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ELECTION OVERVIEW:

Town and Country

Ward 2



Lindsey Butler incumbent



Challenger Will McKnight

There are two parts to this race: First McKnight is tied closely to Mayor, Cigarette Lobbyist, Stealer of Widow's money in a land grab Jon Dalton. To make matters worse he is buddies with former Alderman Tim Welby (the guy I beat) who was pushing for golf carts to be allowed on subdivision streets.

Butler has been a pain in the side of Dalton as she researches all the proposals that he favors. During meetings Dalton will often ignore Butler when she is trying to be recognized.

McKnight, who had been appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission by Dalton had to resign to run against Butler. Word is that Dalton was pressuring him to run.

McKnight and his wife on the Parks Commission dislike Ward-2 Alderwomen Tiffany Frautschi and Butler, claiming they kept the sidewalk on Mason Road to Queeny Park from being built.

This was grossly untrue. The Parks Commission wanted crosswalks to take walkers back and forth across Mason Road with curves, blind spots and high accident locations. A number of residents on Mason Road said they would not sell any road easements for a sidewalk and Mayor Dalton proclaimed he would not use eminent domain and sue any resident for the sidewalk space.

The sidewalk was not going to happen regardless what the Parks Commission members wanted. It was unsafe as designed and the city could not obtain the land. Now the city is using grant money to replace existing sidewalks not to go to Queeny Park but to Clayton Road.

This is one-issue campaign with McKnight supporters claiming Butler is against sidewalks. In fact Butler has voted for all sidewalk proposals except the one down Mason Road toward Queeny Park because the plan was unsafe and unattainable with Dalton's edict of No Eminent Domain.

HERE IS A REPORT BUTLER DID ON THE LACK OF SAFETY ON MASON ROAD IN 2016 THAT SHE SHARED WITH MCKNIGHT AND MCKNIGHT'S RESPONSE:

SOUTH MASON ROAD LINEAR PARK PROPOSAL 2016

Discussion and review of identified Potential Issues

FROM FHWA.DOT.GOV

Federal Highway Administration University Course on Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation (Lesson 22: Tort Liability and Risk Management – page 10-11)

Section 22.5 Cases That Lead to Quick Settlements against a Government

- *Open drainage grates in the traveled way.*
- *Paths that end suddenly at hazardous locations with no transition or escape route provided.*
- *Inadequate curve radii*
- *Long-term, severe surface irregularities.*
- *Poor sight distances*
- *Roadway design, planning, operation, and maintenance that do not consider bicycle and pedestrian use.*
- *Bridges and underpasses that are hazardous to bicycles and pedestrians*
- *Poor maintenance of off-street facilities*
- *Nonstandard traffic control devices*



National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP)
Guideline for Stopping Sight Distance
http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/nchrp/nchrp_rpt_600A.pdf - Chapter 5

$$SSD = 1.47Vt_{RT} + 1.075V^2/a$$

a = deceleration

- Good traction conditions = 17.7 ft/s²

t_{RT} = perception reaction time

- Good visibility = 1.6s

V = velocity (mph)

Calculation

$$SSD = 1.47(35)(1.6) + 1.075(35^2/17.7)$$

$$SSD = 82.32 + 1.075(69.21)$$

$$SSD = 82.32 + 74.4$$

$$SSD = 156.72 \text{ feet}$$

Sight distance is acceptable

- 320 feet > 156.72 feet



DISCONTINUOUS SIDEWALKS ALONG MASON BETWEEN CLAYTON AND QUEENY PARK



*These are all connected with the current plan

EXISTING CONDITIONS AND POTENTIAL ISSUES

1. The crosswalks in the application that will be presented for the grant are located at Lochinar, near Blossom Hill(blind curve), and Mason Heights(new subdivision across from Queeny). This will force bikers(mostly children, since most cyclists remain in roadway), pedestrians, and the disabled onto sidewalks where vehicles have crossed over. Multiple areas along the road also have low sight lines.
2. The sidewalk will not be contiguous, which contradicts the terms stated as best practices with SAFETEA.
3. Potential liability for City, County, and drivers by building a city amenity in a location which is currently experiencing numerous vehicular incidents.
4. The County is currently reviewing a 1.6 mile stretch of street with blind curve and low sight lines for major re- work due to resident complaints and vehicular accidents .This road has had 40 accidents in 4 years. South Mason is at 23 accidents for 2 1/2 years.
5. The current proposal was not resident reviewed, external of commission. Clayton, Topping, Mason North all have/had Task Forces assigned to the project.

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Noted Potential Issue:

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Response:

- Although the corner can be defined as “blind” the sidewalk is not located on the corner. As you say it is “near” the corner. Far enough away for clear visibility and stopping.
- Per the Highway guidelines cited in your references the sightlines for both sidewalks are over double the recommended Stopping Sight Distance (SSD)
- Neither of the crossing sites are impacted by the “low sight lines” described.
- Children, adults and disabled users of existing sidewalks currently are forced to cross ditches and or forced out into the road to continue sidewalk use on the other side of road. This is certainly more dangerous than using a marked sidewalk.

Noted Potential Issue:

2. The sidewalk will not be contiguous, which contradicts the terms stated as best practices with SAFETEA.

Response:

Pedestrian Safety Guide – Definition of “contiguous”. (from the presentation “references”

http://www.pedbikesafe.org/PEDSAFE/resources_guidelines_sidwalkswalkways.cfm)

describes sidewalk continuity this way:

D. Sidewalk Continuity

Sidewalks should be continuous; interruptions may require pedestrians to cross a busy arterial street midblock or at an unsignalized location to continue walking. Sidewalks should also be fully accessible to side streets and adjacent sidewalks and buildings.

Thus, the sidewalk proposed is “contiguous” by definition. The existing hodgepodge of sidewalk portions we currently have are not contiguous. It is the existing state of the Mason Road sidewalks that are discontiguous.

Noted Potential Issue:

3. Potential liability for City, County, and drivers by building a city amenity in a location which is currently experiencing numerous vehicular incidents.

Response:

- Current accidents are not at the location of the crosswalk. It is approximately 150 feet from the crosswalk location.
- The proposal includes a barrier to protect the section of the sidewalk in question. That sidewalk is currently unprotected and should be considered a bigger liability risk today.
- The proposal corrects an existing issue and risk to the city for people currently using the sidewalk.

Noted Potential Issue:

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Response:

- I have no information on this and am not sure what this wording means. Are their county plans to change Mason Road or does this describe another location? It is my belief that any major re-work of Mason will face considerable pushback from residents.

Noted Potential Issue:

5. The current proposal was not resident reviewed, external of commission. Clayton, Topping, Mason North all have/had Task Forces assigned to the project.

Response:

- It has been reviewed by the city engineer, the Parks and Trails commission and alderman.
- City feedback has been overwhelming wanting connected trails. This was confirmed in the recent city-wide survey.

McKnight's response:

From: "McKnight, Will" <Will.McKnight@NewHorizons.com>

To: "Butler, Ald. Lindsey" <butlerl@town-and-country.org>

Subject: RE: south mason sidewalk.pptx

Lindsey,

Thanks for your work on this.

I took some time this weekend to review the presentation and the referenced documents.

As you know, I started out as a supporter of this project. After reviewing the materials, I'm even more in support of the project moving this year.

Specifically, your point that non-contiguous sidewalks are against the best practices noted in the SAFETEA guidelines and the finding in Tort Liability and Risk Management materials that paths ending

with “no transition” are potential legal issues makes the need to “fix” our existing patchwork of sidewalks along Mason even more time-sensitive. As noted in the attached Powerpoint presentation, non-contiguous sidewalks are not impacted by crosswalks, instead, the term describes paths that just end (like our existing sidewalks.)

I fully understand and respect your focus on the safety of the trails and appreciate your work to review the proposal. Hopefully, my responses (in the PPT) to your five key concerns will sway you to move forward with the current proposal and get the trail system extended down Mason.

You are correct, delaying this another year give the potential for making this proposal better, but, it also adds the risk of losing a current landowner that has agreed to move forward along Mason and having a new landowner that blocks our efforts for years to come.

It’s been 15 years. Let’s get this thing moving... 😊

Will McKnight

TWO WEEKS BEFORE ELECTION: We have run numerous photos of one car crashes on Mason Road when the Parks Commission wanted a new sidewalk and crosswalk. Ward 2 Alderwomen Lindsey Butler and Tiffany Frautschi have been claiming the road is unsafe for a sidewalk that crosses several times.





2017

Here is an accident on March 19, 2018 two weeks before the election:



The panel van took out a curve sign, caution sign and part of the fence.

In 2 years there were 20 crashes in the area along Mason Road, 11 were vehicles leaving the road and crashing.

KEEP YOU FRIENDS CLOSE AND YOUR EMENIES CLOSER: Alderpersons really should be seated by ward so they can communicate with notes or whispers during a meeting a voting on items that might effect their ward. But Mayor Jon Dalton will have none of that. He has separated the Ward 2 alderpersons Tiffany Frautschi and Lindsey Butler, who are most likely to vote against something he was in favor of, by putting them on both sides of him. I love to see them lean across Dalton and whisper something before a vote.



WARD 3:



incumbent Gussie Crawford



Matt Reuter

WESTMINSTER LIGHTS: Everyone who cares knows how Gussie Crawford voted on the Westminster Lights issue. A year after a court ruling upholding the Town and Country Board of Aldermen vote prohibiting the football field lights at Westminster Christian Academy, there is a new move to get the Board of Aldermen to change the 8-0 vote against lights. Neighborhoods abutting the football field think Gussie and all the alderpersons did their job. Some Westminster parents who live in Ward-3 want someone who will vote for the football lights.

Not knowing Matt Reuter's position on the Westminster lights I sent him an email asking about it.

QUESTION: On Feb 23, 2018, at 1:27 PM, John Hoffmann <johnhoffmann@charter.net> wrote:

Matt,

What is your position on the Westminster football lights?

John Hoffmann

On Feb 23, 2018, at 1:27 PM, John Hoffmann <johnhoffmann@charter.net> wrote:

From: Matt Reuter [mailto:mattreuter78@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2018 2:13 PM
To: John Hoffmann
Subject: Re: question

It's a settled matter. No lights.

Now this was not an answer to my question. I did not ask what the status of the lights was. I asked what his position was. I wrote Matt back.

On Feb 24, 2018, at 12:52 AM, John Hoffmann <johnhoffmann@charter.net> wrote:
That doesn't say what your position on it is.

Also it was a settled matter in 2008 when I was an alderman, but it came back.

From: Matt Reuter [mailto:mattreuter78@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 24, 2018 7:00 AM
To: John Hoffmann
Subject: Re: question

I can add to my website also — in retrospect wasn't sure if you were referring to that or my brief response. It may take a few days also. Sorry I wasn't clear.

Matt

Reuter did not add his position on the Westminster Lights on his website, but did add it to his facebook page.



Matt Reuter for Alderman, Town & Country Ward 3



February 25 at 11:08pm · 🌐

For the record I am opposed to lights at Westminster. Two reasons: 1) it has already been litigated, and 2) the residents are almost in unanimous opposition to them with a sensible rationale. Unless the Brook Mill and Arlington Oaks come to me and support the lights my position won't change.

CANIDATES SPEAK ON WEST COUNTY EMS & FIRE: In a recent political flier sent out by Matt Reuter he listed as one of his priorities the following:

“Addressing increasing Fire/EMS demands and response times.”

I asked both Matt Reuter and Gussie Crawford to comment on this issue. I received emails in writing from both of them.

Ladies first, here is Gussie’s:

From: hwcrawf@sbcglobal.net [mailto:hwcrawf@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Friday, March 16, 2018 2:46 PM

To: John Hoffmann

Subject: Fire and EMS responses

John,

You asked for my input to Fire and EMS demands and response time in Town and Country.

I was previously the chair of the Police, Fire, and EMS Commission. During that period there was discussion and investigation in regard to response times required to reach the far North (Ward 4) and far East (Ward 1). The National minimum recommendations is 4 minutes for Cardio vascular events. Our police vehicles carry AED equipment and the officers are trained for these type of emergencies. We also have reciprocal cooperation with border cities.

We looked into a substation and what would be involved (Maryville University was the location appraised). Cost would include purchase of land, contractors, construction of a building and all the amenities, and funding of equipment and staff.

This would necessitate implementing a tax to our citizens of 50 cents per hundred dollars property evaluation or we could join the West County Fire and EMS System at 70 cents per hundred dollars property evaluation. If we elected to do the latter we would no longer have any input or control over Town and Country matters in this regard.

AS we were within range of National recommendations and were not desirous of imposing a property tax on our residents the matter was tabled.

Gussie Crawford

Alderman

Ward 3

Here is Matt Reuter’s response:

From: Matt Reuter [mailto:mattreuter78@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 10:27 PM

To: John Hoffmann

Subject: Re: question

Hi John,

Here's how I see the issue right now if you allow me a baseball analogy:

If you are going to field a baseball team you need to have the right number of players and position them in a certain formation to achieve your goal (i.e. limit the amount of damage or runs the other team can score based on the likelihood of where the balls are typically hit). If you are going to have a fire station or outsource this then you need to determine what the goal is and whether the stations are in the right spot and you have the right number.

It certainly isn't that simple because any additions come at a cost, and it is debatable what the right target is. Response time seems to be a reasonable thing to monitor as a few minutes is the matter of life and death when dealing with cardiac arrest. I think most of Ward 3 falls within acceptable time ranges but Manderleigh falls near the upper limits of the national benchmark. Assuming that is the target and the goal is to reduce the response time then you'd have to ask where to put the station (or substation which has recently been discussed).

I've heard Maryville or another Ward 4 be discussed as potential sites, but I do not think that location would improve the response times to Manderleigh or Cedar Springs as it is somewhat of a maze to reach their from Maryville especially with traffic. From my assessment of times I think a spot along Salt Mill or near Woods Mill Center would be better. That is one novel idea I have, but this would need a lot more data and vetting before I would say this is a great idea.

There is also a cost issue. How does this get paid for? I don't like the idea of property tax being considered, though certainly that is an option that has been shared in the past. I'm more inclined to focus on what the ideal is before asking the question can or how can we fund it.

The other issue that I have more insight into than others is the demand on EMS by nursing facilities and the cost to the city. I don't think government is the answer to this problem entirely and that there are a lot of things that hospitals and nursing facilities will be changing to help reduce unnecessary EMS visits.

Sorry if that is a longer answer than you wanted (and hope you don't make any comparison to other alderman for being overly verbose). The overarching principle is that alderman should look out for safety of the residents. We are spending a lot of money on fire/EMS services show we need to be smart about how we spend our money and are we achieving the desired results. For this reason I think it is an important issue that needs more visibility but I'm not in a position to give a detailed proposal. I think a lot more data is needed on this matter, but it should be collected and studied with the goal of making sure Manderleigh and other T&C residents are taken care of.

Matt

MISINFORMATION 1: It is hard for Gussie Crawford to post any misinformation since she does not have a campaign website. Matt Reuter has several sites and one has some serious false information concerning deer.

This is from Matt Reuter's Blog. It is the first paragraph on his rant about deer. He says he is from a family that included deer hunters. After five paragraphs he comes out in favor of lethal deer management. But in the first paragraph he seemed to be playing to deer lovers with false information. Here is what he wrote:

Finding a balance between safety and wildlife (e.g. deer, coyote, geese)

The deer issue is emotional for some, and I respect those opinions. I think we can all agree that deer hitting cars is very destructive and traumatic for all involved. I also learned that the deer population has shown signs of malnourishment, which is evidence there are too many deer. Deer also can damage landscaping.

There is absolutely no evidence of the deer population in St. Louis County, including Town and County of showing any signs of malnourishment. In fact recently at a public meeting Erin Shanks, Wildlife Biologist with the Missouri Department of Conservation stated how in 50 years there was only one incident of two deer dying of malnourishment at an area far away from St. Louis. Here is the incident from Erin Shanks:

From: Erin Shank [mailto:Erin.Shank@mdc.mo.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2018 10:58 AM
To: John Hoffmann
Subject: RE: question

Hi John,

The only instance I know of involving deer starving in Missouri was in the late 1970s at Knob Noster State Park. The conditions of the starvation occurrence at Knob Noster SP was following a prolonged period of ice in that part of the state.

All indications we have from deer reproductive surveys, disease sampling, and harvest data are that deer throughout the state including St. Louis County are healthy and reproducing normally.

Erin



Erin Shank Missouri Wildlife Biologist

MISINFORMATION 2: Matt Reuter also posted on a social media account that Gussie Crawford was in violation of the Ethics Commission Rules by not having a committee for this election. He was WRONG! You don't need a committee if you are not spending over \$1,000 in the campaign. Crawford is not spending a \$1000.

MISINFORMATION 3: Matt Reuter sent me an email and a photo of a Crawford campaign sign with her 2012 committee name and treasurer (her grandson) printed on it. He was trying to claim this was illegal as she does not have a committee registered with the Ethics Commission. I then got an email forwarded to me of Reuter threatening Crawford to file a complaint against her.

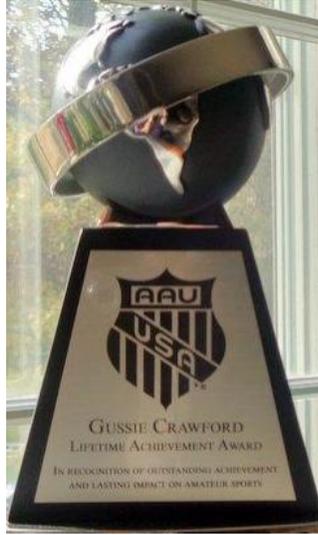
There was no violation and Reuter did not know what he was talking about. The information on the sign was who paid for it. Once it was bought she could continue to use it without a treasurer.



It is really too late for this suggestion, but I'll make it anyway. Run on your platform or the lack of work done by your opponent but don't threaten an 82-year-old woman who for 40 years has been on the National Board of Directors of a AAU and a past president as the only woman AAU president. They apparently don't think she is too old for the job

Also they named an award after her for lifetime achievement. The first winner of the Crawford award was Jesse Owens, with his granddaughter accepting the award.

Also don't threaten your opponent if she was named a U.S. Ambassador to the Youth Games of Europe by President Ronald Reagan.



WARD 4: There is no race in Ward-4. Only former State Rep Sue Allen filed to run. However since the first of the year Alderwoman Linda Rallo has missed three of five Aldermanic meetings. Rallo is associated with and a registered lobbyist for Alliance for Childhood Education of Shawnee Kansas and “KidsWin Missouri” of St. Louis.

After the filing date closed Rallo should have resigned. Mayor Dalton would reappoint Sue Allen to fill the position so residents of Ward-4 would have had full representation at meetings



Linda Rallo



Sue Allen talking to Matt Reuter after of BOA meeting

CHESTERFIELD:



Ward 2: Jami Dolby



Mary Ann Mastorakos

This is a battle of the newcomer versus the long time resident. It is also a battle between Girl Scouts. Dolby was awarded a Lifetime Girl Scout membership for her volunteer work with North St. Louis Girl Scouts.



Girl Scouts

Mastorakos volunteered with the Girl Scouts for 18 years, was a District Chairwoman and on the Board of Directors of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri.

Dolby has lived in Chesterfield for two years. Mastorakos has been a Chesterfield resident for 52 years. Dolby has fresh ideas, Mastorakos has long term institutional knowledge,

The big thing that Mastorakos has going for her is she single handedly stopped the large apartment complex from going in on Schotteler Road at South Forty Drive. She refused to sell the ranch house on Schoettler Road that the developer needed to meet green space requirements.



The narrow piece of land between the large yellow area and slender blue area is property that belongs to Mastorakos. By refusing to sell she blocked a very large apartment complex from being built. This should bring her

several hundred votes or more from nearby residents who were against the apartment complex. I have to think that Mastorakos is the favorite in this race.



This is where Mary

Ann Mastorakos has lived for the last 52 years.

While Dolby is gung-ho, if she doesn't win, Mayor Nation would be making a smart move if he appointed her to a board or commission that actually has some power, such as the Planning Commission.



Ward 3: Incumbent Randy Logan



Michael Moore

Randy Logan ,the guy with the mid-life crisis trying to pull himself out of his Porsche sports car, who we have never seen not vote for a money spending issue regardless the need or the shape of the budget.

LOGAN PART OF THE DOORACK GANG BREAKING THE LAW: Randy Logan in 2011 voted to illegally hide the \$800,000 10-year lease for a 1.4 acre vacant lot at the law office of then- city attorney Rob Heggie so the public could not view it.

In November of 2016 Logan voted to deny a Missouri Sunshine Request to view all correspondence and emails associated with the Doorack Lease as required by Missouri Law.

Randy Logan's votes showed he disobeys Missouri Law and doesn't care about public transparency in government.

Also Logan has shown in the past he really does not have a good knowledge of the workings of the City of Chesterfield. The below is our reporting in 2016 of Logan not knowing who controls what major roads in Chesterfield.

September 19, 2016 prior to the Chesterfield Finance and Administration meeting, Councilman Randy Logan (3- term councilman voted out of office once) asked Jim Eckrich the following question: "Who do we talk to at County (County Highway Department) about the Outer Road? Logan wanted to complain about a pot hole.

What is amazing about that question is that both the North and South Outer Roads are Service Roads to I-64. All service roads to Interstate Highways are State Highways and under the control of MoDOT. This would not be usual for a resident to ask but for a three term councilman not to know what roads in town are State Highways is pretty amazing.

Finally the guy is out of touch with real residents. The last days of his campaign against Mayor Bob Nation last year was an example of that. Logan used his daughters in short-shorts and T-shirts to waive campaign signs at motorists from a traffic control median on Chesterfield Airport Road.



Michael Moore, Logan's opponent is a retired executive with Purnia. He has teamed up with Mastorakos in the election with both pointing out their roles in stopping the Apartment proposal. "They still own some of the land and I would not be surprised if they came back with a proposal for an Assisted Living complex," said Moore.



Moore looks at priorities facing Chesterfield including what to do with the Chesterfield Mall property, continuing the Preserve Schoettler Road and improving the comprehensive plan of Chesterfield.

“Being a good business man is the art of making hard choices,” Moore told us.



Ward 4

Incumbent Tom DeCampi



stupid, lying lawyer

The first six months after Tom DeCampi beat incumbent Connie Fults in a landslide it could be embarrassing listening to him go off on issues that he really didn't research much. However he began researching issues and started making good points. He turned out to be what an elected body needed, someone who did not blindly vote with the rest of the pack. At times he was even a little too conservative for me, but he is just what is needed as the city goes into a tough five-year period with long term bonds reaching annual payoffs in the millions and Chesterfield Mall generating less revenue.

His opponent, William Lawson, has the backing of a number of people recently voted out of office for good reason. Lawson made his first appearance last summer when he attended a meeting, spoke and accused the City Council of providing me with information about the \$800,000 10-year Doorack lease with a \$1,000,000 option to buy a 1.4 acre vacant lot the city never had plans for. In reality the city was breaking state law for seven years hiding the lease and all debate and votes concerning the lease.

This guy was totally unaware of how the City Council and City Staff had clearly been breaking the law by not making the lease public.

He also made false statements on his website and facebook pages about his opponent's attendance record and how he missed a recent meeting, when in fact DeCampi arrived and voted on several issues in front of Lawson. DeCampi was delayed for hours getting back to St. Louis due to an ice storm in Dallas that kept his aircraft on the ground, but made it to the council meeting before it was over.

MORE LIES IN A EMAIL FLIER: Lawson sent out a email to members of the Chesterfield Hockey Association that claimed Tom DeCampi is against Youth Sports. This is a complete lie. What DeCampi is against is higher taxes that will eventually drive people away from Chesterfield stores. He was against the TDD that would extend a sales tax from 2025 to 2040. He is not against Youth Sports.



To all hockey fans and fans of Chesterfield, MO, I am running for city council in ward 4. I NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!!

For those of you who don't know me, I am a big supporter of CHA and am running against Tom DeCampi, the incumbent. DeCampi did everything he could to derail the efforts to get a new rink and is not a supporter of youth sports in Chesterfield. He has built a contingency of people on the Council and they are not good for the city and must be stopped.

If there is any hope of defeating him, you need to get out and vote for me on APRIL 3.

PLEASE VISIT MY FACEBOOK PAGE AT CITIZENS TI ELECT BILL LAWSON.

Thanks in advance for your support.

CHESTERFIELD WARD 4 ELECTION SIGN THEFT: Tom DeCampi obtained permission from the property owner to put up campaign signs on Long Road at Chesterfield Airport Road. They were up for less than 24 hours when they were stolen. I'm not surprised that in the Chesterfield Ward-4 race this is happening, considering the record of DeCampi's opponent. One of the signs was not a simple yard sign, but a large sign with DeCampi's face on it.

03/19/2018, 1300 03/20/2018, 1400	CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD & LONG RD	Larceny under \$750 Person
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took political signs off of private property near intersection.		



TOWN & COUNTRY TOWN SQUARE: This week I received the below email from a local architect who has done designs across the state. He brought up an interesting point concerning the design of two buildings featured in last week's newsletter.

Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2018 10:14 AM
To: John Hoffmann
Subject: Town Square

john, good morning. in today's snoburbia newsletter (entertaining, as usual) you showed pictures of the new maintenance building and picnic pavilion. having done the design of several buildings in the Ozarks I carefully avoided open wood truss work and decorative entrances. the reason is that birds and bees love to construct their homes/hives/nests on the horizontal members and in the crotches. as you can see, there is an abundance of ideal locations for such dwellings. cannot believe that the designer of these buildings was not aware of this issue.



GEESE POLICE: This brings up the next question. The storm water retention pond will likely have a number of geese visitors wanting to take up residency. Will the city pick up the cost of having one or two geese dogs to keep the geese on the move? If so what department would the geese dogs be under? The Police Department since they are identifying trespassers and removing them or the Park's Department?



THE REAL POLICE! February Police Stats from Town and Country and Chesterfield:



Town and Country: Officers responded to a total of 2503 calls for service and wrote a total of 168 reports, including: **FEBRUARY 2018**

CATEGORY	FEB. 2018	YTD 2018	FEB. 2017	YTD 2017
Calls for Service	2503	4895	1721	3556
Reports Written	168	397	162	318
Vehicle Crashes	57	134	57	124
Criminal Reports	32	69	23	47
DWI Arrests	6	21	13	21
Misc. Arrests	27	57	28	46
Traffic Citations	258	551	351	534
Speeding	153	318	244	350
Traffic Warnings	294	572	385	600
Total Traffic Contacts	552	1123	736	1134

**CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
FEBRUARY 2018 MONTHLY REPORT**

REPORTS	OFFENSES REPORTED CURRENT MONTH			TOTALS YEAR TO DATE			CLEARANCES CURRENT	
	2017	2018	CHANGE	2017	2018	CHANGE	MONTH	YEAR
MURDER	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A	0	0
MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A	0	0
NON-FORCIBLE RAPE	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A	0	0
FORCIBLE RAPE	0	0	N/A	1	0	-	0	0
SEXUAL OFFENSE	0	1	+	0	1	+	1	1
ROBBERY	2	0	-	2	0	-	0	0
ASSAULT	11	13	+	27	20	-	6	8
BURGLARY								
RESIDENTIAL	1	1	N/A	5	7	+	1	1
COMMERCIAL	3	4	+	6	4	-	2	2
LARCENY								
FELONY	13	12	-	35	23	-	4	7
MISDEMEANOR	48	39	-	106	87	-	15	33
AUTO. THEFT	1	1	N/A	5	3	-	0	0
ARSON	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A	0	0
CHECKS/FRAUD	16	19	+	42	44	+	0	0
VANDALISM	8	6	-	17	12	-	1	2
DRUG VIOLATIONS	15	8	-	25	26	+	6	20
D.W.I.	10	8	-	24	13	-		
TOTAL	128	112	-	295	240	-	36	74
ARREST								
ADULT	130	110	-	272	241	-	N/A	N/A
JUVENILE	9	12	+	18	26	+	N/A	N/A
TRAFFIC								
VEH. ACCIDENTS	127	95	-	267	213	-	N/A	N/A
MVA FATALITIES	0	1	+	0	1	+	N/A	N/A
MVA INJURIES	33	14	-	70	45	-	N/A	N/A
WARNINGS ISSUED	659	623	-	1229	1268	+	N/A	N/A
PARKING SUMMONS	20	4	-	32	11	-	N/A	N/A
SUMMONS ISSUED	820	590	-	1485	1319	-	N/A	N/A
RECOVERED VEHICLES	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
RADIO ASSIGNMENTS	3860	3661	-	7858	7990	+	N/A	N/A
ALARMS	106	90	-	195	215	+	N/A	N/A

SAY GOODBYE TO POLICE CARS IN TOWN AND COUNTRY. Pretty soon only the admin officers and traffic cops in Town and Country will be driving police cars. The

patrol officers and even detectives will soon all be in SUVs, either Ford Explorers, Chevy Trailblazers (Detectives) or Chevy Tahoes. The department just purchased three more Tahoes from Don Brown Chevrolet under the State Bid program for \$107,154. In the past Tahoes were supervisor vehicles only. Now they will also be assigned to patrol officers as the Dodge Chargers are phased out.

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March 25, 2018

CHESTERFIELD MALL IS OFFICIALLY ON THE MARKET: On Wednesday March 21, 2018 Chesterfield Mall officially was placed on the For Sale Market.

The property is being handled by NAI Global out of New York. The contact phone numbers are also from New York. However, there is a local branch of NAI-Global. That is NAI DESCO at 101 S. Hanley Road in Clayton. Of course DESCO stands for Don and Ed Schnucks CO. Maybe there will be a new Schnucks supermarket on the grounds of the Mall.

There is no asking price, but the Mall is appraised at just \$12,400,000 according the Post-Dispatch. An appraisal of \$36,000,000 is on file with St. Louis County. In 2006 it was appraised at \$286,000,000. The 1,300,000 sq ft property is down to 64% occupancy.

Here is the website link for the listing.

https://my.rcm1.com/handler/modern.aspx?pv=Z-I9J549zUFsSziezRAUIHGZUKrAYRBdHDvQLj3IKwoNqJV99BZDaWfSHCMRYZOo#_section_2

CHESTERFIELD SIXTH GRADER RETURNING TO NATIONAL SPELLING BEE: For the second year in a row Alice Liu of Chesterfield is returning to the National Spelling Bee in May after again winning the Post-Dispatch Spelling Bee. Last year Liu finished

fourth in the national contest, coming out of a Rockwood School District elementary school. This year she will be representing the Crestview Middle School. Last year Liu, who lives in a subdivision off of Wild Horse Creek Rd was the youngest competitor.



Alice Liu

In 2015 it was a Parkway School District student, Gokul Venkatachalam, 14, from Parkway West Middle School who shared the first place trophy with Vanya Shivashankar, of Olathe, Kansas when the judges ran out of words after the two went head to head for 30-minutes without a misspelling.



2015 Co-winners

Defendant was operating a motor vehicle in St. Louis County.

Defendant crashed into concrete median of highway barrier.

Defendant and a Victim passenger were transported to the hospital. Defendant displayed signs of intoxication. At the hospital, Defendant admitted he was driving at the time of the crash. Driver continued to display signs on intoxication at the hospital.

Officer obtained search warrant for sample of Defendant's blood and a Grand Jury Subpoena for Defendant's medical records.

Defendant's medical records indicate Defendant had a blood alcohol concentration of .226 as well as the presence of marijuana in his system.

Victim reports severe injury to his arm, including near detachment of the hand resulting from the accident.

OUTCOME: Prior to this case being resolved Atwood was arrested again for DWI. On July 27, 2016 he was arrested by County Police working under a contract for the City of Wildwood. He was charged with "Failure to Drive within a Single Lane Resulting in an Accident," DWI and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Those charges are pending.

In the Shrewsbury crash, Judge Nancy McLaughlin allowed the County Prosecutor to reduce the Felony DWI with Injury charge to a simple misdemeanor DWI. Atwood pled Guilty on 01/25/18 (more than two years after the crash). He was sentenced to 6 months in jail, but was immediately placed on 1-year probation. Judge McLaughlin could have made it a 2-year probation term, but did not. Despite Atwood having a pending DWI involving a crash he was not fined or forced to serve at least a week or weekend in jail.

He has the pending DWI/accident case in Wildwood. The good news is that case was moved to the Circuit Court away from Judge Rick "I won't convict anyone of an actual charge with they hire a lawyer" Brunk.



Atwood still lives at home with his parents, Jeff and Kelly Atwood on Willow Lake Drive in the Claymont Lake Estates subdivision.

POLICE BLOTTER: Here is what the Chesterfield Police responded to or dealt with last week.



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CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT Media Report March 14, 2018 - March 20, 2018

<u>Time of Occurrence</u>	<u>Generic Address</u>	<u>Business/Location Name</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>
03/20/2018, 0301 03/20/2018, 0312	4X CHESTERFIELD MALL	Macy's	Burglary Commercial - Business
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects broke out entry door to business and took clothing.			
03/19/2018, 1200 03/19/2018, 1200	15XXX CLAYTON RD	Delmar Gardens	Larceny under \$750 Employer
Brief Narrative Description: 49 yo female took prescription medication while working for employer.			
03/19/2018, 1600 03/20/2018, 0700	3XX E CHESTERFIELD CTR	Dury	Larceny Over \$750 From Auto
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject forced lock on victim's vehicle and took a laptop computer.			
03/19/2018, 1300 03/20/2018, 1400	CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD & LONG RD		Larceny under \$750 Person
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took political signs off of private property near intersection.			

01/30/2018, 1200 01/31/2018, 1200	14XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD	Delmar Gardens	Larceny Over \$750 Person
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took jewelry from victim's room.			
03/19/2018, 1403 03/19/2018, 1403	18XXX OUTLET BLVD	Sunglass Hut	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: Two 19 yo females, 20 yo female, and 19 yo female concealed clothing and sunglasses and left store without paying.			
03/18/2018, 0912 03/18/2018, 0912	164 HWY W & CHESTERFIELD PKWY E		Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor
Brief Narrative Description: 24 yo male in possession of marijuana after being stopped for a traffic violation.			
03/18/2018, 1525 03/18/2018, 1525	1XX THF BLVD	Walmart	Fraud Counterfeit Bills
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects attempted to pass counterfeit currency to business. Fake currency later recovered in area restaurant bathroom.			
03/18/2018, 2130 03/18/2018, 2150	16XXX CROSSOVER LN		Assault Common - Actual Assault
Brief Narrative Description: 37 yo male punched and kicked victim after argument causing minor injuries.			
03/17/2018, 0659 03/17/2018, 0659	21XX KEHRS MILL RD	Clarkson Valley	Assault Common - Actual Assault
Brief Narrative Description: 57 yo male and 49 yo female slapped each other after argument causing no injuries.			
03/17/2018, 1359 03/17/2018, 1359	1XX THF BLVD	Walmart	Larceny Over \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: 37 yo male and 36 yo female concealed electronics, food items, clothing, and households goods and left store without paying.			
03/17/2018, 1608 03/17/2018, 1608	E CHESTERFIELD PKY & OLIVE BLVD & W CHESTERFIELD PKY		Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor
Brief Narrative Description: 20 yo male in possession of marijuana after being stopped for a traffic violation.			
03/15/2018, 1500 03/16/2018, 1000	14XXX MARMONT DR		Larceny under \$750 from Mailbox
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took mail out of victim's mailbox.			
02/26/2018, 1100 02/26/2018, 1200	7XX LONG ROAD CROSSING DR	Kia	Larceny under \$750 from Auto
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took ratchet tool from victim's vehicle while it was being serviced.			
02/15/2018, 1956 02/25/2018, 1755	1XX THF BLVD	Ross Dress for Less	Larceny under \$750 Employer
Brief Narrative Description: 37 yo male took money from cash register and gave clothing away to customers while working for employer.			
03/15/2018, 0733 03/15/2018, 0733	9XX E CHESTERFIELD PKY	BP	Larceny under \$750 Gas Drive Off
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject pumped gasoline and drove out of gas station without paying.			
06/01/2017, 0600 03/15/2018, 0600	14XX COUNTRY LAKE ESTATES DR		Larceny Over \$750 Residence
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took jewelry from victim's residence.			
03/07/2018, 0600 03/15/2018, 1200	17XXX ROOSTER RIDGE RD		Fraud Bank Account
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject convinced victim to send his bank account information resulting in withdrawals from his account.			

03/15/2018, 1314 03/15/2018, 1314	17XX CLARKSON RD	Dierberg's	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: 28 and 48 yo males concealed alcohol and left store without paying. One subject also in possession of narcotic paraphernalia.			
03/14/2018, 1245 03/14/2018, 1400	18XXX OUTLET BLVD	St. Louis Premium Outlet Mall	Larceny Over \$750 From Auto
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle and took a backpack containing a laptop computer and text books.			
03/15/2018, 1604 03/15/2018, 1611	17XXX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD	Rock N Brews	Stolen Vehicle Automobile
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took victim's vehicle after it was left running in front of restaurant.			
02/02/2018, 1735 03/15/2018, 1730	1XX CHESTERFIELD BUSINESS PKY	New Age Dental Care	Fraud Identity Theft
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used both victim's personal information and business information to open up credit card accounts.			
03/14/2018, 0046 03/14/2018, 0046	I64 HWY E & TIMBERLAKE MANOR		Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor
Brief Narrative Description: 17 yo male in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation.			
03/12/2018, 1407 03/12/2018, 1410	18XXX OUTLET BLVD	Saks Off Fifth Avenue	Larceny under \$750 Employer
Brief Narrative Description: 23 yo female took clothing while working for employer and gave them to family member.			
03/14/2018, 1100 03/14/2018, 1140	COUNTRY RIDGE DR & SILVERWOOD LN		Larceny Over \$750 City Property
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took Pole Saw from rear of Chesterfield Public Works vehicle.			

This is from a police end of watch email about the burglary at Macy's. On Wednesday we checked to see if there were any surveillance photos and were told none at this time.

18-1255-Larceny-Macy's Chesterfield Mall (Actually a Burglary)

Officers responded to a burglar alarm around 03:17 hours at the Macy's store. Upon arrival, Officers found the south exterior and interior glass doors smashed. An interior search of the store revealed the suspects were no longer on scene. Video showed 4 suspects entering the store wearing hoodies and gloves. They selected armfuls of clothing merchandise and exited the store. At this time it could not be determined what was stolen. The store manager will be making copies of the videos and getting an inventory of the stolen items.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR: As we have mentioned in an earlier newsletter Rosie Bergh was the Chesterfield Citizen of the Year for 2017. She received the award for volunteer work that included over 3,000 hours of work at St. Luke's Hospital among other volunteer work.



Mayor Nation presents the

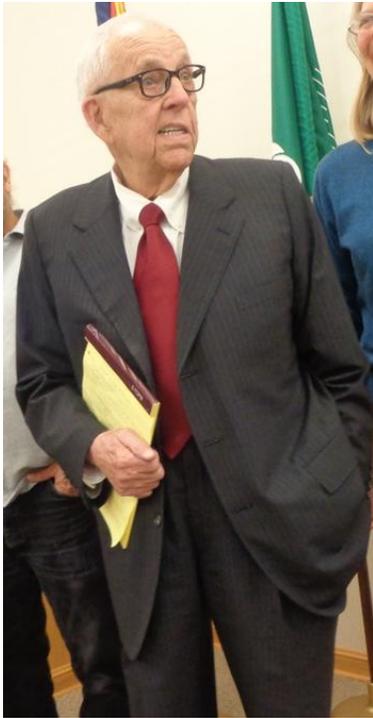
Citizen of the Year Award to Rosie Bergh.

After the award was presented things got weird! A retired guy who is called a doctor but can't write a prescription had the meeting turned over to him. Richard Overfelt, who has a PhD in Education and was a Parkway elementary school principal stepped up.

MEET STUART SMALLEY'S FATHER: First thing he did had everyone in the room to stand in a circle (three of us at the press table did not participate.) Then he began reading from a script and had the crowd repeat everything he said. It was things like, "Chesterfield is a great place to live." He even had them recite how great the city employees are including the police without mentioning Officer David Cerna who was arrested and convicted for using a hidden video camera to record the penis of men using the restroom at a popular gas station and teenagers wearing gym shorts he was searching for drugs.

After a little while as Overfelt droned on and on I realized that I had heard this act before. The only thing missing was a mirror.

Overfelt could have easily been Stuart Smalley's father or grandfather. (Al Franken who resigned from the Senate after sexual harassment complaints surfaced, performed as Stuart from back in his Saturday Night Live comedy days)



I was literally waiting for this guy to have everyone repeat after him, “I’m good enough, I’m smart enough and doggone it people like me.” He barely mentioned the Citizen of the Year Rosie Bergh and continued to go on and on.

Then he wanted a hug-a-thon. He wanted everyone to give five hugs. I was happy to see Mayor Bob Nation giving fist bumps. But I still wondered how Mayor Nation allowed the meeting to be stolen from him. Hugs! That could lead to sexual misconduct complaints and firings! The public has a right to be able to go to a public meeting without someone trying to embrace them!



City Administrator Mike Geisel hugs a guy, while city clerk Vickie Hass and Councilwoman Michelle Ohley seem to be able to avoid being in someone’s clutches.

SPECIAL GUEST: Wendy Wiese, former morning drive host on KMOX and then on KTRS and for years a regular on the weekly TV show Donnybrook, was in attendance. Wiese is a resident of Chesterfield. I got a photo of her during the Stuart Smalley, Sr. Show as she stood in the circle, but not the “cop-a-hug” segment.



THE BANKS OF DES PERES: Just what the City of Des Peres and residents of the 63131 zip code needed; a new bank on Manchester Road in Des Peres. On Monday March 12 the Des Peres Board of Aldermen approved for the M1 Bank to operate out of the former Russell Stover Candies building on Manchester Road and Lockett. It will be the third bank on that corner. Here are the Banks of Des Peres:



Above is vacant Russell Stover building soon to be the M1 Bank and two competitors across the street.



These two are near the intersection of Manchester and Bopp Road as is the Commerce Bank (Below).

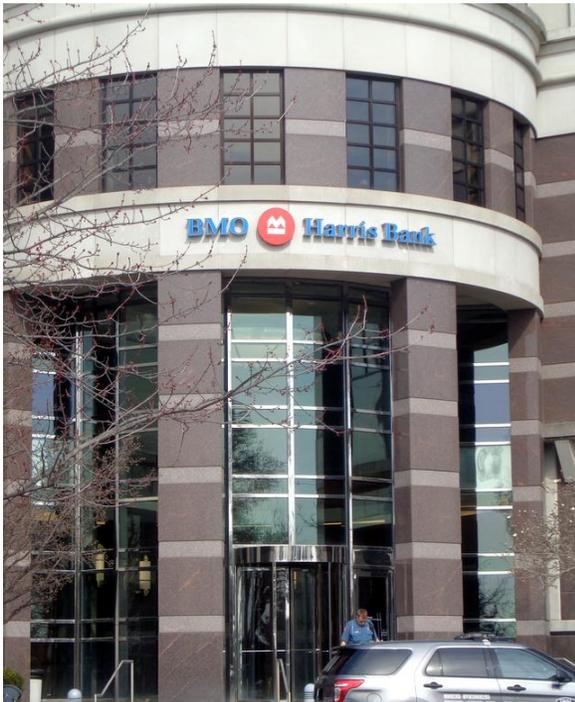


The above bank building on the right was built but the bank never received a license to operate from the State of Missouri





This US Bank is in the Schnuck's Supermarket. First Community is on the parking lot in front of the Schnuck's store.



When I was growing up in Webster Groves, a town larger than Des Peres, there were two banks, Webster Groves Trust Co. and Big Bend Bank plus the Farm and Home

Savings and Loan. Des Peres now has 13 bank branches along a portion of road that is a little over 2 miles long.

REAL ESTATE: We checked the numbers at the Chevrolet Swimming Pool House in Ladue. The estate of Johnny Londoff, who died in 2010 at age 85, is still on the market. The longtime Chevrolet Dealer in Florissant lived at 1751N. Woodlawn Road in Ladue. The house and grounds are just before N. Woodlawn hits Old Warson Road.

The house was originally listed on 01/29/14 for \$4,150,000. It sold on June 12, 2015 for \$3,500,000 purchased by Dangie, LLC that shows an address of 6 Denny Lane.

Taxes on the house are currently \$39,969.

6 Denny Lane is located in the exclusive Village of Huntleigh and is owned by David and Angela Porter.

This is from the latest ad:

“Remodeled to perfection! Spectacular Sunsets are the backdrop of this completely renovated estate on 3.57 acres in the heart of Ladue.”

Laura McCarthy has the house listed at \$3,975,000. First of all they lied in the ad. The house is not in the “heart of Ladue.” It is at the far south end of Ladue, four doors north of the City of Warson Woods. It is closer to the right middle toe of Ladue than the heart.

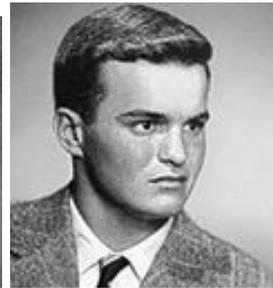
I have to wonder if you purchased it for \$3,500,000 and “completely renovated the house and grounds” and are selling it for \$3,975,000 while paying \$40,000 a year in taxes how are you going to make a profit? Or is the ad that appeared in Town and Style Magazine a little less than honest?

Internet real estate sites list the value of the house between \$2.6-million and \$3.1-million.



FAVORITE OBIT PHOTOS: These are photos that take me back to 1940, 1950 and 1960. Thanks to the families of recently departed who made good choices for photos to run with their loved ones obits.





FOOD: ST. TUCKERS: We started with the fish sandwiches on a Friday at St. McDonald's (they are not as good as they used to be), then went to St. Arby's and liked the two sandwiches we got for \$5. Next was St. Culvers. We did not get the Cod sandwiches they advertise during Lent on TV but got a Walleye plate that included sides that my wife insisted include green beans.

Last week it was St. Tuckers. They say never order fish at a steak house, but the very large haddock sandwich is on the menu year round for \$6.95. As a Friday special you get one side and a beer. We went with the special (\$9.95) and split the sandwich. I was not allowed any fries, instead my wife made me get the salad and she had the beer.

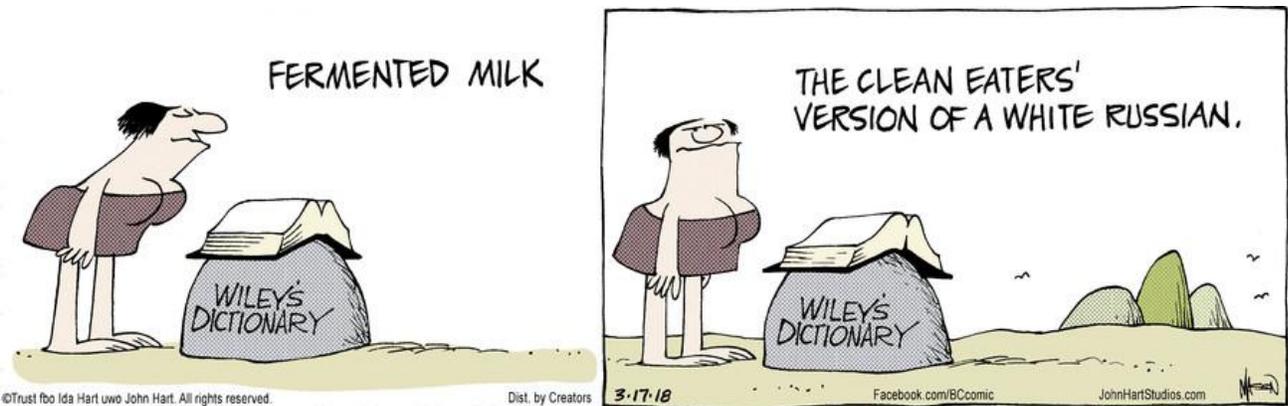


SCARECROW HAS FLOWN OFF. The Scarecrow on Chesterfield Parkway at I-64, which myself and Jean Whitney gave a rather bad review to (food almost tasteless) has relocated. They have gone where restaurants go to die on Edison Road and Long Road.



CARTOONS: Last week we didn't run any SHOE comics. Gary Brookins and Suzie MacNelly were much better this week.





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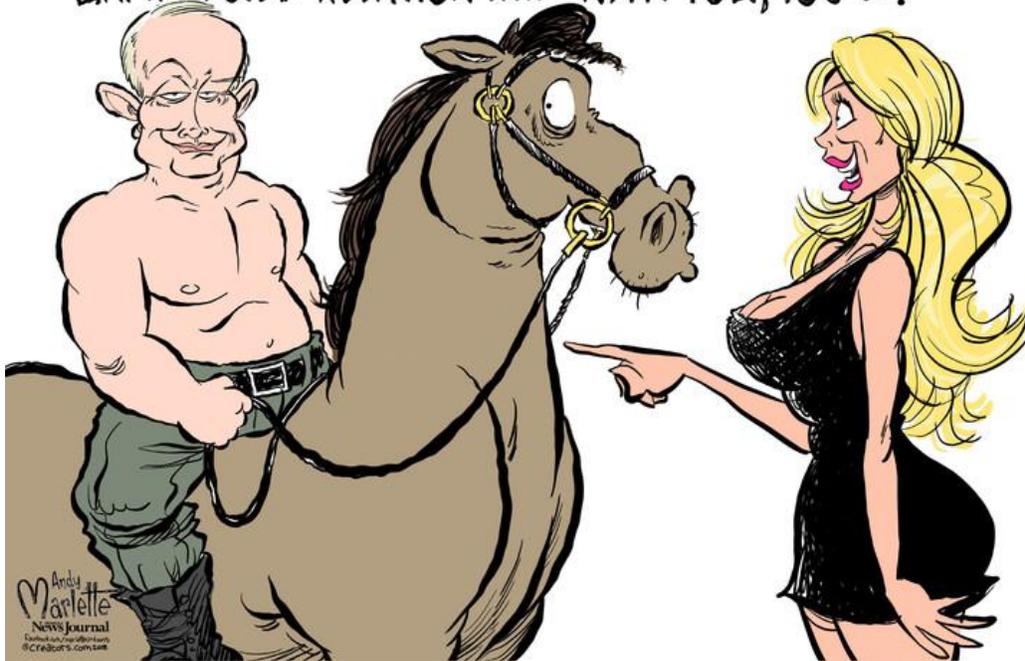
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Stephen King buys his first car.

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