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Read This, Stoooge

“My name is Justin Harter and I am prejudice.” Ha ha! Just kidding! You see, that’s what the stooge who wrote into the Town Crier thinks I am -- prejudice. I don’t know if the caller was male or female, so I’ll use the word “Stoooge” because it does not apply any particular gender and doesn’t sound very prejudice. For those of you just joining the conversation, here is what was published in last week’s Town Crier:

"This is a reaction to Justin Harter's article on May 2, 2006. It is articles like this that allow Washington County to be seen as prejudice. I would appreciate the paper taking more time and editing their articles, not blaming a certain race for their traffic problems.

Second of all, I think a person can figure out the right way to do a protest, maybe they were trying to stop traffic.

Please think about this before writing another article."

Well Stooegey, I thought about “that” before I wrote this article and I’m glad to say you are an inspiration. You’re right; Hispanics clearly would want to cause traffic chaos in Indianapolis during their early April rally to show support for immigration. People love sitting in their hot cars after an eight-hour day at the office. Not like anyone really has any reason to get home to see their families and what not. That was clearly planned and well thought-out. I was obviously in the wrong when I said the rally organizers should not have blocked traffic for hours. Heck, it’s a shame they didn’t have more protesters, I would have loved to sit in my idling car for at least thirty or forty more minutes. Gas is only a few pennies a gallon in Iran anyway.

Moreover, the Hispanics had a great idea by making Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> their official “Day Without Immigrants” by proving their love and loyalty to the country they came to work for by taking the afternoon off. Stoooge, you are clearly the perfect person to organize all rallies against the government. Someone told me so on the street earlier. Most of the time the protests are federally funded, so you’ll have a ridiculous budget. I’ll even pay for you to go on a hunting trip with Dick Cheney so you can unwind before you start your busy schedule of not knowing people before you say things about them.

In the end, I’m the most liberal Justin Harter I know. I dare you to find another Justin Harter as complacent with things as me. The only things that irritate me are stupid people, the Stoooge who called into the Town Crier complaining about me because they can’t understand sarcasm and stupid people that can’t understand sarcasm. I am passionately ambivalent on this. Should I apologize and take back what I said two weeks ago? Absolutely maybe!

As an important lesson, Stooze, you should know that I'm doing the people of Washington County and the readers of The Salem Leader a favor by providing free entertainment. Without me all you'd have to entertain yourself is making up random things about college students living miles from their hometown. See, I at least publish my name with what I think. My true political and religious beliefs would probably cause Stooze to keel over because its evident they have no central nervous system and therefore no spine. That's why I'm warning those of you that may be squeamish to turn away from the newspaper while I tell Stoozey I think immigration is what this country is all about and if you can make it in and play by our rules, welcome aboard.

While we're at it, I say let the gays marry each other – if they want to be miserable and divorced like all the heterosexual people, let them have at it. Plus, Church has no business in government, just as government has no business in doing anything with the church. You might say the founders of the Constitution were Christian, but in all likelihood Ben Franklin probably sneezed and smudged some of the ink where the Constitution talks about religious freedom. There's always a loophole, if I wrote a law I'd want a way to stay out of jail after I broke it, too. For instance, I bet many kids don't know school is optional. The worst that happens is your parents get thrown in jail if you skip school. I'm surprised no one has caught on to the power that would have in situations like, "Gee Dad, you'd better let me stay out late if you don't want me to skip school tomorrow and get you thrown in jail." Finally, let's allow all Hispanic immigrants in the nation flock to Washington County; I really like Mexican food when I travel home for a day.