

# EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 49

**MARCH 31, 2012**

**By John Hoffmann**

**CORRECTION:** I never believe in hiding a correction at the bottom of page 2, like most newspapers do. Last week in connection with the former officer Shannon Woolsey lawsuit for sexual discrimination and harassment against the city, I wrote that the city was without a female police officer after Woolsey resigned in 2010.

Capt. Pat Kranz mentioned to me after the last Board of Aldermen meeting that officer **Katie Exline** was hired in 2010 after Woolsey resigned. Exline is the only female officer with Town and Country, a department with 30 sworn officers. That would mean 50.8% of the US population are women and 3% of the T&C Police are women.

Our last newsletter had the X-rated allegations of the sexual harassment lawsuit. Here is a link to the latest article on the case:

<http://townandcountry-manchester.patch.com/articles/female-police-officer-speaks-out-against-sexual-harassment>

**ROGERS KICKED OFF POLICE COMMISSION:** We reported in our last newsletter that after Capt. Gary Hoelzer told the police commission that the city wanted to change its ordinance about disabled parking and substitute the word accessible in place of handicapped to be in line with the state law wording Commissioner Dorothy Rogers asked,

“Is this just another deal where they can’t use the word retard?”

Well this was a highlight of our last newsletter.

Outgoing alderwoman and police commission chair Nancy Avioli announced at the start of the March 26 Board of Aldermen meeting that there was an “unfortunate remark” made by a police commissioner at the last police commission meeting that was not with the “spirit of Town and Country.” She continued that because of that remark several

complaints were made that were passed along to Mayor Dalton who removed the person from the police commission.

Rogers blamed her ouster on this newsletter. However, people at City Hall and inside the police department said the incident was discussed before the newsletter was posted on my website. She claimed her comments were taken out of context. Here is what she had to tell Patch.com about her dismissal.

"Someone blogged and I was asked to resign over what he wrote. I stood my ground. I did not resign. I told the mayor he had to take me off," Rogers said. "I've been there 13 years and honest to God I've only missed a handful of meetings. I've been here (Town and Country) 22 years."

Rogers was also given a letter of appreciation at that March 20 police commission meeting, which she said upsets her even more.

"Two days later I'm off the commission," she explained.

Avioli was quoted saying the removal of Rogers was appropriate.

"I think the mayor acted in the best interest of the city," Avioli said.

Here is a link to an article on her removal.

<http://townandcountry-manchester.patch.com/articles/longest-member-of-town-and-country-police-commission-removed>

Dalton denied kicking Rogers off the Police Commission. He was quoted as saying her termed had expired and he simply replaced her. For once forgetting to reappoint commission members finally played to Dalton's favor.

### **Past Dorothy quotes:**

"Is this just another deal where they can't use the word retard?" 2012

"I don't know why those people (residents) and Mason Ridge (the school) gets preferential treatment all the time," whined Rogers...after Capt. Hoelzer said the police are trying to do something to eliminate some of the view obstructions at the intersection of Mason Ridge Road and Clayton Road... 2011

Dorothy Rogers brought up that she thought dogs in the beds of pickup trucks should be included in a new seatbelt ordinance. It was explained to her that the traffic code is

about people related violations and dogs would have to come under the Animal Welfare ordinances....2011

"I'm not sold on this."...2010 about having a marked "school zone" in front of Mason Ridge Elementary School on busy Mason Road.

"What can we do to ban Mr. Hoffmann from meetings," ...2010 when Mr. Hoffmann was still an elected alderman.

*"January's meeting was so ridiculous," she said. "That woman was not listening to Mr. Allred and tried to tell him they had a neighbor giving them legal advice. Then Mr. Hoffmann does that computer thing and who knows what he puts on the computer."*

*Mr. Allred then interrupted by asking, "What do you mean by 'computer thing?' Do you mean a blog?"*

*"Yes one of those blogs. I don't like it."...2010... said Dorothy who doesn't have a computer and appears not to understand the concept of how they work. This puts a person at a clear disadvantage when sitting on a commission that makes recommendations concerning modern policing. 2010*

"It would just be the officer's word against the motorist. I don't want to put our boys in that position."...2009 commenting on the proposed Distracted Driving Ordinance she thought would put police officers in a difficult position, unaware what she described is basically the case in all 10,000 traffic citations written by the T&C Police each year. .

### **FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH CONTINUED**

**AGAIN:** It was the "Steve Fons Show" at the last Aldermanic meeting that had Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist Jon Dalton missing along with Alderman Fred Meyland-Smith. As we have mentioned before State and Federal Courts have long ruled local government cannot using zoning of other ordinances to keep churches from putting up signs or even buildings, unless it impacts safety.

It was pretty much all Fons on the issue or as I like to call him, the Village Idiot or Alder-dope. The church brought in someone from their sign company, Daktronics. You might recognize that name because they supply most of the scoreboards seen at local high schools, colleges and even baseball stadiums.

The sign company rep said government should ban LED signs on the road that have animation or special effects before the message. He said this could distract drivers and actually hurts his customers from getting their message out. He said that drivers

normally have under a second to 1.8 seconds to see a message. If you put on a 2-second animation before the message people will miss the message all together. He also mentioned that the average time people look away from the road while dialing a phone or reading a text message is between 4 and 6 seconds, a major reason for accidents involving distracted drivers.

The sign company guy said messages on LED signs like the one at the Trinity Lutheran change in nanoseconds. You don't notice the message has changed unless you are staring at the sign.

This was not good enough for Fons.

"Only changing the message hourly is critical," said Fons. "Would you consider changing it just every two hours," Fons asked church officials at the meeting. "I don't see a correlation making a difference between a business and a church," he added.

"We serve thousands of area residents with church programs, AA meetings, hobby groups, vacation Bible School, Mothers of Pre School Children groups," said one church member in response to Fons's dumb and dumber comments.

The sign company rep also explained the two ways to measure light from a sign. They are by using NITS (The **candela per square metre (cd/m<sup>2</sup>)** is the derived [SI unit](#) of [luminance](#)) or Foot Candles.

"It sounds somewhat confusing," said Fons after the explanation that I even clearly understood.

Fons complained that he would drive by the sign and return 10 or 15 minutes later and the message had changed, so it wasn't changing just ever hour.

Alderman Tim Welby told Fons that what he just said didn't make any sense. The church said the message changes every hour, not on the hour, so Fons could drive by at 4:20 and at 4:30 the message could have changed.

Fons also wanted to know how many messages did the church want to display in a 24-hour period. He was told three or maybe five or six depending on the time of the year.

At this point Alderman John Benigas piped in that he did not see what difference it made if the message changed every five minutes, if it was next to impossible to notice it changing.

**Anti-St. Louis:** Of course then Benigas, who comes here via Los Angeles, lost some credibility when he suggested the Budweiser eagle sign on WB Highway 40 at Grand should be removed because it is a distraction. If you believe this, then perhaps Benigas should get the Arch removed because that is a distraction also.

**FROM A DEER IN THE HEADLIGHTS:** Alderwoman Lynn Wright then piped up with the following:

“It is clear it is non-obnoxious. But, we have a lot of churches on the outer roads. I’m concerned.”

What is Lynn concerned about?...that she won’t have a chance to violate those churches first amendment rights too! For two years now the Greek Church activities center and church annex on the South Forty Outer Road has been waiting to put up a sign. When I was on the board and now I don’t know why they just don’t put up the sign and let the city sue them. Apparently the city has so much excess money it can get tied-up in lawsuits attempting to violate churches’ constitutional rights. (Oh that’s right we have a \$300,000 deficit budget.)

**NEW MEMBER OF THE GANGS OF TOWN AND COUNTRY:** There was a Heroin Arrest of all things in Ward-4 last week. Police found the driver of a car passed out at the intersection of Pebble Acres and Pebble Ridge. They found that he was intoxicated or under the influence of drugs. In plain view near him in the car were marijuana and heroin. Andrew Baird who lives in the Bellerive Country Club Grounds was booked as for DWID prior Offender, Possession of Controlled Substance, (Marijuana and Heroin) and possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Here is the honor roll:

Gangs of Town and Country

**S&K Investment Ponzi Scheme Federal and State Fraud Convictions:** Richard Neiswonger (Ward 1) Carl Kossmeyer (Ward 4)

**Embezzler of church bulletin payments** convicted: John Gehm (Ward 3)

**Investment Embezzler** convicted: Don Weir (Ward 3)

**Embezzled \$25,000 from Homeowners Association** convicted: Richard Burbott (Ward 2)

**Mortgage Fraud:** John Mineo, Jr. general manager of Mineo’s Restaurant, convicted (Ward 2)

**Serial Child Molester:** convicted Eric Tolen (Ward 1)

**Drug Dealer:** Brian Marchant-Calsyn convicted (Ward 2)

**Sex assault:** No charges filed but T&C police investigation led to the resignation of the president of Maryville University in 2006 (Ward 4)

**Bank Fraud, weapons violation, drug dealing assault and spousal abuse** and FBI informant that led to the downfall of State Senator Jeff Smith, convicted: Milton Ohlsen III, (Ward 1)

**Medicaid Fraud:** Dr. Abdul Naushad and his wife Wajiha Naushad civil award (Ward 4)

**Felony Sexual Assault Second Degree** convicted: Stanley Williams, AKA Tommy Williams AKA Stanley Carter (Ward 2)

**Federal Income Evasion:** Convicted William Bialczak Ward 1, skimmed \$1,000,000 from his businesses S&H Parking and Metropolitan Towing, at the center of the St. Louis Police Tow Scandal. Feds seized \$874,978 in cash during searches of his businesses.

**Burglar:** Graham Redington of the 1600 block of Foxleigh Ct. (Ward 2) was arrested on March 24, 2011 after burglarizing a house on Horton Lane and then carrying a large flat screen TV and computer through the woods to a waiting car on Kent Manor Lane.

**Bank Fraud:** Doug Morgan, 65, who lived in the Thornhill Estates subdivision (Ward 2), died on the day (Nov 9, 2011) of a scheduled hearing before a Federal judge. Morgan had been charged with Bank Fraud after allegedly making fraudulent loan applications for \$1.5 million. He is alleged to have also solicited close to \$2 million from two persons claiming to be a secret partner for a new casino in North County. Morgan was also the former head of the St. Louis Planning Commission.

**Serial Drunk Driver:** Dan McLaughlin, residing in Ward 1 off of Ballas Road. McLaughlin refused to take a breath test in August of 2010 after Chesterfield Police responded to calls from motorists on Highway 40 about McLaughlin's SUV weaving. The police report indicates that it appeared that McLaughlin urinated in his pants, was falling down drunk, asked to be let go since he was only a few blocks from home (several miles actually), and offered the officer. In September of 2011 McLaughlin had multiple accidents on Baxter Road. He was so drunk that he could not figure out how to open his door, could not dial a phone, was falling down drunk and again refused to take a breath test.

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING VIOLATIONS:** Alderman Tim Welby was fined and placed on two years' probation by the Missouri Ethics Commission for failing to file required campaign contributor and expense reports for over three years. Prior to the action, Welby had received a written warning from the Commission for violations. (Ward 2)

**Criminal-Illegal Importation of Prescription Drugs...Civil-Medicaid & Medicare Fraud** Dr. Abid Nisar of the Thornhill Estates subdivision. (Ward 2)

**POSSESSION OF HEROIN AND DWI PRIOR OFFENDER:** Andrew Baird of 11 Bellerive Country Club Grounds Possession of Heroin and DWI by Prior Offender in the Pebble Acres subdivision at 3:40am on 3/25/12. (ward 4)

**SPEAKING OF CRIMINAL...** I was sorry to see Opal Henderson on the Channel 5 news the other night saying she still has not been paid the \$1.8 million due her after her successful lawsuit when the City of St. Louis grabbed her land and her business for Mayor Jon Dalton's big Icehouse Redevelopment project.

Jon Dalton was the founding father and on the Board of Directors of the Icehouse Redevelopment Corporation, LLC and the Brio Group, LLC both involved in obtaining property and building a nightclub district on S. Broadway near downtown St. Louis. They also partnered with Disper-Schmitt, LLC, which owns the Rock House bar. They all wanted Henderson Property, a junkyard for their project. Dalton's law firm, Lewis-Rice ended up representing the St. Louis Land Authority and sued Henderson, got her property for a song.

Henderson sued, won in Circuit Court and in December won in the Missouri Court of Appeals. Now she has not been paid the judgment by Disper-Schmitt..

Her attorney, Chet Pleban, thinks the other side is waiting for her to die. This is an interesting strategy. If you are killing time in the County Courthouse, look up the case of Jo-Anne Grant v Dalton. After reading this case and seeing all the continuances obtained by Dalton's side you began to think they were hoping the litigator, Jo-Anne Grant's brother an elderly lawyer from Texas would die.

**CITY BEING SUED:** The family of Todd Akin is suing Town and Country over not getting the zoning they wanted for a new subdivision on the old Akin family farm on Conway Hill Road. The trial is set for May. Dalton bragged in December how the city's 2012 General Fund budget has a \$23,000 reserve. The legal fees from this suit and the one filed by former police officer Shannon Woolsey over sexual harassment should turn that \$23,000 surplus into a deficit by May.

**DWI ARREST:** Checking the case files I was almost shocked to see that the Mayor picked up a DWI in January. A closer looked showed it was a family member with a similar name and same address, who was arrested and refused to take a breath test. He is being represented by the Lewis-Rice law firm.

**INTERESTING PLACEMENT FOR ELECTION SIGNS:** Alderman **Al Gerber has one of his campaign signs in the yard at 13300 Thornhill Drive.** That is the house that looks more like a Marriott Hotel in a resort area owned by Dr. Abid Nisar (see Gangs of Town and Country). Many people in the neighborhood are unhappy with the size of Nisar's home. But more interestingly Nisar recently pled guilty to Illegal Importation of Prescription Drugs and agreed to pay a six-figure civil fine for Medicare and Medicaid over billing. He also lost his license to practice medicine in Illinois. Al apparently wants everyone to know that a local criminal are backing him.

It is interesting the Gerber would want to publicly linked through a yard sign to Nisar.

**Meanwhile in Ward 1: Skip Mange**, who appears to have plenty of yard signs, recently put up one in the yard of Clayton Road resident Dorothy Rogers, who was just kicked off the Police Commission for very inappropriate and hurtful remarks she made at a commission meeting.

**THE RACE FOR THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN:** A check of campaign files eight days before the Municipal elections revealed one very interesting thing and a few that were a little interesting.

**Ward 1: Skip Mange**, the former mayor and two-term County councilman apparently is bored or really wants to see his dream of adding parking spaces at Longview Farm Park despite overwhelming opposition.

Skip has put \$2,380 into his campaign. He has accepted \$680 for ten other individuals. Of the ten donations, nine came from residents of Town and Country and one from a person living in Marthasville, in Warren County.

Two people of note appear on Mange's contributor list. Former Ward 1 alderwoman and current County Councilwoman Colleen Wasinger, who replaced Mange on the County Council donated \$150.

**George Stock**, owner of an engineering firm, who is the lead engineer on the expansion at Missouri Baptist Hospital and at Maryville University coughed up \$100 for Mange. Both of these large clients of Stock have ongoing projects that regularly require votes on matters before the board of alderman.

Mange has apparently spent over \$1,200 on his election website and almost \$500 on printing costs.

**Retired Dr. Dorothy Cooke** is running against Mange. Up to eight days before the election Cooke had raised \$2,245. She was in the red having spent \$3620. Much of the contributions came apparently people making contributions under \$100.

Some notable people associated with "not harming a hair on a deer" were contributors, including Dick and Mariette Palmer, Rosilee Trotta and Susan Feiganbaum. Deer loving Alderman AL Gerber's wife, Hera gave a \$200 in-kind contribution.

While Skip was a regular voter for Municipal elections, Dorothy failed to vote in city elections in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008.



The one thing of interest between the two would almost be a wash. Skip, like Al Gerber, is a Christian Scientist, where the power of healing pray trumps medicine and hospitals. But Skip believes medical procedures such as field sterilization operations on deer are fine.

When it comes down to looking after the HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE of residents the power of healing prayer doesn't get it with the majority. Many of us believe God created physicians, nurses, druggists and paramedics.

Likewise with Dr. Cooke, who doesn't necessarily believe there is a deer problem in Town and Country and West County, despite the evidence!

The one position where there is a clear difference between the two candidates is that Mange believes and seems to be almost obsessed that there should be more parking at Longview Park. Cooke has stated she is against paving more of the park.

**WARD 2: Al Gerber** the incumbent has raised just \$835 from four campaign contributors. Two live in Ward 2, one no longer lives in Town and Country and Susan Feigenbaum, who lives in Ward-3 gave Gerber the same \$185 contribution as she gave Cooke. So far Al has spent \$685.

**Chuck Lenz** has only accepted donations from people in Town and Country. He has given his campaign \$600. \$875 has come from five individual contributors, including two from residents in Ward-4 who support Lenz on the deer management issue. Lenz has also received cash contributions under \$100 which are not required to be reported.

**WARD 3: Steve Fons** has not filed with the Board of Elections or with the Ethics Commission. If he makes two mailings under his committee or his name he will be over \$1,000 and will have to file. However if he spends less than \$1,000 or raises less than \$1,000 he does not have to file.

**Gussie Crawford** has filed with the Board of Elections. She has raised \$948, all from contributions of less than \$100. So far she has spent \$765.38 on campaign material.

**AL GERBER STILL LIES:** Most everyone in Ward-2 received a mailer from Al Gerber on the Friday before Election Day.

First Al drags me into the issue, telling everyone how he was elected because he ran on a platform of civility, accusing me of making attacks and twisting the facts. Sure I

attacked on issues, but I don't remember ever twisting a fact. He wrote he won due to his civil discourse.

**THE TRUTH:** Al won the election in 2010 by registering Principia high school students from all over the country living in dorms on campus. Three months after the kids voted for Al, the graduated and left Town and Country forever. After the election I wrote how that was a very smart political move, but it also put someone in office who was not necessarily elected by residents.

Going after me on his mailer was stupid. Why tick off the 299 people who voted for me in 2010. Some of them might not have showed up at the polls. You insult your former opponent and his supporters are likely to come out and vote against you.

**AL CONTINUES THE MASON ROAD LIE:** Al writes how some residents who were active in civic affairs told him when Chuck Lenz was on the Board of Aldermen he favored a truck entrance to Wal Mart off Mason Road. That is code (the person active in civic affairs) for City Gadfly Mariette Palmer, who is famous for not just twisting facts, but out-and-out lying! She claimed several years ago the Alderman Kevin Beckman was for Town and Country Crossing so he could sell them steel for construction. Beckman's company specializes in selling steel only to the oil industry. She claimed I was fired from a job, when I wasn't. She is famous for making things up.

**THE TRUTH:** The first thing the Board of Aldermen which included Lenz at the time, did was remove from the Wal-Mart plan the rear truck entrance. He was for removing it. He didn't support it. The other fact in play that Gerber ignores is that the Town and Country Board of Aldermen have no control of Mason Road. It is a COUNTY ROAD.

**AL'S FUZZY MATH:** Al needs to turn in his PhD in math. He wrote that if a doe is sterilized for \$1,200 it cannot have 10 offspring that will cost \$400 to kill saving the public \$4,000.

**HUH?** If you shoot the doe to begin with for \$400, it can't have any fawns, it can't damage any property and it can't cause any vehicle accidents...savings thousands and thousands of dollars! But not according to Dr. Al.

Al also apologized for the flier that Chuck Lenz mailed out that had a deer that had jumped through the windshield of a large SUV.

"I apologize you had to endure that awful picture..." wrote Gerber.

Apparently Al does not want citizens to see the reality of what happens when there are too many deer in an area.

## **THE CANDIDATES FORUM or When Steve Fons is speaking, The Liars Club.**

Friday's candidate forum was a bit of a disappointment this year. But it had a few laughs. It was nice to see the mayor's \$80,000 sports car was not in a handicapped space, like it was the last time I saw it at Longview Park.

All the usual deer people were there, Mariette Palmer, Burni Perez and Barbara Ann Huges and others.

**GERBER COMES OUT OF THE CLOSET:** The moderator opened the evening with giving the candidates two minutes for opening remarks. Al Gerber showed real leadership qualities by nervously reading his statement. Gerber made an unusual statement coming from a person who is running for office in a largely Republican stronghold.

"I lean to the left," read Gerber from his written speech. .

**THE FONTS SHOW:** But he was outdone by Steve Fons who joked that he would not be using a teleprompter and then read his statement. What's the difference? Fons was anticipating some questions has he had written answers to them. The same for the closing remarks, all were read by Fonzy.

Fons also took repeated shots at his fellow Ward-3 alderman Fred Meyland-Smith.

"I'm an independent thinker and I don't waffle on the issues," he said. "I listen to my constituents and unlike the other alderman I know my opinion does not carry more weight than theirs," Fons said taking a clear shot at Meyland-Smith. He repeated it several times.

On deer, despite the city's contractor killing over 400 deer without incident over the last three years, Fons inferred they were unsafe by obtaining their downward angle of shot by using a stand on a pickup truck. "I purposed two safety measures, including only shooting from a 15-foot tree stand. It did not make sense to shoot from a vehicle," said Fons, who could not accept the fact the pickup truck was acting as a mobile tree stand in areas where deer were baited with food. .

**STUPID SAYS:** Fons at one point pledged to keep Clayton Road “a residential street.” What does he plan to do?...Bulldozer down Schnucks and Town and Country Crossing. Develop three houses where McNamara’s Shell is at Clayton and Ballas. No telling how he plans to get housing units in at the Special School District headquarters.

**THE BIG LIE:** Fons ended his show by lying to everyone. He told the audience how he negotiated the new fire contract that helped save Town and Country \$500,000. Fons had nothing to do with that. As we have reported before, that contract was handled by the city administrator, the city attorney and the mayor. Fons was nowhere near it.

He followed this huge lie up with saying how he believes in high “ethical conduct.”

**THE BUDGET:** It was a love fest of all the Mayor Dalton love fests. Everyone spoke about what great shape the city is in financially thanks to our reserve. NO ONE MENTION THE OVERALL BUDGET FOR 2012 IS A DEFICIT BUDGET by \$300,000!.

**Chuck Lenz** was the only person to bring any sense of reality to the night when he reminded everyone our sales tax revenue has dropped \$2.5 million a year since 2008.

Fons and Gerber spoke of the \$13.5 million reserve the city has, as did Mange. No one bothered to mention that the reserve is down \$3,000,000 over the last four years.

Chuck Lenz did open some peoples’ eyes wide, when he told them, what readers of this newsletter have known for sometime...That Wal Mart still holds a lease through 2015 at Manchester Meadows and is keeping competition from renting there.

**NEWSLETTERS:** Skip Mange had a novel idea about communicating with residents. He said he might do a newsletter and send it out to residents in Ward-1. Gee, I wonder if anyone has done that before?

**WHEN ASKED ABOUT PRINCIPIA REZONING:** Dorothy Cooke said Principia was zoned Residential. She was very wrong. It is zoned Major Educational. Three other people on the dais reminded her of that.

**DEER:** Mange proudly spoke about his relocation of deer and how the Department of Conservation shut it down. In reality as mayor he was sending the majority of these deer to an awful death, as “capture myopathy” set in and stress from being captured shut down their organs and killed them in a week’s time.

Mange, Cooke, Gerber and Fons all wanted to go back to giving hysterectomies to deer. Gussie Crawford and Lenz wanted to continue with just lethal deer management.

Lenz then pointed out how according to the Department of Conservation experts, the cost of sterilization of deer would continue to raise as it would be harder and harder to catch, sedate and operate on the does. Currently it is costing \$1,200 a deer. Estimates go as high as \$4,000 a deer in upcoming years for a sterilization operation.

**PARKS:** The issue of parking at Longview Park was not brought up.

However Skip Mange stated he wants more parks in T&C.

“I would like to see us develop more parks in this city,” said Mange. Apparently Queeny, which is the size of Forest Park and is surrounded on three sides by Town and Country, plus three city parks are not enough for Mange.

**RECALL AND REFERENDUM:** We mentioned that Mariette Palmer was in the crowd, so of course there was a question about recalling elected officials and having referendum on the ballot. Skip Mange immediately began responding, saying that since Town and Country is a “Third Class City”...he said it three times...and of course Town and Country is not a “third class city.” It has been since it switched from Village status to a city in 1974, a Fourth Class City. You might think that a former mayor would know this. I held up four fingers and said “no it’s not” each time Mange said T&C was a third class city. Mange finally corrected himself.

Gerber lectured the crowd that Fourth Class cities are smaller cities and not the size of Town and Country as a reason why T&C should change. Of course perfect examples would be Manchester and Ballwin. Both are much larger than Town and Country and both are Fourth Class cities.

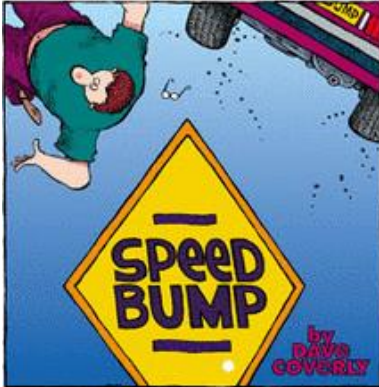
Fourth Class cities cannot have referendums or recalls.

Chuck Lenz brought some sense to the topic when he pointed out since aldermen only serve two-year terms, by the time you put together a recall committee and get it on the ballot an alderman is up for reelection and you can simply vote them out.

**ODDEST COMMENT:** Gerber who lives in a condo and owns another one on Mason Road and Clayton Road said he was against any more condos in Town and Country.

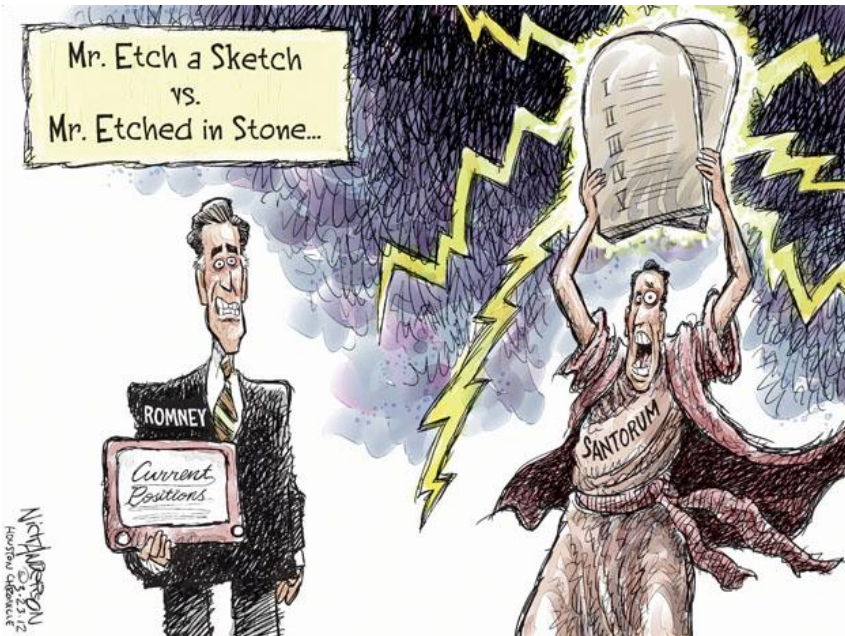
**MADE SENSE** Actually the two outsiders, Gussie Crawford and Dorothy Cooke made a lot of sense when asked about what they would change about the city, they both said that the city basically is pretty nice and they wouldn't change anything.

**CARTOONS:**





"This guy is a lobbyist for HMOs. Let's leave this half dollar in him so metal detectors go nuts anytime he walks through them."







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