

EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 149 AND CHESTERFIELD 94



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DEER-CAR ACCIDENTS START TO CLIMB: Accidents involving Deer and motor vehicles had been down eight of the first nine months in 2014. However in September the rate of deer accidents in 2014 doubled the number in 2013, with six in 2014 and three in 2013. So far in 2014 there have been 31 accidents compared to 50 in 2013. The three months with the greatest number of deer-vehicle accidents are the last three months of the year during the rut season.

The accidents in September all happened late in the month at the following locations:

North 40 Drive and Hwy 141	Sept. 26	1:55pm	Ward 4
Mason Road ramp to EB I-64	Sept. 27	10:28am	Ward 2
Mason Road at Mason View	Sept. 28	7:19pm	Ward 3
Clayton Rd at Summerhill La	Sept. 29	1:54am	Ward 3
South Outer 40 e of Mason Rd	Sept. 30	11:41pm	Ward 2
12550 South Outer 40 Road	Sept. 31	3:0`1am	Ward 1

In 2012 there were 49 deer-vehicle collisions over the last three months of the year, with a total of 97 for the year. In 2013 there 32 over the last three months.

Here are the locations of the deer-vehicle accidents so far in 2014:

- SB I-270 Between I-64 and south City Limits **4** (Ward 1)
- NB I-270 Between I-64 and south City Limits **1** (Ward 1)

I-64 at I-270 **1** (Ward 1)
EB Clayton Road east of I-270 **1** (Ward 1)
Clayton Road between Topping and I-270 **1** (Ward 1)
Municipal Center Drive **1** (Ward 1)
South Outer 40 East of Mason **2** (Wards 1 & 2)
Topping Road **2** (Ward 2)
Mason Road South of Clayton Road **3** (Ward 2)
Clayton Road east of Mason Road **1** (Ward 2)
I-64 at Mason Road **3** (Ward 2 or 3)
Clayton Road between Mason and Hwy 141 **2** (Ward 3)
SB Hwy 141 at Clayton Road **1** (Ward 3)
Mason Rd north of I-64 **1** (Ward 4)
I-64 at Maryville Exit **1** (Ward 4)
I-64 at Hwy 141 **1** (Ward 4)
North 40 Drive at Hwy 141 **1** (Ward 4)
Ladue Road at Hwy 141 **1** (Ward 4)
Old Woods Mill and I-64 Overpass **1** (Ward 4)
Conway Road at Babler Road **1** (Ward 4)

SEPTEMBER POLICE ACTIVITY: Here is the monthly Town and County police report:

The following activity was reported by the police department during the month of **September:**

Officers responded to a total of **1737** calls of service and wrote a total of **225** reports,

76 Vehicle Crashes

32 Criminal Reports

22 Driving While Intoxicated arrests (**2** Felony, **1** Misd, **19** Ordinance)

36 Misc Arrests (Traffic charges, Fugitive charges, Failure to Appear charges, etc)

495 Traffic citations issued (**341** speeding)

YEAR TO DATE POLICE ACTIVITY:

634 Vehicle Crashes

319 Criminal Reports

199 DWI arrests

437 Misc Arrests

4510 Traffic citations

3140 Speeding Citations

IRONY DEALING WITH TRAFFIC TICKETS: The Town and Country Police have written 4,510 traffic tickets so far in 2014, with 3,140 for speeding. The true purpose for writing these citations is to reduce auto accidents and reduce unsafe driving. However, clearly in many places it is also to raise money. In some recent years traffic fines have resulted in 15% of the revenue needed for the General Fund's annual budget in Town and Country.

So I found it ironic that when a young woman was either driving too fast for conditions and/or as a distracted driver using a communications device she ran off the road at NB Topping Road and Fiddlecreek Road crashing into some bushes and a ravine, needing to be towed out.



This happened around 5:20 on Friday October 10. The police officer who responded to the scene did not write her a citation. I'm guessing he did not write the citation because if he had he would have had to write an accident report. He did not write an accident report. He didn't do that because Town and Country Police are not required to write accident reports on all accidents, just for a select few reasons...one of those exceptions is if a citation is written. Also the officer on the scene was just finishing a 12-hour shift. An accident report would have meant he was not going home on time.

I guess I was a complete jerk when I was in charge of day-to-day operations of an east coast suburban police department and required accident reports be written for all accidents. The reason I did this was because:

- 1) Completely documents dangerous areas/intersections where more enforcement should be conducted, better signage is needed or where new engineering should be done. If you don't do the documentation how can you prove some place is dangerous?
- 2) Provided a service to the public in the event they needed a report for insurance.
- 3) Provided more training for officers. I always felt that the more officers did something, like investigate traffic accidents they better they got. When a serious event or accident occurred they would not be overwhelmed with the task of the investigation and would do a better job. (This would not be a consideration if the police department was extremely busy with calls pending throughout the day...but with slower suburban department.)

(This reminds me of a story when I was in Maryland. Wisconsin Avenue and Wisconsin Circle was a busy intersection located at a Metro bus depot and subway stop. One night at 1am there was an accident at the intersection which was not in the Chevy Chase city limits, but in unincorporated Montgomery County. I responded to see if the County officer needed help. One of the cars had front end damage with a crumpled fender against a right front tire. No one was hurt. If the cars could be driven off, the County officer did not have to write a report. I watched for 30 minutes while he tried using a crowbar to pry the fender away from the tire. He finally gave up and asked if I would write the accident report as he was getting off in 20 minutes. The officer is now a captain with the 1,100 officer department.)



Irony: Here is the unfair aspect of not writing tickets to people in accidents...

1) The person doing 12-mph over the limit in light traffic conditions on I-270 gets a ticket. They were not in any position to cause an accident. They get a ticket, which they pay and have points on their driving record and their insurance rates go up.

2) The person ignoring numerous warning signs put up at taxpayer's expense, driving too fast for conditions and possibly not paying attention, drives across the oncoming lane of traffic, then off the road and crashes into bushes and a ravine. They caused an accident, something the officer on I-270 claims he is trying to reduce by writing traffic tickets. However the person who caused the accident is not given a citation for her actions.

Counter-point: A member of the police command staff tried to rationalize not issuing the ticket by saying the young woman has vehicle damage and had to pay for a tow truck to winch the car out of the ravine, so it was an educational or learning experience.

I still maintain it is not fair to the people who are cited for traffic violations who did not cause accidents not to cite the ones who did.

ANOTHER DEFEAT FOR THE GREEN TEAM: New Alderwoman Amy Anderson said on Monday night that she wants to "support" the Green Team Commission. Even the Green Team Commission chair, Jon Benigas said he was "on the bubble" about passing a greenie bill.

The bill to join ICLEI and hire an intern to do Carbon Footprint study went down in flames due to opposition that was started by two local woman, Lindsey Butler, who had time to out-research six of the eight alderpersons, despite trying to keep up with a couple of preschoolers...and Tiffany Frautschi who made an impressive presentation to the board. Green Commission chair Jon Benigas had stated the Green team Commission should be eliminated if the Carbon Footprint Survey bill did not pass.

When the Carbon Footprint Survey did not happen Alderman Skip Mange came to the Green Team and proposed a bill that would have the city do a green study of city property. Already in the works was a bill to install solar panels on City Hall.

On Monday night support for solar panel began to fall apart including by three of its sponsors (Benigas, Tim Wleby and Amy Anderson...Skip Mange said he still was for the solar panels.)

The "Return on Investment" had changed on the solar project from 5-to-6 years to 13-years. Also after the panels would be installed, they would have to be removed when a new roof was put on in five or six years.

Alderwoman Linda Rolla said she checked and found electric rates had gone down each year from 1998 to 2006 but then have gone up every year since 2007. "Are we hedging that rates will keep going up," asked Rallo.

Jon Benigas then dope slapped Rallo.

"The idea that the rates are going to go down is naive," said Benigas, who then began to waffle on his own bill. "13 years is a long time. I'm on the bubble." (I can only hope rates go down for one year so Rallo can return the favor.)

"It's not as good as it initially looked," said co-sponsor Amy Anderson. "I tend to want to support the Green team, but financially I don't know if this is a good idea,"



Amy Anderson

Fred Meyland-Smith, the official gasbag of the Board of Aldermen of course needed to comment and it was the longest comment of the night. Due to limitations of space we have shortened Fred's remarks.

"There are two subjects in play here. Economics and social responsibility," said Meyland-Smith. "The discount rate is modest. It doesn't pay off on the economic side. It doesn't make sense."

"On the social side," he droned on..."we are a government not a corporation. We have the funds for this now (what remains of the city's reserve fund). We don't have to pay off a loan.



The gasbag, Fred Meyland-Smith and Mr. Green Jeans, Jon Benigas

Skip Mange wasn't waffling a bit...he was still for the bill even if the solar panels did not look to be very cost effective.

"It is an expected of the city to show some leadership to the residents in the city about using solar to reduce energy costs in the long run," said Mange as if the majority of the residents are not college educated and could not figure stuff like this out.



Skip is chewing on his fingers as his solar panel bill is vanishing.

SNIDELY DALTON SPEAKS UP: Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist/Snatcher of 78-year-old widow's family business by eminent domain for an underfunded nightclub district Jon "Snidely Whiplash" Dalton spoke up which he doesn't often do. It sounded like if there was a tie he would vote against the solar panels.

"When we are about to spend \$35,000, I'd like to see more support of the measure by the majority," said Dalton. (Actually the panels would have cost \$71,500 but \$50,000

would have been moved from another section of the budget to cover part of the expense, adding another \$21,500 to the city's \$3,000,000-plus budget deficit.)



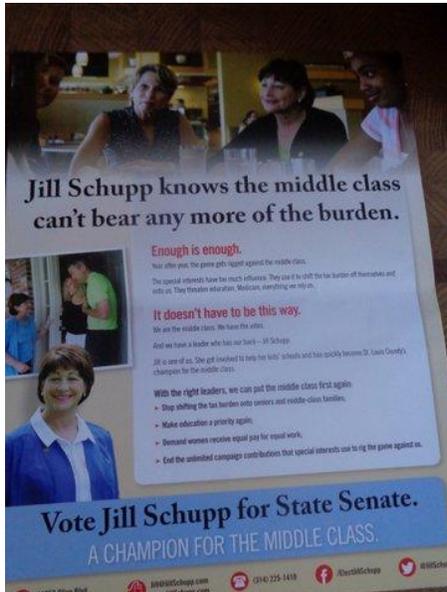
ORANGE IS THE NEW RED: Maybe they needed to add some more red dye! I found it interesting on Saturday driving past Marie De Villa retirement center/nursing home. The fountain in front seemed to have ORANGE water. Of course ORANGE is the primary color of the San Francisco Giants. The co-owner and silent partner of Marie De Villa since it opened the doors in 1960 is Cardinal Hall of Fame player, manager and coach Red Schoendienst, who lives in a condo at Marie De Villa.



THE FIRST POLITICAL MAILERS HAD US WONDERING WHO THE BRAINS OF THE OPERATIONS WERE:

JILL SCHUPP: LOOKING FOR THE MIDDLE CLASS IN ALL THE WRONG PLACES:

52% of the West County 24th Senate District appears to be Democratic. You would think that would give Jill Schupp an edge. But her last minute Republican opponent clearly has some name recognition. He has the same name as his father, former governor, U.S. senator and U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft.



Here is what I could not figure out for the life of me...the mainly Democratic section of her district is north of Olive Blvd. The south section of her district is in the heavily Republican Snoburbia sections of Creve Coeur, Town and Country and Chesterfield. Jill keeps sending out mailers saying how she will fight for the "middle class." The problem is the south half of her district is either not middle class and doesn't appreciate being lumped in with the great masses or they are middle class but refuse to admit it.

Jill needs a separate mailing for the middle class and one for the Nouveau Riche. The mailer for the middle class can have the stuff about looking out for families. The one for the Nouveau Riche she would just need to have some photos of her at exclusive country clubs, without mentioning any issues.

I was surprised when it was actually Jill calling our house last week looking for votes.

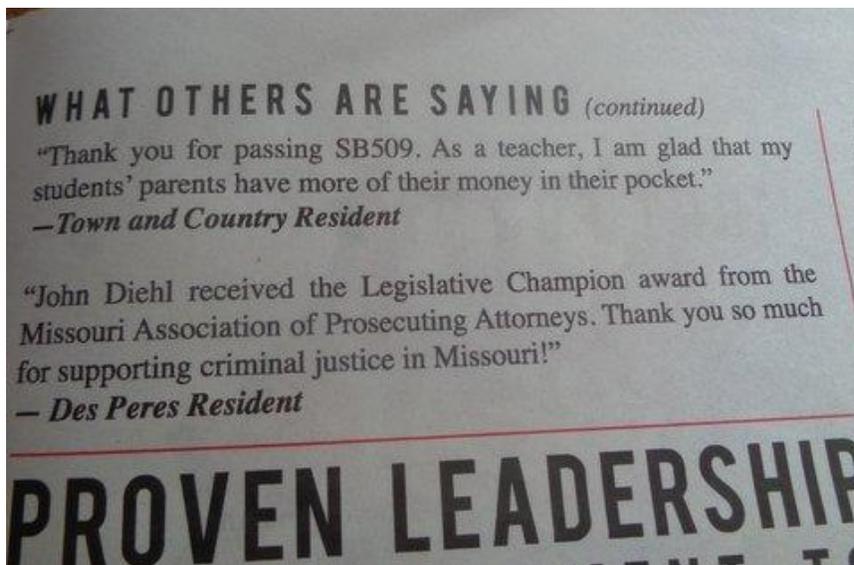
JOHN JAY ASHCROFT: What's in a name? A lot...While young Ashcroft goes by "Jay" his campaign fliers use "John" Jay Ashcroft to take full advantage of his dad's name.

However the Democratic Party anti-Ashcroft fliers don't use "John" and just go with "Jay Ashcroft" claiming he is in the pockets of special interests.

JOHN DIEHL: The first mailer from John Diehl was on newspaper pulp and frankly the four page paper had the color and design of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. This was a big surprise because Diehl's 89th District is heavily Republican. These are people who have been calling the Post-Dispatch the "St. Louis Daily Pravda" for three generations. Do you really want to send them a mailer that looks like the Post-Dispatch?



Next inside his Post-Dispatch look-a-like mailer he has quotes from residents in his district...sort of...but they might be made up...because there is no name associated with the quote. That really says a lot, when you have a quote saying how great you are, but the people won't give permission to use their name. This type of stuff smells fake.



Then he sent out a flier that claims in bold letters that Diehl is working for "You" and "Not Special Interests." Well this is a big fact lie. If you go back to Smithfield Farms buying his support to stop neighbors from suing for continued pollution to their property by Smithfield's Western Missouri industrial sized hog farms, to the tens of thousands of dollars from tobacco to keep Missouri 50th in cigarette taxes to the casino industry, all have Diehl in their pockets with huge amounts of dollars in campaign contributions.



Every quarter for years when Diehl ran unopposed he paid "political consultants." Apparently this is the best they can do.

MANAGE WANTS TO BRING BACK DANGEROUS SIGNS: Alderman Skip Manage stated at a recent Conservation Commission he would be asking alderpersons their position on bringing back the very dangerous, very expensive and eventually very rotten Wildlife Corridor signs.



Here are the reasons you don't want to put these signs back up:

1) They were misused when first put up. In some places in the city they acted as "city limit" signs, but were missing one important thing...the words "city limits." What was used in one place in town to mark the city limits was used elsewhere well inside the city limits to replace standard "Deer warning" signs.

2) International warning signs are the best to use. Many deer warning signs have no writing on them, just an image of a deer. That is understood around the world. These fancy carved signs have tremendous snob appeal. However, when it comes to traffic warning signs that is exactly what you don't want. You want them to all look the same. People seeing the Wild Life Corridor sign for the first time think it is a piece of art and not a warning sign. They take their eyes off the road looking to see if Rocky and Bullwinkle are on the sign.

3) They are extremely dangerous. They are placed in area where lots of deer exist and might jump in front of a car. Many drivers instinctively swerve to avoid them. Standard metal street signs have a narrow metal pole. A few inches up that pole the metal is perforated. When these signs are hit by a car they are designed to break away so the sign does not come toward the windshield.

The wooden posts that held up the wooden wildlife corridor signs are fixed objects. If you swerve to miss a deer and it one of these signs it is not moving. However if it breaks it does not go away from the car but sends a very heavy wooden sign through the windshield.

4) Expenses. The last wood signs cost \$1,000 each and the ones that were not destroyed in accidents, rotted away after nine years.

Here is a breakdown on the costs for getting eight "Deer Corridor" Signs:

Metal signs with the Deer Corridor logo affixed... \$350 each or \$2,800 total.

Hard Plastic Signs with the logo...\$478 each or \$3,824 total

Similar carved Wooden Signs ... \$1,000 each or \$8,000 total

High density polyurethane signs ...\$2,600 or \$20,800 total.

Now an international deer caution sign which would cost \$75 each or \$600 for eight.

There is a novel idea, that I'm sure Skip Mange is not about to consider. Use the most widely known deer warning sign in the world, that is the safest with a breakaway pole and also the cheapest.

HUGE SUPPORT FOR GOLF CARTS IN SUBDIVISION SUDDENLY NOT SO HUGE:

If you remember back on September 26 in Newsletter 146 we reported how Alderman Tim Welby and Thornhill Estates subdivision HOA president Randy Stevens showed up at the September 16 Police Commission joking around and sure their proposal would get immediate approval.



Unfortunately from them I was then and I also live in the Thornhill Estates subdivision. Stevens claimed the residents in the 121 home subdivision need to be able to drive golf carts to the swimming pool and tennis court, which is located no more than four blocks away from the furthest home in the subdivision. Then Stevens made the unbelievable elitist statement that made him a charter member of Snoburbia.

"We would like the be able to use golf carts to enhance the socialization of the neighbors and to get to and from the Bath and Tennis Club."

For 54 years residents managed to drive cars or walk the narrow, hilly, winding subdivision streets to make it to the pool. Now that was not good enough and they had to have golf carts. Apparently you can socialize better in Thornhill Estates if you are seated in a golf cart, than if you are just standing talking to someone.

Stevens claimed the residents all knew the HOA trustees and there was overwhelming support for golf carts. I responded there was not and Stevens should have an election.

The police commission agreed with me and told Welby and Stevens to have a vote of the residents. They did not do that, instead they sent an email to residents in part the email said:

"Randy Stevens, President, attended the Town and Country Police Commission meeting last Tuesday night to get feedback and recommendations. The response was that the Police Commission would most

likely support the use of golf carts in Thornhill Estates but asked that we poll the residents to get their feedback."

This was a lie. No one on the police commission said to Stevens or Welby they would support the idea. They told Stevens to take a vote of the residents and if there were was a clear majority they would consider the idea and pass it along to the Board of Aldermen.

I sent the Subdivision Board of Trustees a response along with three pages of photos showing how the roads in the subdivision were too dangerous for golf carts. I also asked what the vote was by the members of the trustees to send the matter to the police commission. Three weeks later none of my elected subdivision officers would tell me what the vote was by the elected trustees.

Then the quarterly newsletter arrived. Here was the special spin written about golf carts:

The latest buzz around Thornhill is the possibility of allowing golf carts in our neighborhood. Support has been 50/50 so far...so we'll move slowly and make sure we do the right thing for Thornhill.

So overwhelming support is now 50/50...however since they did not do a vote, nobody really knows what the non-vote "poll" was. The trustees made no effort to contact residents who did not respond.

Over the years I have found that if Tim Welby is involved with something it is likely poorly thought out and often falling into the area of "phoney-baloney." After all when Welby was first elected alderman he bought his elementary school age daughters T-Shirts that had the following written on them and paraded the kids around when he ran for reelection.

"My DAD IS AN ALDERMAN."

UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 94



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OWNER OF CHESTERFIELD INDUSTRIAL PARK PROPERTY PLEDS GUILTY TO TAX EVASSION: Raju Mukhi, who lives at 12627 Conway Road in Creve Coeur, but owns the building at 151 Chesterfield Industrial Blvd pled guilty last week in Federal Court to felony tax evasion and failure to report foreign bank accounts. Mukhi had accounts in Singapore and in Switzerland that held millions of dollars.



Mukhi's house at 12627 Conway Road, currently valued for \$727,800.

CITY ATTORNEY GETS PRAISE FOR HANDLING ANOTHER CELL PHONE TAX SUIT...HE JUST CAN'T PRONOUNCE THE DEFENDANT'S NAME: I really like Chesterfield Director of Service Mike Geisel. He has the wonderful ability to bring things back to reality. At the October 6 City Council agenda meeting City Administrator Mike Herring was giving city attorney Rob Heggie a pat on the back for obtaining \$10,158 from Qwest communications. Heggie said it was a small amount because "Q-West" didn't have many customers in the area. He referred to Qwest several more times as "Q-West." Finally someone stopped him and told him the company's name was Qwest.

This caused Geisel to comment, "It's an Elmer Fudd issue."



Mike Geisel made the point...wabbit or Q-West...are Elmer J. Fudd issues. City attorney Rob Heggie

MEDIA WATCH 1... KANSAS CITY STAR MISIDENTIFIES ST. LOUIS RACISTS AS BASEBALL FANS: Here is the headline and editorial from the Kansas City Star online editorial page:

St. Louis Cardinals' fans classless, racist reactions to Ferguson protesters (with video)

By YAEL T. ABOUHAKAH

The Kansas City Star

Most Kansas City Royals fans don't like people from St. Louis calling themselves "the best fans in baseball." It's pretentious and self-serving.

Yet, let's face it: The Cardinals [have had plenty of success](#) on the baseball field and earned a little right to brag.

However, as a [new, lengthy video](#) shows, those "best fans in baseball" earlier this week embarrassed themselves and their city.

The link above annotates everything quite well, pointing out how a large group of mostly white fans reacted to a small group of mostly black protesters. (And [here's the original video](#) as well.)

The video shows some classless, racist and shameful responses from the Cardinals' fans.

Sure, these don't represent all supporters of the team. But the incident does not reflect well on the fan base or even the city.

The protesters were at Busch Stadium to draw attention to the case of Mike Brown, the unarmed black teenager shot to death in August by a white police officer in nearby Ferguson, Mo. The shooting led to restless nights and a few riots, attracting worldwide media coverage.

The fans' reactions to the protesters occurred just a day before the Cardinals defeated the Los Angeles Dodgers in a National League Division Series, to advance to the league's championship series against the San Francisco Giants.

Cardinals fans have something to celebrate today, as they seek a return trip to the World Series.

Who knows? The Cardinals could play the Royals, if Kansas City can defeat the Baltimore Orioles in their American League Championship Series starting Friday.

But this week's video undermines the Cardinals' claims that they have the superior fans.

Read more here: <http://www.kansascity.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/yael-t-abouhalkah/article2569242.html#storylink=cpy>

POINT-COUNTER POINT: I grew up in St. Louis and later lived 10-years in Kansas City where I spent almost five years working off-duty from my police officer job part time on the sports desk of the Kansas City Star.

The video Mr. Abouhalkah refers to involves a group of people (mostly black) outside of Busch Stadium protesting the shooting of Michael Brown. A number of people (mostly white) were standing on the other side of barricades, many drinking and making a number of unkind comments that were being captured on a cell phone video.



Yael Abouhalkah

The protesters are an interesting group. I remember back to the 1960s when civil rights protesters overfilled the Mall in Washington DC and Martin Luther King, Jr. made speeches while Joan Baez and Peter, Paul and Mary sang inspirational songs. I remember those events as moving. The Michael Brown protesters in front of Busch Stadium seemed to be having a party and were dancing in the streets.

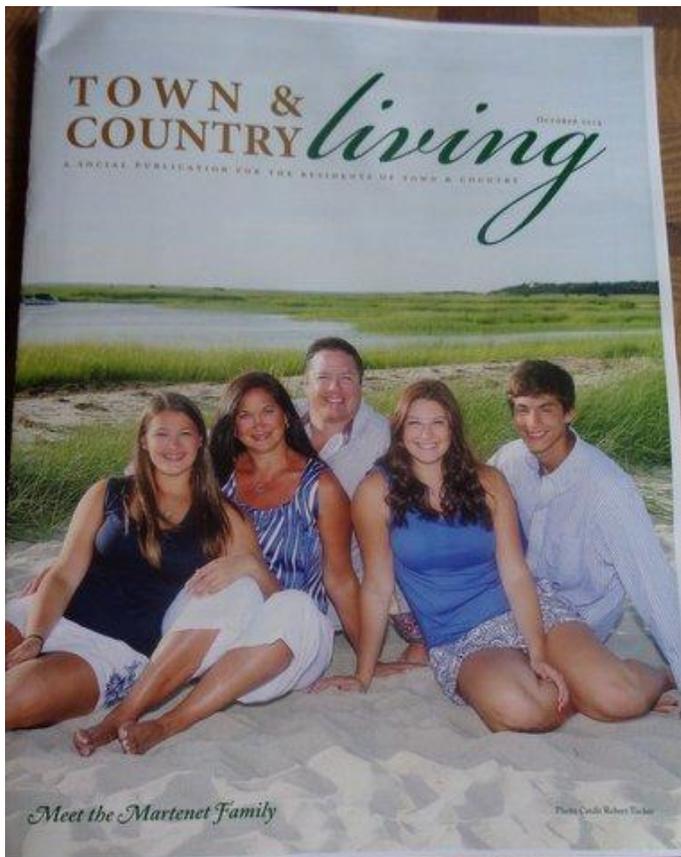
It was clear that Mr. Abouhalkah, a long time resident of Kansas City and a graduate of the University of Kansas is unaware of St. Louis class structure. St. Louis Baseball Fans were either inside the baseball stadium, at home in front of a television or the very least at a sports bar where the sound is left on the TVs. Cardinal Baseball Fans forsake all other events and watch the baseball games and complain about the announcers.

The white people on the video drinking beer on the sidewalk and spending time yelling at the protesters were not baseball fans. These folks are what is known by a local disparaging term (with no connection to the State of Indiana) as Hoosiers.

MEDIA WATCH 2: NEW TOWN AND COUNTRY PUBLICATION MISSES THE MARK AND THE CITY: Last week copies of *Town and Country Living*, a new "magazine" began arriving in mailboxes across town.

The magazines promise to be "A social publication for the residents of Town and Country." It will probably be a big hit with some in the Thornhill Estates subdivision where they need golf carts to "enhance their socialization."

It is the work of N2 Publishing of Wilmington, NC.



It appears to be on the same disastrous track as patch.com. N2Pub appears to take very little risk, leaving that with the people who sign up for the "sure money making" enterprise of providing "social news" provided by readers to elite markets.

Instead of starting with a class publication, Town and Country Living is an old school cheap throw away with the only color found on the four-page cover. It is 2014 and all 24 interior pages are in black and white.

The first problem with the magazine is that it features a family of Town and Country who don't actually live in Town and Country. Steve and Denice Martenet live in The Village of Country Life Acres, a gated municipality that is surrounded by Town and Country.

You might think that the family chosen to be featured in the inaugural issue might actually be from Town and Country. They also might have been from the area longer than 2-years.

The cover photo of the Martenet family was not even taken in St. Louis County. It appears to be a beach front in Cape Cod or the North Carolina Outer Banks.

The Martenets bought the 4,000 square foot 4-bedroom 4 1/2 bath house built in 1948 on August 2, 2012 for \$861,500.



One of the reasons this is such an awful rag is the lack of accuracy or truthfulness. Under the heading of **Park/Play Area/Hang Out:** the Martenet clan claims the top place to find them is in the "Queeny Dog Park." Unfortunately the "Queeny Dog Park" does

not yet exist. It has been under construction since late spring, but clearly will not open in 2014. I don't know how this can be a top spot to hang out when it doesn't exist. Perhaps a good editor would catch an error like this. But the staff of the magazine lives in Chesterfield and apparently used to live in Brentwood, worked in Eureka and have no connection to Town and Country.

Dana and Ann Young live at 17614 Lisa Valley Court in Chesterfield are the two running the magazine. Dana has the titles of "publisher" and "Area Director" while wife Ann is listed as the "Creative Team." They are not people with a background in journalism.



Dana R. Young

The Youngs have been operating Business Audio Plus, LLC, which provides audio recordings for companies to play while their customers are on hold. It started in 2005 according to corporation papers filed with the Secretary of State or 1988 according to their website. They were first at a residential address in Brentwood then at the Hanley Industrial Court and finally in Eureka.

The company and the Youngs were tied up from 2010 to 2013 in a lengthy employment discrimination suit filed against them and their company by three women. The suit was eventually settled out of court.

Then there was the breach of contract suit filed against them by the Chesterfield law firm of Doster Ullum, LLC, which represents most big developers in Chesterfield. That lawsuit only lasted 18 months before being settled.

A Federal Court case of Business Audio Plus against Commerce Bank filed in 2010 was dismissed with prejudice in part by the court and remanded in part to the St. Louis County Circuit Court. It was then dismissed with prejudice in agreement with the parties in St. Louis County Circuit Court.

The N2Pub reminds me of many internet marketers including the classic scammer who once lived in Town and Country, ex-convict Brian Marchant-Calsyn who sold almost worthless franchises to recruit doctors for hospitals under the name of Health Career Agents, which had a corporate address at a UPS Store in Manchester.

N2Pub wants to set you up with a region and have you start producing a magazine with no news and almost no staff. You get the residents of the area to supply the photos and articles, because everyone wants to see an article about themselves and you sell ads.

Patch.com which went out of the news reporting business has done that after selling off the sites. The new owner wants readers to provide stories. There are no stories and no readers.

Of course you don't need N2Pub's help in doing this. You can set up your own magazine and fill it with non-news and mail it out. The people at Town and Style left Ladue News and did exactly that. It would help if you actually had news content. Neither Town and Style nor Ladue News have ever bothered with news, but they are filled with pictures of rich people at parties and ads for expensive homes.

FOOD: A Saturday lunch at the Kim Cheese fast food restaurant on Olive Blvd. just east of Woods Mill Road was a three person test. Besides me, my wife Diana and former Patch.com editor Jean Whitney placed orders.



Kim Cheese has been reported as being a Korean, Asian, American fusion eatery. The one thing that has always confused me is that when I drive by the place I rarely see anyone there. Now they have announced they will be opening a second Kim Cheese on Olive in Creve Coeur.

One Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock the three of us met at the former Dairy Queen for lunch.

I ordered both the "Kim Cheese Steakburger" (\$5.99) and the Kim Cheese Rib Eye Sub (\$6.99) The plan was to cut these into portions for everyone to try. Diana got the Chicken Fried Rice Bowl (\$7.99) We added the "fresh cut French fries just to be sure we were getting enough cholesterol.



Kim Cheese claims none of their burgers or meats are ground beef. The sandwiches advertised as burgers have small sliced pieces of Prime Rib. The only difference between the Steakburger and the Rib Eye sub seemed to be the size.



The sandwiches were okay, but I'm not in a big hurry to return just for the sandwiches. The Korean sauce mixed into with the sliced meat was okay, but for me it did not demand a return visit.

The French fries (\$1.50) were indeed from fresh potatoes that the counter clerk assured us she had just sliced that morning. The problem was they were not seasoned at all. Also the management was clearly keeping the food costs down judging by the very

small plastic container of ketchup instead of giving us a plastic bottle. The sides that came with other orders were also equally tiny.



Jean ordered the Bee Bim Bap only because the name sounded cool. I did not try any, but Jean swore it was worth coming back for. It contained fried rice, a fried egg, slice rib eye beef, cucumbers, spinach and some stringy Asian roots.



Diana's Chicken and Fried Rice Bowl was a hit. The chicken was white meat and the serving was big enough that 40% went home for lunch on the next day.



The one thing everyone wanted to try was the special desert, Sweet Cinnamon Pancake (\$1.99). When Jean tried to order it she was told they were out. The employee didn't mean they just ran out, but they have been out for two weeks. She said the pancakes mix comes from Korea and they have been waiting for over 2-weeks for the next shipment to arrive.

While we ate there was constantly customers, both inside and out, but I don't remember a line ever forming at the counter or for the drive through window. I have to admit that I'm not likely to return but Jean and Diana both said they would have no problems going back to Kim Cheese for seconds.

TIME TO ORDER FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT TICKETS AND FREE PARKING PASS: There should be a law that you cannot mention Christmas while Major League Baseball is still being played. However, if there was such a law, we'd be breaking it due to limited ticket availability. The Air Force Band of Mid-America's Christmas Concert at the Scottish Rite will be held on Saturday night December 6th at 7pm and Sunday afternoon December 7th at 3pm. The tickets are free and so is the parking if you order early. Under the following photos is how you get your tickets (up to six free tickets).



Mail a SASE to : Concert Series
Scottish Rite
3633 Lindell Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63108

DAVE DICKEY BIG BAND LEAVES KIRKWOOD STATION BREWRY AND GOES TO JAZZ AT THE BISTRO: The popular Dave Dickey Big Band made up of college music educators from across Missouri and professional musicians in the St. Louis area have apparently played their last concert in Kirkwood, where they played on the fourth Sunday of the month from 6pm to 9pm.

They will now be playing on the first Sunday of the Month at Jazz at the Bistro on Washington Avenue just east of Grand Avenue. Their first concert will be Sunday November 2. The intermission band will be the jazz band from Lindbergh High School.

Admission has increased \$5 with the move to the Bistro. It will now be \$15 at the door and \$5 for students.



LAST WEEK AT SASHA'S...While the deadly shootout was occurring near the Sasha's in St. Louis on Shaw Blvd. We were enjoying a jazz trio at Sasha's in Clayton that my wife captured on her sketch pad.

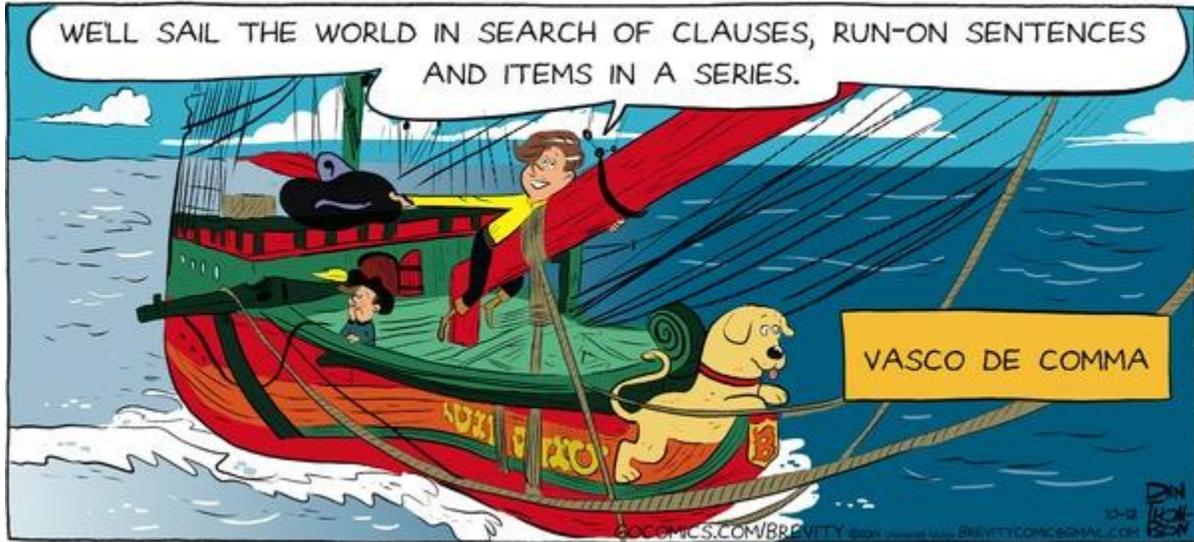


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When parents dream.



"It's a mixed marriage. He's a Mac user and she is strictly PC."



Two From Charlotte Peters' kid and Pulitzer Prize winning CBC grad:

