

UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 15

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ANOTHER GAS STATION AND CONVENINCE STORE ON CHESTERFIELD ROAD IS PROPOSED...On the north side of Chesterfield Airport Road just east of Long Road a lot had been approved for self-storage units. The storage center was never built. Now U-Gas wants to build a gas station/convenience. Some members of the Planning and Public Works Committee think the layout may be more of an inconvenience.

The lot does not abut Long Road and the ramp to 40/64. One proposed entrance/exit would be for only WB traffic as there is a median prohibiting left turns. A second entrance/exit further to the east would allow left turns. However if the Premium Outlet Mall is built the traffic flow on Chesterfield Airport Road cold make lefts at the end of the traffic median a bit dicey. (For political and health reasons I would be against a new U-Gas store. U-Gas was one of the major contributors to the effort to oppose Proposition B (\$290,000 according to the RFT) to raise the Missouri cigarette tax above 17-cents a pack, the lowest in the nation.)



If you look closely at the map, there is a property line down the side of Long Road that does not allow exits to the side.

FOR PATCH.COM THE WHERE AND WHO IN A STORY IS NO

LONGER THAT IMPORTANT: The Chesterfield Police recently released a police blotter incident that appeared on Patch.com. Chesterfield Patch editor Frank Johnson wrote how a homeowner in the 16000 block of Hunters Way was cited for Allowing Minors Access to Alcohol. As usual the information did not list any names, which are public records, but which you have to ask for.

Frank Johnson, the newest editor of the Chesterfield Patch didn't ask. I did and was told the person was **Theodore G. Federer** who is born in 1961. I also learned the incident did not happen on Hunters Way, but instead at the Theodore G. Federer's residence at 17927 White Robin Ct.

Here is the link to the original patch.com story...it may have been updated to show the correct address. Below is the Headline and the subhead:

<http://chesterfield.patch.com/articles/chesterfield-police-bust-adult-for-allowing-underage-party>

- [Police & Fire](#)

Chesterfield Police Bust Adult for Allowing Underage Party

The owner of a home on Hunters Way Drive was cited for a liquor violation for allowing seven underage teenagers to drink and smoke weed in the residence.

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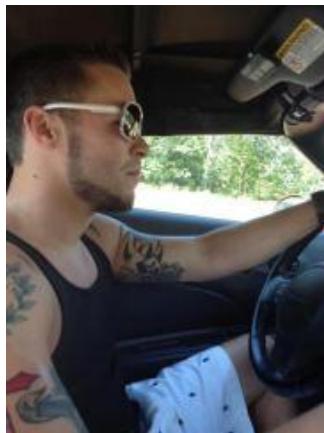
PARTY ANIMALS...THE NAME THEODORE FEDERER IS WELL KNOWN WITH

THE POLICE: So I got the name of the person cited from the Chesterfield Police and that was about it. Most police agency will give you a copy of the police report once charges are filed. Not Chesterfield...they won't release the police report under the case is disposed of. This is a violation of the Missouri Sunshine law, but the local St. Louis County prosecutor and the office of Chris Koster the Missouri Attorney General have never seemed interested in making police departments follow the law.

There is another name that is similar to the homeowner's at 17927 White Robin Court. It is 20-year-old Theodore Thomas Federer. I'm not sure who was at the party but I would have to think it might be friends of the son.

Here is Ted's arrest and citation record that we could find using internet searches. .

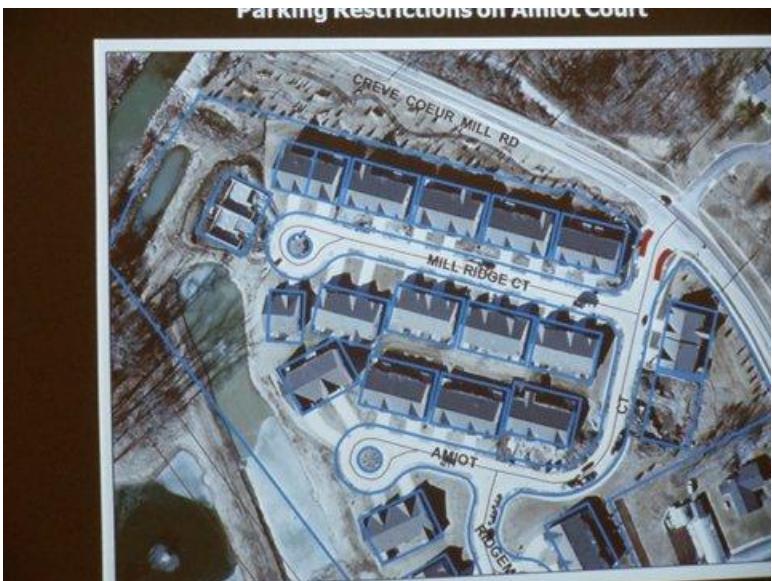
08-25-12	Attempt to Purchase Liquor by a Minor	Missouri Highway Patrol Montgomery County Missouri
03-29-12	Stealing	Chesterfield PD
03-29-12	Destruction of Property	Chesterfield PD
02-13-12	Minor in Possession of Liquor	Chesterfield PD
02-13-12	Give false Information to Police	Chesterfield PD
01-11-12	Stealing	Chesterfield PD
01-11-12	Minor in Possession of Liquor	Chesterfield PD
09-03-11	Attempt to Purchase Liq by Minor	Camden County Sheriff's Office
09-03-11	Driving While Intoxicated	Camden County Sheriff's Office
07-04-11	Minor Intoxicated	Missouri Water Patrol
10-08-08	Impeding Traffic	Town and Country PD



Ted's Facebook photo

NEW NO PARKING ZONES AIMED AT TRAIL USERS: The Planning and Public Works Committee voted to approve and send to the Council a plan to create no parking zones on Amiot at Creve Coeur Mill Road.

One No Parking Zone will be 55 feet long and the other will be 75 feet long.



Red lines indicate the planned new no parking zones on Amiot.

Mike Geisel, the director of Public Service & Public Works said the new no parking zones are targeting people parking near the intersection to use the trail system. Residents of the subdivision have complained that parked cars too close to the intersection have obstructed their views of traffic on Creve Coeur Mill Road.

NEW SUBDIVISION ALONG STRECKER ROAD MOVES AHEAD: McBride and Sons home builders are moving ahead with plans to build 35 homes on lots ranging in size from one-half acre to 3-acres along Strecker Road, Church Road and Kehrs Mill Road. The planned Tuscany Reserve subdivision covers 30 acres over two different zoned areas causing the range in lot sizes.

Aimee Nassfi, Planning & Development Services Director also mentioned there were some storm water runoff issues from the planned subdivision into a creek on the south side of Stecker Road in the City of Wildwood and the Metropolitan Sewer District has to sign off on.

Mike Geisel added it is no fun having to deal with the fact that half of Church Road and half of Strecker Road is in Wildwood and the other half is in Chesterfield.

I think Mike is whining. Situations like this just make your job more interesting. When I was the assistant police chief in Chevy Chase Maryland six lanes of Connecticut Avenue fed into Chevy Chase Circle, along with 6 lanes from side streets. The middle of the circle was the border between State of Maryland/Chevy Chase and Washington, DC. Now that was fun to deal with.



Nassfi stated three different zoning areas that this planned subdivision covers is an example of the way not to do things.

EDGEWATER TO ADD SEATING...WHERE ARE THEY GOING TO PARK? Nassfi's rundown of odds and ends in the Planning Department included that the Edgewood Restaurant on the north side of the Chesterfield Mall wants to add more patio seating. It is getting to be tough to find a place to park there now.

She also mentioned that the department has received some calls inquiring about locating a Retired Living Center on the Thousand Oaks Church site.

THANKSGIVING AT THE RITZ...REALLY? I can appreciate why you might not want to cook at home on Thanksgiving. For the first eight years we lived in the Washington DC area I usually had to work as it was the busy season up to 6pm on Christmas Eve for law enforcement. It gave us the perfect excuse to stay away from relatives in Missouri! No more being on the edge or in the center of family bickering and eating buffet Turkey dinners for 16 that were cold by the time you put your fork into the sliced Turkey.

We would drive to the Watergate Hotel for a brunch, followed by a trip to the greenhouse across the street from the U.S. Capitol to view the Christmas flowers and model trains. The day ended in the evening with a stop at the Robin's Nest Bar at the



Willard Hotel where the bar staff brought in Christmas Cookies baked at home for the customers. SO I can appreciate enjoying a holiday away from home.

BUT...I WAS AMAZED...reading the Thanksgiving Restaurant Openings list in the



Post-Dispatch. Dinner at the Ritz-Carlton was \$82 a person and \$41 for smaller children. That's \$164 for a couple!

I like going to the Ritz for music in the lobby. Sure a cocktail is between \$12-15 and a club sandwich is pricey at \$12. But the Ritz is giving me free music and I leave a couple of hours later with a bill of \$30.

But now charities are looking for end of the year money for the winter ahead, plus people are in a bad way on Staten Island and New Jersey who really need help. If you were thinking of spending \$164 for Turkey-day dinner at the Ritz, consider these options...which won't include the Boston Market or Cracker Barrel.

The Hilton Hotel in Frontenac is just \$37.95 for dinner, a savings of over 50% compared to the Ritz. Use the savings and send a check to the Salvation Army. It's in Frontenac! The Snob Appeal factor is still in play just for a lot less money.

The Surf and Sirloin on Manchester is nice place and Thanksgiving meals are \$25. It's a Thanksgiving buffet for \$29 at the Bristol Seafood Grill on Olive Blvd. in Creve Coeur.

DIEHL GOES OVER THE MILLION MARK: State Representative John Diehl (Rep. Town & Country), whose district now includes Town and Country and Chesterfield, is in his third term. He has never faced any opposition in primary or general elections.



Adding up all his campaign contribution reports from July 15, 2008 to October 16, 2012 Diehl has collected \$1,026,104. He still has another contribution report due at the Missouri Ethics Commission on December 6. Much of his big money contributions come from special interests outside of Missouri and very little actually comes from within his district.

Despite collecting over \$1,000,000 in his races against no one, he currently has just \$274,342 in the bank.

Over the years he has used campaign money for golf green fees, over a dozen airplane tickets out of town, \$1,156 for a hotel room in Bethesda, Maryland plus hotels in Kansas City, Branson and Jefferson City. Keep in mind he gets a per diem for his official duties as a state rep.

FUND RAISING FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST NO ONE: Here are some of the expenses he has listed for fundraising events for his campaigns against no one or meals for his staff, which I believe is one person.

2010

- \$2,474 On his Am Ex card for catering at Drury Inn
- \$1,744 Meals at Jefferson City Country Club
- \$1,878 Russo's catering
- \$430 On his Am Ex for food at Schnucks
- \$735 Meals at RNC Conference
- \$1,175 Café Napoli

2011

- \$911 Seven Gables Inn

2012

- \$248 Capital Plaza Hotel Food
- \$662 J. Bucks
- \$289 Madison Café

\$327 Pierpoints KCMO Staff dinner
\$355 V.R. Yardhouse Summertin, Nevada Staff dinner
\$367 Landry's Dallas, Texas donor's meal

Dumber or Dumber: Diehl has claimed in four years he has spent over \$62,000 for political consultants. HE IS RUNNING AGAINST NO ONE! He can give me one thousand dollars and save the other \$61,000...here is my consulting advice..."Don't say anything and don't go on The Charles Jaco Show."

Money to Other Candidates: Diehl gave huge amounts of money to other Republican candidates running for federal, state and local offices. One Diehl contribution was to Citizens for Ed Martin for Congress. Another went to Nancy Avoili who had opposition running for alderwoman in Town and Country. On election eve robo calls went out from Missourians Against Unfair Taxes for Avioli. The group was associated with Diehl's buddy, T&C Mayor and tobacco lobbyist Jon Dalton. The same name was used to fight cigarette tax increases. Dalton has been a longtime cigarette lobbyist.

KMOX THE VOICE OF SNOBURBIA: I'm taking this one step further than Joe Hanrahan's letter to the editor in the Saturday November 10th Post-Dispatch, where he suggested after the election results KMOX should consider dialing themselves back to more of a middle-of-the-road programming. Of course he was talking about Rush followed by local right winger Mark Reardon ranting during afternoon drive. He ended his letter by saying KMOX should start calling itself "The Voice of Ladue" instead of "The Voice of St. Louis."

Joe missed is mark a little bit...the Voice of Town and Country or Chesterfield would have even been a better choice, judging by the campaign contributions and yard signs for Todd Akin.

KMOX's ratings began slipping with the death of Jack Carney in 1984 and continue to today. The station dumped a much more entertaining Paul Harris in the afternoon to save on salary and put the far right wing Reardon on in his place. Now the annoying Charlie Brennan's ratings are slipping enough that the station decided he needed help and moved Debbie Monterey in as a co-host of the first hour of his 2-hour program.

WBAL is the big AM station in Baltimore and was similar to KMOX. Popular morning shows, outstanding afternoon host and they broadcast Orioles baseball games. WBAL also had Rush Limbaugh on in the middle of the day. That was until about three years ago, when they dumped Rush, not so much for ratings but also for the station's image.

The afternoon host, Ron Smith, who died from cancer less than two years after the changes, was very conservative, but very popular in the solidly Democratic State of Maryland. The difference between Rush or Reardon was that Ron Smith was polite and funny. He also had liberals on the show. They would joke but not be rude to each other. The formula brought in big ratings. When WBAL dumped Rush, they replaced him by moving Smith to his time slot.

I just wish KMOX could go back to the days when it was the station I listened to most of the time, even when I was a rock n' roll FM disc jockey. News from Rex Davis and Bob Hardy, smart political correspondents like Andy Glass from Washington, DC, Jack Carney during the day and John McCormick walking and talking at midnight telling stories of WWII era Hollywood, airplanes and spending time with Howard Hughes. (I have to admit, I was never a fan of Jim White.) No one was angry and nobody hated anyone.



Jack Carney getting a hug from Miriam Blue, the KMOX cleaning lady from East St. Louis who Jack had on his show regularly answering Dear Abbey type questions. "All is well" was Miss Blue's catch phrase known by at least 40-percent of the people in the St. Louis area.

Now I punch up KMOX for CBS news on the hours, maybe to catch a traffic report or a couple innings of a Cardinal baseball game. Otherwise it's the Jazz Station WSIE 88.7 or CDs.

THE ELECTION: What was I most interested in when the election results were in? I wasn't that interested in the Presidential returns. If we survive eight years of Bill Clinton and then eight years of "W" (I so wished we could have had Jeb instead of "W") we can handle eight years of President Obama. It certainly would have shown America's ability to elect someone different, if we had a black followed by a Mormon in the Oval Office. Now if we can just get someone elected from the group of 51% of the country's

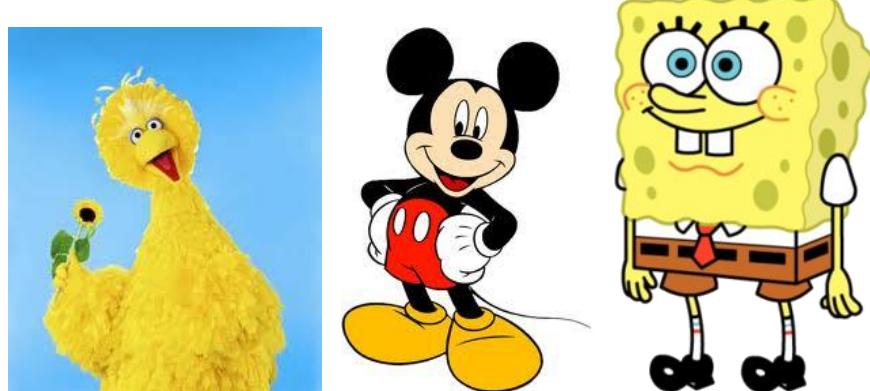
population...a woman. (other than Hilary...I am still pissed about Travelgate, when immediately after Bill was sworn in Hillary tried to have the White House travel people fired and replaced with travel agents from Little Rock.)

What I was really interested in was seeing who got all the write-ins. The St. Louis County Board of Elections refused to show them.

I notice that several of the candidates who ran unopposed in West County, specifically State Representative John Diehl, (Rep) (who has raised over \$1,000,000 from special interests from Coast to Coast and listed campaign expenses that included trips out of state as part of his campaigning in West St. Louis County) and State Rep Jill Schupp (Dem) of Creve Coeur had a high number of write-in votes. Deihl had 369 write-ins against him and Schupp had 458. In comparison there were fewer “write-in” votes in St. Louis County for all the state-wide office races.

Unfortunately write-in votes don't count unless a person declares as a “write-in” candidate 10 days prior to the election. So all the “write-in” votes against Diehl and Schupp are simply lumped together as “invalid votes” and are not tabulated. Damn!

Mickey or Big Bird or Sponge Bob? I called the St. Louis County Elections Commission asking if I could review the write-in votes against Diehl and Schupp. I was told I could only do so with a court order. Why did I want to see them? I was interested in seeing if Big Bird had replaced Mickey Mouse as the top write-in vote getter this year. I'm afraid our newer generation does not grasp the designation of someone or something being “Mickey Mouse” anymore as the cartoon rodent has been eclipsed by such creations as Sponge Bob Square Pants and The Cookie Monster.



AKIN LOST THE WHITE HAIR WHITE WOMAN VOTE: He never had any of the black woman vote, but when older more conservative white woman with white or grey hair refused to vote for him it was all over. We would be referring to Todd as Sen. Akin

today, if he had kept his mouth shut and not done any talk shows, interviews or debates.

"I have never voted for Claire McCaskill in my life, but I will this year," a Chesterfield single mom told me in September.

Here is what "JoCo Elephant" posted to the KC Star website after the Akin loss:

How about doing the GOP a favor and starting their own party and leave us common-sense moderate Republicans, who don't want government dictating to our wives and daughters about their own body, alone?

This kind of sums up the take of most of the Republicans I know.

I mentioned in a newsletter about a month ago that Todd Akin would not carry the overall St. Louis County vote even if he had never done the Jaco Report interview. While Akin was a can't miss in the heart of Snoburbia in West County, there was no way he was going to win in working class areas like North and South County or more liberal areas like Creve Coeur, U. City, Olivette and Clayton.

Here are the St. Louis County-wide results:

McCaskill	332,954	64%
Akin	163,107	31%

If you can't at least come close to winning your home county, you are not going to win a state-wide race. Early on during the returns when Akin lost Greene County and Springfield, MO, Sarah Steelman sitting in as an analyst one the TV stations, gulped and said if you are a Republican and can't carry Greene County it is going to be a long night.

MCCASKILL CONTINUES TO BE UNRESPONSIVE: I have written before how disappointed I have been in the fact the McCaskill's Senate office has refused to respond to written inquiries from constituents, including elected officials and Federal office holders. In 2009 as a Town and Country Alderman I wrote McCaskill on official stationary reference an issue and never heard back from her office. A friend of mine who is a Federal office holder wrote her about a much more serious issue that effected people lives. He never got a response.

During this campaign I called her reelection headquarters and asked to speak to a media representative. I was interested in learning some of the reasons people asked for a partial or full campaign contribution refund. I had noticed in reviewing Federal

Election Commission contributions lists for her and Todd Akin a number of people wanted their money back. In the case of Akin contributors, more people wanted all their money back and in the case of McCaskill it was more often people wanting just part of the contribution back.

I wasn't looking for any dirt. Instead I was curious how this worked and was handled by the campaign staff. I was promised someone would call me back. No one ever did.

I have been familiar with Claire since I was an arson investigator living in Kansas City. As an assistant prosecutor she specialized in arson cases in a town full of mobsters. When she left the PA's office and won election to the Missouri House of Representatives another assistant Marietta Parker took her place and followed in the tradition of Claire of knowing about the problems of prosecuting fire cases and learning to get along with ash kickers (industry name for arson detectives).

Parker later became a U.S. Attorney.

When McCaskill announced she was running for the Senate in 2006 I was disappointed because I always felt she did an excellent job in looking after and protecting Missourians as a two-term prosecutor and as State Auditor. I thought she would make a better Attorney General or Governor. Senators really don't have that much contact with the citizens and seem to lose that focus. That certainly appears to be the case with Claire.

MORE OVER MISSISSIPPI: Voters in St. Louis County favored increasing the State cigarette tax from a lowest in the country 17-cents a pack to 90-centws a pack, still a cheap cigarette tax compared to most states. When you are last behind Mississippi in anything you might be a redneck. In 2012 Missouri decided to join the Confederacy and start playing football against schools from the Old South instead of the Midwest. Now we want to have people from cigarette producing states like North Carolina and Virginia drive to Missouri and fill up their SUVs with cheap low taxed smokes.

What's next? Will they be renaming Jefferson County, Jefferson Davis County?

JUST WHAT I NEED MORE NEW PROPERTY TAXES: The Library District Property Tax increased on a vote of 244,580 58% to 177,262 42%. So just three years after spending more than \$2,000,000 to remodel the main library on Clayton Road and 20 years after they spent tens of millions to remodel the same building they plan to tear it down. This is a stupid tax increase because a bond issue would have done the same thing without giving us a permanent tax increase.

Two days after the election I got my county Tax bill. Despite the assessed valuation on my house going down, thanks to a tax increase passed for the Parkway Schools in April my tax bill increased. Parkway needed more money even though the student enrollment had dropped.

ELECTION ADVERTISING: The run up to election some of the TV and print ads were laugh out loud funny.

COLE MCNARY: In a TV ad Cole McNary, running for State treasurer, claimed he balanced the Missouri budget. The budget belongs to the governor and is approved by legislature. Cole by himself did not balance the budget.



The ad also said that McNary would end lobbyist gifts. Who would he end lobbyist gifts too? In 2011 and 2012 State Treasurer Clint Zweifel did not accept any lobbyist gifts with one exception. He accepted a \$180 and a \$200 dinner gift from the Regional Growth and Commerce Association's lobbyist to attend the annual RGCA January dinner as a guest.

In 2011 McNary as a state representative accepted 48 gifts from lobbyists totaling \$2,012. This included 35 free meals, four sets of tickets to Cardinal games, MU football tickets and four golf tournament entry fees. In 2012 McNary accepted \$599 of 27 lobbyist gifts including the same RCGA dinner that Zweifel attended.

McNary has been one of the worst at accepting lobbyist gifts and did a TV ad implying his opponent had his hand out for lobbyist gifts when in fact it was completely untrue.

McNary ads also implied there was a FBI investigation of the State Treasurer, but did not say what it was or when.

ED MARTIN: In Martin's TV ad he said he would reduce the salary and downsize the Attorney General's Office. That might make some sense since the AG's office went after Martin when he was Boy-Governor Matt Blount's chief of staff. If anything the AG's office needs more funding to stop telemarketing fraud, which they have had a hard time keeping up with.

Martin's yard signs proclaim "Missouri Taxpayers for Ed Martin." Which taxpayers are these? It certainly was not the taxpayers who got stuck with a \$1.5 million bill when Martin was Blount's Chief of Staff and disregarded the proper legal opinion of a staff lawyer that the governor's emails were public documents, fired the staff lawyer who issued the opinion and then slandered the lawyer. The ensuing lawsuit cost Martin his job and us taxpayers \$1.5 million.

CLAIRE MCCASKILL: The final week of the senate race featured the McCaskill ad



with Mitt Romney, current senator Roy Blount and former senators Bond and Danforth all saying Akin should withdraw from the race plus John McCain saying he was unfit to serve in the Senate, all in their own words. This was maybe the most effective of all of McCaskill's negative ads.

TODD AKIN: The last week before the election Todd ran an ad claiming that Clair McCaskill's husband, Joe Sheppard used the Senate Dining Room to cut business deals arranged by his wife. That would be great stuff if Akin could tell us when and what the deal was. He couldn't. An earlier Akin ad claimed Sheppard got rich through tax programs voted for by his wife. It turns out some residents of low income housing owned by Sheppard received rent assistance money to the tune of around \$1,200. That would not pay the monthly electric bill at the Sheppard/McCaskill Kirkwood home.

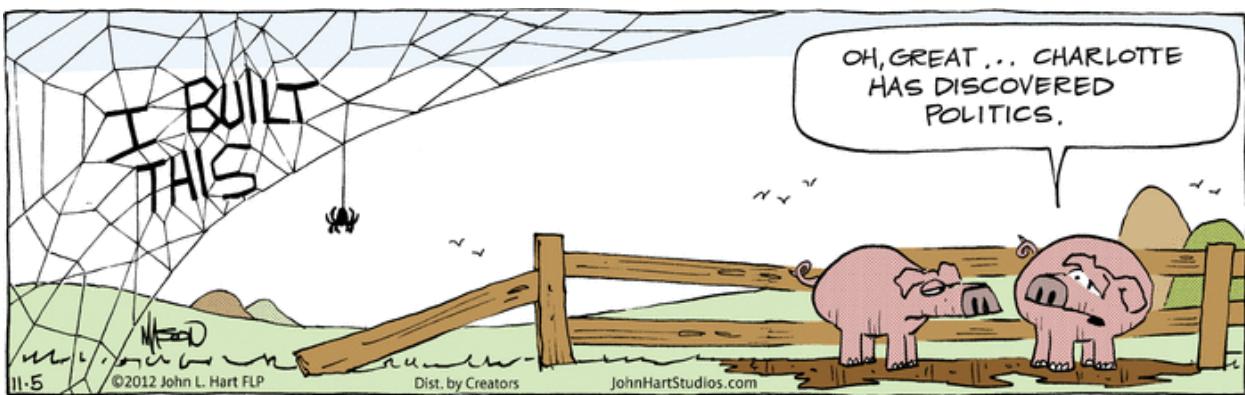
SUSAN MONTEE: Her first ads stated how she would support veterans. The primary purpose of the Lt. Governor is to fill in as the governor if the governor is out of the state/country, dies, is impeached or sentenced to prison. The secondary job is to preside over the Senate if they feel like it. Finally the Lt. Governor sits on a few commissions including the Governor's Advisory Commission of Veteran Affairs. This ad was laughable.

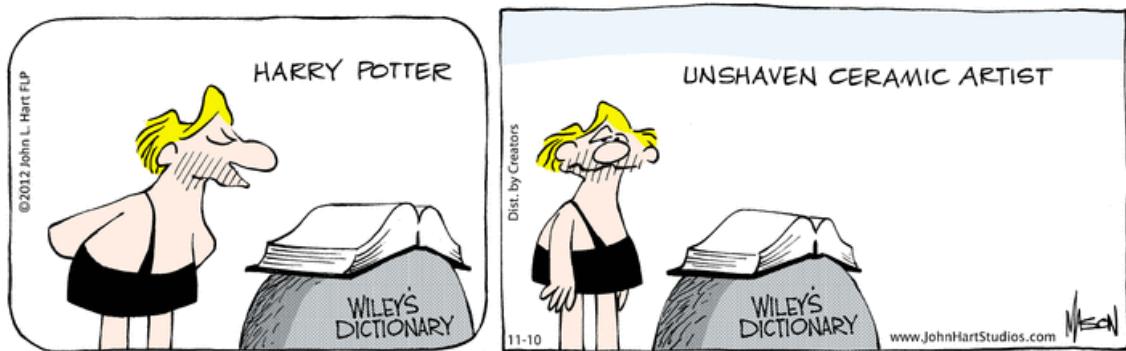
The other Montee ad that got my attention was the one claimed current Lt. Governor Peter Kinder of harassing a stripper at a Sauget strip club with unwanted attention. The Lt. Governor later had a photo taken with the same woman who was working at a late night bar he stumbled into at 4am in the Grove section of St. Louis. The ad also

mentioned Kinder billing taxpayers for weekend trips to St. Louis (at the Chase Park Plaza). The ad was funny and it was all true.

Where Montee made a mistake was she apparently pointed out good points to out-state voters. Remember you might be a redneck if you vote to keep the state cigarette and chewing tobacco tax at 17-cents. The same would be true if you vote for a Lt. Governor who hangs out at adult entertainment clubs and after hour bars with stripers. Kinder was the only Republican to win a state race other than Mitt Romney.

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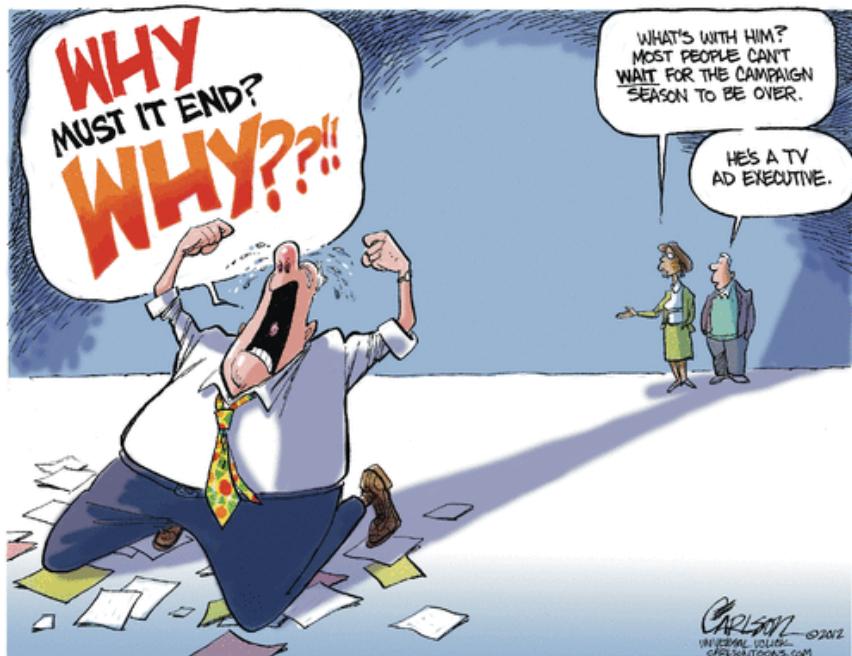




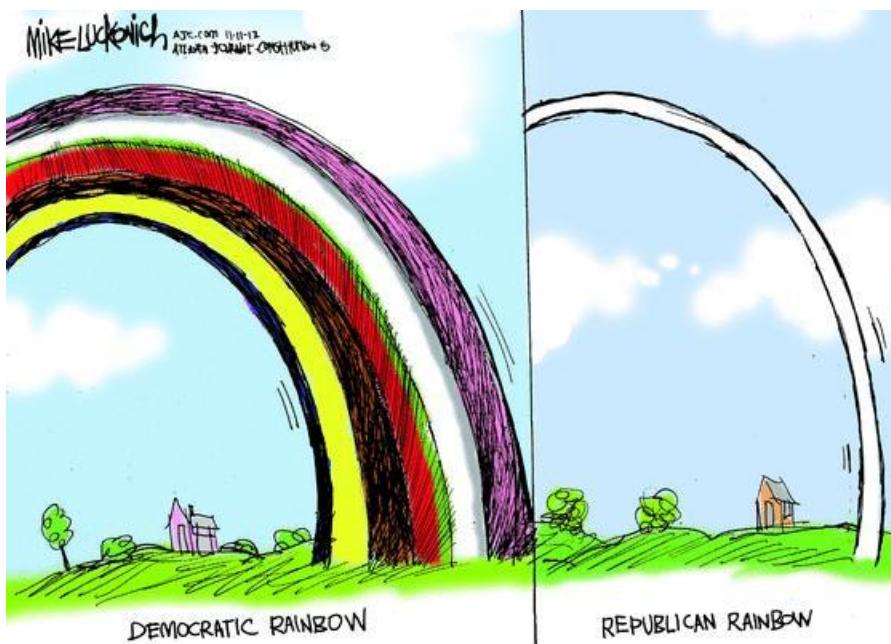


"I'm sorry, sir, but in order to vote you must
be alive and, as a zombie, you do not
meet our 'Has a Pulse' requirement."





"God is SWAMPED right now. So knock it off with prayers like 'Help my bundt cake turn out great.' and 'Help me find my nail file.'"



INTO THE UNKNOWN

1492



CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS
CONTEMPLATES SAILING
ACROSS THE UNCHARTED
ATLANTIC ...

1804



LEWIS AND CLARK
CONTEMPLATE TREKKING
ACROSS THE VAST NORTH
AMERICAN CONTINENT ...

2012



THE U.S. CONGRESS
CONTEMPLATES REACHING
ACROSS THE AISLE ...

BEN SARGENT
Political Satire
Cartoonist



AND FROM CHARLOTTE PETER'S KID:

