

## EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 252 AND CHESTERFIELD 197



**By John Hoffmann**

**November 21, 2016**

**WEST COUNTY COACH SENTENCED TO 14 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON AND 12.6 YEARS IN MISSOURI PRISON:** The story of his arrest for using his position as a hockey coach to molest young boys and his Federal Conviction has been on TV and in both the Post-Dispatch and the Riverfront Times.

Ian Mackie, 40 was a Target Store manager in Brentwood and had a very short career as the Office Depot manager in Manchester for two months before his first arrests for child molestation in December of 2015. His LinkedIn page infers he is still the store manager at the Office Depot instead of in prison. When I asked about him an employee said, "We are not allow to talk about him."

Mackie's first address was a Ballwin postal address in unincorporated St. Louis County at 917 Trianon Lane near the Parkway South Middle on Highway 141. His address changed by the time his wife Jennifer sued for divorce in October of 2010, to 1145 Whispering Creek. It is another location with a Ballwin postal address that is in unincorporated County, near the Ohlendorf Park West.



Mug shot



Linkedin photo

I also found photos of him online as a hockey coach in Kirkwood. However he is surrounded by young players or he has his arm around players making it impossible to crop the kids out.

A retired Assistant US Attorney explained about Mackie being prosecuted in both State and f Federal Court.

"Most of the time, there was either a federal or state prosecution, like in bank robberies. But child porn is different. No one holds back. When I was handling child porn cases, there was an automatic exception to both Saint Louis City, County and fed prosecution. Everyone prosecuted, regardless of who could give the dude more time."

Here is the press release from the U.S. Attorney's Office on his sentencing in Federal Court. His State sentencing came in October.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
Thursday, September 29, 2016

### **St. Louis County Man Sentenced to 14 Years on Child Enticement Charges**

St. Louis, MO – **Ian Mackie** was sentenced to 14 years in prison on multiple child enticement charges.

According to court documents filed at the time of the plea, Mackie used several social media sites, email and text messages to communicate and entice two males, 13 and 15 years old, respectively, to engage in sex acts with him.

Mackie, Ballwin, MO, pled guilty in June to one felony count each of attempted receipt of child pornography; online enticement of a minor; receipt of child pornography and attempted online enticement of a minor. He appeared today for sentencing before United States District Judge Rodney W. Sippel.

This case was investigated by the St. Louis County Police Department, the Missouri Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Colleen Lang handled the case for the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Here is the lengthy Statement of Charges against Mackie filed in St. Louis County Circuit Court after his indictment by a Grand Jury that gives some of the details of his crimes and the techniques used to catch him.

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

vs

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IAN VINCENT MACKIE	RACE: White	SS
1145 Whispering Creek	SEX: Male	OC
Ballwin, MO 63011	DOB: 10/08/1976	CA
<b>Alias:</b>	WGT: 250 lbs	CI
Ian Mackie	PD: St. Louis County	
	ORI Number: MO09500C	

**Defendant**

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**CHARGES**

COUNT 1- ATTEMPTED SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR – CLASS B FELONY  
COUNT 2- ATTEMPTED ENTICEMENT OF A CHILD – AN UNCLASSIFIED FELONY  
COUNT 3- ENTICEMENT OF A CHILD - AN UNCLASSIFIED FELONY  
COUNT 4- STATUTORY SODOMY 2ND DEGREE – CLASS C FELONY  
COUNT 5- STATUTORY SODOMY 2ND DEGREE – CLASS C FELONY  
COUNT 6- STATUTORY SODOMY 2ND DEGREE – CLASS C FELONY  
COUNT 7- STATUTORY SODOMY 2ND DEGREE – CLASS C FELONY  
COUNT 8- STATUTORY SODOMY 2ND DEGREE – CLASS C FELONY  
COUNT 9- STATUTORY SODOMY 2ND DEGREE – CLASS C FELONY  
COUNT 10- STATUTORY SODOMY 2ND DEGREE – CLASS C FELONY  
COUNT 11- STATUTORY SODOMY 2ND DEGREE – CLASS C FELONY  
COUNT 12- ATTEMPTED STATUTORY SODOMY 2ND DEGREE – CLASS D FELONY

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**INDICTMENT**

State of Missouri     )  
                                  ) SS  
County of St. Louis    )

The Grand Jurors of the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri charge:

**COUNT 1- ATTEMPTED SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR – CLASS B FELONY**

That Ian Mackie, in violation of Section 573.023, RSMo, committed the class B felony of attempted sexual exploitation of a minor, punishable upon conviction under Sections 564.011, 558.011 and 573.023, in that between December 19, 2015 and December 20, 2015, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant, knowingly attempted to create child pornography of a person less than fourteen years of age by requesting from whom he believed was L.S., a child under fourteen years of age, to send him pictures (visual images) of L.S.'s genitals both hard and soft (sexually explicit conduct, lascivious exhibition of the genitals or pubic area), and complained when he didn't receive a viewable copy of the images, and such conduct was a substantial step toward the commission of the offense of sexual exploitation of a minor and was done for the purpose of committing such sexual exploitation of a minor.

**COUNT 2- ATTEMPTED ENTICEMENT OF A CHILD – AN UNCLASSIFIED FELONY**

That Ian Mackie, in violation of Section 566.151, RSMo, committed the unclassified felony of attempted enticement of a child, punishable upon conviction under Section 566.151, RSMo, in that between December 19, 2015 and December 20, 2015, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant, who was twenty-one years of age or older, communicated via electronic communication, with Detective Sgt. Adam Kavanaugh, an undercover police officer, posing as a 13 year old L.S., requested multiple times that L.S. send him pictures of L.S.'s genitals even though L.S. told him repeatedly the phone didn't work right; sent pictures to L.S.; tried numerous ways to verify he was communicating with L.S.; talked about being gay and coming out as gay; that he loves baths; it wasn't an accident that he contacted L.S.; asked L.S. if he wears boxers or briefs and what L.S. wears to bed; asked if L.S. likes kissing; talked about penis size; said he needs someone to walk his dog; L.S. should walk to his work; wanted to

think of some way they can hang out tomorrow after work at his (defendant's) house; said they could meet before L.S. sends him the requested pictures of L.S.'s genitals, both hard and soft to delete their chats conversations and texts; Detective Sgt. Adam Kavanaugh, posing as L.S. texted defendant he was close to the store (defendant's work); defendant said for L.S. to come in the store and shop until they can talk and he can see the pictures of L.S.'s genitals and such conduct was a substantial step toward the commission of the crime of enticement of a child by attempting to persuade a person less than fifteen years of age to engage in sexual conduct, and was done with the purpose of committing such enticement of a child.

Authorized term of imprisonment shall be not less than five years and not more than thirty years. No person convicted under this section shall be eligible for parole, probation conditional release, or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of five calendar years.

**COUNT 3- ENTICEMENT OF A CHILD - AN UNCLASSIFIED FELONY**

That Ian Mackie, in violation of Section 566.151, RSMo, committed the unclassified felony of enticement of a child, punishable upon conviction under Section 566.151, RSMo, in that between June 1, 2014 and August 2, 2014, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant, who was twenty-one years of age or older, enticed J.V., who was less than fifteen years of age, by communicating via electronic communication talked about oral and anal sex (deviate sexual intercourse) and asked J.V. to come to his house and then picked up J.V. and took him back to his house and the defendant did so for the purpose of engaging in sexual conduct with a person less than fifteen years of age.

Authorized term of imprisonment shall be not less than five years and not more than thirty years. No person convicted under this section shall be eligible for parole, probation, conditional release, or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of five calendar years.

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**COUNT 4- STATUTORY SODOMY 2ND DEGREE – CLASS C FELONY**

That Ian Mackie, in violation of Section 566.064, RSMo, committed the class C felony of

statutory sodomy in the second degree, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011 and 560.011, RSMo, in that between June 1, 2014 and August 2, 2014, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant, had deviate sexual intercourse with J.V. by putting his mouth on J.V.'s genitals and at that time J.V. was less than seventeen years old and the defendant was twenty-one years of age or older.

**COUNT 5- STATUTORY SODOMY 2ND DEGREE – CLASS C FELONY**

That Ian Mackie, in violation of Section 566.064, RSMo, committed the class C felony of statutory sodomy in the second degree, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011 and 560.011, RSMo, in that between June 1, 2014 and August 2, 2014, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant, had deviate sexual intercourse with J.V. by having J.V.'s mouth on his genitals and at that time J.V. was less than seventeen years old and the defendant was twenty-one years of age or older.

**COUNT 6- STATUTORY SODOMY 2ND DEGREE – CLASS C FELONY**

That Ian Mackie, in violation of Section 566.064, RSMo, committed the class C felony of statutory sodomy in the second degree, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011 and 560.011, RSMo, in that between August 3, 2014 and August 25, 2014, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant, had deviate sexual intercourse with J.V. by putting his mouth on J.V.'s genitals and at that time J.V. was less than seventeen years old and the defendant was twenty-one years of age or older.

566.064-001Y19951199.

**COUNT 7- STATUTORY SODOMY 2ND DEGREE – CLASS C FELONY**

That Ian Mackie, in violation of Section 566.064, RSMo, committed the class C felony of statutory sodomy in the second degree, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011 and 560.011, RSMo, in that between August 3, 2014 and August 25, 2014, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant, had deviate sexual intercourse with J.V. by having J.V.'s mouth on the defendant's genitals and at that time J.V. was less than seventeen years old and the defendant was twenty-one years of age or older.

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**COUNT 8- STATUTORY SODOMY 2ND DEGREE – CLASS C FELONY**

That Ian Mackie, in violation of Section 566.064, RSMo, committed the class C felony of statutory sodomy in the second degree, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011 and 560.011, RSMo, in that between August 3, 2014 and August 25, 2014, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant, had deviate sexual intercourse with J.V. by putting his genitals in J.V.'s anus and at that time J.V. was less than seventeen years old and the defendant was twenty-one years of age or older.

**COUNT 9- STATUTORY SODOMY 2ND DEGREE – CLASS C FELONY**

That Ian Mackie, in violation of Section 566.064, RSMo, committed the class C felony of statutory sodomy in the second degree, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011 and 560.011, RSMo, in that between August 3, 2015 and September 30, 2015, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant, had deviate sexual intercourse with J.V. by putting his mouth on J.V.'s genitals and at that time J.V. was less than seventeen years old and the defendant was twenty-one years of age or older.

**COUNT 10- STATUTORY SODOMY 2ND DEGREE – CLASS C FELONY**

That Ian Mackie, in violation of Section 566.064, RSMo, committed the class C felony of statutory sodomy in the second degree, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011 and 560.011, RSMo, in that between August 3, 2015 and September 30, 2015, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant, had deviate sexual intercourse with J.V. by having J.V.'s mouth on his genitals and at that time J.V. was less than seventeen years old and the defendant was twenty-one years of age or older.

**COUNT 11- STATUTORY SODOMY 2ND DEGREE – CLASS C FELONY**

That Ian Mackie, in violation of Section 566.064, RSMo, committed the class C felony of statutory sodomy in the second degree, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011 and 560.011, RSMo, in that between August 3, 2015 and September 30, 2015, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant, had deviate sexual intercourse with J.V. by putting his genitals in J.V.'s anus and at that time J.V. was less than seventeen years old and the defendant was twenty-one years of age or older.

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**COUNT 12- ATTEMPTED STATUTORY SODOMY 2ND DEGREE – CLASS D FELONY**

That Ian Mackie, in violation of Sections 564.011 and 566.064, RSMo, committed the class D felony of attempted statutory sodomy in the second degree, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011 and 560.011, RSMo, in that between December 12, 2015 and December 17, 2015, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant, made a deal with J.V. that the defendant would contact a particular person "Jack" to get J.V. and "Jack" to communicate and then J.V. and the defendant would get together for sexual acts (which constituted deviate sexual intercourse) and the defendant told J.V. he had to be careful; he didn't want "Jack's" dad to know; he was trying some shady stuff; he is really trying to make it happen; he set up a fake Facebook and Snapchat account; told J.V. that he was horny; wanted to blow him (defendant's mouth J.V.'s genitals); would let J.V. fuck him (J.V.'s genitals in defendant's anus) wanted J.V. to come over; wanted to rim that ass (defendant's tongue to J.V.'s anus); wanted someone he can suck (defendant's mouth J.V.'s genitals); he would pick up J.V.; J.V. should meet him for a quickie (deviate sexual intercourse) and such conduct was a substantial step toward the commission of the crime of statutory sodomy in the second degree in that the defendant wanted to have deviate sexual intercourse with J.V. and at that time J.V.

was less than seventeen years old and the defendant was twenty-one years of age or older and was done for the purpose of committing such statutory sodomy in the second degree.

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A TRUE BILL

NO TRUE BILL

*Deborah L. Pearce*  
Foreperson

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Foreperson

*Rebecca Shaffer*  
Assistant Prosecutor #38138

As a condition of release for defendant Ian Mackie, bond still set at \$250,000.00, cash only.

*Paul Wood*  
Judge

3/7/16  
Date

**INDOOR RIDING ARENA WILL BE INVISIBLE TO MOST TOWN AND COUNTRY RESIDENTS. ARENA WILL BE REPLACED PLANNED 24-HOUSE SUBDIVISION:** You won't be able to see it unless perhaps you drive down the narrow gravel and private Sellenriek Lane, but John Berra has submitted plans at City Hall for a massive indoor horseback riding arena and stable. Berra, the paving contractor who has amassed a fortune has land at the rear of the city hall with a driveway to a number of lots just before the Town and Country City Hall. Berra has built houses for all of his children.



The Berra's originally had a five lot private gated subdivision for houses of family members. They had a second area of 33.81 acres for 24 homes planned in the future. The riding arena and grounds will replace the entire planned 24-lot subdivision.

The arena passed the Planning and Zoning Commission on a unanimous vote on Wednesday November 16, 2017.

### **CITY SUES OWNER OF THE OLD STYLE TARA MANSION ON CLAYTON ROAD.**



We have been writing for much of this year about the big house on Clayton Road just east of the Special School District campus (technically at 2833 Clayton Forest Court) that looks like it could have been in *Gone with the Wind*. The house is in disrepair. Early this spring there was a hearing at City Hall that determined the house was a danger.

The owner Frederick Clifford was not allowing the city building inspector on the property. However the police were taking photos of the condition of the house when they were called by neighbors about teenagers breaking into the house and having parties. At that time the house was without electric service.

After being ordered to repair the house Clifford restored power, but did little else. Clifford is deeply in debt with numerous judgments totaling over \$1,000,000 against him. Plus he had walked away from a house in Sanibel, Florida that is in disrepair that has been on and off the market.



**Count II – Mandatory Injunction**

36. The City incorporates the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 35 of its Petition, as if more specifically stated herein.

37. Mr. Clifford has kept and is currently keeping the Property in such a condition that constitutes a dangerous building under the City’s Building Code.

38. Mr. Clifford has failed to abate the conditions causing the Property to be a dangerous building in violation of the City’s Building Code.

39. The City has no adequate remedy at law.

WHEREFORE, the City respectfully requests that this Court issue its judgment finding in favor of the City and issuing an injunction ordering Mr. Clifford to abate the conditions at the Property which render it a dangerous building in violation of the City’s Building Code by either repairing the Property or demolishing the same, awarding fees and costs to the City and for such further orders as this Court deems just and proper

Respectfully submitted,

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**TOWN AND COUNTRY DEER**

**VERSUS VEHICLE OCTOBER 2016 REPORT:** There were eight deer hits in October of 2016. This compares to 13 in October of 2015. While there is still a huge deer population in Ward 2 there were no car-deer strikes in Ward 2 for October.

- 10/02/16 12:06 AM SB I-270 s of I-64 (Ward 1)
- 10/03/16 1:39 PM Clayton Road e of Highway 141 (Ward 3)
- 10/04/16 6:46 PM Highway 141 at Conway Road (Ward 4)
- 10/10/16 4:44 PM Clayton Road at Des Peres Road (Ward 1)
- 10/14/16 12:42 PM Ladue Road at Pebble Acres (Ward 4)
- 10/14/16 7:11 PM Highway 141 at Conway Road (Ward 4)
- 10/19/16 5:15 AM NB I-270 north of Manchester Rd (Ward 1)
- 10/19/16 1:03 PM Topping Road and Topping Manor (Ward 1)



2016 Deer Accident Locations Jan-October (48)

- I-64 Ballas to Mason **4** Wards 1 and 2
- I-64 Mason to Hwy 141 **2** Ward 4
- I-270 South City Limits to North CL **8** Ward 1
- Ballas Road **2** Ward 1
- Clayton Road Mason to Bopp **2** Wards 2 & 1
- South Outer Forty Road Municipal Center Drive to Mason **1** Wards 1 & 2
- South Outer Forty Road Mason to West City Limits **1** Wards 3 and 4
- North Outer Forty Drive **2** Wards 1, 2 & 4
- Topping Road **2** Wards 1 & 2

Mason Road (Clayton to south city limits) **4** Ward 2  
Mason Road (Clayton North to Conway) **2** Wards 2 and Wards 4  
Clayton Road (Mason to Woods Mill) **3** Ward 3  
Weidman Road **1** Ward 3  
Woodsmill Road **2** Wards 3 and 4  
Highway 141 **11** Wards 3 and 4  
Ladue Road **1** Ward 4

**TRASH CANS REMAIN AN AFTER THOUGHT IN TOWN AND COUNTRY PARKS:**



This trash can in Drace Park was overflowing on Saturday November 5, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th 13th, 14th and 15th. It was emptied on 12th day; November 16. I'm not sure what the city policy is on not emptying trash cans in the park. Maybe they want to wait until all of them are full!

**HARD TO USE SOME OF THE BENCHES TOO!** Suffering from AFIB I find myself using park benches much more than I ever thought I would, to rest a little bit to allow my lungs and heart to take it easy. Here is a bench in Drace Park that I was not able to use:



Frankly I find it hard to believe that someone does not check all the parks at least every other day to look for problems and liabilities. But that has not been happening in Town and Country for some time.

**STRIPPED HOUSES CONCERN NEIGHBORS, WE GET TWO DIFFERENT STORIES. DEMO PERMITS ISSUED TO BE TORN DOWN THIS WEEK** At one time Missouri Baptist bought four of the six houses on Glenmaro Lane (plus one more that abutted the street) off of Clayton on the east side of I-270. The hospital hoped someday to own all six houses, tear them down and create a Clayton Road access to the hospital campus.

When it became clear that this was not going to happen and the hospital needed additional green space to meet city code after adding new buildings and parking to the campus. They used a fifth house they had bought for the green space and gave up on the idea of a Clayton Road entry point. They tore down the house and created a park for the green space that had vanished from the enlarged campus.

They then had to sell off the four remaining houses. Several of them MoBap had been renting out. They sold them to builder Vanderbilt Homes.



Craig Wilde

Six weeks ago or longer the houses began to be stripped. Neighbors on Glenmaro and along Clayton Road were concerned and complaints were made to the City. Some neighbors claimed the "builder" advised them they would be salvaging items such as doors, gutter and windows from the houses.

However, City Director of Services Craig Wilde says subcontractors of Vanderbilt found out about the demolition plans and began stripping the houses on a weekend. When asked if the subcontractors were cited for doing work without a permit as the demolition permits were not issued until last week, Wilde said he didn't know who was doing it.

This begs the question; if you didn't know who was doing it how do you know they were subcontractors of Vanderbilt Homes? That answer does not pass the smell test. Wilde said he ordered Vanderbilt Home to board up the houses.



This house is on the NE corner of Glenmaro and Clayton Road. The gutters, front door and garage door are missing.



This house on the NW corner of Glenmaro and Clayton Rd has the front door, gutters and shutters missing.



This house in the middle of the block has the front door and windows missing.



The above two photos are of the house at the end of the block. The garage doors, house doors and windows are missing. The rear door is missing and the doorway is not secured and has never been boarded up.

Since Town and Country inspectors are noted for never issuing citations to contractors I asked Craig if his unit has citation books. He replied that he thought they did.

He then asked me with all the municipal court reform going on if I thought it proper for his unit to be issuing citations to contractors. I then told Craig that the court reform was aimed at keeping poor people from going broke or ending up in jail because they could not pay a ticket. Municipal Court is the perfect place to force a home builder of \$2,000,000 houses to comply with city regulations.

That is the other thing I have to wonder about. Exactly who is Vanderbilt going to be selling these houses to with the roar of 8-lanes of I-270 immediately to the west and no sound walls.

### **THE WINNER OF THE TOWN SQUARE DESIGN IS...BRINKMANN! |**

wrote last week how the finalists for the design and development of the Town Square project on Clayton Road east of Mason Road were Opus (tied closely with Love Development) and Brinkmann Development, headed up by Bob Brinkman.

After the presentations at the special Aldermanic Work session on November 2 it seemed as if most of the Board of Aldermen and people in the audience favored the Brinkmann proposal.



Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist Jon Dalton recused himself even though this entire money pit called The Town Square was his doing. He claimed that his law firm, Armstrong-Teasdale had done work for both Opus and Brinkmann in the past. Gee if they are not doing work now and did work for both in the past, is this is another case where Dalton clearly did not want to piss someone off.

Also recusing herself was Linda Rallo, who stated that her husband has done work in the past for Brinkmann.

During the public comment section at the start of the meeting a number of residents from Rutherford Lane and Kings Glen, the two streets that abut the Town Square property spoke, Among the topics were their opposition to walking trails next to their subdivision, sound and light issues.

Originally the alderpersons were simply going to vote on the two proposals without any idea of how much they would cost. There were base cost estimates submitted by each one. But the elected officials were unaware of them.

Ald. Skip Mange announced the money could only be discussed in closed session without the public being aware of it. That is false. It can be discussed in closed session, but it does not have to be. A government body can discuss about anything except security and personnel matters in public if it wants to. Alderwoman Tiffany Frautschi and Lindsey Butler both pushed for a closed executive session so they could learn the prices before voting.

The board did meet in closed session and were given preliminary money figures. The alderpersons then voted 7-0 for the Brinkman proposal. (The public was never told how much the minimum price for the winning project is. I filed a Sunshine request asking for it.)

## **UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 196**



**November 21, 2016**

**WHO WILL BE RUNNING FOR CHESTERFIELD MAYOR?** The rumor mill is spinning in Chesterfield on who will file in less than a month to run for mayor.

**Bridget Nations'** name has come up and frankly since she first filed to run unopposed for the Council two years ago, the talk was that her husband and former mayor John Nations wanted her to run to mayor. She was very much in favor of impeaching the mayor. When the Council was told by their own special counsel that Mayor Bob Nation did nothing to get impeached over she voted to censure him for swearing in a closed office.



Nations was and still is operating in an extreme area of conflicts of interest. She was the number-2 person at the Chamber of Commerce and now works for Progress 64. She has been in favor of anything a developer puts in front of the Council. Many of her votes involved companies with ties to both the Chamber and Progress 64.

**Brenda Talent**, wife of former U.S. Senator Jim Talent and the current head of the conservative think tank, The Show-Me Institute spurred rumors that she was interested. She would make a great mayor. However, I then heard that she was not interested in running. Her husband is now being mentioned as a possible department head in the Trump administration.



Brenda Talent

**Dan Hurt**, the long time councilman is the latest name to surface as a possible candidate. Hurt lost in 2011 when he ran against against Bruce Geiger. He then returned to the council when he easily beat Randy Logan in 2013.



Dan Hurt



64-year-old Dan Hurt with the 2 or 3 open button look

**Randy Logan** the self-absorbed councilman who acts like he is a "know it all" but in reality often does not know what he is talking about, is interested in running. After Mayor Nation was censured Logan spoke and said he hoped Nation would run for reelection so he could lose by a landslide.

**Bob Nation**, who has lived up to campaign promises of being financially responsible until the Top Sports Dome deal arrived, where he helped keep the project a big secret and did not oppose the City in buying property for the project and then leasing it back to the developer with almost 25 years before the city gets even in the land purchase. However Bob has been trying to get the entire Doorack property land deal out in the public while Logan and Bridget Nations kept voting to keep it a secret. It looks like Bob will file for reelection.

Here is the difference between Logan and Nation in two photos.



Logan is full of himself . He pulls himself out of the tight fitting Porsche sports car he drives about town. At a recent committee meeting Logan had the two buttons on the shirt undone showing chest hair. Meanwhile Bob drives either a mid priced Honda Accord or a Toyota and walks all over the City. When he isn't wearing a suit and tie he only has the top button undone on his shirt.

**Is Connie Fults about to make a return?** More news on Muni election front is that Bruce DeGroot, who was been elected as a State Representative on November 8 and who has refused to resign from the City Council until he is sworn in as a State Rep in January may be trying to get Connie Fults to run for his seat. Tom DeCampi defeated Fults last April.

Fults was a leader opposing Mayor Bob Nation's race for mayor in 2013 and she was active in trying to get him impeached in 2015 for swearing in a closed office about then city administrator Mike Herring refusing to communicate with him.

Fults has been appearing at a number of Planning Commission and City Council meetings recently with residents from her ward concerning pending legislation.

**MAN ACCUSES CITY OF STEALING REPUBLICAN POLITICAL SIGNS:** At the November 7, 2016 City Council meeting, Robert Hanson got up to speak. While everyone else that night was speaking on the elimination of traffic lanes on Baxter Road being replaced by bike lanes, Hanson had something else to talk about. He accused City of Chesterfield employees with stealing political signs, specifically Republican signs.

"Why were City of Chesterfield employees taking down Republican signs last Friday," asked Hanson. "I saw them pulling up DeGroot signs and throwing them in the back of a dump truck."

Of course we give Chesterfield extra credit for removing political signs, even those of a sitting City Councilman after they were illegally placed in the right of way of a road.

"I can assure you that you can view signs we have confiscated. They are of both parties," said City Administrator Mike Geisel.

DeGroot then sheepishly admitted that perhaps those signs had been accidentally placed in the right of way.



Hanson accusing the City of Chesterfield of partisan politics.

**OOPS! WE LEFT A LOT OUT OF LAST WEEK'S STORY ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CHARGES FILED:** My webmaster caught this and I totally missed it.

Last week we ran a story on the arrest of Robert E. Schmitt, the live-in boyfriend of Ilona Shulman at her home at 420 White Pine Ridge Court in Chesterfield for domestic assault. He had hit her with a book and then his fists. She was taken to the hospital.

Here is what we forget to include that our webmaster caught when he posted the weekly newsletter. Schmitt was arrested at Shulman's house on August 27, 2104. The police were called to the house twice that day on domestic disturbance calls. On the second call they were removing Schmitt from the house and giving him a free ride to a real hotel, when he decided to fight the cops. He was arrested and was arrested and taken to a different hotel called jail

He was arrested after he fought the police and had to be taken down to the ground. He was charged with Peace Disturbance and Resisting Arrest. Here is a portion from our June 2015 Drunks and Thieves Newsletter about Schmitt that we did not include last week.

**BACKGROUND:** *Schmitt is from Sedalia, Missouri and still uses Sedalia addresses.*

*In 2004 he was arrested for DWI by the Highway Patrol in Pettis County and pled guilty to Excessive BAC and fined.*

*In 2008 he was in a pursuit with the Highway Patrol in Lafayette County and also charged with resisting arrest. He did 30 days in the County Jail on the traffic charges and placed on 5-years probation on the Resisting Arrest charge.*

*IN 2012 a full year's order of protection ordered Schmitt to stay 100 yards away from the petitioner, her property, her place of employment and or her school.*

**OUTCOME:** *The Chesterfield cases were sent to the St. Louis County Assoc. Court by the defense attorney. Chesterfield Prosecuting Attorney ignored the fact that he had four officers as witnesses and also ignored Schmitt's past record of violence. He dismissed one of the charges and reduced the other to "Littering"*

*Judge Joseph Dueker fined Schmitt \$500 for something he did not do.*



2014 mug shot



2016 mug shot

**VICTIM RIGHTS IN MUNICIPAL COURT TO BE DISCUSSED:** It was announced that in the near future there will be an open town hall meeting for elected officials, the public and the press to ask questions of the Chesterfield judge and prosecutor. This occurred in the past when The "Judge Whisperer" Rick Brunk and prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer met with the council at the Public Health and Safety Committee meeting after residents

were complaining to councilpersons and the mayor after my newsletters depicting the reduction of serious offenses to "Illegal parking" or "Littering" with stiff fines. They both bullshitted their way through the meeting with weak explanations and no tough questions from councilpersons.

Bruce DeGroot likes to say what a good friend he is with Engelmeyer. He has told some councilpersons not to believe my reports on the deals given by the City Prosecutor and Judge. I obtain court and police records and they speak for themselves. Residents might have been very smart to vote DeGroot into the Statehouse and get him out of City Hall.



Engelmeyer and Brunk from January 2015 when they laid it on thick to the Council on what a great job they do.

Victim's Right to Address the Court: It was also announced the council would be considering passing a city law making it mandatory to allow victims to address the Municipal Court at sentencing.

I know of some victims who have been upset not being able to address the court in domestic abuse cases and when the prosecutor drops charges in ordinance violation cases after forcing the defendant/victim to attend court for over a year.

The public needs to take back the Chesterfield City Court and make everything that is said audible to the public and not whispered at the bench, including the deals made by the prosecutor reducing charges to "Illegal Parking."

**ST. LOUIS COUNTY CAVES AND FOUR LANES WILL RETURN TO BAXTER ROAD.** Before the regular meeting of the St. Louis County Council on November 15, County Executive Steve Stenger announced "they" have worked out a deal" with the City of Chesterfield. He did not say what the arrangements were. However later city

officials said the County Department of Transportation would not remove two lanes on Baxter Road to replace them with bike lanes.

The County Director of Transportation and Public Works Nicholas Gardner sendta condescending letter in response to a letter sent to the County by Chesterfield Director of Public Works Jim Eckrich, suggesting that Chesterfield cough up millions of dollars and then take over Baxter Road from the County.

To read the correspondence, go to our website at:  
[http://johnhoffmann.net/baxter\\_road\\_correspondence.pdf](http://johnhoffmann.net/baxter_road_correspondence.pdf)

**SUNGLASS THEFT SUSPECTS:** If you read the Chesterfield Police Blotter that we post every week you would see weekly felony stealing shoplifting offenses from the Sunglasses Hut in the Taubman Outlet Mall..

Here are two photos from security camera of two recent suspects. The same two are believed to have been stealing from stores in Chesterfield Mall.



If you have any information, please contact Officer Trevor McBride or Officer David Krumm at 636-537-3000



**THE CHESTERFIELD POLICE BLOTTER:** Just two weeks before the Christmas season Crime Spree. Not only will thefts and frauds be up so will DWI cases. This is what the officers in Chesterfield did last week in a lull before the storm.

## **CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT Media Report November 9, 2016 - November 15, 2016**

**Time of Occurrence      Generic Address Business/Location      Name Incident Type**

11/15/2016, 2316      14XXX AGUSTA DR      **Drugs Paraphernalia**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 34 yo female in possession of narcotic paraphernalia after suspicious vehicle stop.

11/15/2016, 1025      16XX ANSONBOROUGH DR      **Fraud Identity Theft**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit card account and life insurance policy.

11/15/2016, 1030      1X CONWAY SPRINGS DR      **Prowler**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject came to front door and turned door handle but did not make entry.

11/15/2016, 0225      14XXX BANTRY LN      **Tampering with an Auto**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject looked through multiple vehicles but did not take anything.

11/15/2016, 1225      14XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Mercy Rehab      **Assault Common - Actual Assault**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 27 yo female with mental illness walked away from medical facility after psychotic episode. Subject struck police officer in the face as she was being escorted into ambulance causing facial abrasion.

11/14/2016, 1415      2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Great Wraps      **Larceny under \$500 Employer**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 33 yo female took money from cash register while working. 32 yo male also took money from cash register.

11/03/2016, 1200      15XXX ISLEVIEW DR      **Fraud Credit Card**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject used victim's debit card information to make purchase.

11/13/2016, 0720      17XXX BONHOMME RIDGE CT      **Assault Common - Actual Assault**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 51 yo male and 50 yo female struck each other after argument causing minor injuries.

09/24/2016, 1200      14XXX EAGLE MANOR CT      **Checks Insufficient Funds -Felony**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 44 yo male passed insufficient funds check to moving business.

10/26/2016, 0700-11/02/2016, 1500 19XX GRAYSON RIDGE CT      **Larceny over \$500 from Residence**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took jewelry from victim's residence.

11/13/2016, 1345-1415 1 7XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Polo      **Larceny over \$500 Person**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took victim's cell phone after it was left unattended in store.

11/13/2016, 1554      15XXX OLIVE BLVD Shell      **Larceny under \$500 Gas Drive Off**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject pumped gasoline and drove out of gas station without paying.

11/11/2016, 1500-2200      8XX W CHESTERFIELD PKY Homewood Suites      **Larceny under \$500 from Person**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took bottle of cologne from hotel room.

11/12/2016, 1527      20XX CANNON HEIGHTS DR 2      **Violation of Ex-Parte/Full Ord Ex-Parte**

**Brief Narrative Description:** 53 yo male violated the conditions of a court order of protection by calling victim.

11/12/2016, 1200      18XX BRITANIA CT      **Fraud Identity Theft**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit card accounts.

11/12/2016, 2359 20XX CANNON HEIGHTS DR 2 Violation of Ex-Parte/Full Ord Ex-Parte

**Brief Narrative Description: 53 yo male violated the conditions of a court order of protection by contacting victim.**

11/11/2016, 1430 4X CHESTERFIELD MALL Macy's **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject grabbed clothing and ran out of store without paying.

11/11/2016, 1400-1410 2XX THF BLVD Total Hockey **Larceny over \$500 Shoplifting**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subjects concealed goalie masks and left store without paying.

11/11/2016, 1422 10XX SAVONNE CT **Burglary Residential - Garage**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject entered victim's open garage and took a hover board.

11/11/2016, 1659 9XX E CHESTERFIELD PKY BP **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject grabbed alcohol and cigarettes and ran out of store without paying.

09/28/2016, 1500 13XXX BRAGSTADT DR **Fraud Deceptive Sale/Advertising**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject accepted down payment for contracting work but did not return to begin work.

11/10/2016, 1630-11/11/2016, 0600 16XX WESTMEADE DR **Property Damage to Vehicle**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject keyed victim's car while parked in apartment parking lot.

11/11/2016, 2115 20XX CANNON HEIGHTS DR 2 **Violation of Ex-Parte/Full Ord Ex-Parte**

**Brief Narrative Description:** 53 yo male violated the conditions of a court order of protection by contacting victim at her residence.

11/11/2016, 1530-1600 18XXX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD Comfort Inn **Larceny under \$500 from**

**Person Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took victim's headphones after they were left unattended in hotel lobby.

04/04/2016, 1200-10/11/2016, 1200 5XX EAGLE MANOR LN **Fraud Identity Theft**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit card account.

11/10/2016, 1403 STATE HWY 141 S OLIVE BLVD & OLIVE BLVD **Drugs Possession -**

**Felony Brief Narrative Description:** 16 yo female and 16 yo male in possession of marijuana, marijuana paraphernalia, heroin, and prescription medication after being stopped for DWI.

11/10/2016, 1425 12XX WOODCHASE LN C **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took license plate tabs off of victim's vehicle.

11/10/2016, 1720 17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Sunglass Hut **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subjects concealed sunglasses and left store without paying.

11/10/2016, 1717 13XXX OLIVE BLVD 7-11 **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took cigarettes and ear buds and walked out of store without paying.

11/10/2016, 1800 14XX WESTMEADE DR Assault Common - **Actual Assault**

**Brief Narrative Description:** 36 yo male kicked and threw a can at victim causing minor injuries.

11/10/2016, 1819 1XX LONG RD BP **Tampering**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subjects attempted to install a card reader at gas pump.  
11/09/2016, 2000 11XX VESPASIAN WAY **Larceny under \$500 from Residence**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took keys from victim's residence.  
11/08/2016, 1939 1XX THF BLVD Walmart **Larceny over \$500 Shoplifting**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subjects put electronics in shopping cart and walked out of store without paying.

11/04/2016, 0502 1XX S GREENTRAILS DR **Fraud Credit Card**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject used victim's credit card to make purchase.  
09/01/2016, 1200-11/05/2016, 0928 1X RIDGE CREST DR **Fraud Identity Theft**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit card account.

11/09/2016, 1048 4X CHESTERFIELD MALL Macy's Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject concealed clothing and left store without paying.

**PANERA BEARD CLOSES ON CLAYTON ROAD AT BAXTER:** It closed on October 24. The popular coffee, bakery and café apparently was having lease issues with the Baxter Bend shopping strip owner, Hutkin Development Company. We hear a similar style shop maybe coming in the future.



The now empty Panera Bread Store



**SOON TO LEAVE BAXTER BEND:** We also stopped by and spoke with Rick Jordan the owner and proprietor of The Chocolatier located next to the former Panera Bread location. Rick told us he was considering moving to mid-town St. Louis around I-64/Hwy 40 and Grand. He had asked Hutlik for a one year lease extension and they demanded

a full new lease. However when it became clear the Panera was leaving they did give him an extension to the end of September 2017,

Jordan has changed the stylish front of the store where display cases had been located, to a more informal look. He actually had a couple bags of chocolate beans stacked up when we visited.

This means just one more Christmas, Valentine's Day and Easter with the handmade spatiality chocolates by Jordan who study the art in France and Italy.



We hear that Hutkin Development is looking for another bakery/café type of business to go into the former Panera Beard store front. Smitty's at the end of the strip of stores has been an extremely popular restaurant and bar for over a quarter of a century. The business there seems to still be excellent.

**FOOD: THE SECOND WORST DINNER IN RECENT MEMORY:** (The worst so far this year was Urban Chestnut.) People in the business say you have to give a new restaurant a couple of months before you review it.

I disagree. People want to try new places and they deserve to know if they will be waiting 50 minutes for bad food. The restaurant has an obligation to have a soft

opening and to discount prices or comp bills at tables having problems so the word of mouth reviews don't sink them.

Circa StL promised to be an interesting place. They moved into The Death Valley for restaurants. They are in the Des Peres Square Center on Manchester at I-270. The building formerly held Rib City and Zydeco Blues. The location is bad because Manchester Road is split with a large median that houses the Des Peres Cine. Only traffic going eastbound on Manchester can get to the restaurant.



We showed up two weeks after they opened. At 6:30 on a Friday night there were still tables available but by 7 PM there were some short waits. It was the first time the place had been full according to our waitress.



I was immediately impressed by all the St. Louis memorabilia hanging on the walls.



The almost good: On the menu was an old St. Louis Favorite: Famous Barr French Onion Soup (\$3.95). This soup used to draw ladies to the department store's restaurant for lunch for decades. Now, Famous Barr is no more. It is Macy's and they don't have restaurants.

This was one of the few things that we ordered that was okay. It looked a lot like the Famous Barr soup, but one thing was missing. The bread and cheese that floats on the top had not been in a broiler prior to being placed in the soup.



While we were waiting for our order the waitress apologized for the delay. Meanwhile the people at a table behind us told the waitress they could not wait any longer and left. For the main course my wife ordered something unique to St. Louis and I ordered a favorite. She got the "BBQ PORK STEAK" with a side of salad and green beans (\$10.95). Here is what arrived:



The green beans were missing as was the pork steak. What they were calling a "Pork Steak" was some pulled pork with burnt ends on top of a sizable amount of grease.

My order was a Rib Eye steak, an allegedly "loaded" baked potato and green beans. I told the waitress that I wanted the steak medium but would be happy to order it medium-well. She replied that she would put it in as "medium" as she could always send it back.

Things with my my order did not go very well, but at least the steak looked like a steak.



That "loaded" baked potato had 1/3 of a strip of bacon, a dab of sour cream and some white butter on the side. The green beans consisted of nine beans. The steak wasn't medium, it wasn't medium-rare; it was RAW,



It went back. When it was returned the green beans on the plate were missing. The steak had made it from raw to medium-rare, but wasn't very close to medium.

As I was eating it, I had to spit out a piece with so much grizzle that it had "Heimlich Maneuver" written all over it. Once again; I am a fat guy, who likes steak. I left 1/3 of the steak on the plate.



I can't recommend you buy anything to eat at the Circa StL. You might want to go in and order a Coke or a beer and walk around looking at all the stuff on the wall. But I would avoid the food.

The next night we had a meal at home with items from Dierbergs. First there was the manager special on Strip Steaks at \$6 a steak. They were seasoned per our instructions by a butcher at Dierbergs. Next we split a \$1.50 twice baked potato that was loaded with sour cream, cheese and bacon bits. Finally we had seasoned green beans from the deli (\$6 a pound).

My wife fixed the steaks on a flat iron grill plate on top of the stove just right. There was no sending them back. I did the potato and green beans in the oven. Total time: 15-minutes. Cost per meal \$7.75!.



Okay, I already ate half of this steak at home before I remembered to take the second photo.

**NEXT WEEK:** We recommend a place you should go to eat and drink. The Parkside Grille on Clayton Road at Strecker Road.

**THIS PLACE HAS HAD AN EFFECT ON BUSINESS AT OTHER BREAKFAST PLACES:**



We took this photo of the Shack now open in the old Lester's Restaurant site on Clayton Road near Baxter Road, late in the afternoon after the place was closed. However the parking lot is PACKED/OVERFLOWING when the place is open. We understand the 7am to 2pm breakfast and lunch place with a full bar is having some dramatic effects on other breakfast businesses.

**FALL COLORS TWO:** The colors around here are weak this year. I'm told it was because too much rain. We posted one old Fall photo we took in Nova Scotia a few weeks back. Here is a photo taken last week from the countryside in Frederick County Maryland that looks like fall.



Here are a couple from T&C:



Drace Park and my backyard; The problem is all the other nearby trees are either void of leaves or they are a dull brown.

**Here is a good one taken last Wednesday on Art Hill.**



**TURKEY DAY...A LOOK AT SOME TOWN AND COUNTRY TURKEYS!**



These are some fat 2016 Thornhill Estates Turkeys.



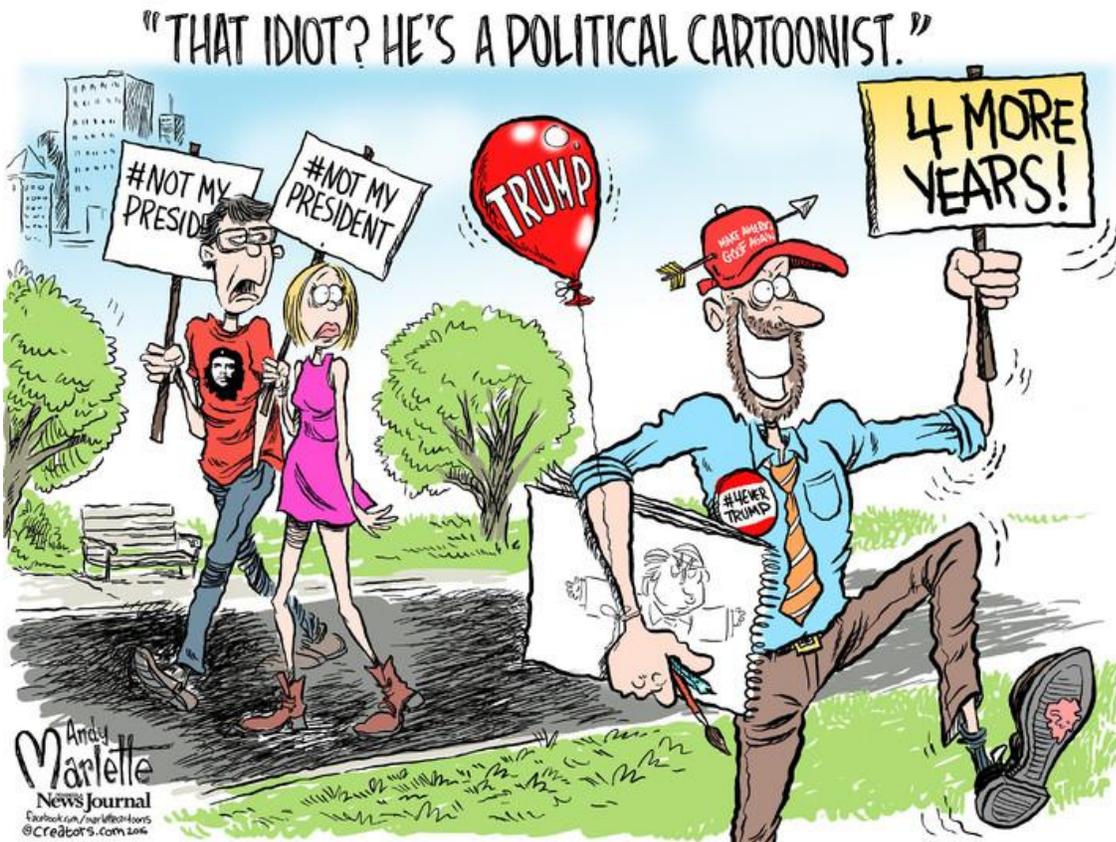
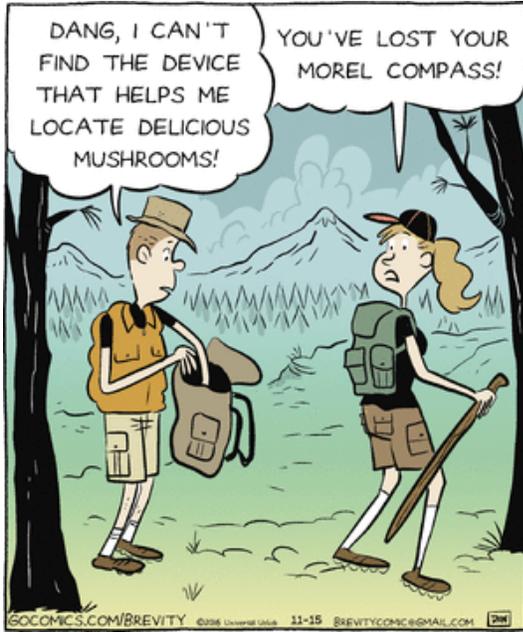
These are 2015 Thornhill Turkeys.



This flock are Town and Country Estates turkeys from 2015.

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