi, Gussie Crawford and possibly Linda Rallo were for it. That line up is beginning to change.

Instead of voting on it there was a motion to continue the matter to the June 13 meeting. The vote to continue the matter was tied 4-4 and there was no mayor to break the tie.

Normally if there is a tie a motion fails. However Jon Beningas as president of the Board of Aldermen was allowed to vote twice and the matter was continued. This has allowed the opposition to swell and to put more pressure on the alderperson who were going to vote "yes."

HANDICAPPING THE VOTE AT THE NEXT MEETING: The "no" vote of Amy Anderson has vanished for the next three meetings. Anderson who pledged to be the voice of the people for the second year has fled town to her summer vacation home on Beaver Island in Michigan. That would make for the sure passage of the bill for Tim Horton's. But wait a minute...certain alderpersons are getting cold feet and maybe ready to change a "yes" vote to a "no" vote.

Now Ward-1's Mange and Wright maybe afraid of a voter backlash. Keep in mind these two alderpersons run unopposed. If this passes, the Tim Horton's will still be under construction at the time of Mange's reelection bid. Instead of voting for a sensible project where the developers have made concession after concession to aldermanic concerns Mange may fear opposition in the 2016 election. So much for doing the right thing!

Wright may have social issues deciding her vote. Too many friends against the development would make luncheons uncomfortable or even worse leave her off the invite list altogether.

What in June appeared to be a 5-3 vote for the proposal could easily be a 5-3 vote against the proposal in July.

REAL ESTATE: Faulty electrical wiring under a hot tub caused such extensive damage to the house on the corner of Mason Road and Sturbridge that it was totaled by the insurance company. The new house is impressive as it does take over the lot, like a lot of new homes do.



before



after

WE CAN ASK THE QUESTION AGAIN: We see that the newly built giant house at 1337 S. Mason Road, across the street from Buckland Hall is on the market. When it was being built I had to ask, "What kind of idiot would build a house that big on such a busy street with a curve in the road that will result drunk drivers ending up in your front yard.

That question was answered in 2010. It was Carl and Laura Strasser who built and moved into the 13,642 square foot house on 4.5 acres with 11 bedrooms, an elevator and a five car garage. Now I can ask a slightly different question. "Who in their right mind is going to pay close to \$5-million for a house on a busy street at a curve in the road?"



The Strassers are only asking \$4.9 million. Interestingly last year's taxes were just \$25,750. That is closer to a house valued at \$2.5 million. It was appraised this year at \$2.9 million. Real Estate agent Kim Carney will have to do a pretty good magic act to get the \$4,900,000 asking price.

We have written twice about Strasser in this newsletter. In 2011 he filed to run against Tim Welby for alderman, but then withdrew his name.

We later made fun of Strasser twice. As a member of the city's Conservation Commission in November of 2011 he stated that he did not think it was right for the city's sharpshooters to shoot younger deer before they had a chance to have off spring. We also made fun of Strasser when he stated he "didn't know he was home" without passing the large wooden hand carved "Wild Life Corridor" sign on Mason Road. That was pretty amazing for a guy who built a house as large as some hotels, you would think he could figure out when he was home.

DIEHL UPDATE:



The former Creeper of the House...er I mean Speaker of the House of the Missouri Legislature was certainly making more front page news while I was on vacation.

How do you top resigning in disgrace after being caught sending sexually explicit texts to a teenage college freshman working as an intern at the Statehouse?

John Diehl found several ways to keep his name in the news.

The Affair to Remember: First the married Republican Diehl's 2014 affair with a staffer of Democratic Governor Jay Nixon's office made it into a Jefferson City Police Report and then onto the front page of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and the Kansas City Star. The one good thing people in the Diehl camp could say was that the story in the Post-Dispatch was below the fold.

A rape investigation police report by the Jefferson City Police Department centered around Brittany Burke, media consultant and unregistered lobbyist and John Diehl's Jefferson City apartment.

Diehl has had a busy spring as Burke showed up on his doorstep very drunk at 3 am on April 9 claiming she had been raped. Burke, was a former press and then lobbyist for Democratic Governor Jay Nixon in 2014. At 8 am she reported the possible rape to Jefferson City Police. She told police she left her phone at Diehl's apartment.

The police investigation showed the night before Burke and a lobbyist had ordered 21 drinks mixed with Red Bull energy drink at a popular Jeff City night spot. Energy drinks like Red Bull help the alcohol leap into the consumer's blood stream for a fast drunk. Back in the early 1970's we used Gatorade. Who else was at the night spot? None other than Creeper of the House, John Diehl!

Burke told police that she went to Diehl's apartment for help, because she knew Diehl after they had an affair in 2014. This may have gotten her fired from the Democratic governor's staff. After all taking \$70,000 in salary from the Democratic leader of the State and then start screwing opposition chief is not going to help your career.



19-year old intern Katie Graham 31-year-old Brittany Burke



Burke left her cell phone at Diehl's apartment. The police contacted Diehl and he turned the phone in. He also admitted the affair to police.

It was determined that Diehl was listed in the phone's speed dial and mailbox as "50" being a reference to the main character novel 50 Shades of Grey who specialized in sadist sex. A year later Diehl is listed in 19-year-old college coed Katie Graham's phone as "Frank Underwood" in reference to the Netflix television show "House of Cards."

Burke requested the police drop the rape investigation, but after the police closed the investigation, it became an open public document, that Virginia Young of Post-Dispatch wasted no time in obtaining.

Diehl's girlfriend from 2014 was forced out of the executive office in 2014 and started a one-person media consulting company in Richmond Heights. A year later there is another Post-Dispatch article how the FBI is investigating Diehl for helping use his influence as Speaker of the House to get a Burke a \$72,000 contract in Jackson Country.

Besides the front page 2014 affair, sleeping with a member of the enemy camp and a FBI investigation, the Post-Dispatch ran a third story defending publishing the first one about the year old affair. Come on right wing Diehl apologists! First we have a guy preaching Family Values at the citizens who is screwing around. Even on the night that Burke thought she might have been raped, Diehl was out bar hopping at 12 midnight. He was Speaker of the House of Representatives, not the president of Delta Tau Chi at Farber College.



A group photo of the Delta Tau Chi guys.

This is someone who is one of the leaders of a political party and is receiving a \$105 per diem from the taxpayers. I think the article was on the mark. I just wish the Post-Dispatch would have looked at all the out of district campaign contributions (over \$1.5 million) that Diehl received to run against no one in the primary and the general elections.

MEANWHILE AT THE LAW FIRM OF HUSCH BLACKWELL: The word is that after being named Speaker of the House Diehl left as a partner at the law firm Armstrong Teasdale to join the very large law firm of Husch Blackwell. Of course the influence of having the Speaker of the House was considered by many to be the reason for the move.

I can hear the conversations at Husch Blackwell now:

Sr. Partner 1 We make this guy partner to get his government connections and influence and then he turns into a borderline child molester making it with a teenager, had an affair the year before that spawned a FBI investigation. Nobody is going to want him even on the same floor with their case file. This guy did not have a midlife crisis. It was a midlife disaster. He jumped off the bridge without being attached to a bungee cord. What have we done so far to neutralize this mess?

Junior Partner 1: Well sir we have deleted from our website any mention that he was an elected official or that he was Speaker of the House. We claim that he is an expert in real estate and construction law. We were worried that someone might hack into our website and add to his page under "Experience" that he is an expert at texting, communicating with younger clients and is closely associated with well known media icons (Frank Underwood and Christian Grey). So we have increased the level of security on the website.

But in doing all this we have tried to think of ways to market him. Those included that he was good with social media and can quickly develop relationships.

Sr. Partner: Well maybe the social media but drop the "quick relationship" stuff. Come on we want this guy to quit. Assign either the oldest secretary or the gayest secretary we have on staff. No that won't work, there won't be any work for him to need any admin support. Of course we will be able to unload him after there is no billing from him. But, really why should we have to wait so long?

(Read 19 reviews of Husch Blackwell by anonymous employees at

<http://www.glassdoor.com/Reviews/Husch-Blackwell-Reviews-E28391.htm>)

STAND BY HER MAN: I don't think Tammy Wynette could have stood by Diehl. However, his wife Kelly has stripped everything off her facebook page except that she was born and these two photos. The B/W photo was posted on April 19 before the shit hit the fan and it had 10 "likes." The color photo was posted on May 31 and has only garnered one "like."



Every time I drive by the Diehl homestead I keep looking for a pile of men's suits, shoes and shirts with French cuffs to be under the master bedroom window or on the driveway outside the red front door.



MAYOR DALTON REDIRECTS SKIP MANGE AND THE TOWN SQUARE TASK FORCE:

There was another Town Square Task Force Meeting on Tuesday June 9 at the Longview Farmhouse. There was a surprise person at the meeting, Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist Jon Dalton showed for the first time since his opening remarks at the first meeting. It probably was a good thing he did.

BAD ENGINEERING, BAD VIEW, BAD GOVERNMENT: Keeping in mind that I think the \$2.2 million purchase of the Wirth property is a boondoggle and is not what local government should be doing, I do realize that Mayor Jon Dalton wants to create a Town Square and build a new city hall next to the fire station. To have a Town square you need something across the street and that brings up to the Wirth property.

Attending the Town Square Task meetings was like playing Bill Murray's character in Ground Hog Day. They repeated themselves. It was like attending the same meeting over and over again.



While Mange continue to review all the past minutes and to take votes on minutia, Dalton finally interrupted and stated he thought it was time to look at the big picture. He said the task force came with several things they did not want on the property and several they did want.

MONEY WE HAVE MONEY? Dalton then told Mange that he had a \$25,000 budget and it was time to send what he had out to planners and developers to see what they could create. The fact he had money seemed to be a total surprise to Mange.

BAD IDEA: Someone then suggested to save money have the Washington University Architecture School students make sketches of the property with proposals. Larry Schiffer of Love Management immediately said that was a bad idea. He had just sat on a committee that did just that and none of the plans were useable.

Schiffer is right. Consider the subdivision on Mason that went bankrupt before the first house was under construction. The planned houses looked like space ships. They project was owned and designed by Washington U Architecture school professors.

ONE PERSON FINALLY FOCUSING ON AN IMPORTANT ISSUE: At the end of he meeting Peter Stevens, who is the head master at Principia finally said something that is never brought up at these meetings.

"What is the financial impact from this on the city?" We are gong to have to increase our budget for maintenance of the property," said Stevens, who deals with an annual budget at Principia. He was told nicely not to worry about it.

A month after the meeting nothing has been done to have any development drawings done.

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CHESTERFIELD MAY 2015 POLICE ACTIVITY & CRIME STATS:

	MAY 2015	2015 YTD	MAY 2014	2014 YTD
Forcible Rape	1	1	0	1
Other Sex Offenses	0	4	1	5
Robbery	1	6	1	2
Assault	18	86	18	76
BURGLARY				
Residential	5	14	3	11
Commercial	2	5	0	1
LARCENY				
Felony	28	104	20	84
Misd	41	176	42	166
Auto Theft	1	6	0	3
Arson	0	1	0	0
Bad Checks/Fraud	42*	740*	7	58
* included IRS tax return fraud				
Vandalism	8	44	6	34
Drug Violations	8	39	12	48
DWI	9	59	15	82
ARRESTS				
Adult	102	589	152	762
Juvenile	11	61	23	94
TRAFFIC				
Veh Crashes	159	693	100	654
Crash Fatalities acc	0	0	1	3
Crash Injury Acc	30	128	26	136
Traffic Warnings	398	1756	640	2212
Parking Citations	17	97	11	70
Traffic Citations	931	4071	1256	5245
OTHER				
Rec Stolen Autos	0	2	1	2
Radio Calls	3434	20024	5236	22896
Alarms	138	648	128	611

CHESTERFIELD COUNCIL APPROVES BREADCO DRIVE THRU FOR MONGOLIAN

BBQ BUILDING: Both Ward-1 Councilpersons, Barry Flachsbart and Nancy Greenwood voted against it, but the rest of council voted for it. Look for the BreadCo Panera Bread store in the Four Seasons Shopping Center on Olive Blvd at Woods Mill Road to move west and take over the Mongolian BBQ building while adding a drive through lane. The awful but very reasonably priced Mongolian BBQ will move to a smaller location in the shopping center.

Flachsbart and Greenwood were concerned about the impact of the drive through on the neighborhood directly behind the building that uses Coliseum Drive next to the building to get to Olive.



It is interesting that no one on the Chesterfield City Council ever simply supports what the councilperson in a specific ward if or or against.

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE THROUGH THE EYES OF STAN

FREEBERG: Throughout the year we have been featuring sections from the musical comedy album produced by Stan Freeberg in 1961. Freeberg died earlier this year. Here is the link to the song "A Man Can't Be Too Careful What He Signs Today."

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_yR2y_eZe4g



MUSIC:

ALREADY IT IS THAT TIME AGAIN: Yes it is time for another Rat Pack Monday at the One-19-North in Kirkwood featuring Dean Christopher. We understand that while we were out of town, Dean put on one of his funniest performances in recent memory.

He will be back on MONDAY JULY 13 at 7:30. That is the same night as the Town and Country Board of Alderman meeting where people will be stepping up to give their opinion on how a Tim Horton's at Clayton and Ballas will change the character of Town and Country forever. I think I'll listen to the first 30 minutes and then go somewhere and laugh.



WHAT I HEARD IN JUNE:

Two of the top horn men from the Stan Kenton band stopped by Sasha's on Wednesday night June 10. Joining Jim Manley was John Harner and Mike Vax,



Emilee Floor at the Waldorf Astoria Marcie Castro in the Avenue Saloon

cruise ship music



Late night jazz



Afternoon Mozart



Days from long ago...Tommy Dorsey Orchestra



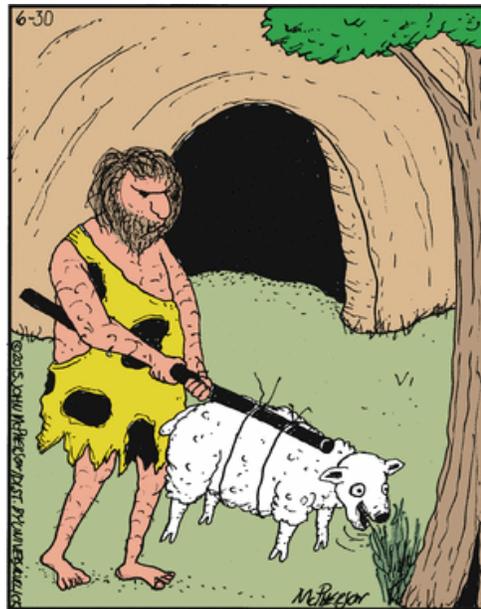
Bagpipes that unfortunately were not playing jazz



Jazz in the afternoon under the purple haze.

CARTOONS:





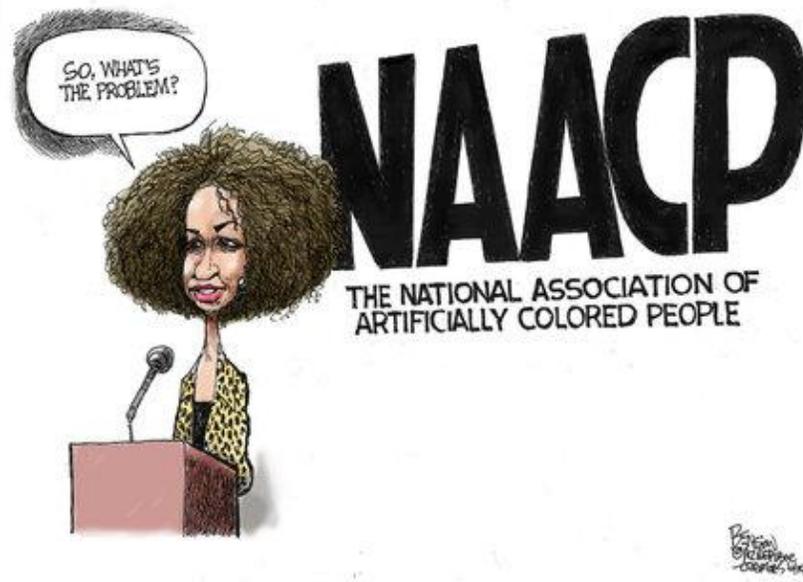
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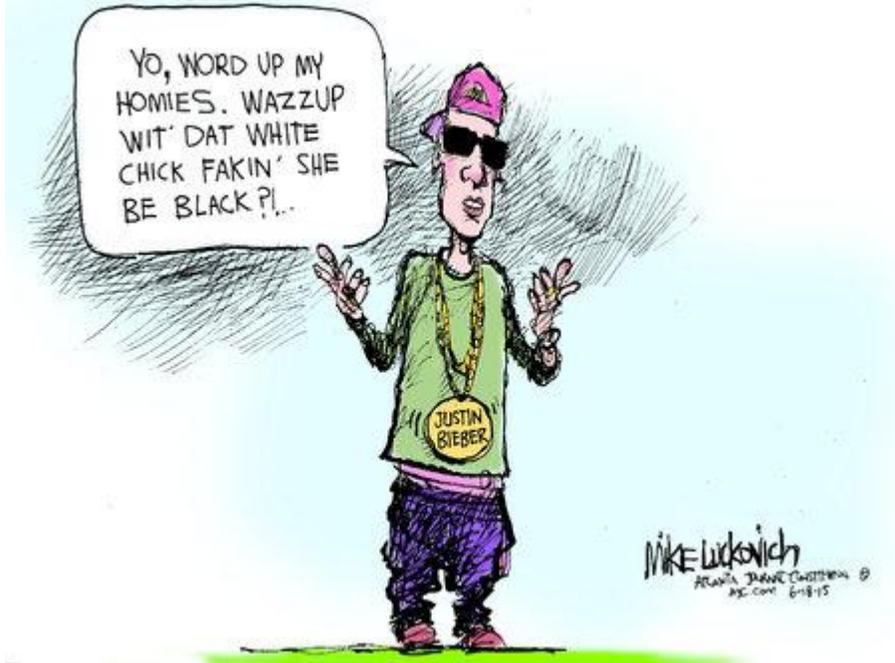
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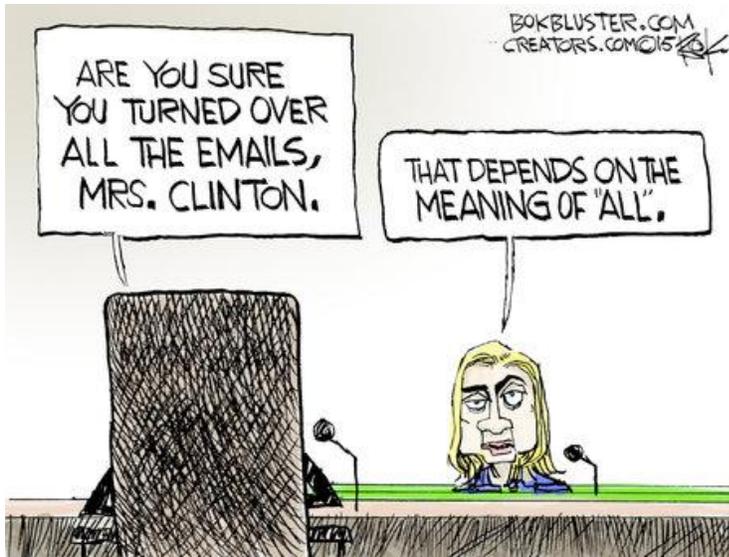
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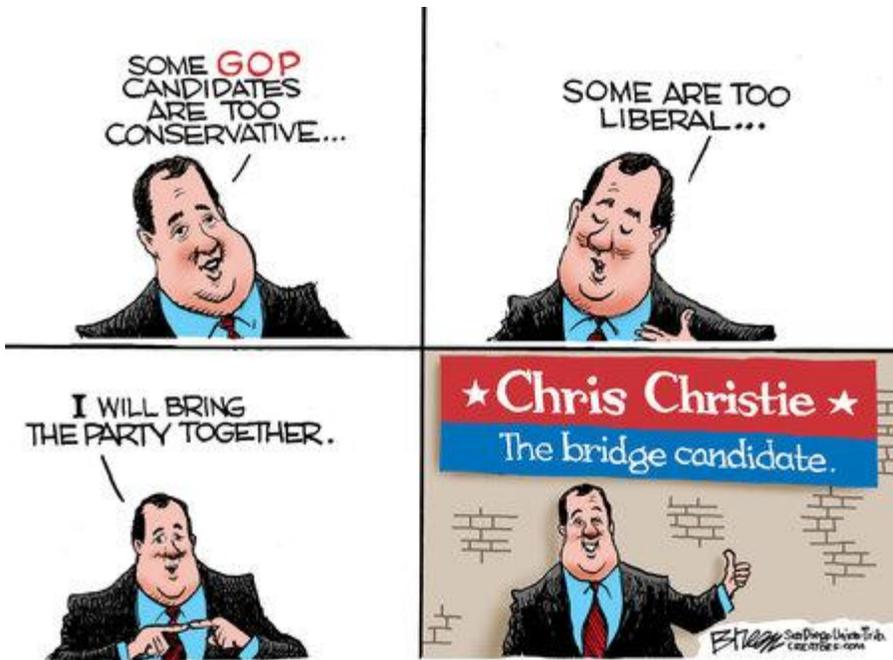






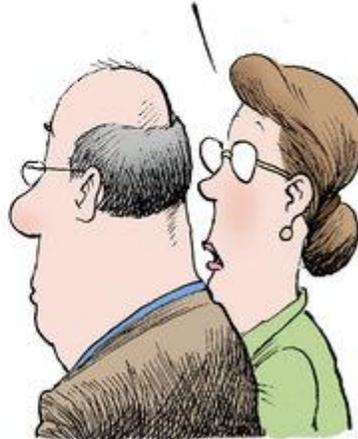








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