

EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 260 AND CHESTERFIELD 205



January 16, 2017

By John Hoffmann

FIRST WEEK OF DEER THINNING RESULTS IN 89 FEWER TOWN AND COUNTRY

DEER: Here is the breakdown of the first week of three weeks of lethal deer management in Town and Country for 2017. We are not naming specific sites for security and privacy reasons. The general locations of those sites will be in the final report from White Buffalo, the city's contractor, at the end of January.

White Buffalo is scheduled to do three weeks of lethal deer management followed by a week of taking a city wide deer census. All deer that are shot and killed are taken to be butchered with the meat going to food pantries. Again this year city staff is doing the baiting of shooting sites with food (corn meal).

Ward 1	15
Ward 2	22
Ward 3	19
Ward 4	33
Total	89



DECEMBER AND 2016 DEER VS VEHICLE REPORT: There were only two deer-vehicle crashes in December. 2016 ended with 61 deer-vehicle encounters down by 30% from 90 in 2015.

Here are where the two crashes happened in December:

12/15/16 9:36 PM Topping Road and Topping Acres Ward 1

12/28/16 10:56 AM 13200 Block Clayton Road Ward 2

This is the 2016 report:



2016 Deer Accident Locations Jan-December (61)

I-64 Ballas to Mason **5** Wards 1 and 2

I-64 Mason to Hwy 141 **4** Ward 4

I-270 South City Limits to North CL **9** Ward 1

Ballas Road **2** Ward 1

Clayton Road Mason to Bopp **6** Wards 2 & 1

South Outer Forty Road Municipal Center Drive to Mason **1** Wards 1 & 2

South Outer Forty Road Mason to West City Limits **2** Wards 3 and 4

North Outer Forty Drive **2** Wards 1, 2 & 4

Topping Road **3** Wards 1 & 2

Mason Road (Clayton to south city limits) **5** Ward 2

Mason Road (Clayton North to Conway) **2** Wards 2 and Wards 4

Clayton Road (Mason to Woods Mill) **4** Ward 3

Weidman Road **1** Ward 3

Woods Mill Road **2** Wards 3 and 4

Highway 141 **12** Wards 3 and 4

Ladue Road **1** Ward 4

The TOP THREE LOCATIONS for vehicles killing a deer or a deer damaging a vehicle in 2016 are:

Highway 141 **12**

Clayton Road **10** (Bopp to Mason 6, Mason to 141 4)

I-270 **9**

THE PROTESTERS: Former alderman and deer whacko Al Gerber had announced to city officials about 30 protesters would be outside of the City Hall prior to last Monday's meeting. In reality about half of that showed up and it was the usual crowd of misinformed animal rights folks, many who did not live in town. On Monday I had to be at my regular job involving being a PA announcer for college basketball games. However, my wife went to City Hall and photographed the protesters and spoke to a few of the protesters.

Here are some of her photos:





Here are some of the conversations my wife, Diana had with some of the protesters:

Diana: Hera (Hera Gerber wife of Eric Al Gerber who was standing in the median of the City Hall driveway holding a sign) can I asked you question?

Hera: No you are blocking traffic.

Diana: There is no one behind me.

Then there was this exchange:

Protester: The deer were here first (A statement not really true. many of these deer made it to the Midwest after an explosion in the deer population starting in 1990 in the Mid-Atlantic states).

Diana: Are you saying there are too many people here?

Protester: Yes! There are too many humans.

Diana: I don't have any kids so I'm not adding to the problem. Do you have any children?

Protester: Yes, three.

Diana: Then you are contributing to the problem! Are you proposing humans leave the

area?

Next there was this exchange:

Protester: If you leave the deer alone, there will be so many they won't reproduce any more.

Diana: What's your source on that?

Protester: The Human Society of America. (My wife spent over an hour at home trying to find that source and was unable to.)

There was also this one:

Protester: We could put contraceptives in their food.

Diana: How are you going to be sure that a deer eats the right amount, or any of the food you put out or how do you keep the bucks from eating all the food with the contraceptives in it?

Protester: (Turned away. This protester was wearing a leather coat and carrying a leather Gucci purse.)

THE MEDIA: Keep in mind the protesters are the same people who have been outraged at any lethal deer management program. 15 people and not all of them actual Town and Country residents. Here are the headlines from local TV station's news websites:

From KMOV:

Town and Country residents demanding changes to city's deer killing policy

As we all know the **Vast Majority** of Town and Country residents favor the current deer management program. A better headline would be:

A Few Town and Country Residents and Deer Lovers Stand Outside Holding Signs Against City's Deer Killing Policy.

From KTVI:

Some Town & Country residents want the city to change method of controlling deer population

The headline was better but Katherine Hessel's report was awful; full of misinformation. I'm kindly using the word misinformation. The day before her report 113 deer had been killed in eight days of a 21-day lethal deer culling of 250 deer. Skip Mange famous for his misinformation claimed 70 deer were killed of 115 authorized! He admitted that he was the one who gave Hessel the wrong information.

She had protesters on camera giving out bogus information about deer sterilization and the dangers of what Town and Country was doing.

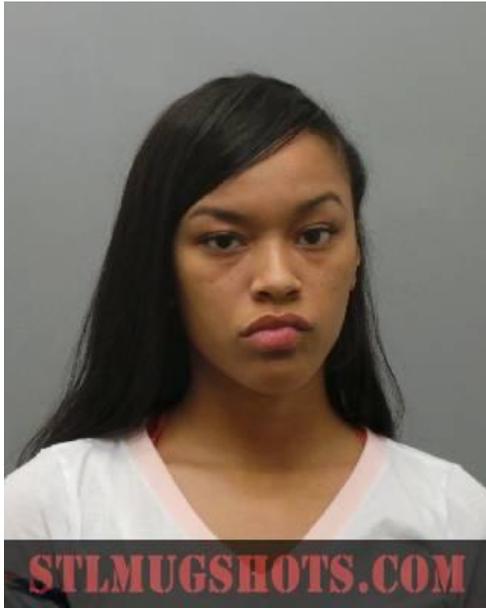
DECEMBER AND 2016 TOWN AND COUNTRY POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT: At the end of 2016 it was interesting to note that that Police Calls for Service were up by 3,080 calls, but reports of crime and other incidents were down by 304.

The only other area with an increase in 2016 over 2015 was vehicle crashes, up by 33 wrecks. Everything else was down for the year. See the chart below.

CATEGORY	DEC. 2016	YTD 2016	DEC. 2015	YTD 2015
Calls for Service	1856	22704	1792	19624
Reports Written	185	2454	221	2758
Vehicle Crashes	76	1102	90	1069
Criminal Reports	25	385	35	568
DWI Arrests	15	177	12	201
Misc. Arrests	24	317	19	381
Traffic Citations	248	3416	434	5139
Speeding	123	2026	274	3176
Traffic Warnings	268	2840	NA	NA
Total Traffic Contacts	516	6254	NA	NA

94 MPH ON I-270 RESULTS IN NO-FINE AND NO POINTS:

On Tuesday July 19, 2016 at 6:57 in the evening Town and Country Officer Yaakub clocked a 2012 Chevrolet driven by Jazmynn Kite, 21, of South County at 94 MPH in a 60 MPH zone on I-270. There is plenty of traffic on I-270 at 7 o'clock on a summer evening. 94 MPH is dangerously fast, at least I think so. The Town and Country prosecutor and an Associate Circuit Judge in Clayton apparently don't.



Kite, who was evicted from her South County apartment in July, hired a Clayton lawyer who moved the case to the Associate Circuit Court. On 11/17/16 she appeared before Judge Richard Stewart. Town and Country Prosecutor Ed Sluys had no problem with her pleading guilty and being placed on a 6-month SIS (Suspended Imposition of Sentence) probation term. She is also supposed to do 20 hours of community service.

She left the courthouse with no points and no fine to pay.

Two days before appearing in Court she was physically arrested for Speeding and the above mug shot was taken. Normally to be arrested for speeding you have to be at an excessively high speed or failed to appear on a prior Speeding charge.

On 12/21/15 Kite was cited by the Highway Patrol for speeding in Ste. Genevieve County. She failed to appear on that case and a warrant was issued on April 28, 2016. I don't know why she was not arrested by Officer Kaakub unless Ste. Genevieve County won't come to St. Louis County to pick up people with arrest warrants for traffic.

So simple checking by Ed Sluys should have shown that Kite was not a good candidate to receive any probation term. I'll bet she has trouble performing the community service.

LIBERAL LOCAL CANDIDATE APPARENTLY HAD A TOUGH TIME WITH NOVEMBER RESULT: This sign was in the yard of Ward 3 candidate Linda Robson a month after the November presidential election and after she filed to run for alderwoman. Robson is running against incumbent gas-bag Fred Meyland-Smith. Fred who loves to hear himself talk and can say in five minutes what can be easily said in 30-seconds should win easily.



UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 205



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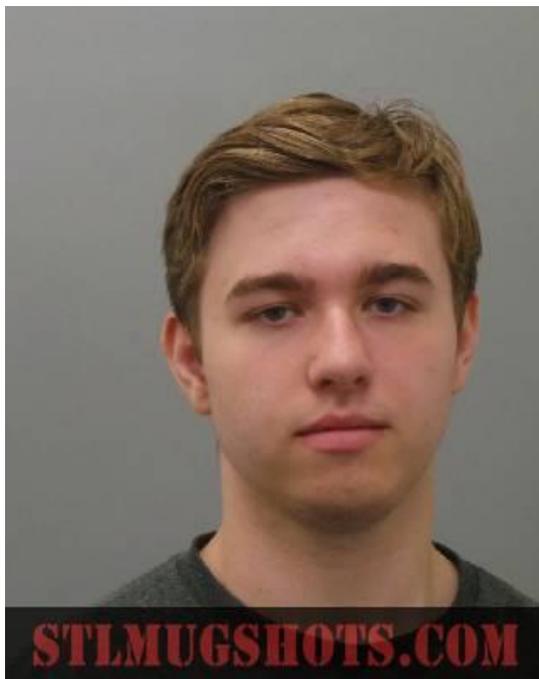
CLARKSON VALLEY MAN WHO WAS ATTENDING MISSOURI IS SENTENCED FOR THEFT AND FRAUD. Parker Cordova is a 2015 graduate of CBC High School in Town and Country. He has a Chesterfield address, which is actually in Clarkson Valley at 16825 Kehrs Brooke Ct. Let's face it, the address is an area of homes of rich people. At CBC Parker played on the Lacrosse team and had a couple of write ups in the Post-Dispatch.

Parker did not act like the son of rich people on March 8, 2016. He was in a student food service area at the University of Missouri.

A student at a nearby table momentarily left his table, leaving a wallet. Parker stole the wallet, took two credit cards and \$25 cash and discarded the wallet.

Parker apparently was not the brightest bulb in the package did not realize the food court area had surveillance video. After being recorded he made the most of his new wealth and took the credit cards to the Lee Street Deli and used them for a \$22 and an \$8 purchase.

At the time of his arrest he was found to have a marijuana smoking device on his person. He had prior arrests in Columbia for Property Damage and Possession of Marijuana (Dec. 2, 2015) On 05/25/14 he was arrested for Tampering with a Witness or Victim to Get Them to Testify Falsely.

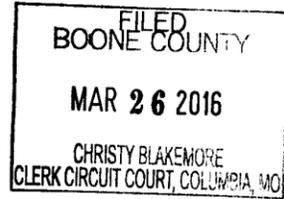


He apparently is no longer at Missouri and was listed at being Lindenwood but is no longer there.

Outcome: On November 14, 2016 Cordova Pled Guilty to both charges. Sentencing was put off until January 9, 2017. On January 12, 2017 the Boone County Circuit Court had not updated the computer files and refused to give me the sentencing info over the telephone. We will update this later in the month.

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2.23 PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

Date: 03-13-2016

I, James Young, University Police Department #29, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true.

1. I have probable cause to believe that on 03-08-2016, at the University Student Recreation Center (1000 E. Rollins Street) and Lee Street Deli (603 Lee Street), Parker Cordova (DOB: 02-17-1997 OLN: Y114240006) committed one or more criminal offense(s)._____

RSMo 570.030 Stealing (Felony- credit/debit device)

RSMo 570.090 Forgery (2 counts)

RSMo 570.030 Stealing (Misdemeanor)

RSMo 570.130 Fraudulent Use of Credit/Debit Card (Less than \$150)_____

2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows: On 03/08/2016, at 2033 hours, the defendant was observed on surveillance footage at the Student Recreation Center being the only individual sitting next to the items belonging to the victim, J.H. When J.H. returns, other individuals are in the area and help J.H. look for his wallet, which is later located at Lost and Found minus 1 US Bank Visa Debit Card, 1 GNB Bank Mastercard Debit Card, and \$25 cash. The defendant is then observed on surveillance footage making 2 purchases, one at 2057 hours and one at 2110 hours, at the Lee Street Deli using the stolen GNB Bank Mastercard Debit Card. The defendant signed 2 receipts as the victim, J.H. The first purchase was for \$22.20 and the second purchase was for \$8.20._____

3. I believe that the defendant poses a danger to the community or to any other person because he has two prior arrests with the University Police Department, the first for Property Damage 2nd Degree and the second for Possession of Marijuana (less than 35 grams), and is showing a pattern of escalating criminal activity.

[Print Name] James Young _____ [Signature]  #29 3/13/16 _____

Date: 03-13-2016

ANOTHER CHESTERFIELD RESIDENT CHARGED WITH FELONY DRUNK DRIVING AFTER ACCIDENT ON I-44. Chesterfield resident Todd Candela, 35, of

Defendant admitted drinking alcohol.

Defendant refused to perform field sobriety tests.

Defendant was arrested.

Defendant was read Missouri Implied Consent and Miranda Rights.

Defendant provided a blood sample which revealed a .224 BAC result.

During processing Defendant admitted he was the driver of the vehicle.

Defendant has pleaded guilty to or has been found guilty of two prior intoxication-related traffic offenses.

Brock Teague, DSN 1385, Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop C Police Department

[Signature]



Date:

11/23/2016



FORMER DISGRACED POST-DISPATCHED EDITOR AND PATCH.COM REGIONAL EDITOR ATTACKS CHESTERFIELD CITY COUNCIL PERSONS ON THEIR VOTE TO OPPOSE THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS REJOINING ST. LOUIS COUNTY. HE IS JOINED BY A LOCAL KID ON A SIMILAR QUEST Kurt Greenbaum is in my opinion a jerk and a complete two faced ass.

Greenbaum was at the January 4, 2017 Chesterfield City Council meeting and attacked a number of members of the City Council along with a co-hort, complaining about the Council's December vote to oppose the City of St. Louis rejoining St. Louis County.

Greenbaum is currently an editor for the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce magazine. He was also the former regional editor at Patch.com where he would complain to my editors when I would make "tongue-in-check" wisecracks or even worse, "sarcastic" pokes at local politicians in my columns. Now he is doing the same thing,

But Greenbaum is most famous for being the Social Media editor at the St. Louis Post-Dispatch in 2009. During that time he was suppose to increase hits on the Post-Dispatch website by promoting stories and asking stupid questions trying to get reader responses.

One of the questions he posed was "What is the craziest thing you have ever eaten or eaten at home and did you like it."

Greenbaum was successful. He had one reader write, "Pussy." Greenbaum deleted the post and the poster later reposted "pussy." Greenbaum deleted it again, but instead of blocking the ip address of the email sender, he did some research and found that it was coming from a school. Greenbaum called the school and found a teacher on his break used a school computer and posted the response, The teacher was forced to resign.

When you google Greenbaum's name the top hit is an article from Forbes.com about the incident. There are numerous other posts. The general theme was if you ask your readers to respond to stupid stuff you post and don't like their posts, you should not try and get them fired.

I knew Greenbaum when he was the Regional Editor for Patch.com which was owned by AOL. I was engaged as a free lance journalist to write news and local political columns for several editions of Patch.com. I wrote a column about how Town and Country Mayor Jon Dalton was the main player in a land grab of the property and business of then 78-year-old widow Opal Henderson on South Broadway.

Dalton and his investors wanted to build a nightclub district and were blind to the fact that the owners of the Cardinals had the same plan, but closer to the baseball stadium.

After getting the property through eminent domain, the group was sued by Henderson and a jury found she had been cheated to a sum of just a little under \$1,000,000.

I first wrote about this in a column posted in the Chesterfield patch.com. There were no problems and the editor of the Town and Country-Manchester decided to run it. Within six hours of it being posted Dalton had called Greenbaum and the column was pulled.

<http://patch.com/missouri/townandcountry-manchester/widow-gets-1m-for-junkyard-seized-by-gov-t>

It continued to run on the Chesterfield patch.com

AOL Patch.com went out of business and was sold. Greenbaum was out of a job. The remaining local sites are basically bulletin boards with very little readership. Five years and a month later I found the column online. It had changes. One claimed it was pulled due to inaccuracies and reposted. That did not happen. The current posting also claims I was a member of the community posting the column. That is a complete falsehood. I was being paid by AOL/Patch.com to write columns on local politics.

My other encounter with Greenbaum came while I was writing three columns a week for the Chesterfield patch.com. Several Chesterfield city councilpersons did not like some of my tongue-in-cheek columns about them. Then City Administrator Mike Herring called Greenbaum and my direct editor Jeanne Whitney to City Hall to meet with him and several council people including Connie Fults and Mike Casey. It was suggested that that my news and political columns be approved by Herring. Greenbaum did not immediately shoot down this suggestion.

It did not matter. The pay for free lance contributors to patch.com was being reduced drastically and I quit. A couple weeks later the few remaining freelancers were let go.

So I don't have a lot of use for Greenbaum in general.

I was surprised to see him preening in the Council Chambers on Wednesday January 4, before the the regular City Council meeting. He was with 24-year-old Jake Hollander, who looks like he is 16. Hollander is a grad of American University. He came back to St. Louis last year to start St. Louis Strong, a non-profit with a goal to rejoin the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County.

Hollander lives in Western Chesterfield, went to Marquette High School where he was in the Jazz band and the philosophy club. In other words he has been a lifelong geek.

He lives in an area where the vast majority of people don't want St. Louis back in St. Louis County and voted for Donald Trump. Reading Hollander's Twitter Account he is not a big fan of Trump. That is fine. However, if you hope to sell your position of St. Louis Strong, it might be a good idea to eliminate the stuff that will have people disregard your position.



Greenbaum



Hollander

They both read prepared texts to the Council. Hollander insulted the elected officials more than Greenbaum, but neither were winning any points.

Here are Greenbaum's remarks:

Good evening Mr. Mayor and council members. My name is Kurt Greenbaum. I've lived in Chesterfield for half its history. I work in Chesterfield. My children graduated from Parkway Central. I'm a proud supporter. But today, I am disappointed in the council's Dec. 5 resolution opposing ANY plan to return the city of St. Louis to St. Louis County.

That resolution addresses the creation of a 91st county municipality, but your discussion seemed to conflate the issue with that of metropolitan consolidation.

Perhaps such a consolidation -- like those in Indianapolis, Louisville, Nashville and Jacksonville -- could create a powerful, efficient and well-coordinated region, but no such proposal exists. Likewise, there is no plan for a city/county merger.

First, the council ignores facts by suggesting St. Louis's unmet financial obligations would fall to county residents. First, the city is not at financial risk. Even if it were, prevailing legal opinions say no state or federal law, no court precedent requires a third party to assume responsibility for St. Louis's obligations. Why would the council raise this specter if not as a scare tactic?

Second, the council suggests a merger would release a "tsunami of far-left votes" in the county. As nonpartisan elected community representatives, you ^{should} be above such a narrow-minded, parochial and self-serving viewpoint. Additionally, the viewpoint is flawed on its face. County government is already politically divided, ricocheting between Democrats and Republicans in the last decade. The attitudes behind this resolution may do more to motivate progressive voters than any merger could.

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Third, the council raises the issue of government efficiency, which is more about metropolitan consolidation than a city/county merger. Still, you raised it — and fumbled it by ignoring Better Together's nonpartisan study showing such a plan could save \$114 million a year in

administrative costs. Fiscally conservative elected officials should lick their chops at the prospect.

Finally, there's that question about a plan. One council member defied logic by displaying the capacity to make up her mind on a question that has not even been asked. That is not leadership. That is closed-mindedness. Thank you, Mr. Logan, for the leadership to recognize that without a plan, there is nothing to promote and nothing to oppose.

Be leaders. Have an open mind. Chesterfield enjoys strong economic development, but our community also benefits from a healthy and strong region. We could not thrive without outside help after the flood. We cannot thrive without outside support for our county and state roads. We cannot thrive without the people from throughout this region who take buses and cars to work in our restaurants, retailers, service businesses and even our corporate headquarters. You should know that.

In the next to last paragraph Greenbaum takes a shot at the popular Councilwoman Barb McGuinness. He implied that Randy Logan is the only Councilperson with any sense, while the opposite is the case.

Next was young Jake Hollander.

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Statement to the City Council of Chesterfield
Jake Hollander, Executive Director, St. Louis Strong

Council members and Mr. Mayor, I've lived in Chesterfield the majority of my life, made life long friends here, learned to skate and play hockey here, gone on first dates and experienced heartbreaks here, celebrated almost every holiday with my family here. In essence, here is my home.

I'm grateful for having grown up in Chesterfield because I was afforded the privilege and opportunity of attending some of the best public schools in the country and residing in safety. However, despite all of these experiences, Chesterfield does not define my identity. It's simply a place where all of these things have happened. I've spent time abroad, lived in Denver, and worked in our Nation's capital.

Outside of our region, when folks ask me where I was from, I never mention Chesterfield—because none of them know it. I state—sometimes proudly and sometimes sheepishly—I'm from St. Louis.

Chesterfield and St. Louis are where I've witnessed the backwardness and corrosiveness of fragmented politics crack along socioeconomic lines; where I've observed adults act like children and children die like adults from afar.

My life would be utterly different had I been born a dozen miles from here. What your resolution to oppose a city-county combination plan of any kind, or to even discuss the issue, indicates ^{is} your failure not only to see the larger picture as a non-partisan elected official or business leader, but also as a human.

We are connected to our neighbors in the deep, whether we like it or not. Lines on a map, skin tones, political parties, and other divisions are illusions of the mind. We all hope for and fear the same things. We all long for a stable economy so we can provide for our family without constant anxiety. We all desire a safe place to raise our kids and good schools to send them. We all yearn for premier healthcare services to serve our loved ones.

Yet, your shortsighted political resolution fails to recognize that your interests are intertwined with those of your neighbors'. Your decisions did not allow for consideration of the facts. Simple re-entry would entail that only the City would be responsible for its debt. The County and City police could worry less about jurisdictional lines and more about public safety. Our public health departments could jointly combat diseases and epidemics that plague our region. We could eliminate administrative bureaucracy and reign in rogue courts. We could succinctly promote a competitive economic vision to attract more and larger businesses. Study after study indicates all of this—^{all} of which I'm happy to send you.

Republicans, Democrats, suburbanites and urbanites, blacks and whites have come together in Nashville, Indianapolis, Louisville, and elsewhere to combine services in order to grow their region and eliminate redundancies. I urge you to reconsider your decision and be open to the free market of ideas. I urge you to have the political courage to look at the facts and reevaluate the silencing of mere conversations. The founders of our country understood the meaning of 'E. Pluribus Unum' and poison of factionalism. I hope you will learn to as well.

Here is what Jake has accused the Council of doing or he was doing with his statement:

- 1) Not acting like humans (paragraph 5)
- 2) They are shortsighted (paragraph 7)
- 3) Condescending (paragraph 7 where he offers to educate them)
- 4) He wrongly accused the council of not following the founding fathers who he claimed avoided factionalism. He is completely wrong. The founding fathers had very little central government control as the country was based on states' rights, something that led to the civil war. Apparently Mr. Hollander missed this during his education at American University.
- 5) The condescending writing ended when he claimed the Council needs to learn his incorrect theory of American History.

After Greenbaum and Hollander were done, Councilman Tom DeCampi made a statement questioning their positions of the council not acting as a non-partisan. He pointed out that the 330,000 persons in the City of St. Louis are mostly Democratic and the people he represents are vastly Republican that he has an obligation to represent their feelings.

"While we are elected on a nonpartisan basis, that doesn't mean we have to abandoned voters who have a difference of opinion with those in St. Louis. There is a majority of Republicans in my constituency, while the City of St. Louis has voters who are highly politically partisan to the left. My constituents don't want to be overwhelmed by a municipality of 300,000-plus residents who overwhelmingly vote Democratic," said DeCampi.



I also don't understand why Greenbaum working for the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce wants to come to a City Council meeting and piss off the people the Chamber wants to keep on their side. Pretty stupid!

MEDIA: A Post-Dispatch Copy Editor had the following headline on stringer Mary Shapiro's story about Greenbaum and Hollander's remarks:

Chesterfield residents criticize council vote against St. Louis city rejoining the county

This gave the incorrect impression that a large number of residents were upset. A better headline should have read:

TWO KOOKS FROM CHESTERFIELD TELL THE CITY COUNCIL WHY THEY SHOULD HAVE ST. LOUIS CITY REJOIN THE COUNTY

If this wasn't bad enough over the weekend Post-Dispatch columnist Tony Messenger had a column praising Hollander's name calling and out and out rude presentation at the council meeting.

SUPREME COURT'S OFFICE OF CHIEF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL REFUSES TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST FORMER CHESTERFIELD CITY ATTORNEY ROB HEGGIE:

In our Ex-Alderman Newsletter 258 on January 2, 2017 we reported how he had filed a complaint against form Chesterfield City Attorney Rob Heggie for intentionally breaking the Missouri Open Record Sunshine Law by keeping the Doorack Lease at his office for years so the city could claim the lease was part of an Attorney-Client privilege, instead of making it public as required by law.

The decisions not to do anything was not a surprise as everyone who saw the complaint said it was clear what Heggie did and they doubted the OCDO would do anything about it.

It did not take the Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel long to respond to our complaint. The unit of the Supreme Court of Missouri sent us the following letter:

OFFICE OF CHIEF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

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SUPREME COURT OF MISSOURI

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Re: Robert M. Heggie

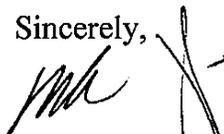
Dear Mr. Hoffmann:

This will acknowledge review of your complaint against Mr. Heggie received December 14, 2016.

Based upon the information you provided in your letter, it would not be appropriate for this office to take action. The matter you raise in your correspondence involves legal issues which are within the jurisdiction of the courts to resolve. This office has no jurisdiction in such matters.

You should consult with your attorney for any legal advice or assistance that you may need.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Flanegin
Staff Counsel

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I'm certainly not going to hire an attorney to do what the State of Missouri should do when an attorney (now a judge) intentionally breaks the law.

NEXT UP WE FILED A MISSOURI OPEN RECORDS COMPLAINT WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE: All prior Sunshine complaints of governments refusing to release or allow inspection of city, county or municipal government or court records with the Missouri Attorney General's Office have resulted in no real action taken by A.G. Chris Koster's office. Warning letters were sent out in some cases or phone calls in others and records were then made available. However no punitive action was taken.

So we decided to try the new Attorney General's Office under Josh Hawley who was sworn in on January 10, 2017.

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Missouri Attorney General's Office
Missouri Open Records/Sunshine Complaint Unit
P.O. Box 899
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Madam or Sir:

This is an official complaint against the:

City of Chesterfield, Missouri

The complaint involves how the City of Chesterfield intentionally hid since March of 2009 until November of 2016 the vote to lease property known as the Doorack Property at the intersection of Old Chesterfield Airport Road and Baxter Road, the minutes of the vote and the lease itself.

The City Council of Chesterfield finally voted to release the documents and records 7 1/2 years later on November 7, 2016.

We have attached newly released documents that show then city administrator Michael Herring, then mayor John Nations and then city attorney (and now judge) Rob Heggie kept the vote from appearing in City Council minutes that were available to the public. This was a clear violation of the Missouri Open Records Law.

Further per the advice of City Attorney Rob Heggie, the actual lease involving payments in excess of \$80,000 a year for rent and taxes of a vacant lot was not kept with documents open to the public at City Hall. Instead the lease was kept at Heggie's law office in an effort for the city to claim the document was part of an attorney-client privilege. This was also a gross violation of the Missouri Open Records Law.

While this overt violation of the Missouri Open Records Sunshine Law began on March 16, 2009, it did not become known to the public until November 16, 2016 when an ongoing Sunshine Open Records request made on November 8, 2016 was complied with. This was done after a 4-4 vote of the City Council on November 7, 2016. (The tie was broken by Mayor Bob Nation voting to release the documents.)

Statute of Limitations should not begin to run until November 16, 2016 when the records from 2009 were finally made public and the illegal activity was publicly known.

I am filing this as a reporter who attempted to obtain public documents for the public's information and knowledge. The fact that ongoing mayors and city councils and city attorneys continued to hide public records associated with vote and lease is a violation of the Open Records Law and a clear detriment to the public being fully informed of city council and government actions.

Respectfully filed,

John Hoffmann

attachments

1) Summary of March 16, 2009 city council meeting Executive Session where the city administrator Michael Herring reports without naming the substance or title of the Bill No. 2897 and how it passed. Herring wrote, "Details to be provided to the appropriate individuals" keeping this document and government action secret from the public.

- 2) A "confidential" Executive Session (closed to the public) Chesterfield City Council meeting minutes on February 23, 2011 where it became clear that a lease between the City of Chesterfield and the Doorack family was not being kept at City Hall but at the law office of city attorney Rob Heggie. The document also has Heggie recommending the lease remain at his office so the public would not have access to it at City Hall.
- 3) A Missouri Open Records Sunshine request made to the Chesterfield city clerk on November 8, 2016. The request included all meeting minutes concerning the Doorack Property Lease. I received 325 pages of documents, but did not receive a copy of the actual vote to release the records taken on November 7, 2016.
- 4) The response of the city clerk on November 16, 2016 that the records were available for pickup.
- 5) Another Missouri Open Records Sunshine Request dated December 6, 2016 asking for documents from 2016 that were not provided with our November 8, 2016 request.
- 6) A December 15, 2016 email from the Chesterfield Ast. City Clerk reference documents and charges connected with my December 6, 2016 Open Records Records.
- 7) An email from me to the Ast. City Clerk asking about (known) records that were not provided in response to my December 6, 2016 Open Records Request.
- 8) A response to my inquiry about missing public records not provided with my December 6, 2016 Open Records request dated December 30, 2016 from Chesterfield City Attorney Chris Graville, admitting a number of records that should have been provided were not.
- 9) From November 7, 2016 the minutes of the Closed Executive Session City Council Meeting of November 7 and the vote to release the records which dated back to November of 2008.

THE HANGER BAR IS CLOSED AFTER SALE: The Hangar Bar and Grill in the Chesterfield Town Center has been sold. It had been on the market for at least two years. Word around town is that owner Bob Chitwood was not updating kitchen and bar equipment while the business was for sale, which was hurting the sale. Also, other than the PM B-B-Q restaurant, there has been a rather consistent turnover of restaurants in the shopping center, which has store fronts well off of Long Road.

The Hangar came into existence in 2011 when Chitwood bought the Longstreet Grill and changed the name.

Having gone there for over a year, myself and friends (Trivia Team) had seen the quality of food go downhill for some time to the point where we quit going. About 1/3 of the online reviews made similar comments. We had originally given the place a favorable review in our restaurant section for bar food. Rather than rewrite it, I simply deleted it about 18 months ago.



While the closing was not mentioned on the Hangar Grill's website or facebook page, I went out to shoot a photo of the closed sign in the door. Chitwood must have actually hated his customers. There was not even a closed sign. Just a locked door.

Chesterfield resident and retired school superintendent Tom Byrnes now runs a Bar Trivia Company. He has moved the trivia contest he hosted on Wednesday nights from the Hangar Grill to Syberg's on Chesterfield Airport Road.





CHESTERFIELD POLICE BLOTTER: Here what the Chesterfield Police dealt with the first full week of 2017. We have highlighted some of the more unusual cases.

CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT Media Report January 4, 2017 - January 10, 2017

Time of Occurrence Generic Address Business/Location Name Incident Type

12/17/2016, 1200-01/10/2017, 1200 4XX WHITE BIRCH VALLEY CT **Larceny under \$500**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took license plate off of vehicle.

01/10/2017, 1415-1430 1 CHESTERFIELD MALL Sears **Larceny over \$750 Shoplifting**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects took tool sets and walked out of store without paying.

01/10/2017, 1434 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Victoria's Secret **Larceny under \$750**

Shoplifting Brief Narrative Description: 34 yo male concealed cosmetics and left store without paying.

01/10/2017, 1437 LADUE RD & STATE HWY 141 N of LADUE RD **Drugs Possession-**

Brief Narrative Description: 25 yo male in possession of marijuana after being stopped for a traffic violation.

11/01/2016, 0700-12/01/2016, 0700 15XXX ELK RIDGE LN 5 **Fraud Bank Account**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's investment account to make fraudulent purchases.

01/09/2017, 1216 14XXX AGUSTA DR **Larceny over \$750 Person**

Brief Narrative Description: Ongoing investigation over family member defrauding an inheritance.

01/09/2017, 0645-2200 8X WESTMEADE CT **Burglary Residential - Home**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject forced open front door of apartment but did not take anything from inside.

01/09/2017, 1007 2XX THF BLVD Lowe's **Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting**

Brief Narrative Description: 27 yo male concealed lights and left store without paying.

01/06/2017, 1715-01/09/2017, 0930 7XX W CHESTERFIELD PKY Monsanto **Larceny over**

\$750 Business Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took laptop computer from office.

01/09/2017, 2045 I64 HWY E & CLARKSON **Possession of Stolen Property Clothing**

Brief Narrative Description: 29 yo male in possession of stolen clothing after being stopped for a traffic violation.

01/08/2017, 1345-1445 16XXX BAXTER RD JCCA **Larceny under \$750 Person**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took victim's gym bag from unlocked locker.

12/21/2016, 0335-12/23/2016, 1937 14XXX LOS PADRES CT **Fraud Credit Card**

Brief Narrative Description: 15 yo female took family members debit card and used it to make purchases.

01/08/2017, 2225- 13XXX KINGSCROSS LN 3 **Assault Common - Actual Assault**

Brief Narrative Description: 38 yo male pushed victim after argument causing no injuries.

01/08/2017, 0000 6X FOREST CREST DR **Drugs Possession - Felony**
Brief Narrative Description: 19 yo male in possession of Xanax, synesthetic narcotics, and drug paraphernalia after overdose investigation.

01/07/2017, 1030 1X RIDGE CREST DR **Property Damage to Mailbox**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject damaged victim's mailbox.

01/08/2017, 1049 16XX CLARKSON RD Half Priced Books **Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: 63 yo male concealed DVD's and left store without paying.

12/07/2016, 1200 17XXX EDISON AVE Skyzone **Larceny under \$500 Business**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took business checks and cashed them at bank.

01/07/2017, 1635 18XXX CONVENIENCE WAY Cavenders Western Wear **Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed clothing and left store without paying.

01/07/2017, 1821 18XXX OLIVE STREET RD The Wedge **Assault Common - Actual Assault**
Brief Narrative Description: 36 yo male pulled victim's hair after argument causing no injuries.

01/07/2017, 1117 14XXX CLAYTON RD Shell **Larceny under \$750 Gas Drive Off**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject pumped gasoline and drove out of gas station without paying.

01/05/2017, 1200-01/06/2017, 1315 17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Chesterfield Ballfields **Property Damage City Property** **Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject drove through ball fields causing damage to the sod and wire fence.

01/06/2017, 1420 1XX THF BLVD Sam's **Larceny under \$750 Person**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took victim's wallet out of her purse while she was inside store.

12/24/2016, 0900-12/24/2016, 1800 15XXX RIDGE LAKE DR **Larceny over \$500 from Residence** **Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took package from victim's front porch.

01/06/2017, 1700- 2000 16XXX SWINGLEY RIDGE RD Doubletree **Larceny under \$750 from Auto** **Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle and took cash from a purse.

01/06/2017, 2237 13XXX OLIVE BLVD Steak N Shake **Drugs Possession -Misdemeanor**
Brief Narrative Description: Two 17 yo males and one 16 yo male in possession of marijuana, paraphernalia, and alcohol by consumption after suspicious vehicle check.

01/05/2017, 2132 BAXTER RD & CLAYTON RD Walgreens **Drugs Possession - Felony**
Brief Narrative Description: 22 yo male in possession of heroin and paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation.

01/05/2017, 0935 1X RIDGE CREST DR **Burglary Residential - Home**
Brief Narrative Description: 23 yo female broke out window on garage door and took a vehicle, jewelry, and a firearm.

01/05/2017, 1114-01/05/2017, 1157 21XX SADDLEBRED CT **Violation of Ex-Parte/Full Ord Ex-Parte**
Brief Narrative Description: 57 yo female violated the conditions of a court order of protection by calling victim.

12/30/2016, 1018-1148 18XXX OUTLET BLVD Premium Outlet Mall **Fraud Credit Card**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's debit card information to make purchases.

01/05/2017, 1247 17XX CLARKSON RD Mobil **Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed alcohol and left store without paying.

10/31/2016, 1200-01/05/2017, 1400 10XX GREYSTONE MANOR PKY **Larceny over \$750 By Deceit**
Brief Narrative Description: 54 yo male failed to complete remodeling work after being paid.

01/05/2017, 1627 17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Polo **Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects concealed clothing and left store without paying.

01/05/2017, 1737 17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Sunglass Hut **Larceny under \$750**

Shoplifting

Brief Narrative Description: 16 yo male and 15 yo female concealed sunglasses and left store without paying.

01/05/2017, 1829 14XXX RIALTO DR 206 **Assault Common - Actual Assault**

Brief Narrative Description: 29 yo male pushed victim after argument causing minor injuries.

01/05/2017, 1834 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Sunglass Hut **Larceny under \$750**

Shoplifting

Brief Narrative Description: 16 yo male and 15 yo female concealed sunglasses and left store without paying.

12/14/2016, 1600-12/15/2016, 1800 16XXX WESTBORO CIRCLE DR **Larceny under \$500 from Residence**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took weather monitor from front door of apartment.

01/04/2017, 1823

01/04/2017, 1823 14XXX SUMMER BLOSSOM LN **Fraud Identity Theft**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit account.

01/04/2017, 1555 17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Uniform Outlet Store **Larceny under \$750**

Shoplifting

Brief Narrative Description: 29 yo female concealed clothing and left store without paying. Subject also took cash out of victim's purse which was left unattended near front counter.

10/03/2016, 1638-01/02/2017, 1707 2XX THF BLVD Petsmart **Larceny over \$750 Employer**

Brief Narrative Description: 21 yo female conducted fraudulent returns for cash while working.

01/04/2017, 0900-01/04/2017, 1730 14XXX SPYGLASS RDG **Fraud Scam**

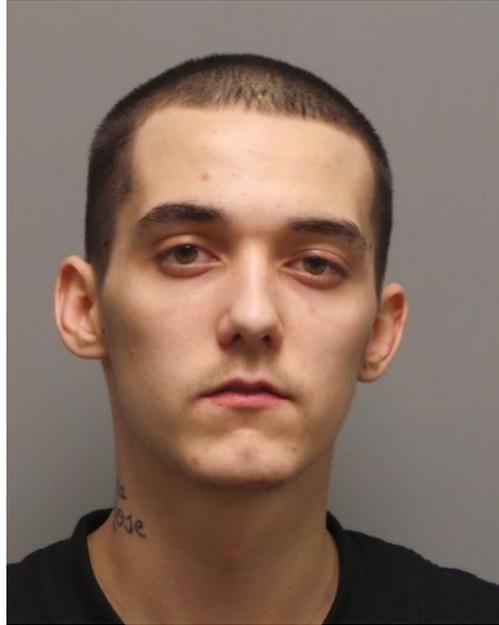
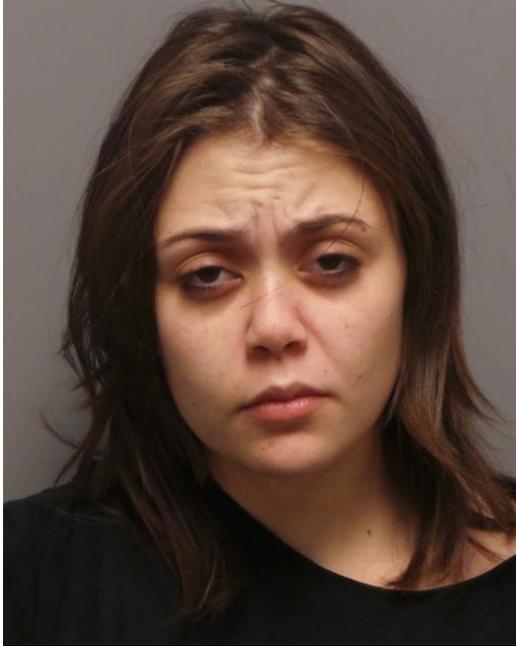
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject convinced victim to send money for fraudulent relative in jail scam.

Another week, more missing sunglasses: It is amazing that large stores like Macy's, Wal-Mart or Target can go any occasional week without a theft report. That does not mean there wasn't one, just none were noticed or no persons were arrested. However it seems as if every week for the last year there have been thefts from the Sunglasses Hut at Chesterfield Mall.

Chesterfield Police have made arrests in connected with the burglary on Ridge Crest Drive where a car was stolen, along with jewelry and a firearm on January 5.

Hadlee Lourie, 22, of Maryland Heights was the female. She was charged with Motor Vehicle Theft.

Jeffrey Jones, 20, of St. Ann was booked for Burglary, firearms and drug violations. He was released pending warrant application. .



We hope to have some more on this incident next week.

ANOTHER TIP JAR THEFT, THIS TIME WITH IMMEDIATE POSITIVE RESULTS: We mentioned Chesterfield resident Tom Byrnes in the Hangar Grill story. Tom also runs the Trivia Night on Thursday nights at Fuzzy's Tacos in Webster Groves in the Yorkshire Plaza on Watson Road at Laclede Station Road.

We were there on Thursday January 12 playing in the 8-to-10 trivia game with about 120 other people. At about 9-o'clock the lady who takes orders at the front counter let out a very loud scream.

The food is cheap and there is not waitress service, but all the employees work very hard. There is a tip jar next to the register. A thin white guy wearing a black hoodie walked in and snatched the tip jar. A member of our team, Cuatros Stupidos, is Jerry, a retired high school athletic director and coach. Jerry still runs several miles a couple times a week at Jefferson Barracks. He and I got up to see if we could help. I have not run anywhere in 15 years.

Jerry joined the trail of employees after the tip jar bandit, led by Fuzzy employees Larry and Tim.

Tom Byrne and I made it about 50 feet outside of the door and realize we were done for joining the chase. I did call 9-1-1.

Larry and Tim found the suspect hiding behind some trash cans and other employees including some young ladies joined them in surrounding the crook and motioned to the Webster Groves Police officers arriving. One arrest! Tip jar and all money recovered!

Meanwhile back a Fuzzy's customers were passing around a second tip bucket to replace the money stolen before knowing the tip jar had been recovered. Instead of one dollar bills, twenties were being dropped in the new "tip bucket." At the end of the trivia contest someone played "Bad Boys" the theme from "COPS" on the juke box.



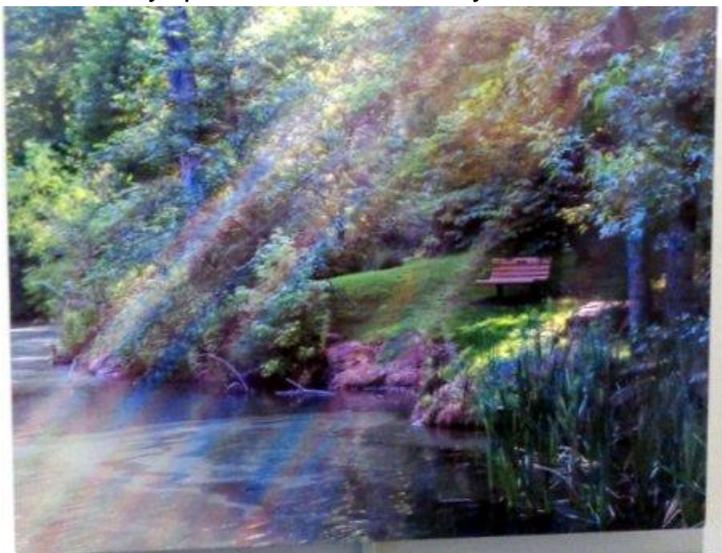
Larry is the black shirt and Tim in the gray shirt, all smiles and surrounded by customers with a Webster Groves Police Officer (pen and pad on right side of photo) taking notes as to what happened.

THINGS WE DID NOT HAVE ROOM FOR PART II We have planned to run the photos on display after Mayor Dalton's first Town and Country photo contest at the Longview Park since November. After six months of asking for photos and getting very few responses, the city changed the rules and allowed photos taken anywhere.

I'm old school. I like a painting or a photo to tell a story. Norman Rockwell paintings and Ansel Adams photographs certainly did that. Now I think art judges prefer more obscure and abstract paintings and photographs. The recent Town and Country Photography Contest seemed to prove this out. Here are some from the show and some from a loser (me). The ones shown at the Longview Farmhouse were either winners or honorable mentions.



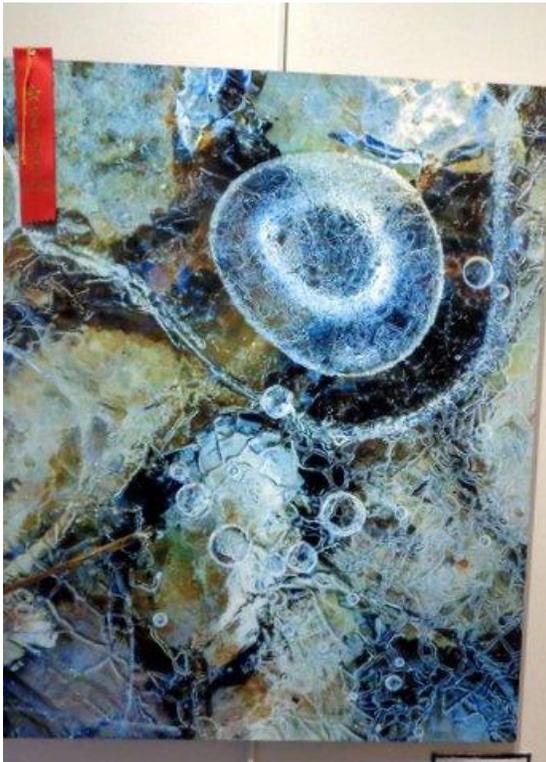
Here is a second place winner. My question is, what story does it tell and what the hell is it?



Here is one I liked and it was only an honorable mention. It tells the story of a sunny late spring day at the park.



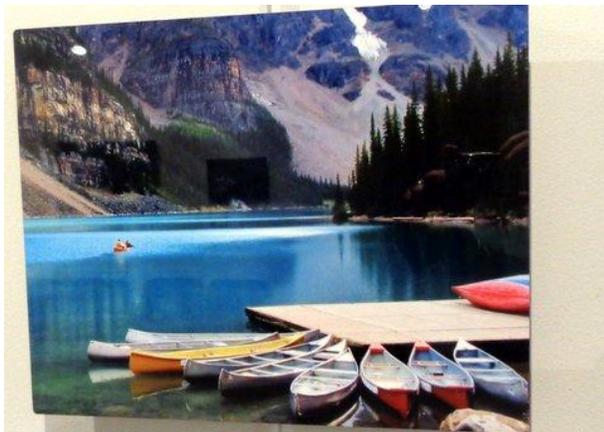
This is a very nice photo, but it did creep me out a bit. It almost could have been seized by the cops after the arrest of a pedophile.



Here is another award winner. If you simply look at it you don't have a clue what it is. You must read the artist description to find out that it is an Ice Cell.



Here are eight Fletcher typewriter keys. In 1973, a year before I entered the police academy I worked at three different police departments as a dispatcher or clerk. At Creve Coeur and Warson Woods we had new IBM Selectric typewriters. While at Rock Hill a call log and booking sheets were done on a Fletcher typewriter similar to this one.



If I was judging these two would get more than honorable mentions.

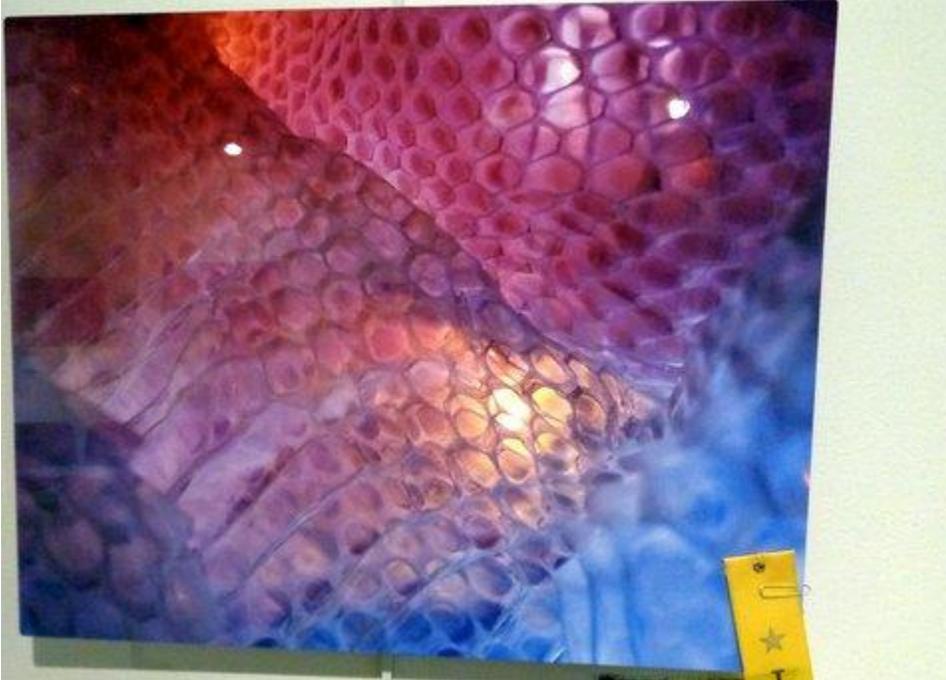


Here is a photo I have seen a dozen times. I'm told the judges liked it because it was difficult to shoot. However, the Cardinals, Downtown St. Louis, The Chamber of Commerce all use similar photos in their advertising.

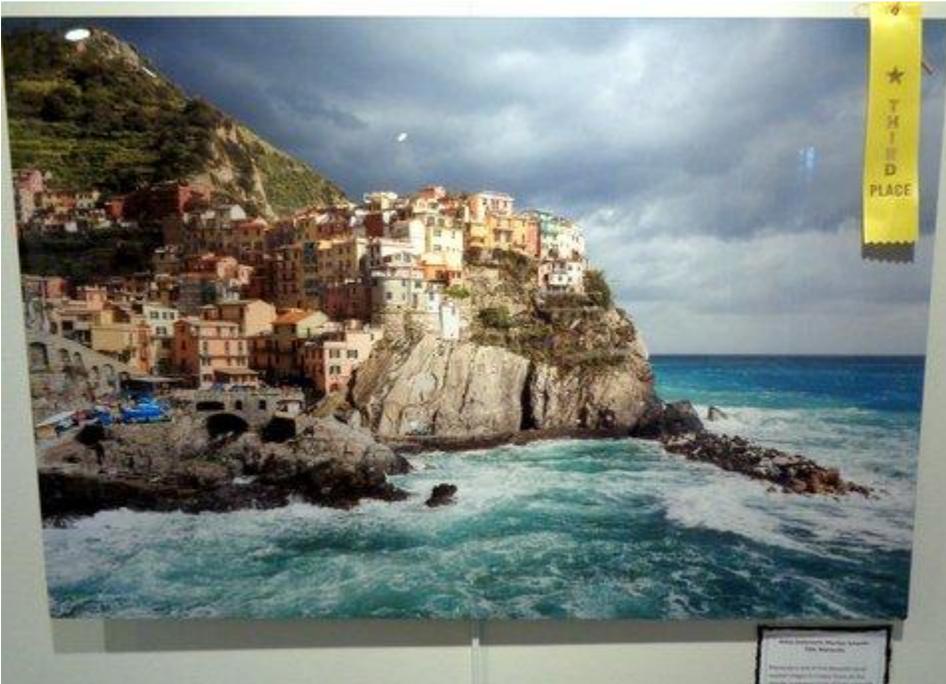


Looks like Italy to me. (Florence)

Tells a story.



This photo was taken by a 9-year-old of his snake's shedded skin backlit. Interesting photo, but weird.



Here is one I liked and it was an award winner, although it was only third place. Another photo from Italy.



This is exactly what it appears to be. Dry dirt (in South Dakota).



What is there to comment on, other than this is a great photo and was only an honorable mention.



First Place?

Now here are some losers. I have had over 150 photos published in magazine and newspapers, including spot news photos and features that I took while on assignment researching and writing magazine articles. That is before the days of internet posts of photos. I wasn't that good. I might take five or 10 shots that a professional would capture in one shot. That said here are the photos I entered and were not worthy.



This one is not nearly as good as the humming bird one, but clearly a Town and Country photo with a woodpecker getting a bite to eat from a feeder hanging from a Dogwood tree in bloom.



Now this one is clearly a Town and Country scene. It apparently sucked.



Another typical Town and Country scene, a young distracted driver's overturned Jeep on Mason Road.



Of all the ones I submitted I liked this one the best. It is from the tiny Faroe Islands in the North Atlantic where the houses and businesses have sod growing on their roofs. The judges apparently hated it.

QUEENY PARK REPAIR ORDER SUBMITTED: If you walk on the Mason Road side of Queeny Park perhaps you have noticed the damage to the gutters on the roof of the stable offices. I've been told that a work order has been submitted and the repairs should be done in spring. I just hope that heavy winter rains don't cause more damage. The County sometimes works in strange ways. I would have had this fixed without delay.





THE KIRKWOOD FRESH THYME: It was supposed to have opened last October and it appears as if construction has been completed for some time. At first we heard there may have been some trouble with the City of Kirkwood, but now we hear it has been a hiring issue with Fresh Thyme. The new grand opening date is now supposed to be February 1.



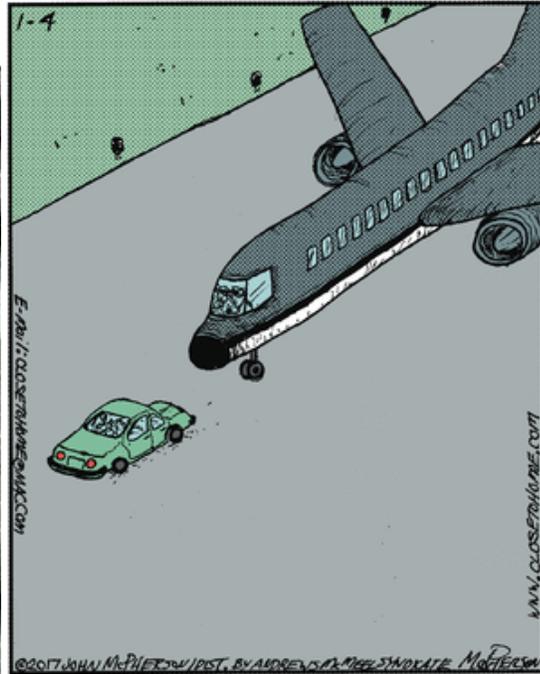
HQ SECURITY AGENT TRAINING CONTAINS: The Newsletter's new security agent is containing with training.



The agent might look like it is sleeping, but is guarding livestock. Of course since there is little livestock in Town and Country this is simulated. The other photo shows a box inspection. The agent needs a more work on this aspect of the job as the agent is little too aggressive.

CARTOONS:





"What is it with you men and asking for directions?! Just walk over and ask the pilot how to get to Route 192!"

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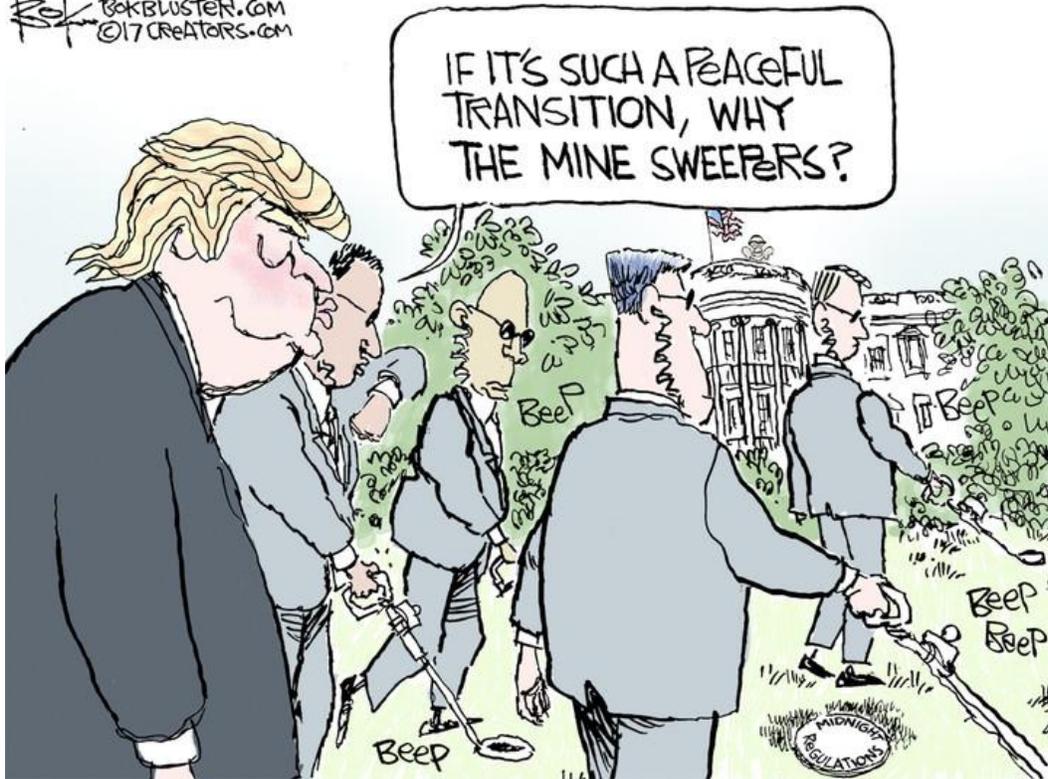
BY DAN THOMPSON





Angered by hunting on their land, the Merds placed a lifelike dummy filled with gunpowder at the edge of the woods.

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I'M AN ACTRESS, SO MY OPINIONS ABOUT TRUMP
ARE *WA YEEEEEE* MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOURS.



MERYL STREEP HITS ANOTHER SOUR NOTE

This isn't about Meryl Streep, but actors who are politically active in general regardless right or more often the case left leaning. They and the film studio want people to come to their films, so why piss off 40% of your potential audience by talking politics.



