

EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 172 AND CHESTERFIELD 117



By John Hoffmann

April 4, 2015

APPARENTLY THERE ARE NO LAWS IN THE GHOST TOWN ON THE WEST SIDE OF MANCHESTER MEADOWS: It seemed like there were new tenants moving into Manchester Meadows and the shopping center was on its way back up. While the Urgent Care ER docs and Gold's Gym moved in on the east side along with the soon to open Total Wine and More liquors in the old Office Max building, things don't look so good on the other side of the shopping center.

Fresh Thyme supermarket is going into the PetsMart that has been empty for 5-1/2 years. However the same time that was announced the Sports Authority store reported it would be gone by July, moving to Ellisville.

At the north end of the center only Home Depot is left. The shoe store and home decorator store are now vacant along with the massive Walmart store.



The Cigar Store is now Gone Too! T&C Tobacco, where cigar smokers would show up, occupy comfortable chairs and tell stories in a cloud of of noxious smoke, moved out of Manchester Meadows in March.



Now Home Depot is ignoring codes: I don't think the city ever gave Home Depot a special use permit to turn its front parking lot into a tree and scrub sales area:



Now what gets me is that Home Depot has taken over the best parking spaces for its customers in front of the store. If you notice closely they have appeared to make this permanent by adding a fence.



IGNORING FIRE CODES AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY: Here is the photo I took on Wednesday March 25 and forwarded it to the Town and County Codes Department, Police Department and West County EMS & Fire Prevention District's fire marshal:



-----Original Message-----

From: John Hoffmann [mailto:johnhoffmann@charter.net]

Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2015 6:26 PM

To: 'Kranz, Patrick W.'; 'Jeff Sadtler'; 'cantwelln@town-and-country.org'

Cc: 'ERhodes@wescofire.org'

Subject: a picture for you fire code violations and parking violations

I took this attached photograph last Wednesday. I don't know how anyone can give store management a warning. They completely blocked off the side walk area, blocked a crosswalk and parked a dozen riding lawnmowers in front of No Parking Fire lane signs.

Has Home Depot in Manchester Meadows proven to officials that there will be no medical emergencies, fires or other emergencies at the store so they don't Need No Stink'in Fire Lanes? Or perhaps the police department no longer patrols this area or there is a directive that blocked fire lanes and sidewalk area are to be ignored?

Okay I'm being very sarcastic...but how did this merchant reach the point where lawn mower sales comes before public safety? I'm seeing this as a person who once investigated major fires that became major because public officials ignored routine enforcement. So as a resident of the area I just hope the sidewalk, crosswalk and fire lane are cleared.

Thanks!

John Hoffmann



This area is a pedestrian walkway and a posted fire lane. It is not the outdoor grill and riding lawn mower center.

The fire district said they had no problem with the lawn mowers blocking the sidewalk in the fire lane. However if an assisting fire truck pulls up to an incident at the store, how will the command officer sitting right front seat and the firefighter sitting the on right rear seat exit?

The other issue is that when the store was built the city required there be a sidewalk in front of the store. The sidewalk is still there but no one can walk on it.

The City is forcing Home Depot to apply for an Outdoor Storage permit for taking over the parking lot at which time the entire site plan including the sidewalk area can be reviewed.

ALDERWOMAN LINDA RALLO DOES A 180 ON SUPPORTERS AND ENDORSES

FRED MEYLAND-SMITH: Fred Meyland-Smith was considered just as big of an enemy to the people living in subdivisions along Conway Road as Ald. Phil Behnen. Phil Behnen supported and voted for changing the zoning to allow Maryville University to move athletic fields and a 30,000 square foot maintenance building facility in a residential zoned piece of land along Conway. .

However Meyland-Smith was more than okay with the slight-of-hand proposed by Maryville claiming the rezoning was for soccer field and a women's softball field...and oh yeah a 30,000 square maintenance garage with trucks trailers, snowplows and more. Meyland-Smith was almost a spokesman for Maryville. He would lecture citizens who were against the rezoning rather than listening. The residents began to dislike Fred beyond words.



Then to make the resentment worse Fred sent an email to a resident telling them he would welcome such a facility next to his subdivision. (Since getting approval Maryville has abandoned the maintenance building when they discovered they could save money by contracting out the public works services.)

The Ward-4 residents could not do anything about Fred come election time, but they could do something about their alderman Phil Behnen. In Ward 4, which may have the highest per capita of super rich residents in an already rich town, it is always difficult to find someone who wants to bother with being an alderman.

But the residents found Linda Rallo, who twice considered running for the State Legislature and was a legislative staffer in Jefferson City. She easily beat Behnen, who didn't campaign that hard. Minutes after being sworn in Rallo voted against a P&Z nominee who stated he favored the Maryville rezoning.



Rallo who campaigned in March on watching the budget in December voted for a budget presented by Mayor Jon Dalton with a \$1.2-million deficit but included \$25,000 for neighborhood beautification grants to dole out up to \$5,000 to subdivision already occupied by rich people to add plantings, lights or new signs at their entrances.

Rallo explained her vote by saying, "I like **nice** things."

In March 2015 she decided to join all of the other alderperson except for Amy Anderson and endorse Fred Meyland-Smith on a flier to be mailed to Ward-3 residents.

When asked why she did not remain neutral rather than endorse Meyland-Smith and avoid a backlash from her supporters she said, "Fred has been **nice** to me."

I have a feeling there might be some people in Ward-4 looking for a new candidate in the 2016 April election.

THE RECORDED MEETING IS BACK...A TIP OF THE HAT TO ASHLEY

MCNAMARA. Despite missing the March 9 Board of Aldermen meeting and public hearing involving Site Development changes to Town and Country Crossing Shopping Center, Alderwomen Lynn Wright and Amy Anderson both announced that they listened to the meeting that had been recorded and provided to them by City Clerk Ashley McNamara.

Six years earlier Lynn Wright joined seven other alderpersons to tacitly give an okay to city attorney Steve Garrett's request that Board of Aldermen meetings not be recorded despite the city spending thousands of dollars for a recording system. Garrett feared that accurate recordings could be harmful in future lawsuits against the city. I complained that by not recording the meetings the city was wasting the money for the recording system and making city government less transparent. No other alderperson supported my position. It is nice to see that City Clerk Ashley McNamara has the city back to making the best record of meetings as possible.

Here is what I wrote in 2009 in the then Alderman Newsletter:

ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 36

From John Hoffmann

October 10, 2009

AUDIO RECORDINGS OF BOARD MEETINGS STOPPED OR WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO HIDE? I learned that the city hall staff has stopped making audio recordings of the Board of Aldermen meetings and other commission meetings without telling anyone. Staffers have always taken minutes but as a back up the city installed a new audio and microphone system with the actual audio of every meeting being digitally recorded.

It was apparently at the "suggestion" of the city attorney to stop recording without the Board of Aldermen being advised.

"We don't want to get into trouble," was the statement of a city hall staffer. Apparently we are not worried about having the most precise and exact account of what was said at a meeting.

City Attorney Steve Garrett said he did not order anyone to stop the recordings but suggested it after the attorney for the Westmoor subdivision requested the audio recording of Architectural Review Board meeting. Steve's position was it was costly in legal fees and difficult to determine the identity of everyone speaking. (Sorry, but this doesn't pass my simple "smell test.")

Not being able to identify speakers is not a problem at Board of Aldermen meetings. Mayor Dalton does a good job indentifying each speaker and certainly the city clerk should be able to recognize all the Board members' voices. How can you not want the best possible record for meetings? Below is the e-mail I sent to all the members of the Board of Aldermen.

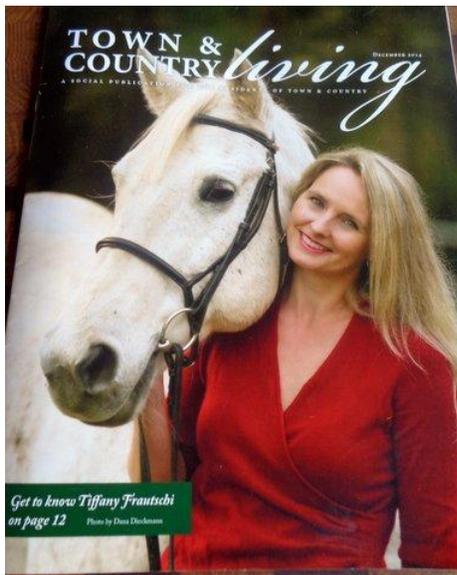
I learned this week that without notifying the Board of Aldermen, City Hall staff has stopped recording Board of Aldermen meetings and other commission meetings that had been previously recorded. I was told by they city attorney that he merely suggested that the recordings can cost the city additional money in transcribing and in some cases it is impossible to ascertain who is speaking. City staff also reports they did not receive an order but a "suggestion" and by stopping the practice of keeping audio records of meetings was helping "keep the city out of trouble."

Personally I feel that the Board of Aldermen should have been making this decision in a public meeting. I also feel that regardless of the problems and despite that is not required by the Sunshine Law, an actual audio is best practice for anyone holding public meetings.
John Hoffmann, Ward-2



How quickly Lynn forgets! Steve Garrett was against good records. Ashly McNamara to the rescue.

BRILLIANT...SMART FOR ONE PERSON...EQUAL TIME MIGHT BE A LITTLE LATE FOR THE OTHER: We wrote about this in December when the front Cover of the phony-baloney Town and Country Living "Magazine" featured Tiffany Frautschi. It arrived in everyone's mailbox in Ward-2 and in Town and Country one week before the filing opened for the April election.



In March high school junior interviewed Tiffany on her running for alderwoman. The piece was as much about the high schooler as it was Frautschi. But still there she was in everyone's mailbox at no charge to her campaign fund.



Tim Walsh

Of course if Town and Country Living were a real magazine it would have provided equal time to Frautschi's opponent, Tim Walsh. Now if he complains they could put him in the next issue as long as he writes the piece or gets someone else to. The next edition is due out about one week after the election.



WELBY LIES TO WARD 2 RESIDENTS FOR ONE LAST TIME. WELBY CLAIMS TO BE RETIRED FROM POLITICS AND THEN SENDS AN ATTACK LETTER: At a neighborhood meeting on Monday March 30 Tim Welby was not there, but his wife Nancy announced that Tim had "retired" from politics.

Retired from politics! Hardly! Two days later a letter written by Welby and paid by Aldermanic candidate Tim Walsh arrived in voter's mailboxes making all kind of false claims against Tiffany Frautschi. It appears as if it was a desperate move by Walsh who knew he was way behind Frautschi in community support.

This reminds me of 2010 when I was running for reelection. In 2008 I defeated Welby, who predicted a win by 80% of the vote. He found out about the loss during a "victory" party at the Elephant Bar. In 2009 Welby filed and was unopposed for the second aldermanic seat in Ward-2. In 2010 everyone on the Board of Alderman wanted to get rid of me, but could find no one to run until Eric Al Gerber a far left wing Democratic committee stepped forward. Gerber was against shooting deer. 70-percent of the Ward favored lethal deer management.

Welby took Gerber door-to-door in the two largest subdivisions in the Ward and did all the talking for the timid Gerber and told folks that Gerber was for deer management. Welby just didn't tell folks that Gerber wanted to give female deer hysterectomies at the cost of \$1,200 a deer. Now here is his misrepresentations in his latest letter:

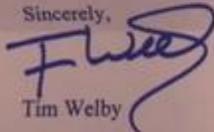
Dear Friends,

As you may know, I have decided to retire from the Board of Alderman and I am not running in the election on April 7th. Instead, I have recruited my neighbor and friend, Tim Walsh, to run for my position on the Board serving Ward 2. Tim has lived in Town and Country since 2007 and has great experience serving our community on the Town and Country Board of Adjustment (since 2008) and on the Thornhill Estates Board of Trustees (2010 – present, with three years as Board President). Tim is committed to preserving what we love about Town and Country and he will do a great job taking a leadership role in whichever Commission to which he is appointed, as well as in the future of Manchester Meadows and the Wirth Property. Tim also plans to preserve acre zoning and is committed to voting against any effort to initiate a Town and Country property tax.

Unlike Tim, his opponent has only lived in Town and Country for a little over one year and has no record of serving our community. Little is known about her positions or where she stands on very important issues such as deer management. I only know that she has a record as an animal rights activist. If elected, will she support the continued use of infrastructure funds to improve the storm water and creek systems that are so important to neighborhoods in Ward 2? Will she have an open mind and take an active leadership role in the future of the Wirth Property, or will she be an antagonist to the Town Square Task Force's recommendations?

I know where Tim Walsh stands because I have worked alongside him on the Thornhill Board of Trustees and have known him for eight years. He is a proven leader with sound judgment and strong values. That is why I ask that you vote for Tim Walsh on April 7th. If you have any questions about where Tim stands, please call him at 314-681-6603 or email him at timforalderman@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,



Tim Welby

Alderman, Ward 2

REMEMBER TO VOTE ON APRIL 7

PAID FOR BY THE COMMITTEE TO ELECT TIM WALSH, CHRIS HARRIS, TREASURER

LIES PARAGRAPH ONE: Long time resident: Yes Walsh has lived in Town and Country longer than Tiffany, but I hardly consider 7-years a "long time" making someone a sage of the community. Tiffany's husband has served the country as a Navy fighter pilot and then a command officer with posts that included the Pentagon. Despite moves around the country Frautschi has a record of being active in every community she has lived in.

Walsh Community Service: Welby writes what great job Walsh has done serving the community. Welby and Mayor Jon Dalton got Walsh, an attorney for commercial developers, on the Board of Adjustment, a place where residents and developers go when their plans are contrary to city building codes. In four years Walsh missed 40-percent of the meetings.

As a subdivision trustee Walsh also favored the idea of allowing golf carts to motor around the narrow and hilly streets of Thornhill Estates. It turns out he didn't bother to check to with the residents he was supposed to represent as the majority were against the idea. He missed 33% of trustee meetings.

Frautschi has been attending Board of Aldermen meetings and other commission meetings long before filing to run for alderperson.

Frautschi and her campaign manager also led the opposition to the city spending funds to do a Carbon Footprint Study that would involved requiring the city to join an United Nations International Association, hire an intern to do a study that would likely identify I-270 and I-64 as having high carbon footprints.

Concern for land development: Welby writes how Walsh is concerned about the "future of Manchester Meadows and the Wirth property." I guess he is concerned about this! His clients at his law firm are developers. Here is the description of Walsh's specialty from his law firm's website:

Mr. Walsh specializes in front end construction, contract development project and dispute resolution. He represents owners, developers, contractors, and design professionals in public and private construction projects, including hotels, energy and power plant facilities, condominium and multifamily residential housing developments, health care facilities, entertainment complexes, and shopping centers.

LIES PARAGRAPH TWO: Storm water fund: Welby who is the chair of the Public Works and Storm Water Commission attacks Frautschi by writing, *"if elected will she support the continued use of infrastructure funds to improve the storm water and creek systems so important to the neighborhoods in Ward 2?"*

This statement pretty much proves Welby is a lying sack of crap. Welby knows damn well no politician votes for funds for storm water projects. This comes from a special sales tax, The Parks and Storm Water Tax that voters passed over a decade ago.

Welby also knows damn well that storm water projects are chosen based on a points system dealing with the severity of the situation and have nothing to do with ward it is in.

I was the chair of PW & Storm Water Commission when Public Works Director Craig Wilde developed the points systems to make sure politicians could not influence what projects were done first.

Deer: Tiffany Frautschi has stated since day one that she endorses the City's current lethal deer management program. It is on her latest flier.

Animal Rights Activist: Here is what Welby wrote, "*I know that she is an animal rights activist.*" Welby infers that Frautschi is an Animal Rights Kook.

The truth: Frautschi, whose education includes political science and International Affairs, wrote a bill while her husband was stationed at at Mississippi Naval Air Station, making certain forms of vicious animal abuse in Mississippi felonies. The bill was endorsed by most Mississippi law enforcement groups. The purpose of the bill was to help law enforcement identify serial predators who often start with vile assaults on animals before moving onto children and adults to torture. .

Consider the Source: Tim Welby broke Missouri Campaign Ethics Laws for four years. In 2007 he received a written warning from the St. Louis County Board of Elections for failing to file required reports in 2006 and 2007. In 2009 he was fined and placed on probation by the Missouri Ethics Commission for failing to file reports in 2008 and 2009.

THE LIES ARE FROM TWO PEOPLE: It would be one thing if Tim Welby had paid for this letter to go out. That would place all the lies squarely with the Alderdope Welby. However the letter was paid for by The Committee to Elect Tim Walsh. That committee on March 25 had exactly \$10 in the bank. I'm not sure where the money came from for this awful letter that was mailed out to selected homes in a plain white envelope with a handwritten address. We will find out 30 days after the election with the next report is due. Being sent out by the Walsh committee is the same as Walsh saying these lies.



MEMO TO TIM AND TIM: I don't think it is very smart to send out an attack letter on someone who has raised a family on military bases around the country while her husband is often overseas flying combat missions.

THE RESPONSE: This is the flier residents received on Saturday in response to the Welby letter. Welby and Walsh aren't very smart. If you are going to send out a slimy attack letter, you don't do it early enough to give the other guy a chance to respond.

TIFFANY FRAUTSCHI

You may have recently received a letter from my opponent's campaign that contained deceptive statements and accusations. My opponent chose this tactic to distract you and take the focus off the issues. Residents deserve a more honest look at their candidates.

The Truth about Tiffany:

Residency: My family moved to Town and Country in the summer of 2013 after my husband completed 24 years of US Navy service. After many required military moves we chose to permanently settle in T&C. It is regrettable that my opponent has proposed my family's service to our country as a disqualifier for service to our city.

Government: I have legislative experience from my work crafting a statewide bill, giving law enforcement the tools they needed to hold accountable offenders convicted of torturing pets, as this is a proven precursor to crimes against people. A community safety issue, it was introduced by the Republican State Senate President Pro Tempore and endorsed by the MS Association of Chiefs of Police, MS Psychiatric Association, MS Prosecutors Association, and the MS Law Enforcement Association.

Storm Water: At the first Town Square Task Force meeting I requested that the director of public works be brought to the next meeting to discuss runoff from the Wirth property that flows through our neighborhoods and potential remedies.

Board of Aldermen: As the only candidate who has been in regular attendance at Board of Aldermen meetings this past year, I worked diligently on our behalf, including researching and speaking against a proposed bill that would have signed Town and Country to a county consortium for a Federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant that could have been detrimental to our city. This bill was then tabled indefinitely.

Development: I believe all land development should be balanced and compatible with the surrounding area.

For details on my extensive community service involvement, please visit:
www.Tiffany4TownandCountry.com

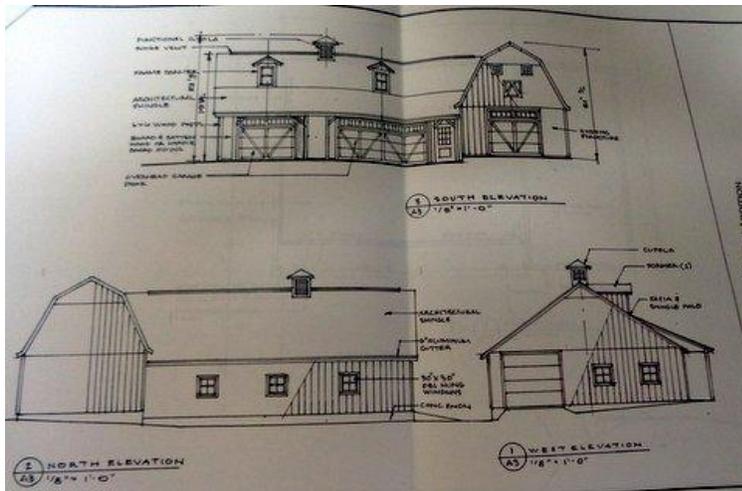
My Opponent:

My opponent is a development attorney whose biography reads:
 "He represents owners, developers, contractors, and design professionals in public and private construction projects, including hotels, energy and power plant facilities, condominium and multifamily residential housing developments, health care facilities, entertainment complexes, and shopping centers."
 Source: <http://www.northeastfloridatourism.com/people/90535/m-walsh>

Board of Adjustment meeting attendance record
 Alternate member 2008-2012 - attended 4 meetings.
 Regular member 2012-2014 - attended 6 of 10 meetings.
 Source: City of Town and Country Municipal Center Records

Thornhill Trustee meeting attendance (May 2013 to present):
 Meetings attended: 12
 Meetings absent: 6
 Partial attendance: 2
 Source: Thornhill Trustee Meeting Minutes (no earlier history available)

CARS, CARS EVERYWHERE THERE ARE CARS: First there was the new home with an eight car garage that actually holds up to 12 cars on Topping Acres. Now another car collector



A resident on Broomstick Lane had already converted a barn into a garage for his car collection and now he has submitted plans for a six car garage addition.



The main view of the house on Topping Acres near Topping Road still under construction.



On the east side of the complex is the eight car garage that has room for more.

FOLLOW THE MONEY TOWN AND COUNTRY ELECTIONS:



Ward 2: Tiffany Frautschi: Keep in mind she did a lot of fund raising in February. At the beginning of March she had \$1,947 on hand. She raised an additional \$780 in the first 25 days of March according to her 8-day before election report.

Her only large contributor was Susan Crandall of Buckland Hall who gave her \$200.

She received \$540 from people giving less than \$100 and another \$40 from anonymous people (usually give small amounts at parties and teas).



Tim Walsh: Walsh reported no money on hand at beginning of March. Most of the money raised was provided by Walsh himself. He gave himself \$639.60. Mark Walsh gave another \$150 in-kind contribution. He also lent his campaign \$500.

It was nice to see someone not bothering anyone for any campaign contributions.

It was odd that he used a company in Glen Allen, VA to do his direct mail of a terrible post card that was close to impossible read. He claimed \$490 for the direct mail. He did not show where his campaign signs came from.

Ward 3 Fred Meyland-Smith incumbent: Meyland-Smith had \$829 at the start of March in his campaign's bank. He raised \$1,300 through March 25. Most of his contributors were local residents and lived in Ward-3. They are:



- \$500 David Gifford V.P. Emerson Electric 14100 North Mill Ct. Town and Country, MO
- \$250 Kent Kehr attorney business address 911 S. 13th St. Louis, MO 63103 (Kehr is a Town and Country resident)
- \$100 David Beaman 1008 Woodfield Town and Country, MO
- \$100 Tom Pelikan 13706 Clayton Road Rd Town and Country, MO
- \$100 Mitch Humphrey 1152 Chatsworth Place Town and Country, MO
- \$100 Dr. David Gearhart 1220 Mason Road Town and Country (Ward 2)
- \$50 Michael Chapman County Executive Steve Stenger's Chief of Operations/Staff
1043 Woodfield Estates Town and Country, MO
- \$50 Donald Elitt 1000 Woodfield Town and Country, MO
- \$50 Nancy Hoffstetter Glencoe, MO

One-third of Meyland-Smith's March contributions came from people living on Fred's street, Woodfield.

Dr. David Gearhart lives in Ward-2 and has back candidates considered to be in Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist Jon Dalton's camp.

Nancy Hoffsfetter's husband ran against Mayland-Smith in 2005 when Meyland-Smith was first elected to office.

Meyland-Smith spent \$1000.54 with the biggest expense being printing and mailing of campaign fliers.

Mary Steward: Mary Steward the challenger of 10-year alderman Fred Meyland-Smith had \$1,010 on hand at the beginning of March. She raised \$3,700 and spent \$4,359 to March 25. Most of the money raised came from her husband David Steward, Jr.

\$3,500 David Steward, Jr. Husband

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\$100 Joseph Walsh 13301 Wood Creek Ct. Town and Country (Ward 4)

\$50 Dr. Richard Davidson 35 Summer Hill Dr. Town and Country

\$50 Michael Fuller 13530 Clayton Road Town and Country



Steward's biggest payout was \$3,500 to a campaign worker, Taylor Krewson. It is unusual to see Town and Country candidates hire a campaign worker. However, Steward has young children at home.

Here is what the Missouri Scout, a political newsletter reported about Krewson on April 2.

*In an election that typically turns out 300 hundred or so voters, the 8-Day Report shows Steward has out spent her opponent 9-1 and has **Taylor Krewson**, daughter of St. Louis Alderwoman **Lyda Krewson** and former **Francis Slay** campaign staffer, working for her.*

I have to question if placement of this in The Scout wasn't done to help Meyland-Smith or smear Steward linking her to a Democrat. If you have never run before it really doesn't matter if a person giving you advice on what steps to take is a Republican or Democrat as the steps are the same. It is the same thing for someone who is writing your copy. I have a friend who is very conservative, but does campaign website and mailers for a number of Democrats.

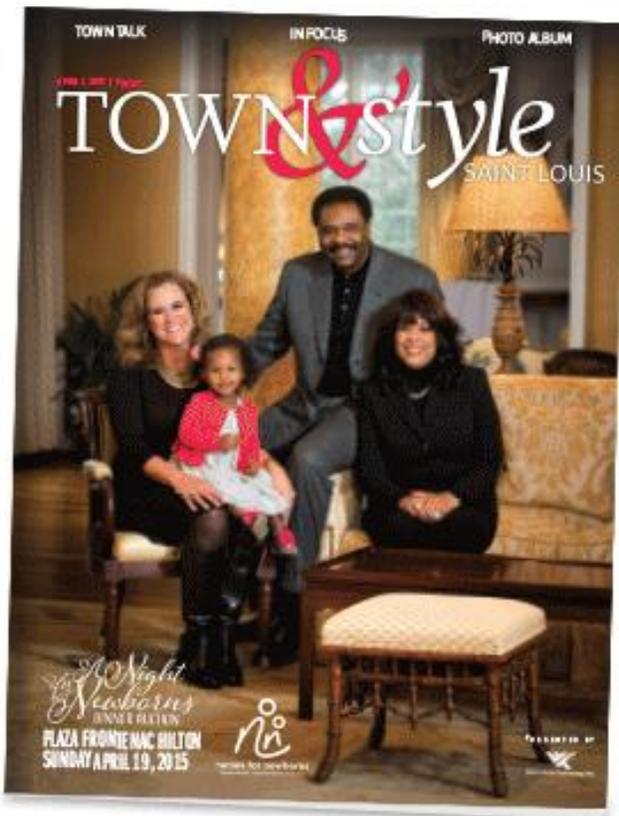
She had \$1,375 raised by February 25. Again her biggest contributor was her husband.

I know of several people who have attempted to attack Steward by going after her father-in-law claiming he is using his minority status to get State contracts.

Geez...give me a break! The guy is a Town and Country resident and he is former St. Louis Variety Club St. Louis Man of the Year recipient and has made huge donations to St. Louis Arts and human services charities.

David Steward did send out a letter to Ward-3 voters endorsing his daughter-in-law. Here is what his letter to voters wasn't. It was not an attack letter. It did not mention Fred Meyland-Smith or his record.

A day after a Fred supporter had tried to sell me that David Steward was not who he seemed to be, what arrived in my mailbox? It was Town and Style Magazine with Steward and his wife Thelma along with a pediatric nurse holding a child who is being helped by a charity supported by Steward.

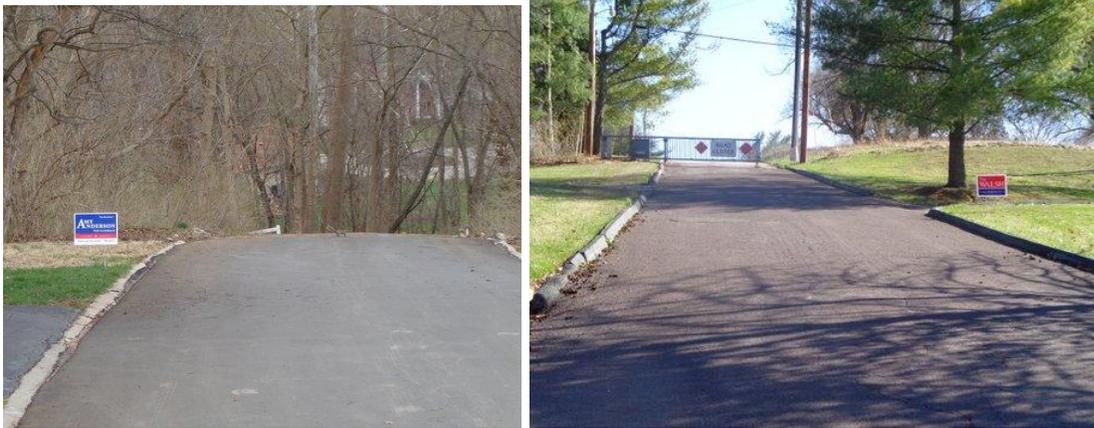


Here are two links to articles giving background on Steward.

http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/world-wide-technology-co-founder-honored-for-charity-investment/article_6d8e54a7-f62d-5beb-91f3-919530694597.html

<http://fox2now.com/2015/02/11/david-steward-gives-praise-to-the-good-book-for-his-success/>

SIGNS, SIGNS, EVERYWHERE THERE SIGNS:



Last year we made fun of Amy Anderson putting a sign at the dead end of Sturbridge Lane (left photo). If you blow up the photo you will see a squirrel where the pavement ends. I don't think the rodent votes. Really who is going to see this sign? This year the Over Signage Award stays in Ward-2 and goes to Tim Walsh who has a sign in front of the permanent Road Closed barrier keeping Barrett Station Road from entering the Thornhill subdivision. The sign along with the one I front of the house were gone after the Tim Welby attack letter arrived around the ward.

NOW YOU SEE THEM AND NOW YOU DON'T! Last week we pointed out how it was impossible to read Mary Steward's name on her sign. Not only didn't it jump off the sign, as you drove by at 20 mph the red and blue colors swallowed it whole.

Five days later Steward had bought new signs where you could read her in in additional to having some plus sized signs.



UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 117



April 5, 2015

LOOKING AT THE CHESTERFIELD COMMONS...IS DAN HURT'S QUEST FOR SAFETY IN THE WRONG DIRECTION:

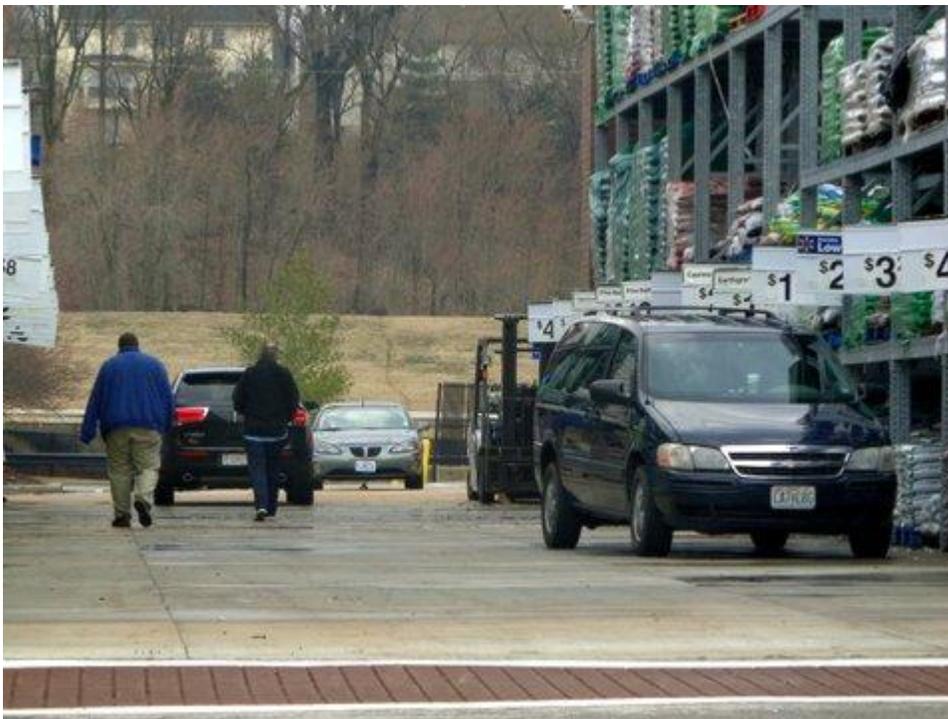
In the meetings I have attended of the Planning and Public Works Committee I have always been somewhat taken back on how Councilman Dan Hurt wants to control the flow of traffic on private property. Getting safely off a public street or entering it from a retail business seems to be the job of elected officials who are looking after our safety and welfare.

However is how a developer decides to plan parking and flow of cars to a carwash behind a convenience store really the job of government? Councilman Dan Hurt says it is due to public safety. I told him after a Planning and Public Works Committee Meeting that by allowing the big box stores to put sale items outside blocking sidewalks and fire lanes was far more dangerous than worrying if traffic can be two-way or one-way at the Lowes outside storage area.

Five days after the Planning and Public Works meeting I went out to Chesterfield Commons where having items for sale on walkways is prohibited by city law. This is what I found,

While many Walmart stores in the area and across the country are junky and cluttered the one managed by Phil Keene in the Chesterfield Commons is perfect on the outside. There are no items for sale on the sidewalk and nothing is blocked.

I did notice that Walmart allows two-way traffic to pick up items at their outside storage area and it seems perfectly safe. Perhaps Dan Hunt's demand that Lowes' have one-way only traffic at their planned storage area is a little off base.



Two way traffic at the Walmart outdoor storage area does not seem to be a public safety issue.

The first violator of a business placing items for sale on the sidewalk came at the Five Below Store. Five Below was the only small merchant in violation of the code.



Driving to the west in the shopping center Sam's club did not have any sale items outside, but employees did not put shopping carts in the nearby return doors did block the walking area. The carts were in front of red fire lane posts, which forced people to walk in the street.



That was it for any whisper of a violation until we got to Lowes and Home Depot, then the violations were clear and it amazed me that the City of Chesterfield or the Monarch Fire District had not forced compliance.

LOWES:



Lowes had bags of material to the edge of the street totally blocking the sidewalk area. Anyone walking from across the street at Aldi's to Lowes would have to walk into the street to get around the bags. Large amounts of the sidewalk are blocked beyond the building line.



HOME DEPOT: The Home Depot store is just a bit west of Lowes and gets to open at 6 am for contractors. It is just as bad as Lowes for covering walkways and violating the city code.



While Dan Hurt worries about traffic flow, the city does nothing to keep these walkways and fire lanes clear.



This is just the start of the spring season and this is only going to get worse if the city does not enforce the code regulating keeping sidewalks clear in Chesterfield Commons.

WHAT IS IT? CHESTERFIELD COMMONS CUSTOMERS PAY A TDD (TRAFFIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT) SALES TAX, BUT THEY CAN'T DECIDE IF YOU SHOULD STOP OR YIELD.



FOLLOW THE MONEY: Chesterfield City Council:



Nancy Greenwood: The incumbent Ward 1 councilwoman and former mayor Nancy Greenwood showed \$580 raised from people giving less than \$100. Those people don't have to be reported, but the money does. Her only expense in March was for some replacement signs.

Harvey Rosenberg: Harvey did not form a committee or have a pre existing one. He filed nothing with the Board of Elections or the Missouri Ethics Commission.



Jim Brown is in the same situation as Harvey. He has filed nothing. I'm not sure I've ever seen him, so I'll just keep running the photo of football great Jim Brown.



MONARCH FIRE PROTECTION:

Robin Harris incumbent: Robin, the pro-taxpayer and anti-union board member had \$45,277 at the start of March, thanks to contributions from Republican candidates' campaign funds, including Fire District Director Jane Cunningham's former Missouri Senate fund and \$15,000 from former Missouri Speaker of the House Tim Jones.



In the month of March Harris brought in another \$5,445.

His largest contributor in March doesn't live in the fire district. It is Kathleen Geer of Ballwin, who donated \$2,500. While most of Harris' contributions are from Chesterfield there were \$250 contributions from persons in South St. Louis County and Glendale. Both South County and Glendale have union fire districts or fire departments, so support to a neighboring fire district official who is not backed by the union makes sense.

Another interesting one is \$250 from former Republican Missouri State Rep Allen Ictet of Wildwood who is now working in the oil industry in Alaska.

The only one contribution that I thought should have been avoided was a \$500 contribution from Schuhmacher Fire Equipment, LLC of Washington, MO. The company bids on fire district equipment purchases. Schulmacher makes contributions in fire district races all the time. Monarch has a very open and transparent bidding process so it would be difficult to show Schulmacher any favoritism. But, to me the \$500 is not worth the fact that you are giving Local 2665 of Firefighters Union ammo to attack you.

Kelley Miller: The last minute pro-union candidate



Kelley Miller who had just \$900 before March, with \$750 coming from a retired Monarch Firefighter living in Illinois brought in more than twice the bucks as Harris did in 30 days up to March 25 with \$13,490.

Her largest contribution was \$3,100 from James Gradl of 1842 Buckingham Dr Chesterfield, MO 63017

Her second largest contributor was \$2,000 from Ann's Bra and Lingerie Shop on Olive and Woods Mill, followed by \$1,800 from Michelle Freeman of 425 Pine Bend Drive in Chesterfield.

The fourth largest was from the lone "Pro-Union" member of the three-person fire board Steve Swyers who gave her \$1,000. A victory by Miller would likely result in multi-millionaire Swyers and the father of a member of Local 2665 of the firefighters union, being the President of the Fire District.

MONARCH FIREFIGHTERS FOR PUBLIC AWARENESS: Also known as Monarch Firefighters Sending out Misleading and Untruthful Information: This group has been around since 2006 and is behind the disgraceful mailers sent out to voters claiming such things as Board President Robin Harris threw a \$26,000 party for firefighters when in fact he voted against it when he was on minority "pro-taxpayer" member on the three person board. This group wants control of the Fire District to return to "Pro-Union" board members. It has also falsely claims that Monarch has substandard equipment and residents' lives are in danger.



Let's see who is funding the hate campaign of these folks. From February 25 to March 25 they raised \$49,862 and spent it all, leaving them just \$20.

The entire \$49,862 came from the Professional Firefighters of West St. Louis County Flower fund. Folks that is either a lot of flowers or a lot of bullshit!

It is interesting that a St. Louis area union PAC has spent all this money out of the area with a company in Iowa that has been making both robo-calls and live telephone calls to residents plus printing and mailing letters and fliers.

MONARCH CONCERNED TAXPAYERS: This would be the "Pro-Taxpayer" PAC which supports the reelection of Robin Harris. On March 25, 2015 it received \$2,000 from the Jane Cunningham Campaign Fund. This group had \$5,438 in the bank and on March 27 spent \$4,733 for printing and mailing of a flier that supported Robin Harris.

No money for flowers was disturbed by this group.

HARRIS RESPONSE: Here is a link to Robin Harris' campaign website where he responds to each accusation made in the mailings to residents in the fire district.

<http://vote4harris.com/setting-the-record-straight/>

FIRE UNION UNTRUTHFUL MAILINGS FORCED MONARCH TO BUY FULL PAGE NEWSPAPER AD: Politics can just be politics but when a firefighters' union Political Action Committee sends out mailings full of lies putting fear into citizens that the fire district is ill equipped to handle emergencies that goes beyond politics to grossly dangerous behavior that should be totally unacceptable in today's society.

Who pays? So when a group of Union firefighters try to scare the public, who pays to correct this? Not the union...unfortunately it is the public. There were enough calls from citizens asking about their safety after the Union fliers hit mailboxes that the Monarch Fire District Fire Chief Chuck Marsonette explained the lies in a whole page ad in West Magazine. The cost for the full page in West Magazine was \$1,855.



Regrettably, a small number of the members of the union representing the Monarch firefighters and paramedics have been flooding social media outlets with false, misleading and inaccurate information about the Monarch Fire Protection District, as a part of a campaign to get their candidate of choice elected to the Board of Directors. It is unfortunate that they have frightened some residents and businesses into believing it is unsafe in the Monarch fire district.

I want to reassure every resident, visitor and business in the Monarch fire district your safety is not in jeopardy. Our fleet of fire trucks is among the newest in the area; our ambulances and medical equipment have all the latest technology; training and equipment for our firefighter/ paramedics is top of the line.

You can rest easy, knowing Monarch is well-prepared to keep us all safe from harm.



*Thank you,
Chuck Marsonette,
Fire chief
Monarch Fire Protection District*

MEDIA VIEW: Where is the media on this issue? Channels 2, 4 and 5 are quick to drop what they are doing and rush out to record an interview with a Local 2665 shop steward trying to sell a false story, like the district disbanding the Boy Scout Explorer Post. But when the Union launches false and grossly misleading fliers to citizens, where are the reporters from KMOX, KTVI, KMOV and KSDK?

I'D LOVE TO LOOK AT THESE HOUSES FOR SALE...IF I COULD JUST FIND THE STREETS. Take a look at the addresses of these high dollar houses advertised in Town and Style Magazine. My GPS has been unable to find 10123 Wcbacba Rcaab Rcaa.

Apparently you need a special code to go look at two and three million dollar homes.



"FOR MARCH 31 IT SURE LOOKS LIKE SPRING IS POPPING OUT. LOOK AT HOW GREEN THAT GRASS IS" Those were the words of KSDK anchor Kay Quinn after sports director Rene Knott gave a report from GCS Ballpark on I-255 in Illinois just before the University of Missouri- University of Illinois baseball game.

I spend every spring at GCS Ballpark doing PA for Webster University. I hate to tell Kay this...but for the last five years the field at GCS has been artificial turf. Even the mound, hitting area and bases areas have brown artificial turf.



The grass is always green and the dirt never gets muddy and always has a sparkle in it at GCS Ballpark.



MUSIC: Here is this week's stops:

Monday: At the One-19-North for Rat Pack Monday with Dean Christopher.

Wednesday: Sasha's for a jazz trio.



ANITA FANS: Smitty's has not booked Anita for a Saturday for two months. No Saturday afternoons in March and none in April.

ON THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS:



At 10 o'clock on a Saturday night a 1952 Nash gets towed off of Kirkwood Road at Argonne Avenue after breaking down.



On Wednesday March 25 a tank on WB I-64 leaving Town and Country and entering Chesterfield, possibly after action in Fergusontown.

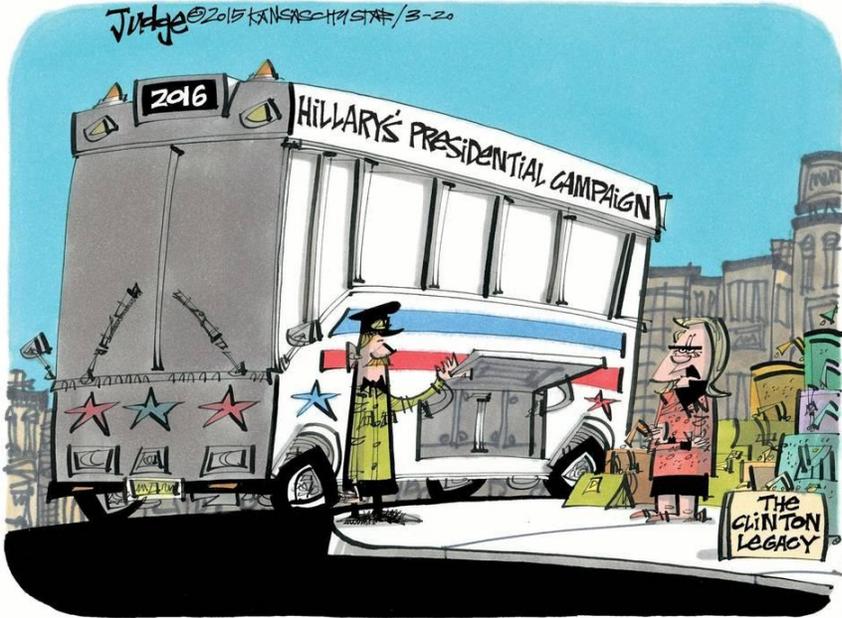
CARTOONS: After two weeks the Brian Williams cartoons stopped. It was the same with drunk driving Secret Service Agents. However it doesn't appear to be any end of Hillary cartoons on the horizon.

Q. WHAT KIND OF PHYSICAL IS REQUIRED IF YOU WANT TO PLAY FOOTBALL?



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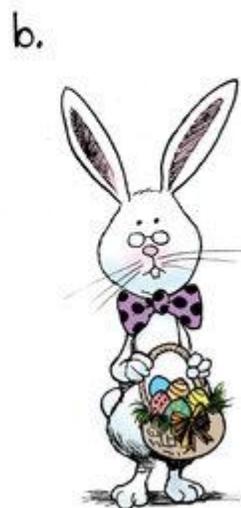
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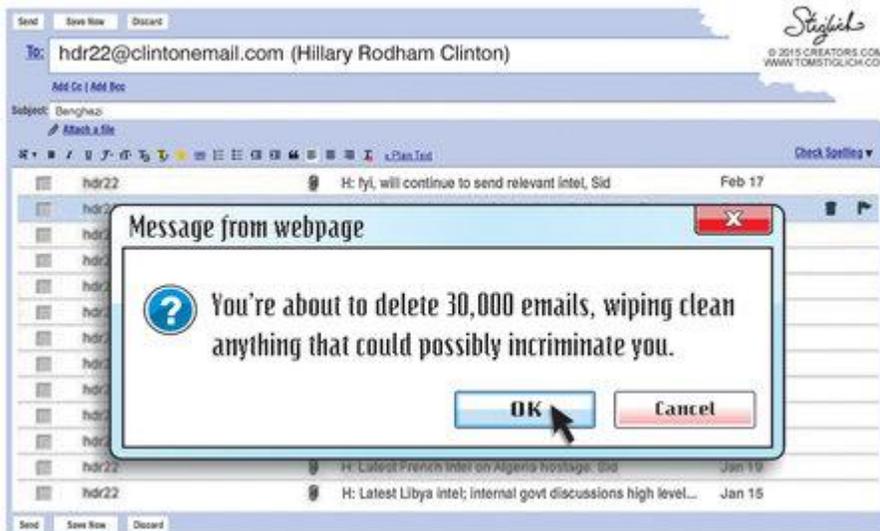
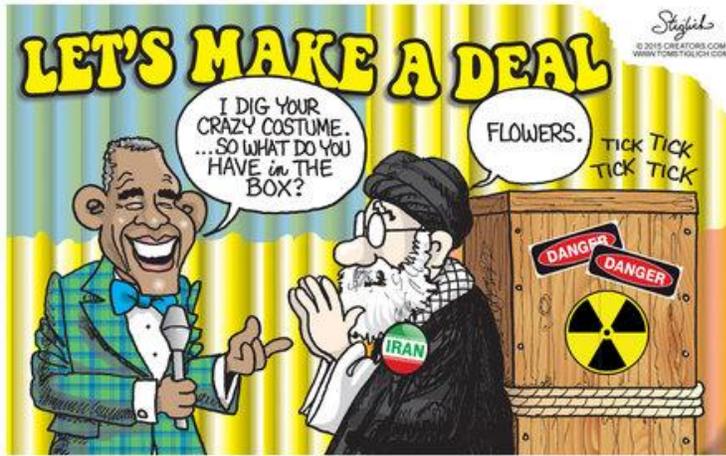


"HOW MUCH BAGGAGE CAN IT HANDLE?"



Which is harder to believe in?

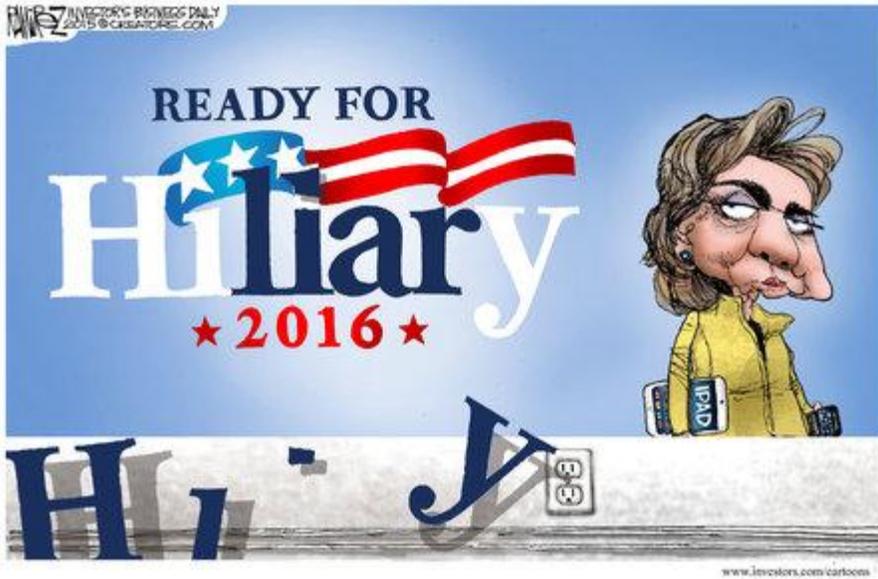


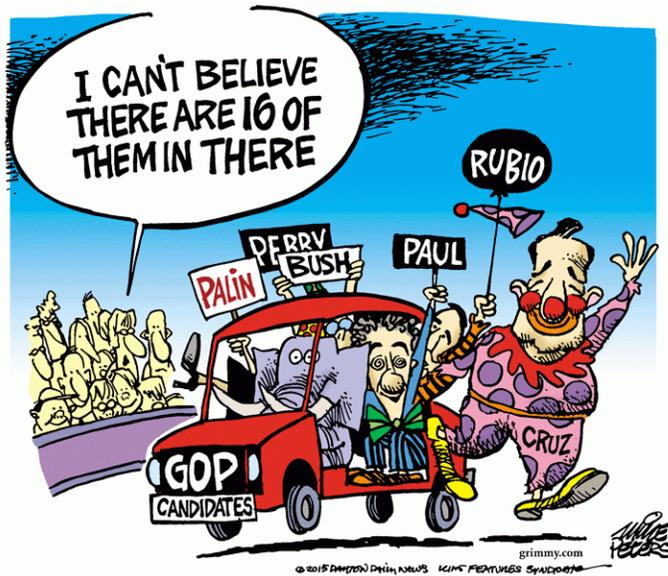


HILLARY'S ATTORNEY SAYS HER PRIVATE E-MAIL SERVER HAS BEEN SCRUBBED...



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