

EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 210 AND CHESTERFIELD 155



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MASON GROVE BURGLARY ARRESTS: On January 5, 2015 two men broke into a home on Mason Grove Lane off Mason Road in the middle of the night, with the residents sound asleep but who awoke and hid while calling police. The thieves stole two cars from the garage, a Lexus SUV and a Ford Escape (Sounds like the appropriate vehicle to escape in).



The Town and Country Police did make arrests in this case. However no formal charges were filed for the burglary and auto theft. I did not inquire about this case within the 30-days of the arrest, so that information is closed from public view. However two brothers from North St. Louis were arrested in connection with the two stolen cars shortly after the break-in and thefts and were charged in St. Louis. They were found in one of the stolen cars.

They are Glenn Parchmon, 22, and his brother Antwon Parchmon, 25.

Glenn Parchmon was arrested eight days after the crime in the City of St. Louis on January 13, 2015. Felony warrants were not issued by Circuit Attorney Office until February 24 charging Glenn Parchmon with 1) Unlawful Use of a Weapon 2) Tampering With a Motor Vehicle 3) Resisting Arrest for a felony. Remarkably Glenn Parchmon pled guilty two weeks later on March 11, 2015. In May he was sentenced to 5-years probation (SIS) and his record would be closed if he completed probation successfully.



Glenn Parchmon



Antwon Parchmon 4 years for Unlawful Use of a Weapon, served 120 days

Antwon Parchmon was arrested for unlawful use of a weapon in the City of St. Louis 08/29/12. However a warrant for his arrest was not issued until June 17, 2014 after he was indicted by a City of St. Louis grand Jury. Meanwhile he was out on bond.

On January 13, 2015 after the car thefts and burglary Antwon was arrested with his brother and charged with 1) Tampering with a Motor Vehicle 2) Resisting Arrest by Fleeing 3) Resisting or Interfering with the Arrest of Another.

On April 1, 2015 Antwon pled guilty to the charges from January arrest and was placed on a 5-year SES probation. He also pled guilty to the Unlawful Use of a Weapon charge from 2012. He was sentence to four years in prison, but placed on SES probation after serving 120-days Shock prison time.

This leaves one serious question. These two were arrested in one of the two stolen cars. It is hard not to believe they were involved in the First Degree Burglary and Auto Theft on Mason Grove. But since two cars were stolen, who is the third person who drove them to Town and Country?

TIFFANY FRAUTSCHI'S CAMPAIGN MANAGER FILES FOR WARD-2 SEAT. One week after incumbent Amy Anderson withdrew from the 2016 Aldermanic race, there are now two candidates. Dr. Nan Kulkarni filed at the same time Anderson withdrew. Anderson withdrew because she leaves the state for two months or longer each year.

After filing Kulkarni reportedly immediately left not just the state but the country for a lengthy trip to India, something she does on a regular basis.

Lindsey Butler not only helped Frautschi going door-to-door but also was active in neighborhood get togethers. Kulkarni is a licensed anesthesiologist. She lives Weston Park Drive off of Mason Road. Butler lives nearby on Kings Glen Drive.



Lindsey Butler was taking notes at the Monday Board of Aldermen meeting. She also attended the Ward-2 9:30 am get together meeting earlier in the day. In between the two meetings she filed for the April Aldermanic election. Butler was very active doing extensive research in stopping the city from spending money on a Carbon Footprint Study that involved the city joining a UN backed European organization.

While Kulkarni might get the doctor vote, (doctor's rarely show up on the voting rolls for April elections) Butler is active with school and preschool kids that that might give her a larger contact base.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD CONTINUES THORNHILL SUBDIVISION NEW HOME. ARB wants three things at the next meeting.



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The fuss was over this house and proposed house at 13354 Thornhill. The ARB did not approve the plans at the January meeting, that included a half-dozen residents from the Thornhill subdivision in attendance. The builder was told to return with at least three new things in February

Board member Jim Woodworth told them to make up their mind if they wanted a Castle or a Colonial style house, but not both. They were also told to have more detailed plans. Finally they were told to have a detailed landscaping plan.

The builder had cut down large trees on the lots (which he did not need a permit for) and had torn off the rear deck. City Service Director Craig Wilde admitted they did not need a permit for the deck either, but it was clear where they were headed and they had no demo permit. Subdivision president Randy Stevens shouted up from the audience, "They started on a Friday," as if it is illegal to cut down trees on a Friday, inferring they were pulling a fast one.

The residents were upset with the oversize of the building footprint and use of the lot. The house is somewhat typical of some tear downs with more concern on the size than how it fits in with the neighborhood with either landscaping or building size.

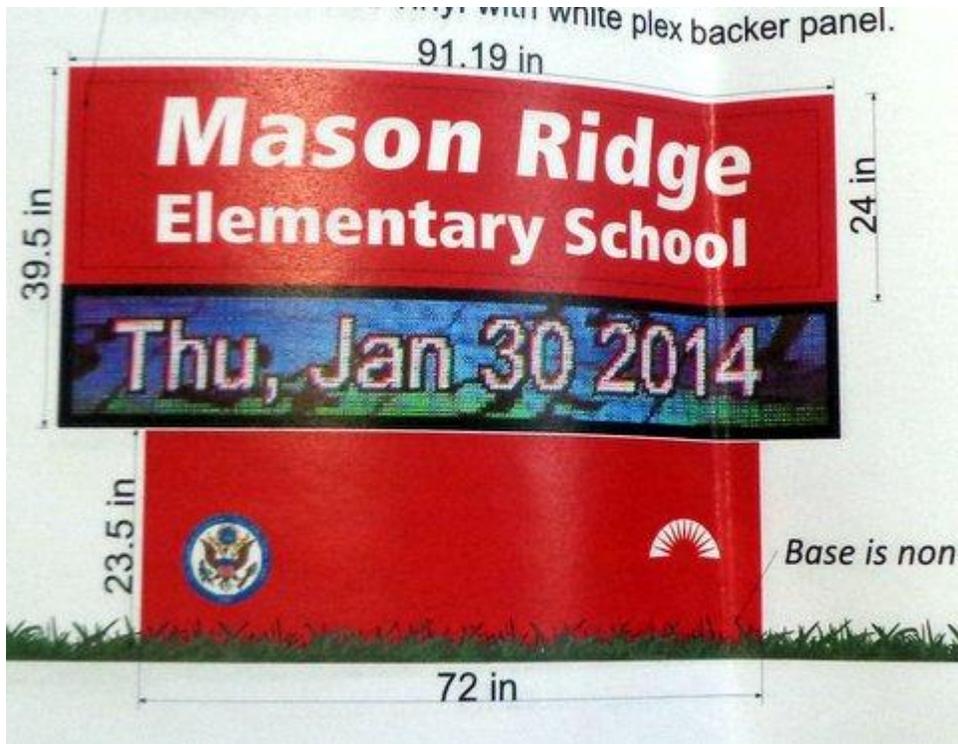
The property is owned by Muhammad Attique and Neelan Rashid Khan.

ANOTHER HOUSE IN THORNHILL IS SUDDENLY EMPTY: The contemporary ranch house at 13447 Thornhill Drive (next to the Mason Road gate) has been empty for sometime. How do I know that? Well at any season the owners will normally have a 10 foot high inflatable in front of the house. In October there would be a 10 foot high pumpkin. In November there was a 10 foot high turkey and normally a 10 foot high Santa in December. There were none of those this year. No dogs in the yard or lights on.

The house was going to be a tear down, but when the market went bust during the recession it was remodeled. The 2,548 square foot house sold in February 2012 for \$735,000. It has a nice pool. We also hear that it now has MOLD.



AS PREDICTED ALDERMEN HATE THE PROPOSED MODERN SIGN FOR MASON RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: The school is on a corner of Mason Road with I-64. Across the street is a Christian Science Church. Across I-64 is the total opposite from a Christian Science building. It is a Children's Hospital outpatient surgery building. On the northeast corner is an office building. However, after listening to the alderpersons bitch about a LED sign proposed for the school, you'd think it was in the middle of an Olde English Historical District.



As usual the Town and Country Board of Aldermen are very reluctant to march into the 21st Century. Back in 2012 Fred Meyland-Smith who hates signs and the the first amendment that allows them in front of churches and government buildings recused himself when his own church at Clayton Road and Hwy 141 wanted a LED sign.

ALDERDOPE Steve Fons was still on the board and claimed these signs were unsafe as they distract passing motorists. The church didn't need to get permission at all according to case law. Being a church they were exempt from sign ordinances, but they applied anyway.

An ordinance was passed that only allowed the message to change on the sign every 15 minutes. Meanwhile the Fire District that serves Town and Country has a LED sign in front of the Engine House on Manchester Road than changes messages about every 5

seconds with no reported increase in accidents. In Des Peres there are LED signs up and down Manchester Road from a church to Dierberg's supermarket, plus a number of banks and shopping centers LED signs. There has been no increase in auto crashes or public outcries of unsightly modern signs.

Tiffany Frautschi recused herself as she is on the Mason Ridge PTO and the organization had donated some money toward the new sign. Then to everyone's surprise the Board's Official Windbag Fred Meyland-Smith recused himself citing that his church got a similar sign (which we were never sure that he was happy about). This made absolutely no sense whatever. Meyland-Smith has no connection to the sign company, Mason Ridge School or the Parkway School District. The best I could figure is he wanted to sit next to Tiffany Frautschi.



Linda Rallo then asked the sign company rep and the Mason Ridge principal why they wanted a new sign. Here is why:



Can you say 1950?

The answers included:

- 1) We want to keep up with the times
- 2) The ability to change the message on the sign quickly from inside the school or from home.
- 3) The school community likes communication about the school.

Unfortunately the sign company rep said the message can change every six to eight seconds. This was the wrong thing to say. I'm surprised there was not an audible gasp from the dais. He was promptly told how the Lutheran church sign only changes the message every 15 minutes.

Maybe the worst of the evening was when lame clueless duck Amy Anderson suggested that the bottom of the sign be done in brick that matches the school building. That's a great idea, let's increase the cost to Parkway School taxpayers (us) and force the PTO to try and raise more additional money.

This important matter not affecting the health, safety, welfare of people and property values concerning a sign at a government building has been continued.

NOISE ORDINANCE PASSES: The noise enforcement ordinance passed after it was amended to no longer allow sporting events to be exempt. Well, DUH! As Westminster Christian Academy is the middle of a law suit against the city over football field lights and sound system.

NO BID FIRE CONTRACT APPROVED. BUT FIRE CHIEF IS A NO SHOW: With no discussion the Alderpersons passed a 5-year contract with the West County EMS & FPD that represents a 6-percent increase over the prior contract and starts at \$3.6 million for the first year. There were no requests for bids or proposals from neighboring fire districts or fire departments, which surely should put Town and Country in contention for The Bad Government Award. Everyone congratulated alderpersons and staff.

At the last meeting Ald. Jon Benigas asked that the WCEMS&FPD Chief Ernie Rhodes appear at the meeting as he wanted to ask some questions about fire service. Rhoades was asked but didn't show up. This is an excellent start for the next five years.



The last time Chief Rhodes was at a meeting was in February of 2015 and for the entire meeting he was on social media not having his head up once.

Benigas wanted to ask about why a fire truck goes on all ambulance calls. The Fire District routinely rolls a fire truck with an ambulance on EMS calls, claiming they might need the extra manpower. They admit at least 25% of the time they had 4 firefighter/EMTs on the fire truck (one more than the minimum of three), but they refuse to have the extra firefighter more to the ambulance to provide extra manpower if there is an EMS call. This reduces the chances of a traffic crash by eliminating a second vehicle with lights and siren responding. It also increases coverage in the event another EMS or Fire call comes in for the same area.

COMMISSION REALIGNMENT APPROVED! At the last BOA meeting in December Ald. Gussie Crawford spoke up about how upset her Community Relations Commission was over being dissolved in a new alignment of city commissions and how there was no interest by any members as being an "ambassador." At the start of the January 11 meeting Crawford announced the next meeting would be on Thursday night at 7pm at the Longview Farmhouse. 10 minutes later she joined all the other alderpersons and voted to get rid of the Community Relations Commission.



COSTS WERE UNKNOWN WHEN CITY SENT OUT LETTER BEGGING FOR MONEY TO COMPLETE DOG AND HORSE SCULPTURE! On December 16 I received in the mail a letter and color brochure asking me to donate money for the city to pay artist Harry Weber \$140,000 to complete a sculpture of a dog and a horse to be placed in the "Town Square" property that the city has not yet decided what to do with.

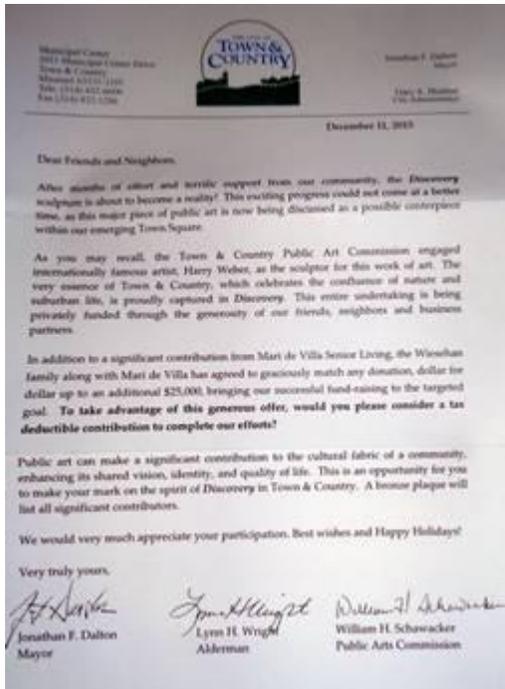
The Arts Commission under Chairman and Alderwoman Lynn Wright had pledged that no city funds would be used for the project, only donated funds. The goal was for the dog and horse to be in place at the corner of Mason and Clayton Road in 2015 to celebrate the city's 65th anniversary of being incorporated as a village. That goal was not met. Then the perfect location was moved to the undeveloped "Town Square" property which is two to three years from being developed.



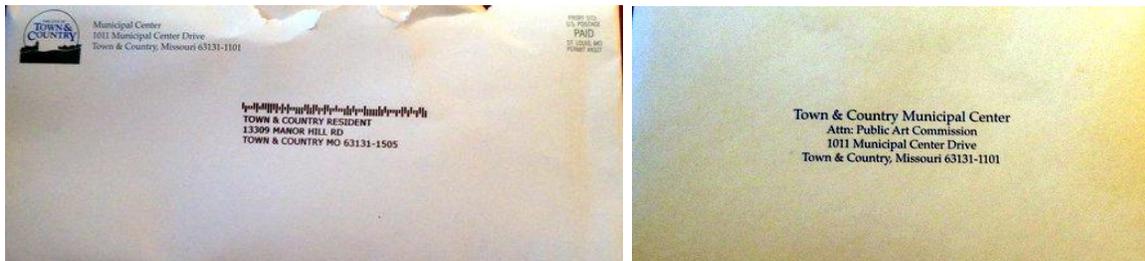
Just before Christmas seemed to me to actually be a bad time to ask for money. I just paid my property taxes and my homeowner insurance bill arrived that includes earthquake coverage and had I written checks to my regular charities. I don't know about you, but I didn't have a lot of money left over for sculptor Harry Weber.

So on December 16 when I received the mailer from the city asking money I had questions. I sent a Missouri Sunshine Law Request to the city asking how much the printing and mailing cost taxpayers for a project that was not suppose to cost taxpayers anything.

The immediate response from the city was THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THE COSTS WERE! Two weeks after my request the city still did not know how much it cost. Three weeks later I got an answer.



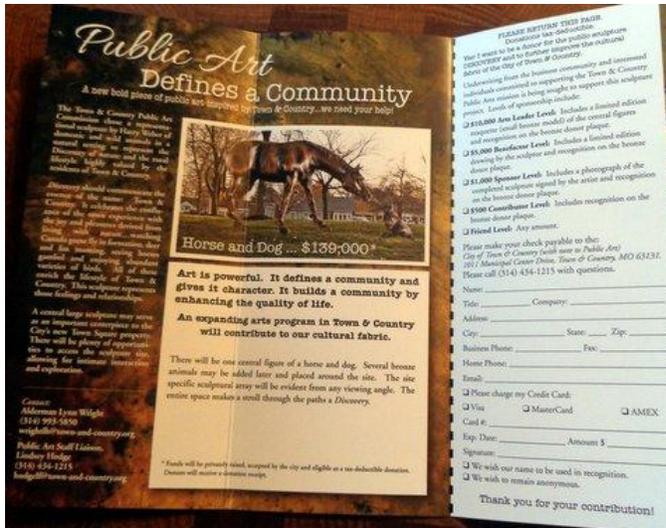
The above letter signed by Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist Jon Dalton cost the city \$483.81 to print.



The mailing envelopes cost \$247.40 and the return mail envelopes cost the residents \$253.63



Postage was \$766.13



Finally the brochure cost \$1,174.50 to print.

The total costs from the City of Town and Country's Art Commission's miscellaneous fund came to \$3,310.47.

I was amazed that \$3,310.47 is chump change to the city leaders and no one bothered to get a cost estimate before printing and mailing.

This whole project was not going to happen until Fred Wiesehan of Maria de Villa donated and offered in matching funds up to \$75,000. They were still about \$30,000 short of the mark they needed.

Payback: I hope the budget gets paid back the costs of begging. According to Finance Director Betty Cotner after the mailing \$11,505 was received for the Dog and Horse through January 7. So it was worthwhile, but they are still short. They still need \$12,000. My checks however didn't go to the bronze horse and dog. They went to the Salvation Army and Missouri Human Society after the flooding events.

DEER VERSUS VEHICLE CRASH RATE UP 22% IN 2015! There were 12 more deer-vehicle encounters in December compared with just seven in December of 2014. The total deer kills in vehicle crashes for 2015 was 90 on the roads in the 11 square miles of Town and Country. Culling the deer population with bait and shoot sites has begun this January with up to 175 Deer authorized to be killed with meat processed for regional food panties. Clayton Road and I-64 each had the most deer strikes in 2015, with 20 each.



Seven deer across the street from my house welcome in the New Year.

12/02/15	07:12 PM	Weidman Road south of Clayton Road	Ward 3
12/09/15	06:03 PM	Woods Mill Road and I-64	Ward 4
12/10/15	06:52 AM	Mason Road at Mason View Court (new street)	Ward 2
12/10/15	11:32 AM	Mason Road and Buckland Hall	Ward 2
12/12/15	06:21 PM	Clayton Road at Jo Carr Lane	Ward 3
12/15/15	06:52 AM	12900 Block of Ladue Road	Ward 4
12/16/15	08:31 PM	Clayton Road west of Mason Road	Ward 3
12/22/15	09:21 PM	13800 block Clayton Road	Ward 3
12/23/15	02:12 AM	Ladue Road at Highway 141	Ward 4
12/23/15	09:51 AM	Clayton Road west of I-270	Ward 1
12/25/15	05:59 PM	South Outer Road at Highway 141	Ward 4
12/25/15	10:52 PM	Highway 141 at I-64	Ward 4



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The photo on the left is from last year and shows a deer on our patio eating directly from a bird feeder. We moved and raised the blue feeder and bought a new red barn feeder where if too much weight, like a squirrel or a deer's mouth it will shut. However the deer now have figured out not to try and eat from it, a head butt from below works so feed falls onto the patio and they then eat it.



2015 Deer Accident Locations

I-270 **14** Ward 1
I-64 Ballas to Mason **11** Ward 1 & Ward 2
I-64 Mason Road to W City Limits **9** Wards 3 & 4
North Forty Drive **1** Ward 1
South Outer 40 Drive I-270 to Mason **3** Wards 1 & 2
South Outer 40 Mason to Hwy 141 **3** Wards 3 & 4
Municipal Center Drive **1** Ward 1
Topping Road **1** Wards 1 & 2
Clayton Road Topping to Bopp **2** Ward 1
Clayton Road Mason to Topping **8** Ward 2
Clayton Road Mason to Woods Mill **10** Ward 3
Weidman Road **3** Ward 3
Tidewater Place **1** Ward 3
Conway Road **1** Ward 4
Ladue Road **6** Ward 4
Woods Mill Road **1** Wards 3 and 4
Highway 141 **8** Ward 3 and Ward 4
Mason Road **5** Ward 2
Mason Road **3** Ward 4

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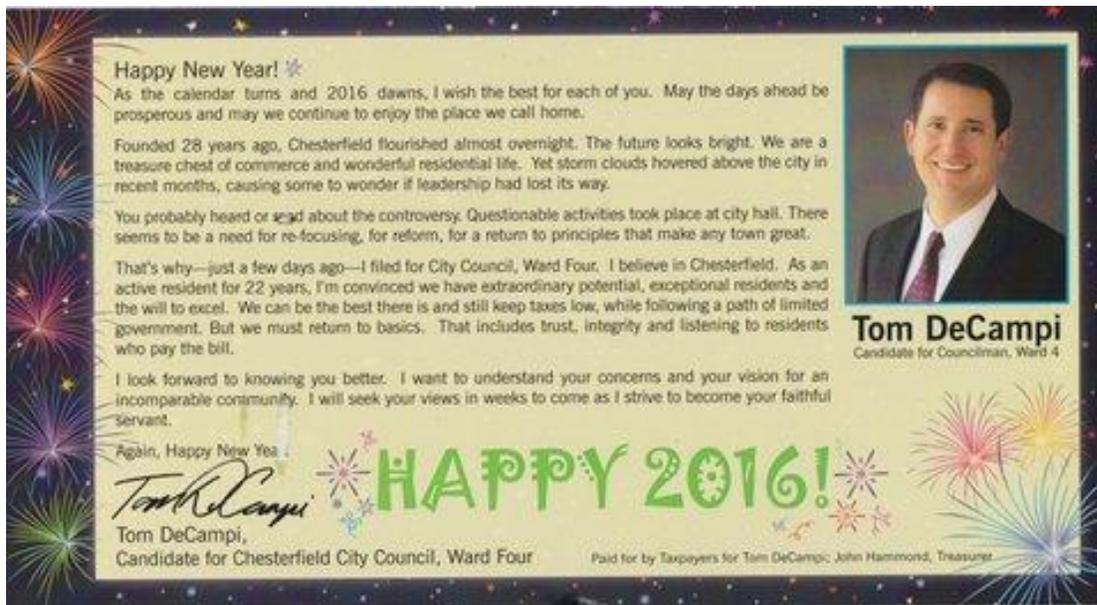
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DECAMPI FIRES OFF NEW YEARS EVE MAIL FLIERS IN CAMPAIGN AGAINST CONNIE FULTS. Most candidates wait until the end of February to send out their first mailer to introduce themselves to voters and then follow up with two or three in March and April either highlighting issues or weaknesses of their opponent.

In Ward 4 Tom DeCampi didn't wait until late February or even wait until 2016. He sent out a flier both introducing himself and pointing out issues and taking a conservative Republican stand on spending. While Connie Fults is well known with voters, DeCampi has some back ground that is similar or better than Fults. Connie is a vocal conservative Catholic. So is DeCampi who is very active in the local parish. He surely has many of the same contacts as Fults, but due to his younger age and having younger children he is likely to have a broader contact base.

He brought up the recent issues of what some call reckless spending for a special lawyer hired without a contract of a formal vote to try and impeach Mayor Bob Nation for swearing in city leader's closed office. Fults favored both.

Fults is known for wanting to hand over \$250,000 to the former Chesterfield Arts organization for sculptures of two Chinese War Horses that had been in a hotel lobby and were given to them at no cost. Connie has shown a record of wanting to waste money on projects she likes. The question is if DeCampi gets elected will he forget about his campaign position or stick with it.



TOM DECAMPI FOR CHESTERFIELD CITY COUNCIL

A FRESH FACE FOR A FRESH START

- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, University of Missouri
- Regional Sales Manager, Corindus Vascular Robotics
- Account Manager, Philips Healthcare - fifteen years directing an \$8 million budget
- Ascension Church member and Parish School of Religion teacher
- Active with Chesterfield Township Republicans
- Marathon runner (New York & St. Louis)

For questions or to volunteer, call Tom or Gloria (636) 530-0982

The DeCampi Family
Tom, Gloria, Alex, John & Rachel

VOTE FOR TOM DECAMPI ON APRIL 5th
www.Taxpayers4Tom.com

AS MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION, I COMMIT TO YOU:

- To bring team building, reason and harmony to City Council deliberations and interactions
- To support Chesterfield's Pool/Cities legislation and lawsuit, for fairness and relief to residents whose sales taxes are being redistributed to other municipalities
- To stand against City/County merger proposal

DeCampi has lived since 2001 on Chesterfield Manor Drive off of Baxter Road and has had 15 years to develop neighborhood contacts. The one thing that was clear is the local Republican Party appears to be supporting DeCampi and this should be an interesting campaign.

FLOOD STORIES: MONARCH WATER RESCUE ON WILDHORSE CREEK ROAD. While the St. Louis media was out in Valley Park and Arnold during the recent flooding, a tactically difficult and dangerous water rescue was going on at a 1 1/2-mile section of flooded Wild Horse Creek Road.

On December 26, at about 9 pm both the Monarch Fire Protection District (Chesterfield) and Metro West Fire Protection received calls of persons trapped in flood water of Wild Horse Creek Road. At first both agencies thought there were dealing with separate calls about a mile apart, but it turned out it was the same incident, involving two different cars.

The son was driving south on Wild Horse Creek Road from Chesterfield going home in Wildwood. He crested a hill on a downward curve when he hit the water in his Mitsubishi 2-door sports coupe. As the car began to float he called his dad for help.



Fire District officials believe this is where after cresting the curved hill the son's compact car was washed into the creek.

After the phone call, a passing motorist helped the son out of the water.

Meanwhile Dad was enroute to the rescue driving a Hummer. Now a Hummer is a great vehicle for driving through standing water, but it might be the worst possible vehicle to drive into swift flood waters. The Hummer has more mass to be pushed and had four large inflated tires.

Dad coming from Wildwood hit the flood waters over a mile south at the opposite end as where his son entered the water. The flood waters immediately latched onto the Hummer and started carrying northeast toward the Missouri River. Dad quickly decided his best move was to get himself out of the Hummer before it sank. He managed to grab onto some tree branches.



This is the view of Wildhorse Creek on a normal winter's day January 6.

To rescue Dad from the tree, three inflatable rescue boats with crews of three were launched. One was from Monarch, one from St. Charles FD that was called in for assistance and a third boat from West County EMS & FPD.

In swift flood waters it is difficult enough to operate a boat, but when you add in the having to dodge tree branches at head level and other fast moving debris it makes it more of an art form.

The boat from St. Charles Fire Department made the first contact with dad clinging to a tree. The Monarch boat then came in and picked him up.



The trees directly in front of where fire officials and West Magazine reporter Jim Erikson are standing is where Dad was rescued.

RETAIL CRIME IN THE CITY OF SHOPPING CENTERS: Within a week of the New Year, the Chesterfield Police had the numbers in for crime and police calls in shopping areas. Chesterfield Mall is the leader in sales and also leader in crime, but not all categories.

RETAIL SECTOR CRIME SUMMARY

2015 Annual Totals	Mall	THF	Taubman Outlet Mall	St. Louis Premium Outlets	Other Retail Businesses	Totals
Calls for Service	1705	1583	552	990	N/A	4830
Shoplifting	107	94	31	36	26	294
Larceny from Auto	8	4	4	3	5	24
Other Larceny	18	26	6	9	8	67
Fraud (includes checks, credit cards, counterfeit bills, Identity Theft, Other)	13	30	1	5	18	67
Robbery	0	1	1	4	1	7
Assault	5	5	0	1	3	14
Other Crimes	11	17	1	6	20	55

While Chesterfield Mall leads the way in calls for service and shoplifting incidents, the stores in the two mile long Chesterfield Commons in Chesterfield Valley are a close second. The one offense that was very low in number that really surprised me was the lack of car break-ins. Less than one a month at Chesterfield Mall, shows having those security vehicles with the yellow lights always flashing might be a true deterrent. The number of larcenies from autos at Chesterfield Commons, Taubman and Premium Outlets are in the area of 1 every three months. That is very low.

The six robberies at malls were all escalations of shoplifting events where the suspect used force when stopped by a theft prevention officer or store employee.

OOH-LA-GONE: Ooh-La-La home furnishings is gone and the building is empty at the corner of Long Road and Edison Road.



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BEST AND WORSE FOR 2015: Please keep in mind that worse to some people in local government is best to me when searching for stories for a weekly newsletter.

CLEARLY THE BEST STORY: That had to be the John Diehl sex texting a teenager story and a month later straight old fashion sex scandal. We had earlier nick named the State Rep and Speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives as "Million Dollar Diehl" because from 2008 to March of 2014 he had raised \$1.5 million in campaign contributions but never had a campaign since no one until the 2014 general election ever ran against him. Almost all the money came from outside of the 89th District and large portions came from special interest groups, like cigarette manufactures and casinos located outside of Missouri. He was even getting money from outside of the country, including from Chinese companies doing business in Missouri.

But after information including very hot sexual texts he was making to a 19-year-old college intern on his staff were publicized he went from an ethically challenged politician to a sex fiend. Then a month later a police report from 2014 was made public that showed Republican Party leader Diehl was in a sexual relationship with a member of Democratic governor Gov. Jay Nixon's staff. When all this broke in May and June someone sent me an e-mail saying "Merry Christmas Early."



John Diehl and teenage intern



Diehl and Democratic Gov Nixon's staffer

Diehl resigned from office two days before the end of the 2015 Session in May. His house went on the market in July but was taken off the market in October.

The real loser in this was a guy who owned a roofing company. I would ask people who were not very attuned with local politics if they heard about the sex scandal involving John Diehl. They would get a quizzical as ask, "You mean the roofing guy, John Beal?"



John Beal

JANUARY 2015:

Maryville University scales back expansion on Conway Road: After a very contentious rezoning effort that set a large number of residents against the University in 2013 and some of the wealthiest people in Town and Country suddenly become active in city politics which they normally could not be bother with. At the heart of the firestorm was the fact that Maryville wanted to move their campus maintenance facility from the west side of the campus to Conway Road across the street from a number of very high end subdivisions. The plan was to claim the project was to build a varsity softball and soccer field on Conway Road and "Oh Yeah" the maintenance facility. Alderman Phil Behnan was voted out office over his vote for the rezoning. In January of 2015 Maryville announced the maintenance building would not be built as the University decided it could save money by contracting out those services and no longer needed a place for trucks, snow plows, road salt and lawn mowers.

Permanent Fire Chief named at Monarch: Chuck Marsonette who had been the Interim Fire Chief at the Monarch Fire Protection District was named permanent fire chief. This was part of a house cleaning of Union backed members from the command staff after the election of former Senator Jane Cunningham to the Board of Directors. At the same time the Board fired Sean Porter, a Battalion Chief. If Porter had not be promoted from the rank of captain he still would have had his job, but the 35-year employee was promoted in 2012 to an "at will" command position on a 2-1 vote. One of the votes for the promotion came from Board President Kim Evans, who according to later court depositions was having an affair with Porter.

Alderman tells subdivision residents that city wants to buy 17 acres from the Principia School for a new city hall: On January 16 in a power point presentation to residents living on Mason Glen and Crossland Drives Alderman Skip Manage used images of the undeveloped land on the west end of the Principia School campus and

across the street from the Wirth Property that the city just bought for \$2.3-million. Manage told the residents that "the city was in talks with Principia to buy 17 acres of land for a new City Hall." Manage would later say the presentation and statements were "a mistake." However most people felt it was just the "talk first and think later" Mange letting the cat out of the bag. Ald. Amy Anderson was at the meeting said later said "she believed" Mange said something else. Residents remembered it correctly.



Mange and Anderson

Suspect who disfigured Smitty's waitress in attacked after being cut off from more booze pleads guilty. Jayne Baning the Manchester woman who broke a cocktail glass and repeatedly slashed the face of 23-year employee and Chesterfield resident Nancy Seamen, who she had knocked to the ground. Seamen refused to serve any more drinks to an intoxicated Baning. While Seamen will have injuries from the attack for the rest of her life, Baning was given a 5-year SIS probation term, meaning if she completes the probation term the guilty plea to the vicious assault will be erased. The guilty plea came two years after the attack. The Chesterfield Police originally issued Baning a citation to city court for the assault. I complained to Police Chief Ray Johnson who ordered the case reopened and felony charges were later filed.



Baning on the left and Seamens' injuries on

right.

The civil suit against Baning was also settled. Out of \$300,000 from Baning's homeowner insurance policy, after repaying work comp medical bills and attorney fees, Nancy saw a total of \$42,000.

Fights at Freshman-Sophomore Dance at CBC result in a large police response.

20 officers from five different departments responded to Christian Brothers College high school in Town and Country after at least 10 different fights broke out after the Sunday night January 18 Freshman-Sophomore dance where students from other schools were invited.

Chesterfield Police arrest East Side Church leader for exposing himself to women in apartment complex workout rooms. 43-year-old Marlin Brimm, the Minister of Music at the Agape Family Christian Center in Belleville and a shoe salesman at Sak's Fifth Avenue was arrested by Chesterfield Police after a foot chase in 2014. Brimm, who lived in Hazelwood, started coming to Chesterfield apartment complex workout rooms and when a woman would walk in he would expose himself. Brimm would plead guilty in January of 2015 and was fined \$500.

FEBRUARY: Alderwoman Amy Anderson doesn't get around much anymore or ever: At a "Town Square Task Force" meeting in February where residents try to figure out what the city should do with a \$2.3 million vacant lot purchased by the city Ald. Amy Anderson, who claims to have been born and raised here made a remarkable statement. She showed how the Principia grad who still lives across the street from the school has almost no connection with the rest of St. Louis County. Here is her statement and what we wrote.

Also at this meeting, Amy Anderson, who likes to claim to have been born and raised in Town and Country said she has not been to the Straub's in Clayton but hopes to. She added, "I hear there is a Straub's in Webster Groves, too."

I had to mention that Straub's was founded in Webster Groves. I missed the date. I said in 1898...it was 1901. While Straub's has been in a modern building in Webster since the 1960s, the original location on Lockwood is still intact and is occupied by a printing company. Of course there has been another Straub's on Kingshighway at Maryland Plaza since 1948 and the headquarters is now in Clayton where the Clayton store has been operating since 1933.

Planning and Zoning Meeting has exactly three people show up: The Planning and Zoning Commission was vastly outnumbered by the audience at the February 12 meeting. Only three members managed to show up while six were absent forcing the meeting to be cancelled for a lack of a quorum. This continued to be a problem all year. The December meeting which was a combined two-month meeting after the November meeting was cancelled. The number one qualification for the P&Z Commission should be "ability to attend meetings" and then the professional background of the prospective board member.

The owner of Town and Country's Original Town Square Dies: Jack McNamara opened a Standard gas station and repair garage in the 1950s shortly after Town and Country's was incorporated as a village. While today Mayor Jon Dalton spent \$2.3m for vacant property back to be a future Town Square in the 1960s McNamara's station was the town square. People would fill up their tank before the days of self-service, get a

cup of coffee, shoot the breeze with Jack, one of the employees or a neighbor also getting gas or an oil change.

Jack and his service station were an important part of Town and Country's early years. Jack died at the age of 77 on February 14.

City Council overrides all of mayor's vetoes. On December 1, 2014 Mayor Bob Nation made four line item vetoes dealing with with 2015 budget. They included reducing employee raises from 3% to 2%, eliminating two additional school resource officers that were not approved by the Public Safety Committee, eliminating money for Arts employees with the Park Department and eliminating \$250 Holiday gift cards at Chesterfield supermarkets for employees. On February 18 the City Council overrode all four vetoes.

MARCH: Plans filed with Town and Country.

Development plans that included a branch bank and a **Tim Horton coffee shop/restaurant** were submitted to the city to be heard by the Planning and Zoning Commission. City Hall staff helped find the potential developer for the project and then later got stabbed in the back by the Board of Aldermen.

Westminster Christian Academy filed plans to installed football field lights and a permanent sound system. The same plans were turned down by the P&Z Commission in 2009. Neighborhood opposition continued to be very strong against the plans. It was clear to me and others that Westminster knew these plans would not be approved, but needed denials from the P&Z Commission and Board of Aldermen to sue the city and obtain a court order to install the lights.

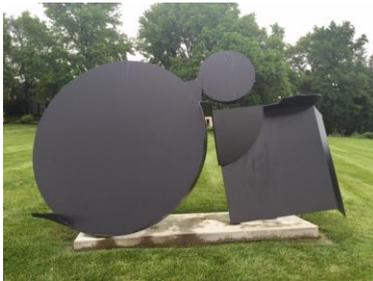
Planning and Zoning passed the Tim Horton's plans. The Board of Aldermen later denied them, and the eyesore of an empty non-revenue producing lot at a main intersection in the city appears will remain for some time.

Both P&Z and the Board of Aldermen unanimously voted against the Westminster Football Lights proposal. Westminster who claimed to be a "good neighbor" to the city during the proceedings, filed suit in the Circuit Court in October.

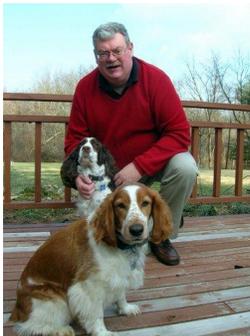
NOT ENOUGH COFFEE SHOPS: Ed Eickhoff with Ramco-Gershenson, owners of Town and Country Crossing came to town from Michigan and appeared at a March Planning and Zoning meeting. Eickhoff wanted to turn one of the shopping center buildings near Clayton Road into a drive through coffee shop restaurant. Eickhoff cried

the desperate need for a high quality coffee shop in the area. He was apparently unaware of a Star Bucks in the Target Store in his own Shopping Center. This was not to mention the Kaldi Coffee store in the Schnuck's supermarket on the southeast corner from his shopping center or the Einstein Bagel/Coffee Shop on the northeast corner, plus the locally owned coffee shop on the south side of Clayton Road a block west of his shopping center. After a continuance, P&Z gave approval to a modified planned, but construction had not started by the end of the year. Apparently there was not that great of a need after all.

One Commission wants to hide art works of another commission. Members of the Green Team Commission (currently on the slate to be eliminated) suggested at a March meeting of the need for high prairie grass to hide Trova sculptures that look like discarded satellite TV dishes installed at the Longview Farm Park and in front of City Hall.



LOSS OF FIRST OF DOG CAMPAIGN CONSULTANTS: On March 13 Tegan, 12, our Welsh Springer Spaniel, died. On September 27 Sadie, 14, our English Springer Spaniel died. Both dogs were used in our "Elected a Watchdog" flier when we were elected to the Board of Aldermen in 2008. Three months after the death of Sadie with no dogs in a house for the first time in 30 years, we discovered we were vacuuming a lot less.



CHESTERFIELD COUNCILPERSON FINDS TRICKY WAY TO HOLD AN ILLEGAL SECRET MEETING: At the March 19th meeting of the Chesterfield Planning and Public Works Committee meeting at about 6:30, Chairman Dan Hurt adjourned the meeting.

Everyone filed out of the conference room, except three of the four members of the committee and they as a quorum continued to discuss restrictions affecting the Lowes' store after the Lowes reps had left thinking the meeting was over. I stood outside the door and eavesdropped on the secret meeting that by law was suppose to be public.



APRIL

Welby lies to residents. The Tim Welby Attack Letter. A week before the April municipal elections Tim Welby sent out a letter that was paid by The Tim Walsh Election Committee. The letter started that Welby had retired from politics and then did a political thing. He attacked Tiffany Frautschi with lies, claiming no one knew her policies, which in fact she spelled out in talks and in mailings and accused her of being an animal rights activist. That was an inference that she would be against lethal deer management. That was a complete lie. The only thing that makes Frautschi an animal rights activist is that she owns two horses, a cat and a dog. The letter was a mistake and pissed people off and Frautschi had a lopsided victory.

Winners and losers: As mentioned in Town and Country **Tiffany Frautschi easily defeated Tim Walsh** who was backed by Tim Welby. Walsh was a Trustee of the Thornhill Subdivision and two other trustees had signs supporting Frautschi in their yards, which is never a good sign.

In Ward 3 Mary Steward took on the uphill battle to defeat Fred Meyland-Smith. She wasn't the right candidate. The folks in Wheatfield farms subdivision will have to wait another year and a half to try and get rid of Meyland-Smith who has been condescending to the residents on several issues that affected the subdivision.

In Ward-4 Linda Rallo managed to piss off a number of her supporters by endorsing Meyland-Smith against Steward. The people who helped elect Rallo had strongly been against Meyland-Smith over his position on the Maryville University rezoning vote and the demeaning way Meyland-Smith lectured them at public meetings.

However, it does not appear as if they are that pissed as no one from Ward-4 has filed to run against Rallo in the first three weeks of filing for the 2016 elections.

Very popular councilwoman and former Mayor Nancy Greenwood easily defeated two kooks running against her. Five months later after the return of cancer Greenwood would die in office.

The only other race in Chesterfield was for the Monarch Fire Prevention Board of the Directors. Despite some amazing attempts of using false information by the firefighters union, Robin Harris easily won reelection and retained his position as board president.

13-days after the reelection of Harris, Steven Swyers, a pro-union board member did not attend another meeting, but submitted his resignation by email with two years left on his term. The next month Rick Gans a pro-taxpayer former board member was voted to by Harris and Jane Cunningham to complete Swyers' term.

Man in dump truck tried to kill person dating ex-wife on I-64. David Coldewe was on I-64 during morning rush hour at 7:20 AM driving a dump truck when he saw Matt Burbes driving east from St. Charles into Chesterfield. For over a month Coldewe had been sending Burbes texts threatening to assault him for seeing his ex-wife who divorced him in the first week of March. Witnesses reported that Coldewe tried to smash into Burbes' vehicle with the dump truck as Burbes pulled away. Coldewe now in Chesterfield was reported driving at 75 MPH on the shoulder passing heavy rush hour traffic and then pulling in front of Burbes and slamming on the brakes of his dump truck forcing Burbes to crash into the rear of the truck.

Chesterfield police did not arrest Coldewe for Assault with Intent to Cause Great Bodily Harm. They did not even take any photographs. He was cited for Aggressive Driving, Careless Driving, No Proof of Insurance and Peace Disturbance. Chesterfield prosecutor or better put Man who Refuses to Prosecute, Tim Engelmeyer dismissed the Aggressive Driving and No Proof of Insurance citations, reduced the Careless Driving citation to Illegal Parking with a \$250 fine and recommended a special No Fine Probation on the Peace Disturbance charge. While Coldewe put the lives of many morning rush hour drivers in danger and got no jail or even points on his license to show for it, perhaps Engelmeyer allowing such deals is actually a more dangerous individual.

Chesterfield Man Arrested for 7th DWI: Joe Carbone,74, of Chesterfield was arrested for his seventh DWI. The first six were by the Chesterfield PD. The seventh was by the Ballwin PD on April 15, 2015.

MAY

Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist Dalton either suffered head injury or had a short term memory loss or pulled a fast one. On May 1 Mayor Jon Dalton filed two separate documents with the Missouri Division of Health and Aging Services for the Stonecrest Assisted Living facility proposed to be built behind the Schnuck's store at 1006 and 1008 Woods Mill Road. Of course it is grossly unethical for a mayor to be working on a proposed development that would be before the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Alderman. Dalton did not recuse himself and remove himself and billing as a representative for Stonecrest until an article about the filings appeared in the St. Louis Business Journal.

Chesterfield man walks across the street and breaks into neighbor's house. Steve Pretak, 31, of 54 White Plains Drive during the morning hours of May 2, walked across the street to 54 White Plains Drive and broke into the attached garage stealing a \$400 leaf blower. His next appearance in court on the burglary charge is on January 22, 2016.



Steven Pretak

John Diehl resigns as House Speaker and as State Rep from 89th District.

Ald. Amy Anderson continued to show she did not have much of any real world knowledge or experience. At a May meeting of the Town Square Task Force Meeting asked what a piazza was, when a member suggested a design for the property to include a piazza. "What's that." she asked.

"Like an Italian piazza," replied the member.

"What's an Italian piazza," countered Ald. Anderson.

JUNE

The Town and Country Board of Alderman made it illegal to use vinyl siding on new houses. The move was an apparent attempt to show people Town and Country is

better than all the other towns. Vinyl siding is used in about 32% of all new home construction in America.

JULY:

Chesterfield Mayor Bob Nation claims it was frustration, but for Assistant City Administrator Libby Marberg-Tucker it as an opportunity to score points with her boss the City Administrator. In a closed door meeting with Marberg-Tucker, Nation dropped some F-Bombs dealing with his frustration of working with her boss Mike Herring. She wrote a memo of complaint to Herring, acting as a victim starting in motions a chain of events that have not yet ended.

Thornhill burglar sentenced to 15 years in prison. Daniel Martin, 21, of Bel Ridge in North County pled guilty to breaking into a rental home in the 12900 block of Thornhill Drive and beating the resident, Thomas Ruzicka, 61, a convicted felon himself into a coma. The burglary in May of 2014 was random. Martin was sentenced to 15 years in prison in July and an accomplice Malik Lindsay, 16, at the time of the offense, was certified as an adult and in September of 2015 pled guilty and was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Not Oh Canada, But NO Canada! On July 13 the Town and Country Board of Aldermen voted NO to the proposal for a Tim Horton's coffee shop and restaurant at the corner of Clayton Road and Ballas Road, preferring to have a non-revenue producing vacant lot eyesore to a place named after a Canadian hockey legend.

T-Fed pleads guilty and gets another break: Charged with felony drug possession in connection with a March 2014 incident that left a waitress at Harpo's knocked out, Chesterfield bad boy Theodore Federer saw the felony charge reduced to a misdemeanor in July of 2015. He pled guilty and was placed on probation. He is to appear in court on January 21, 2016 for a probation violation hearing. In April of 2015 T-Fed was arrested for Disorderly Conduct in Augusta, Georgia.

State Senator LeVota joins John Diehl with sexual harassment of interns. Senator Paul LeVota of Independence, MO was forced from office after several interns came forward about how LeVota was hitting on them.

AUGUST

Unusual suspect breaking into cars. Normally it is teenagers or younger suburban drug addicts looting unlocked cars, so it was unusual when Town and Country

detectives arrested Kevin Chandler for stealing from cars parked outside of residences in subdivisions off Topping Road. Chandler was from Foristell, Missouri at the St. Charles and Warren County line, plus he was of a ripe old age of 36. Despite having felony charges filed against him, Chandler kept stealing. He was charged with a October 3 felony theft in St. Louis County in warrants issued December 7. He was charged with an October 5 Burglary and Stealing in Warren County on December 22 at which time he was also charged with a July 4 burglary. He was also charged with three burglaries in St. Charles County after his arrests in Town and Country. Chandler appears to be dedicated at his profession as a thief.



Kevin Chandler

CELL PHONE TOWERS PINPOINT BURGLAR. Ex-convict James P. Chandler, 47, from North St. Louis was arrested in January attempting to break-in to a Ladue sports agent's mansion. Using tracking information of Chandler's cell phone from area cell towers, detectives were able to charge Chandler with other burglaries in Ladue, Creve Coeur and Chesterfield. He was charged with 10 felony burglaries. In August he pled guilty to seven offenses and was sentenced to prison for only four years.



James P. Chandler

SEPTEMBER

City staff estimates \$1.6 million to develop the Wirth Property. A project pushed by Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist Jon Dalton with the city spending \$2.3 million to purchase the Wirth Property in December of 2014 has seen the price go up. The city staff estimated minimum development costs would be \$1.6 million with at least \$70,000 a year to maintain. Then the Dalton appointed Town Square Task force choose the most

expensive development plan submitted by designers and architects **which pushed the overall price close to \$5,000,000** for a property the owner's couldn't sell and the city didn't know what to do with when it purchased it.

Chesterfield City Council was told by "special attorney" Kevin O'Keefe, illegally hired without a vote or a contract, that there was no evidence of anything to impeach mayor Bob Nation over for swearing in a closed office of an Ast. City Administrator. However, the council decided to authorize O'Keefe to go ahead with preparing documents Censuring Nation.

Town and Country Board of Aldermen vote 8-0 against allowing football lights at Westminster Christian Academy. The school sued the city in October hoping to find a Circuit Court judge to overturn the vote.

Councilwoman and former mayor Nancy Greenwood Dies. On the morning of September 18 Ward 1 Councilwoman Nancy Greenwood died of cancer.



OCTOBER

Town and Country's First Ever Parade! It was held on Saturday October 3, which was probably the coldest day of the month. Despite that the large turnout surprised everyone,



Chesterfield Mayor Censured for Swearing at City Hall.

Everything else has happened in the last three months. You should remember what was going on. If not, please consult the newsletters posted on our website.

MUSIC: It was Jazz Jam, Night again last week at Sasha's on DeMunn with plenty of parking after next door neighbor Jimmy's on the Park closed. Here are a couple of photos.

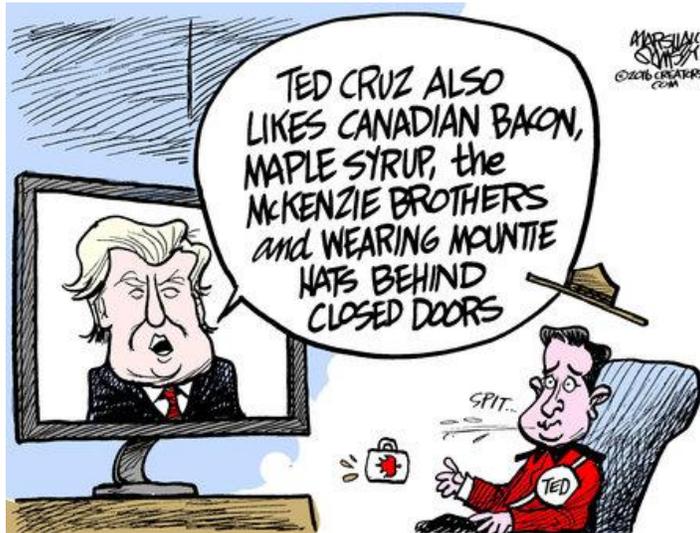


Jim Manly on trumpet had 22-year-old Andrew Meye of Webster Groves on trombone had people laughing. Meyer would play a jazz standard in a soft cool California jazz tone and Manley would then hit 120 decibels in a Maynard Ferguson style.

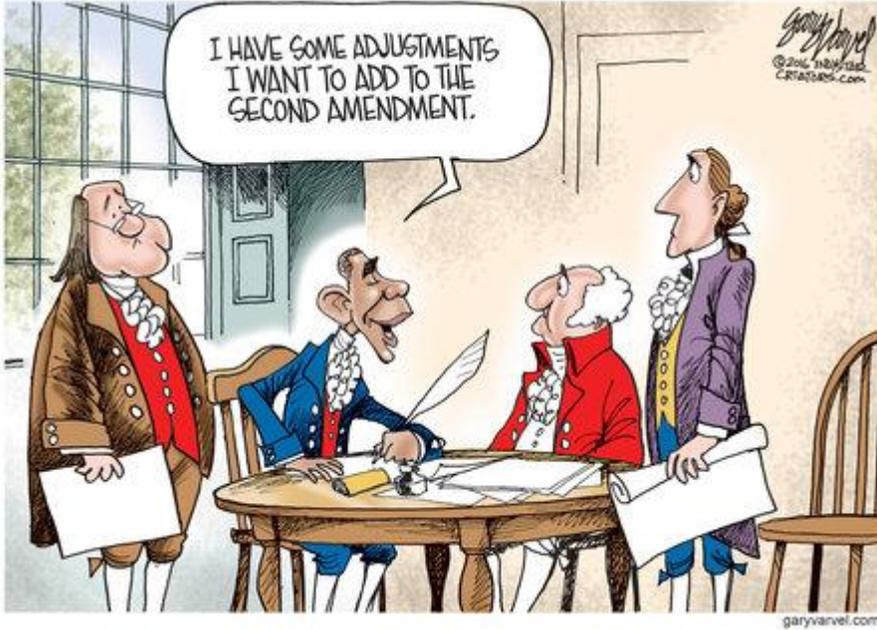


THE MAN-HAMMER! Here is a trumpet duet with Jim MANley and Meredith HAMMER.

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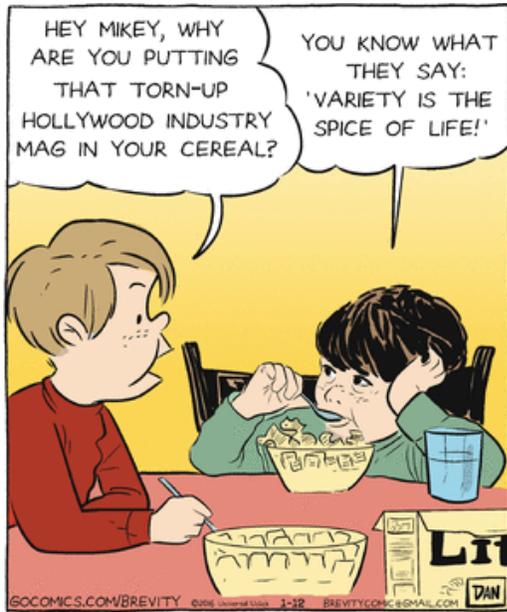


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