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Letters to the editor - July 10

Published on Friday, Jul 10, 2009

Akron needs real change

The June 28 editorial ("Reform what, precisely?") missed the mark in an attempt to negatively characterize my candidacy for an at-large seat on the Akron City Council.

While the editorial board may believe that clearing the streets of snow and managing municipal finances are trivial matters, I believe otherwise. Providing basic city services in a fiscally responsible manner is the primary responsibility of local government.

While it is fair to say that the recall failed by a large margin, it is a real stretch to suggest that the results represent an endorsement of all of Mayor Don Plusquellic's policies.

As recently as last year, the voters overwhelmingly rejected the mayor's proposal to lease the sewer system to a private company. Many people opposed the recall because they did not believe the mayor had done anything that merited removal from office before the end of his term.

Plusquellic has been mayor for almost a quarter of a century. If the voters believe that the streets are safer, more economic opportunities exist for our young people and that government listens to the people when decisions are made downtown, then Plusquellic has done a good job. If not, we need to be careful before blanket generalizations are made about election results.

The City Council is shirking its responsibility to the voters when it rubber-stamps all of the policy proposals that are offered by the administration. Informed and intelligent debate is a fundamental part of the democratic process. I believe that fiscal responsibility, reform of governmental processes and neighborhood-based decision-making will find a receptive audience among the citizens of Akron. It is upon this foundation that my candidacy is based.

Joe Finley
Akron
noweb
Editor's note: The writer, a Democrat, is a former Ward 2 councilman. He ran against Plusquellic in the 2007 mayoral primary.

Obama's unsettling echo of czars

President Barack Obama's appointment of czars and his triumphant cap-and-trade energy bill, passed in the Democratic-controlled House, have caused me to think that czars and this costly energy bill are not good for the American people.

I was 10 years old when I learned about czars. Only now, 46 years later, do I fully understand why Grandpa came to America.

Grandpa said, "When I was a boy your age, things were not good in our village. The czar and his men came into our village and they took everything. They said, 'If you do not give us what we want, we will kill you and hang you like those people from your village over there.' America is the land of milk and honey and freedom. America is good, not like what I saw in our village in Poland."

Is America still the land of milk and honey and freedom, as I have always believed, or is America becoming more like the village my grandfather left, after the czar and his men came into his village and took everything?
Robert C. Augustynovich
Barberton

Not for Michael Jackson

According to Flag Rules and Regulations on ushistory.org, only the president can order that the American flag be flown at half-mast for various government officials.

State governors can order that public buildings fly the flag at half-staff to honor fallen soldiers from that state during time of war. There are certain days that the flag should or can be flown at half-staff, as well.



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Akron Gamer:

Video game sales drop in May

Michael Jackson does not qualify, by any stretch of the imagination, to be honored by flying the flag at half-staff.

Shame on the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Fran Miller

Wadsworth

Protection for animals and Ohio farmers

Ohio legislators have proposed a constitutional amendment that would create a Livestock Care Standards Board. This legislation is designed to ensure animal welfare and protect animals, not to create inefficiencies in food-animal production, demonize agriculture, push a biased agenda or increase revenue for supporters.

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) has criticized this effort, calling it a special-interest power-grab, bait-and-switch maneuver, poor policy and an attempt to thwart meaningful reform.

As a veterinary student and farmer, I assure you Ohio farmers want to do everything possible to protect their animals. This constitutional amendment, supported by the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, exemplifies this. The Humane Society wants Ohio voters to believe that farmers are simply business owners torturing animals to make money. This is certainly not true.

The goal of the society, a large special-interest lobbying firm, is to end food-animal agriculture and take away the consumers' choice. The society claims to support animals, when in reality it operates no pet shelters and offers only 4 percent of its budget to fund organizations that help animals.

Local humane society representatives, all unaffiliated with the Humane Society of the United States, and the American Veterinary Medical Association often criticize the national organization for its apathetic views and injustices on behalf of animals.

If this Ohio legislation is passed, animals, food quality and agriculture will all be protected, and consumers will have choices when visiting the supermarket. By supporting this proposed legislation, consumers can continue to trust and believe strongly in the passion that farmers have for the welfare of their animals, the environment and, most important, for producing safe food products for everyone to enjoy.

If legislation favored by the Humane Society of the United States is passed, food prices will drastically increase, food safety will decrease, shortages will occur and animals will suffer in production systems outsourced to other countries without animal welfare standards. Money, limiting choice and advertising are at the forefront of the Humane Society of the United States' campaigns, not animals.

Contact your legislators and show your support for this proposed constitutional amendment. In addition, tell them you are opposed to having biased animal-rights agencies like the Humane Society of the United States limit your choice.

Supporting this organization and its unrelenting biased agenda will cause animal welfare to deteriorate, and Ohio's economy to crumble with it.

Matthew Weeman
Orrville

Prescription for health

As a pharmacist, I am eager to join with President Obama and Congress in their efforts to bring accessible, quality and affordable health care to every American. Pharmacies are the face of neighborhood health care, providing valuable services and trusted care. They offer counseling to patients on the importance of taking their prescriptions properly and offer preventive services like vaccinations.

During the health-care reform debate, I urge U.S. Rep. Betty Sutton to ensure that any legislation strengthen the pharmacist-patient relationship through expanding counseling programs, such as medication therapy management. These efforts lower health-care costs and reduce the need for emergency-room visits.

I also support a fair prescription reimbursement structure. Federal regulators are planning to cut billions for a wide range of Medicaid prescriptions. These cuts threaten patient access to pharmacy services, especially in rural and inner-city areas.

Pharmacies stand ready to assist Sutton as we work to rehabilitate our health-care system.
Kevin Busefink
Newton Falls

Cuts to early learning put children at risk

If Gov. Ted Strickland gets his way, and the Early Learning Initiative (ELI) program is eliminated, more than 400 children and families in Stark County will be affected. The children affected are at risk, since they come from low-income families. Children who participate in the program receive a quality preschool education that prepares them for kindergarten and future school success.

Many studies have proved that every dollar invested in early-childhood education saves the taxpayer several dollars in the future.

If these at-risk children are not in a quality early-childhood setting, they may repeat a grade later in school or fall behind and not be able to catch up. Both of these scenarios will cost the taxpayer more money.

Investing in early-childhood education has proved to be a sound investment. I am outraged to think that this quality program will be eliminated from the state budget.

Without the ELI program, the child-care centers that currently participate in the program will no longer be able to provide the quality education these at-risk children deserve. Why should balancing the budget fall on the backs of our youngest citizens?

Christy Johnson
Canton
noweb

Editor's note: The writer is ELI coordinator at the YWCA in Canton.

Safety first

Considering the strength of the Akron Police Department and the recent news of homicide arrests ("Akron police beat U.S. in solving killings," June 28), the mayor needs to come about and help the force do its job to be the protectors of Akron.

The college football stadium, student housing construction, Goodyear headquarters project, hospital growth, foreign travel to attract investment in jobs here and remaking downtown will be for absolutely nothing if we are not safe going about our daily lives.

The Akron police deserve congratulations and a shake of the hand from the mayor, who should do better with them and stand by them.

Patrick Taylor
Akron

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No Pizza, No Peace

Barberton, OH



Posted 07:23 AM,
07/10/2009

Dear Robert C. Augustynovich,

The same folks that elected the current administration made the Macarena the #1 song for a year. They are compulsive, live in the moment people with a herd mentality.

Tell your Grandfather that their Beatlemania period will end soon and order will be restored.

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ggreen1794

Canton, OH

Posted 08:23 AM,
07/10/2009

At least the guys that performed The Macarena were well dressed in the video.

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The Truth is Out There

Akron, Oh

Posted 08:26 AM,
07/10/2009

I wonder who wrote the letter for Finley?

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Socrates

Akron, OH

Posted 09:03 AM,
07/10/2009

@Joe Finley-well written letter. Good luck out there. Don't let the Mayor's Blogging Bootlickers comments get to you. It would be great to have some discussion in Council as opposed to the rubberstamping we have now.

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AKRON, OH

 Posted 10:43 AM,
 07/10/2009


Joe Finley,

You are right on many points, but please, please, please stop speaking in slogans. Just as you referenced blanket generalizations over the elections results, don't attribute all City actions through the same "neighborhood-neglect, anti-police, out-of-touch" frame. Be specific and offer alternatives when deriding decisions. If your latest movement is just going to be contrarian for the sake of being contrarian while offering little in terms of an actionable alternative, we've already seen that movie.

Patrick Taylor,


An increase police presence would be nice. Let's further consider collaboration with the Summit County Sheriff. To oppose that plan just shows that an increase is a jobs issue and not a safety issue.

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The Godfather
 wadsworth, oh

 Posted 10:50 AM,
 07/10/2009

@ Robert A. - Feel free, anytime, to go back where they kill and hang you. If you no longer like it here, don't hesitate to let the door hit you in the arse !! This is how it works here. The land of the free and the home of the brave. Always has been and always will be !! It wasn't too long ago, there was a dictator who blindly invaded other countries and used unlimited, warrantless wire taps whenever he felt necessary. Let freedom ring, my brother and God bless the U.S.A.


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Big D
 akron, oh

 Posted 10:52 AM,
 07/10/2009

The only credible at-large candidate worth voting for is Joe Finley. The rest either don't have a clue or are sold out to the Don before they even get there. He has been there and is absolutely right that the Council is not doing its job.


As far as the "Mayor's Blogging Bootlickers" go, their days are numbered if Finley takes a seat, and they know it. We know who they are. They have been lapping at the public trough too long with either sweetheart deals or cushie jobs.

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Socrates
 Akron, OH

 Posted 10:52 AM,
 07/10/2009


The Original Jason: Chief Deputy Mayor of Bootlicker blogging-always ready to defend the Don ad nauseum. Soon we will hear from Mars Bonfire, The Pope, Immaculate Germ etc...as soon as they get to their city jobs-around 11amish or so.

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ed

 Posted 10:56 AM,
 07/10/2009


Hey Godfather, how have things changed?

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ed

 Posted 10:58 AM,
 07/10/2009

As far as we know, they'er still doing it. It's just that the press isn't up in arms about it cause it's Obamas program now.

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McDonald
 akron, oh

 Posted 11:28 AM,

I noticed in the Firestone Pk Story, Marco has been missing in action, no call for the police auditor or for Rev. Al Sharpton. Council is ready for a remake

and some of the candidates may well find themselves sitting where the rubber stampers once occupied a seat. Even the well connected like Jimmy Dimora in Cuyahoga County and Marco in Akron can find themselves "removed." It couldn't happen soon enough.

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The_Original_Jason

A K R O N, OH



Posted 11:37 AM,
07/10/2009

Socrates,

No irony in your choice of screen names since Socrates give birth to the Socratic Method of debate in which two sides participate in an exchange of ACTUAL points. Slogans and "anti-whatever-you-choose" stances don't really count.

So, throw it out there, big boy. What grown up ideas do you have?

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nottheusual1

Tallmadge, OHIO



Posted 11:50 AM,
07/10/2009

@Joe Finley:

Using your logic, the recall should have never happened.

And remember the old adage, "If we both agree on everything, one of us is useless."

Could help with your future endeavors.

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Socrates

Akron, OH



Posted 11:51 AM,
07/10/2009

@TOJ= I am for a 'non-rubberstamping' City Council- (which I guess you call 'anti-whatever etc..'). I am for fiscal conservative spending (no more "Young's Rest., or Howe House move spending). I am against giving able bodied people handouts-(welfare housing etc...). I am against Licensing Beggars-who keep potential Downtown visitors from going downtown. I am for 'safe streets' which Akron used to be known for-so that means I am "Pro-Police'. I am for having a Mayor that will work closely with the APD. I am for people working hard for their money and being able to keep more of their take home pay, which means I am against more taxes. These are some of the things I am for/against.

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nottheusual1

Tallmadge, OHIO



Posted 11:51 AM,
07/10/2009

@Robert C. Augustynovich :

BOOOO!!!!!!

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nottheusual1

Tallmadge, OHIO



Posted 11:54 AM,
07/10/2009

@Fran Miller:

Shame on you!!

If you hadn't seen it somewhere on one of those conservative bloggy-thingy's, you'd been unaware and remained unaffected.

Probably never been there or even know the address.

Faux angsty self-righteousness at its illogical best.

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The Godfather

wadsworth, oh



Posted 11:55 AM,
07/10/2009

Ed...That's the great thing about the good ole U.S.A. No matter who or what party is in office, we just keep chugging along.

I feel great to have W out of office. Do I agree with everything Obama is doing?? No, not really. But what ideas have the republiCONs come up with??

...we just keep on chugging along.

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nottheusual1

Tallmadge, OHIO



Posted 11:57 AM,
07/10/2009

@Matthew Weeman:

Any time I see "constitutional amendment" attached to something in Ohio, it ends up being a group of people who are so on the edge of despicable that they feel a weird need to become constitutionally protected - that they rise above common law and regulation.

That's scary. So is your logic of platitudes and half truths.

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Betamax

Akron, OH



Posted 12:00 PM,
07/10/2009

@ Joe Finley - A nice start for the future engagement for runnin' for office. I see a couple of the cheerleaders already expected y'all to expound in detail in a short letter to the editor. What can one expect from small minds.

Now iff'n y'all are really goin' to run for office, y'all should get y'all's ducks in a row. When the time comes, a line by line list of faults/errors of y'all's predecessors would help folks decide iff'n y'all are worthy as a replacement.

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nottheusual1

Tallmadge, OHIO



Posted 12:02 PM,
07/10/2009

@The Godfather:

Amen ...

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Betamax

Akron, OH



Posted 12:04 PM,
07/10/2009

@Patrick Taylor - ((chucklin')) The city hall hero can't even comment on the pack of rovin' youths that attempted to beat that family to death, let alone show support for the police dept.

I feel that APD does a great job, in spite of the city hall hero's lack of support.

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nottheusual1

Tallmadge, OHIO



@Socrates:

Heckuva platform you've outlined. Wish the pols playing the game were that honest.

But the devil is always in the details ...

Posted 12:04 PM,
07/10/2009

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Socrates

Akron, OH



Posted 12:18 PM,
07/10/2009

@Nottheusual-Maybe it is more of a wish list-but, you know what they say about 'wishing in one hand etc...' Honestly, if the current Mayor would do those things I would back him-but, he does close to the opposite. Is he going to follow thru with those "pre-Recall" promises regarding Police? I hope so, but doubt it. Is he going to address the crime in Akron, like-ever? Is he going to address the Hate-crime perpetrated by the 50 or so Black gang/group members? I hope so, but I doubt it. Where is Marco or Tina Merlitti? Anything??? Marco.....nope no "Polo". His and Merlitti's silence on the July 4th beatdowns is DEAFENING!!!

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Cantoncerous

Cuyahoga Falls, Oh



Posted 12:25 PM,
07/10/2009

Mr. Augustynovich,
Well said...
The appointment of Csars gives the coward political coverage on tough decisions...It's what weak leaders do: They appoint a blue-ribbon commission to make recommendations, that way he can blame the commissioners, un-elected, un-accountible commissioners for the failure. Pathetic!

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Cantoncerous

Cuyahoga Falls, Oh



Posted 12:29 PM,
07/10/2009

@The Godfather
No, that isn't how it always worked here, and once the secession of states begins, this cess pool that you're so proud of will sink into the muck. Chugging along right off the cliff. Bankruptcy is now within sight. Have a lovely time.

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nottheusual1

Tallmadge, OHIO



Posted 12:36 PM,
07/10/2009

@Cantoncerous said, blithely:"Have a lovely time."

Glad to here you are moving along.

Where to?

Texas when it secedes? Hope so - you deserve such a nice place. As close to h3ll as you can get without falling in ...

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nottheusual1

Tallmadge, OHIO



Posted 12:39 PM,
07/10/2009

@Socrates:

I'm pretty sure that the "beatdown" actually happened in June.

Will he keep all his promises?

It will depend how hot the soles of his feet get.

Let's see if anyone has the stones to turn up the heat.

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nottheusual1

Tallmadge, OHIO



@No Peace of Pizza said:"The same folks that elected the current administration made the Macarena the #1 song for a year."

I think you are confusing your decades.

The bud-swilling, Nascar-watching, crotch-

Posted 12:47 PM,
07/10/2009

scratching, gas-bagging, line dancing, knuckle-dragging Neanderthals were the poster children of the previous administration.

Keep your historical perspective right.

That weren't a bunch of them liberal hippy-types belching out Gawd Blest Merika with Toby Keith before the start ...

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bilbo

Akron, Oh

You go Fran Miller. Well said!



Posted 01:11 PM,
07/10/2009

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blkswn

Akron, OH



Ed--> "As far as we know, they'er still doing it. It's just that the press isn't up in arms about it cause it's Obamas program now."

Posted 01:12 PM,
07/10/2009

Yes, if anything you would have to say that the slide into dictatorship is accelerating beyond imagination.

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blkswn

Akron, OH



The "czars" are a good example actually...

Posted 01:12 PM,
07/10/2009

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No Pizza, No Peace

Barberton, OH



Posted 01:16 PM,
07/10/2009

Dear noitall1,

Less about history, more about perspective.

Different decade, same mentality, same Democraps.

"The bud-swilling, Nascar-watching, crotch-scratching, gas-bagging, line dancing, knuckle-dragging Neanderthals were the poster children of the previous administration"

Sounds like a good time to me.

What are your hobbies? You need to get out of the library and have some fun!

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nottheusual1

Tallmadge, OHIO



Posted 01:19 PM,
07/10/2009

@blkswn said:"Yes, if anything you would have to say that the slide into dictatorship is accelerating beyond imagination."

That borders on kook-talk.

Come on ...

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nottheusual1

Tallmadge, OHIO

No Peace On My Pizza said:"Sounds like a good time to me."

I rest my case ...



Posted 01:25 PM,
07/10/2009

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**No Pizza, No
Peace**

Barberton, OH



Posted 01:33 PM,
07/10/2009

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Dear noitall1,

How can someone so hoity-toity claim to represent the common man's best interests?

Belly up to the bar and chug down a cold one in a frosted glass. Looks like a good day to do it.

independent

Hudson, OH

Posted 01:38 PM,
07/10/2009

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@ Mr. Augustynovich. Thank you so much for your silly allegorical story. What year was that? So the Tsar actually showed up in grandpa's village and personally took his cow or whatnot? Really? And the idiot Cantoncerous thought it was well said. Well — that figures.

Let me know when Obama shows up in Barberton to abscond with your worldly goods.

And Swan, for you to compare the Obama administration to the reign of the Tsars is just plain ridiculous. And, you seemed so normal there for awhile.

OK. Let's summarize. Letter silly. Cantoncerous an idiot. And Swan? I have no idea what's up with you the last few days. Borderline is right.

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blkswn

Akron, OH



Posted 01:39 PM,
07/10/2009

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nott,
"That borders on kook-talk."

Individual liberty is my gauge. It has been under assault for the last 20yrs and Mr Obama has raised the stakes more then any before him has dared. So I can see how from the multi-culture group rights collectivist perspective, it would be seen as "kook talk."

blkswn

Akron, OH



Posted 01:45 PM,
07/10/2009

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the problem with the "czars' (silly name) is that they are essentially cabinet level positions, with no Congressional confirmation or oversight. I would argue it is un-Constitutional, but the lap dog Congress (both parties) are not going to call him on it.

blkswn

Akron, OH



Posted 01:47 PM,
07/10/2009

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nott,

"The bud-swilling, Nascar-watching, crotch-scratching, gas-bagging, line dancing, knuckle-dragging Neanderthals were the poster children of the previous administration"

wow I can not imagine what your poster children for this administration would look like....

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nottheusual1
Tallmadge, OHIO



Posted 02:36 PM, 07/10/2009

@blkswn:

Imagine the beer drinkers that don't trash the roadways with their Bud cans.


That don't espouse jingoistic drivel, or put the authors into power. Repeatedly.

The ones that even disagree among themselves and work through it instead of recklessly charging forward on guts and other people's blood.

People who walk upright and think that way.

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No Pizza, No Peace
Barberton, OH



Posted 02:39 PM, 07/10/2009


Dear noitall1,

On your way down from the Ivory Tower, please pickup a six pack of Bud.

Shall I fiddle for you?

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No Pizza, No Peace
Barberton, OH




Posted 02:48 PM, 07/10/2009

Our Community Organizer-n-Chief's Ohio approval numbers have dropped below 50%

The first of many to do so.

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blkswn
Akron, OH




Posted 02:49 PM, 07/10/2009

ya talk about ugly stereotypes... how could they possibly discuss and get along with you?

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nottheusual1
Tallmadge, OHIO



Posted 02:56 PM, 07/10/2009

@No Peace of Pizza:

Sorry, I wouldn't be seen buying Bud. That's like settling for frozen pizza.

We're doing craft brews from a couple of friends, tonight.


And home-made pizza.

Pizza is the food of the Gods. Beer was their nectar.

BTW - I don't know it all. Just more than you seem to ...

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nottheusual1
Tallmadge, OHIO



Posted 02:56 PM, 07/10/2009

@No Peace of Pizza:

Oh, yeah - how's your Mum?

Pic you posted isn't very flattering ...

07/10/2009

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Tallmadge, OHIO

Posted 03:07 PM,
07/10/2009

@blkswn said:"how could they possibly discuss and get along with you?"

You shared an evening with a group that pretty well fits that description.

Was this supposed to offend me, somehow?

Let me know ...

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AKRON, OH

Posted 03:07 PM,
07/10/2009

Beta,

Oh please, then direct me to where I can view the specifics of Joe Finley's agenda. I'm all ears (or eyes, in this instance).

Socrates,

- Conservative Spending - If you eliminated those initiatives, how much are we really talking? I understand your point in general, but show me something more than marginal purchases. Are you talking the stadium, the new schools, Inventure Place, something else?

- Handouts - Is there a municipal program you disagree with?

- Licensing beggars - Not up on this.

- Safe streets - DP's biggest fan, Beta, can direct you to stats showing the decline in crime over the last 15 years. If you ask him, he can tell you about the gains made by the City.

- Pro-police - Tell me a non-compensation disagreement you have with DP. Limiting OT, staffing, vacation scheduling, proposed collaboration with the Sheriff's Office, etc are not "anti-police." Nobody gets a blank check.

- Taxes - Voters increased the income tax 0.25% a few years back. Other than the police/fire income tax levy that was voted down, how else has this been a muni issue?

[Sign-in to report abuse](#)**blkswn**

Akron, OH

Posted 03:22 PM,
07/10/2009

nott,

"Was this supposed to offend me, somehow?"

Let me know ..."

Not really, but if this is the way you think of those who do not share your view, you have wonder where you would find the common ground necessary for discussions.

Ya, Moe's was nice, but not really conducive to exploring these issues.

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Tallmadge, OHIO

That isn't what I think of all those who don't share my views.



Posted 03:30 PM, 07/10/2009

Have I ever accused you of being like that??

Didn't think so ...

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blkswn
Akron, OH



Posted 03:45 PM, 07/10/2009

"Have I ever accused you of being like that??"

No, but what is the point of the characterizations? Further, there seems to be the assumption on here that anyone that does not kneel before this administration therefore supported the last administration.

I have been against almost all of the policies of our Federal government for 20 years. As I say, you put a "D" by either of the Bush's name and the left would revere them... we need a second party.

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nottheusual1
Tallmadge, OHIO



Posted 04:26 PM, 07/10/2009

@blkswnsaid:"No, but what is the point of the characterizations? Further, there seems to be the assumption on here that anyone that does not kneel before this administration therefore supported the last administration."

Your ire is misguided. I respond to the poster as they present themselves.

I have never mis-characterized your position on anything.

I understand your Libertarian "leanings" and respect your positions, even though I don't **always** agree intellectually or verbally.

However, I don't necessarily show that same respect to other posters. They haven't earned it.

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Minna Wade
akron, OH



Posted 04:58 PM, 07/10/2009

@Beta,

Really, Big BM? Finley's platform should be a rundown of someone else's faults? What a lovely breath of fresh air that would be. I didn't know you were Karl Rove's mentor!

Also, I appreciate your mocking of that huge pack of hoodlums for their inability to "beat that family to death." Sounds like an impotent bunch all right.

(oh wait...I just read every unrelated news thread where the racist hatemongers are hiding out, spewing bile and pretending like they have a constitutional right to form a lynch mob...maybe the snot-nosed cowardly street punks are the ones with the power after all, just like they said!)

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blkswn
Akron, OH



Posted 06:47 PM

nott,

"I respond to the poster as they present themselves."

In all honesty I do not think that you will come the day

07/10/2009

with your position if that is how you address your adversary... assuming you want your to prevail of course.

Imagine how ugly my posts could be if I responded to the ad hominem attacks on me? Would I win by sinking to their level?

This is a weakness of real conservatives. They believe their ideas can prevail on the intellectual level. They do not realize how emotionally based the other side is.... silly geeses.

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blkswn
Akron, OH



Posted 06:55 PM,
07/10/2009

nott,

Hey I gave you this link the other day. If you care to know about the market and government's underhanded involvement, check it out. He posts often and in economic language, though still sometimes complicated, that the layman can understand.

<http://market-ticker.org/>

Truly the current events we should be following... hear me ABJ?

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Minna Wade
akron, OH



Posted 08:27 PM,
07/10/2009

Just read the breaking news about the mob attack. Thanks, ABJ, for finally providing enough details to lift the shroud of doubt. (Thanks also for disabling comments on that story. Make the jacks squirm!)

Thank you Plusquellic for calling in the FBI. You surely know that your beloved Akronites will say that you have disrespected the APD by doing this, but the nature of the crime puts it in fed jurisdiction.

Thanks, Shappton et. al., for saying the right things about it.

Most of all Godspeed, Marshall family, as you heal.

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PacMan


Posted 08:33 PM,
07/10/2009

The article just posted at 8:14 PM today "FBI asked to investigate attack on white family near Firestone Park" allows for no comments or postings.

Is this free speech?

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blkswn
Akron, OH



Posted 08:41 PM,
07/10/2009

Unreal.... the FBI? Nice to know we are not competent to handle these things locally.

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blkswn
Akron, OH




Posted 08:51 PM,
07/10/2009

"Thank you Plusquellic for calling in the FBI."

surely you jest? this is typical "buck" passing and like using a brick to kill a fly on the window.

The deterioration of our neighborhoods and culture has been a long painful process forced on us by the government (hey nice building AMHA). We have come no where near the bottom yet.


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PacMan

 Posted 08:57 PM, 07/10/2009

Whether a hate crime or not, the APD and The Don should have come out sooner. If the police had not heard any of this as they claim until it appeared in the ABJ (a week ago) they still should have addressed it.

My respect for both have dwindled.


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blkswn
 Akron, OH

 Posted 09:06 PM, 07/10/2009

The police are whipped dogs in Akron... the only reason this even made the paper and got the FBI is because it became a national story. How embarrassing for Akron and the Beacon.


Thuggery is thuggery. Who cares where the hate came from?

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blkswn
 Akron, OH

 Posted 09:55 PM, 07/10/2009


The Editorial staff is a little slow too... wonder why? Think if roles were reversed they would sit on the story?

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Minna Wade
 akron, OH

 Posted 12:02 AM, 07/11/2009

Oh boy, so now your angle is to blame it on the police. Unbelievable.

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Minna Wade
 akron, OH

 Posted 12:08 AM, 07/11/2009

And yeah, so disgusting to see the system conspiring to keep the white man's big story down. Give me a break.

When, oh when, will someone please tell me how "free speech" is a subject that applies to this in any way at all.

You have this channel on which you have the PRIVILEGE to make the voices in your head speak, and when you suddenly don't get to have a tantrum on a subject that really triggers the evilness in your soul, all of a sudden it's an entitlement, and your "rights" are being trampled.


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Minna Wade
 akron, OH

 Posted 12:23 AM, 07/11/2009

The ONLY party with any kind of so-called "rights" in this forum is the owner.

Deal.

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grubby
 akron, OH

 Posted 01:36 AM, 07/11/2009

minna is correct, posting on a privately owned web site has nothing to do with free speech. And good job Mayor finally getting serious about the Firestone Park attack. Now lets see some action.

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 Posted 02:16 AM

Minna ABJ Editor = you need counseling or some

07/11/2009

to be more resident friendly, honest, open , and not censor free speech - you are right though about KR - if they keep this crap up they will be filing for bandruptcy as half of their competitors are - nice is it not?

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Posted 02:16 AM,
07/11/2009

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Posted 03:03 AM,
07/11/2009

Wheres my post - is relevant and think others should have the opportunitie to decide? Staff of the ABJ are awesome - censors are idiots - just so you get it?

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Posted 03:05 AM,
07/11/2009

Minna who installed the static form of thought in our head? Howie asks Deal or No Deal - No Deal>

[Sign-in to report abuse](#)**Wildcat**

Naples, Florida



Posted 07:15 AM,
07/11/2009

It seems the people of Akron want the government to solve the problems. More police, better police, different police. More government or different government. Hey, y'all, quit relying on the government or the mayor. Do it yourselves. Get involved in the Chamber of Commerce and neighborhood watches. Use local merchants instead of national chains. Help thyself.

[Sign-in to report abuse](#)**PacMan**

Posted 07:46 AM,
07/11/2009

Calling in support is 'better late than never'.

[Sign-in to report abuse](#)**blkswn**

Akron, OH



Posted 08:31 AM,
07/11/2009

Wildcat,

Exactly right! The individual is responsible for his community. The corrosive influence of Government (especially State and Federal) assuming these responsibilities and the big lie that government "cares" is destroying our freedom and communities. Government "cares" only about acquiring power.

Calling in the Feds is nothing but buck passing... Hate crime laws elevate thuggery to some kind of understandable act? This is all nonsense.

[Sign-in to report abuse](#)**bams67**

Akron, Oh



Posted 09:12 AM,
07/11/2009

No comments available for the man beaten in Barberton over a parked car being towed!! Slugs for Thugs!! Bang bang fellonus trash!!

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Canal Fulton, Oh



Posted 09:25 AM,
07/11/2009

"These teens need to be punished as much as any dumb redneck in white sheets," said Richard Jones, a Sharpton spokesman based in Cleveland.

I wonder how exactly,were suppose to take that statement?Is it in the Sharpton handbook?If CRapton comes to Akron we all need to group up and picket where ever he is at...who knows we might just make it to CNN!!

ABJ keeps taking away these threads for us to post what we feel,think ,believe to be right or whatever we want to write I wonder why they are so threatened by

that ,that they have to take that away from us??

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peeb02

Canal Fulton, Oh

Posted 09:27 AM,
07/11/2009

Sharpton cant justify whats went on here in AKron,so he reverts back to slavery and the KKK.

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The Godfather

wadsworth, oh



Posted 09:32 AM,
07/11/2009

blkswan...what did I miss?? What freedoms are the Obama administration taking away??

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bams67

Akron, Oh

Posted 09:49 AM,
07/11/2009

Godfather, the gov'mt is taking away peoples ability to make a living or tell you how much your allowed to make (that part is yet to come).

Take some of the car dealerships that have been in the family for years, making money and doing good business, then the gov'mt says which can stay and which can go. It's only just begining

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peeb02

Canal Fulton, Oh

Posted 09:53 AM,
07/11/2009

Thats because Obama is a Socialist!!! your right bams67 ,its only just begun.Lets hope after his 4 years are over ,he dont run for reelection.Im almost certain he wont make it .

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Wildcat

Naples, Florida



Posted 10:12 AM,
07/11/2009

Godfather, I was discussing local politics, but since you've asked, Obama is taking away our capitalistic way of life where one's rewards are based on one's efforts and accomplishments. Spread the wealth . . . what does that mean other than Socialism?

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hooch

naples, fl

Posted 10:18 AM,
07/11/2009

sounds like Akron is turning into a place of hatred and crime. Everyone wanting to put blame on race, or politics, even APD. Seems like people would want to unite to make the place you live a better and safer city for your children. APD can only do so much. The residents can take part in community watch programs. Hard to believe 30 to 50 kids can jump a family and no one in the neighbor knows nothing. Wether your black, white, or red someone needs to speak up to hold these young adults responsible. The next time someone going to be dead. They can face the consequences now. Or you can pay for commissary when it is to late.

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independent

Hudson, OH

Posted 10:36 AM,
07/11/2009

@ peeb02. you just might want to try an apostrophe or two. Oh, and we are nowhere near becoming a "socialist" country. We have quite a few safety net programs like veteran benefits, social security, medicare and state funded medicaid programs. We also also payout huge sums to support large agri corporations. But, all in all, we're basically a country based on capitalism.

You should know this — unless the 02 in demonstrative for your IQ.

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peebs02

Canal Fulton, Oh


 Posted 10:44 AM,
07/11/2009

Unfortunately the ABJ wouldnt upload my last comment.the jist of it was..K*ss my A** independent (jenkins) or should I of put a comma in there for ya?

[Sign-in to report abuse](#)**Justice73**


Akron, Oh


 Posted 10:51 AM,
07/11/2009

It is a shame that The Rev's spokesman used a racial slur to describe white people. It is just another example of the double standards that SOME blacks live by.

[Sign-in to report abuse](#)**peebs02**

Canal Fulton, Oh


 Posted 10:51 AM,
07/11/2009

You must be a school teacher with nothing to do all summer.
Why dont ya go paint or babysit like the rest of them do?

[Sign-in to report abuse](#)**Justice73**


Akron, Oh


 Posted 10:54 AM,
07/11/2009

Nice insult (to peebs02) independent. One would think that a person with an IQ of 40 could come up with something a little bit better though.

[Sign-in to report abuse](#)**grubby**


akron, OH


 Posted 10:57 AM,
07/11/2009

justice73, I thought that was a poor choice also. He had to throw a little dig in their. I hope they attack this story with as much fervor as they would one of their own, but I doubt it.

[Sign-in to report abuse](#)**peebs02**

Canal Fulton, Oh


 Posted 11:01 AM,
07/11/2009

:-)

[Sign-in to report abuse](#)**Justice73**

Akron, Oh



 Posted 11:12 AM,
07/11/2009

Hooch,

You are correct in your comments. My brother and I were walking on Grant Street by Cole Ave in broad daylight and were jumped by 10 "youths". The only thing that saved us was the fact that there were only ten of them (they had no guns) and we knew how to pick things up (beer bottles and bricks) to defend ourselves with until a cop drove by. I guess it did not make the news because it was a black on mixed crime. LOL

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Hudson, OH


 Posted 11:15 AM,
07/11/2009

@ 02. thanks for raising the bar.

[Sign-in to report abuse](#)**peebs02**

Canal Fulton, Oh


 Posted 11:45 AM,
07/11/2009

I do believe independent is stalking me.Yesterday he was under the name of JENKINS,from Hudson,,,today he is independent from Hudson, and he dont post about the subject at hand.He is only on here to put me down,and reply negatively to every opinion I post.Now,should I be flattered? UM NO! stop stalking me independent!! dont understand why he is so concerned about my punctuation when this is only a post site. We get it independent your a

teacher.but your really a pain in the arse.

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Justice73

Akron, Oh



Posted 02:28 PM,
07/11/2009

Mr. Finley,

What the city of Akron needs is the politicians to STOP bickering over everything and to try and set examples for the people to follow. When we did have jobs, money and other materialistic things, we still had people killing eachother and violent crimes towards children, women, and the like for various reasons. If money was the answer then why are pro sports players getting arrested or killed? Why are white suburban citizens' children killing eachother in the schools? Attitude reflects the leadership sir. It is the mindset of the American people that needs changed. If we truly did that, then people like you and the majority of our elected officials would be toe ones flipping burgers, scrubbing toilets and looking between the couch cushions for extra money to pay their electric bills and not us.

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Justice73

Akron, Oh



Posted 02:31 PM,
07/11/2009

I meant "the" not "toe".

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IndependentMom

Akron, OH



Posted 02:48 PM,
07/11/2009

Yes, Akron does need real change, in the form of locking up **vicious repeat offender** felons.

When are the courts going to start taking seriously the **killer instincts** of domestic abusers like this:

"Police are looking for Michael Deshawne Ayers, 32, whose Oldsmobile was towed and who authorities accuse of violently attacking the 58-year-old community leader and volunteer.

Ayers, a four-time convicted felon, is on probation for his latest conviction in April, a domestic violence charge that netted him a suspended jail sentence."

http://www.ohio.com/news/top_stories/50521567.html

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independent

Hudson, OH



Posted 03:05 PM,
07/11/2009

@ 02. wrong agin peep. I just have the one avatar. maybe you're just a tad paranoid. and, I was commenting on your reference to socialism — the comments about you were just a bonus.

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independent

Hudson, OH



Posted 03:05 PM,
07/11/2009

again.

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mike



Posted 12:00 AM,
07/12/2009

Hooch,

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OH

Posted 03:05 PM, 07/11/2009 again.

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Posted 12:38 AM,
07/12/2009

God Bless this Officer - he is right - tried to send an email to the writer at the ABJ with the email address provided and there is no comment section that anyone can post to - intentional or broken link - you decide - pasted from the email I tried to send below.

Akron police investigate teen mob attack on family
By Phil Trexler
Beacon Journal staff writer

Why no ability for the residents of this city to comment on the ABJ article - would appreciate a response - is the link broken? Email address is not correct and wonder if the right phone number is provided? Not everyone uses Outlook to send a response to Knight Ridder employees? Disturbing and am posting where the truth can be seen? No comments - wonder what happened to the civil rights investigation into the death of Mark M. at the Summit County Jail? No discussion forum then when hopefully Justice is served UP? This is unacceptable in my opinion as the servers may not be able to handle the response or maybe no one cares - so I will post this in a related comment section as the email address provided seems to not exist?

Phil Trexler can be reached at 330.906.3717 or

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