

## EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 263 AND CHESTERFIELD 208



**February 06, 2017**

**By John Hoffmann**

**ALTERNATIVE FACTS:** We used to call this CORRECTIONS, but I want to stay as hip as possible. When people ask me "how I am" I tell them I'm "FST." When they give me a strange look, I tell them I'm trying to tweet and use acronyms instead of words and phrases. Of course "FST" means Fat and Sixty-Three."

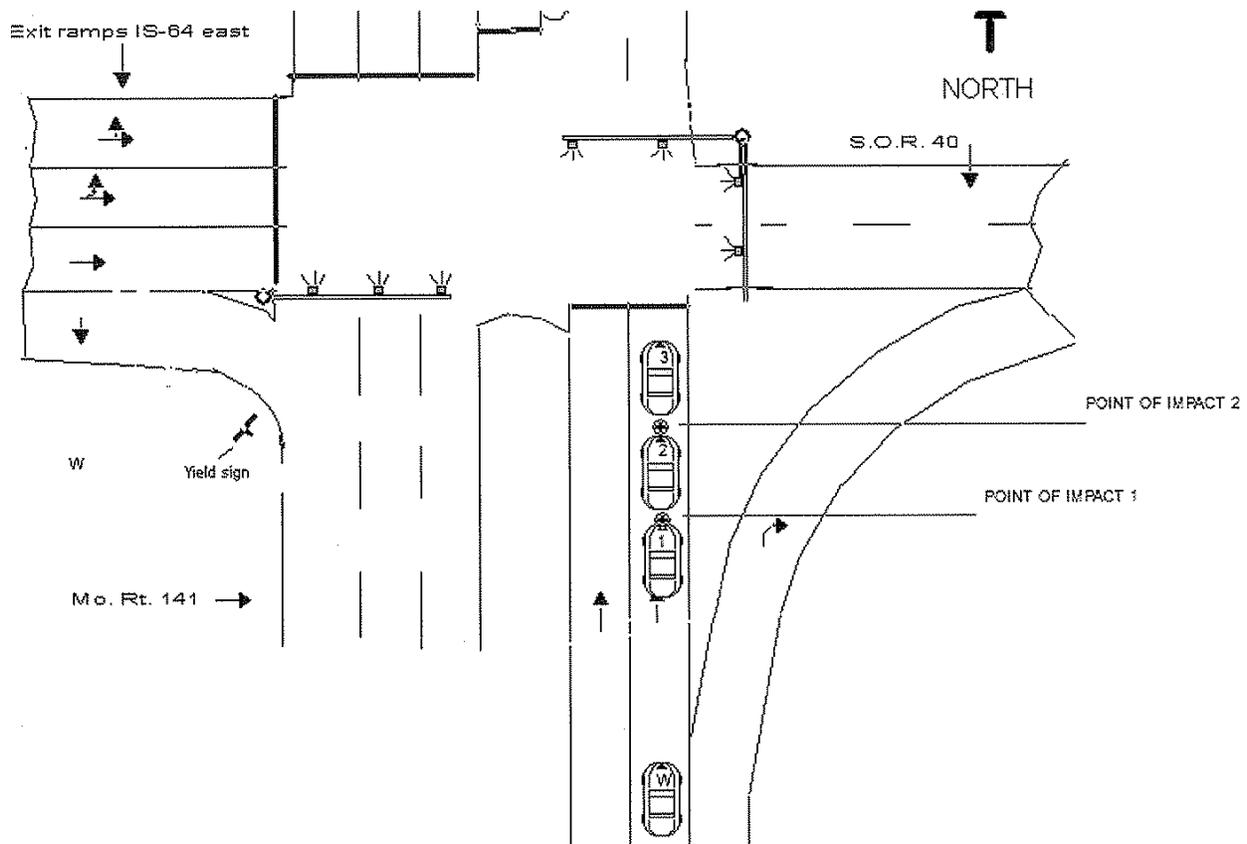
Our alternative fact this week is that for two weeks we wrote that **Barbara Ann Hughes** who filed to run against Mayor Jon Dalton and then withdrew was a former one-term alderwoman. I was wrong. She is a former two-term alderwoman.

**THE PERFECT WITNESS PROVES O'FALLON SUSPENDED DRIVER WITH NO INSURANCE CAUSED A THREE CAR ACCIDENT. OF COURSE AFTER PLEA BARGAINING WITH THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PROSECUTOR, HE LEFT COURT WITH NO-POINTS AND NO-FINES:** It was two days before Christmas 2015 at 5:32 PM. Two cars were stopped at the red light on NB Highway 141 at I-64.

A third car, a 1995 Honda civic operated by Jacob Ponder, 31 was approaching them too fast to be able to stop from crashing into the cars. At the time Ponder's driver's license was suspended and he had no insurance. Following Ponder was a woman from Manchester, MO.

Ponder crashed into the first car in front of him, a 2002 Honda Accord driven by a 72-year-old man from Ballwin. That impact forced the Accord into the rear end of a Mercedes Benz ML-350 driven by a man from St. Charles that was the first car at the stoplight.

The police don't know if Ponder was drunk since he fled the scene and was not captured for a couple weeks after the crash.



Ponder briefly stopped but did not identify himself. All the drivers agreed to pull to the shoulder and exchange insurance information. Instead of pulling off the road, Ponder sped off. However the witness took photos of the cars and license plates.

Officer Yaakub was able to get statements from the witness, the driver from Ballwin and Mercedes driver.

He was able to identify Ponder from the license plate and found a phone number for him.

Ponder told Officer Yaakub that he was hit from behind and forced into the Accord after being hit by a car. The 73-year-old man said it was only Ponder and there was no vehicle behind him.

The witness stated she was driving behind Ponder when the crash happened and there was no other car.

Ponder consistently lied and stated he would come to the Town and Country Police Station with his car, but never showed up.



Jacob Ponder

This is from the police report:

I was able to locate Ponder's cell phone number through a record check. I contacted Ponder on his cell phone and he stated the following:

"I was traveling north on Highway 141 at Highway 64 when I was struck from the rear. My car was pushed into the car in front of me and that car was pushed into the car in front of it. The car that hit me then left the scene onto eastbound Highway 64. We all got out and everyone said there cars were fine and we agreed to leave the scene."

I asked Ponder to drive his vehicle to the station so I can see the damage to his vehicle and also bring his insurance card. He advised me that there was no damage to his vehicle. I advised him that there would be some sort of damage based on the damage to the other vehicle that I observed and he again stated that there was no damage to his vehicle. I advised him to respond anyway and he stated that he would try.

Ponder was called twice more and continued to refuse to come to the police station. An arrest order was entered into the Regional Police Computer System. He was eventually arrested and charged with Leaving the Scene of an Accident, Driving with a Suspended Drivers License and Operate a Vehicle without Financial Security (Insurance).

**OUTCOME:** In 10 years prior to this accident Ponder had several moving violation citations reduced to non-moving violations such as Excessive Exhaust or Parking Violations. He did have one 20-plus MPH citation that he pled guilty to.

But more troubling was when he came to court with a lawyer in Town and Country on December 15, 2016 he had pending charges in St. Charles County Court from a July 20, 2016 incident where he was charged with Driving While Suspended and No Insurance.

Town and Country prosecutor Ed Sluys either did not check this (which I was able to do in seconds) or did not care. Ponder was allowed to plead guilty to the Leaving the Scene of an Accident and Driving While Suspended and receive No-Points and No-Fine probation sentences. The No Insurance citation was reduced to Littering and he was fined \$225.

Here is a guy who has a record of getting breaks on moving violations, who caused a three car crash with damage, refused to identify himself and then fled the scene. The same person refused to come to the police station so a report could be completed causing the police to issue arrest orders. The city prosecutor allowed this guy, who was photographed by a witness to leave the courtroom with No Points and No Fine for Leaving the Scene and Driving with a Suspended License. I don't think it could be more clear that Ed Sluys and the law firm of Curtis, Heinz, Garrett and O'Keefe do not give a rat's ass about the safety and welfare of the local motorists.

Apparently the Board of Aldermen doesn't seem to be interested enough about this ongoing serious problem to do anything about it.



these people are part of the problem.

By doing nothing

**SON WHO STOLE \$750,000 FROM HIS PARENTS PLED GUILTY! GETS PROBATION.** Back in our Newsletter 249 on October 31, 2016 we wrote about 28-year-old Patrick Capps Ahlering who over the course of a year stole at least \$750,000 from his parents, Dr. George Ahlering and Julie Ahlering. He stole the money through unauthorized credit card use, theft of his mother's jewelry and breaking into their house at 13020 Mason View Ct. after he was kicked out.



family home at 13020 Mason View Ct.

The money from the stolen items all went toward Patrick's gambling habit at area casinos. While the official amount of stolen property was \$743,000 it could be much higher due to other thefts before the parents decided to call the police.



Patrick



Dad



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**OUTCOME:** On December 1, 2016 Patrick Ahlering pled guilty to the thefts (receiving stolen property) and felony Credit Card Identity Theft before Judge Nancy Watkins. He was sentenced to seven years in prison. HOWEVER, that sentence was immediately stayed and Patrick was placed on a 5-year SES probation term. This means he has a record that will not disappear at the end of a successful probation.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION SECRET MEETINGS ON TOWN SQUARE:** I still have to wonder why the discussions between the City and commercial developer Bob Brinkman are not open to the public. The Board of Alderman has chosen Brinkman to develop the 8.7 acres off Clayton, so there is no competition. The discussion involved bargaining for Brinkman to purchase the front 1.8 acres of commercial property and for what price and his price for developing the rest of the city's property.

However, Board President Skip Mange believes it should be a big secret. The aldermen minus Mayor Jon Dalton who recused himself long ago from what was primarily his project and Linda Rallo who stated that her husband's company once did work for Brinkman, lasted 90 minutes. It was held after the regular meeting on January 23 behind closed doors.

There should be another closed doors secret meeting after the February 13th Board of Aldermen meeting. It seems that the public should be able to watch and make sure the alderpersons don't inflate the costs of this project even higher than they have already soared.

**NEW BUSINESS FOR TOWN AND COUNTRY CROSSING:** We have been told by the Town and Country Planning Department that Sweetology is coming to Town and Country Crossing. We were told that the Cake and Sweets Shop, Sweetology on Clayton Road in Ladue will be opening a second store in the Town and Country Crossings shopping center. We don't have any further details at this time.

It was odd that the city existed without any specialty cake stores then Cake Boutique opened in the Manchester Meadows Center, followed by Nothing burndt Cakes at the Lamp and Lantern Center now followed by Sweetology.



## UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 208



**February 6, 2017**

**WITH MANY MAN HOURS, PLUS HELP FROM COMPUTERS AND HIGH END CAMERAS TWO ARE ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH STEALING \$100 WORTH OF SWEAT PANTS (Two Pairs)** On Wednesday September 24, 2014 at 2:40 PM Dominique Daugherty, 19, of Hazelwood and Tre'voun Bethany, 20, of St. Louis had gone to the Outlet Mall in Chesterfield to steal sweat pants from the Adidas Store.

They went in a white Chevy driven by Daugherty. When they arrived they were noticed by a Saks Fifth Avenue Loss Prevention Officer carrying bags from stores that were not in the Outlet Mall to the shops and entered the Adidas Store. The Saks security officer called the Adidas Store and warned them about the suspicious pair.

Once in the store the pair took several sweat pants to try on and each put one pair in their bags and returned the other two, apparently hoping the staff did not see them with three pairs each. As they left the store without buying anything they were followed and an employee watched them get into the white Chevy and leave before the police arrived. They incorrectly wrote down what they thought was the license plate number.

If this was 1970 or 1980 the \$100 theft would likely not be solved. But times have changed.

There was a store surveillance video and a parking lot video. The parking lot video showed the white Chevy and the correct license plate number was obtained that was connected to Daugherty. A police data base was able to produce a photo of Daugherty that matched the person seen in the store video.

**They Broke an Important Rule for all Thieves:** The pair's next problem didn't deal with hi-tech devices. A female employee of the store knew both of them. They should have checked everyone in the store. If they recognized anyone they needed to abort their theft mission. The employee knew Daugherty's full name and where he lived. She only knew Bethany as a friend of Daugherty's by the name of "Tre."

A phone call to Daugherty got him to come to the Chesterfield Police Station. He made a statement that he had a "bad feeling" that Bethany was going to steal something. However he admitted that he (Daugherty) carried an empty "Express" bag into the store and that Bethany carried in a man's over the shoulder suit bag.

Daugherty denied stealing anything, but admitted that he handed a pair of sweat pants to Bethany who put them in his bag. Daugherty also said they were followed by two men out of the store to the parking lot.

Daugherty was issued and released on a summons (keep in mind this was one month after the Michael Brown shooting and riots in Ferguson. Police around the region were not requiring bonds for offenses as they did in the past.) Daugherty would fail to appear in court and a warrant would be issued. He would later be arrested by police in Jennings on the Chesterfield warrant. A bond was then posted on the stealing charge

Daugherty gave up the Tre'voun Bethany's name.

Officers then found a photo in the Missouri driver's license files to Bethany that matched the suspect in the store video.

Bethany was called and refused to confirm his name or give his name. He was told to come to the Chesterfield Police Station. He did not do that and an "arrest wanted" was entered into the regional police computer system. He was arrested on 12/28/14 by the Woodson Terrace Police and picked up by the Chesterfield Police. The following is from the police report:

During the interview Bethany initially denied anything happened at the Adidas store. Bethany then changed his statement, saying they, he and Dominique Daugherty (B/M DOB: ██████/1995), had intended to steal but had not gotten anything. After more questioning Bethany then admitted he had selected a pair of sweatpants and taken them into the fitting room.

Bethany said, once in the fitting room, he concealed them in a bag he was carrying. Bethany stated he then left the store without paying for merchandise. Bethany stated Daugherty ditched the sweat pants he had concealed. Bethany stated he still possessed the sweatpants and agreed to bring them back to me so he could make restitution.



Tre'voun Bethany

**OUTCOME:** Bethany hired a St. Louis lawyer who had the case transferred from Chesterfield to the St. Louis County Associate Circuit Court. On 10/06/16, two years and a couple weeks after the theft Bethany pled guilty. He was placed on a No-fine and No-Permanent record probation. He was ordered not to enter the Premium Outlet Mall during his 2-year probation.

Daugherty pled guilty on May 10, 2016 and was given a 2-year No-Fine SIS probation and ordered to attend Theft Offender School. He failed to show for the school. He was placed on the probation revocation docket in December of 2016.

Daugherty was arrested on 01/15/16 for Resisting or Interfering With an Arrest by the St. Louis Police Department. On December 05, 2016 he failed to appear in court on the case, after completing a pre-plea "anger management" course. An arrest warrant was issued for his arrest with a modest \$250 bond,

For \$100 theft, the Chesterfield Police spent close to or more than \$1000 in manpower, investigating this case, picking up the suspects at different police stations, not to mention the Municipal Court staff having to issue on warrant and prepare a case to be transferred to the Associate Circuit Court.

**FELONY FRIENDS IN CHESTERFIELD:** Here are a couple cases solved by the Chesterfield Police involving suspects who had been close to the victims.

**CASE ONE; FUNNERAL PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO BREAK INTO HOUSE, STEAL CASH AND DRUGS:** On January 13, 2017 Geri Fox died. Her funeral services were on January 16. Mia Fox Knowles was attending her mother's funeral when an ex-boyfirend (with a current Kentucky address) breaks into her house at 1515 Mallard Landing Ct. in Chesterfield. He stole \$200 from Mia's room and prescription medicine that had belonged to Geri Fox.



Geri Fox



Mia Fox Knowles



Susupect Samuel Glidewell

The way the burglary was discovered was unusual in itself. On the day of the funeral Mia asked a friend, John Westcott, to go to the house and get her a pair of boots. When Westcott got to the house he found Samuel Glidewell in the house. Glidewell immediately left the house. Later Mia discovered a broken window, money and drugs missing. Glidewell, 20, was later arrested at a Chesterfield hotel.

Here is the Probable Cause statement from the court files:

I, Chris Pollman, DSN 0161, Chesterfield Police Department, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true. I have probable cause to believe that on January 16, 2017, at 1515 Mallard Landing Court, Samuel Glidewell, White, Male, DOB 11/24/1996, 5'10", 135lbs, committed one or more criminal offense(s).

Count: 01 BURGLARY 1ST DEGREE - CLASS B FELONY

Count: 02 STEALING - CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE - CLASS D FELONY

The facts supporting this belief are as follows: Victim's mother passed away in early January 2017. On January 16, 2017, the funeral for victim's mother was held. Victim reported that she asked witness John Westcott, a friend of hers, to go to her house at 1515 Mallard Landing Court to retrieve a pair of boots for her. Westcott arrived at the house and heard noises coming from upstairs. He announced his presence and went upstairs, discovering defendant (whom he recognized as an ex-boyfriend of victim's) in a bathroom. Defendant apologized and left the house. Westcott called victim to let her know what he had seen, and then followed defendant as he left the area. Victim returned home after the funeral and discovered that \$200 in cash was missing from her bedroom. She also discovered that several bottles of prescription medication, belonging to her deceased mother, had been stolen from her mother's bedroom. Defendant, meanwhile, had sent a text message to victim saying that he had entered the house because he was having a panic attack. Defendant was later arrested at the Hampton Inn in Chesterfield. He confessed to police that he had gained entry to the house by breaking a window with a rock and then crawled into the house. He admitted taking the cash belonging to victim and the medications that had belonged to her mother. Defendant was in possession of the stolen medication and most of the stolen cash at the time of his arrest.

Chris Pollman, DSN 0161, Chesterfield Police Department

[Signature] 161 Date: 1-17-17

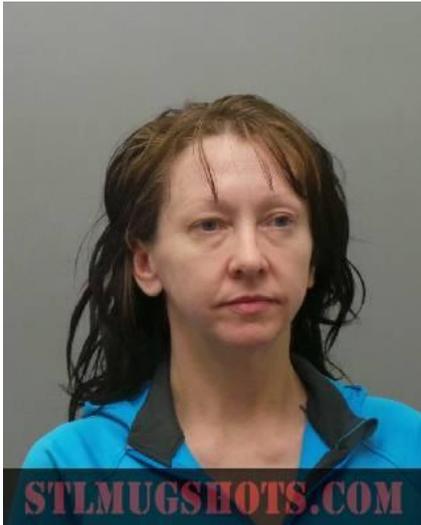


1515 Mallard Landing Court

Glidewell

**CASE TWO: ROOMMATE STEALS CAR AND GOES TO EAST ST. LOUIS FOR DRUGS AND IS LATER ARRESTED IN THE STOLEN CAR AS A PASSENGER.** In this case on March 24, 2016 Jennifer Little's 2005 Mazda 5 disappeared from her home at 211 Stablestone. She was certain that Anna Raley-Bellanca, 40, who had been living at the house had taken the car. Raley-Bellanca would not answer or return cell phone calls. The police were called and the car was reported as stolen.

A week later the car was stopped as a stolen vehicle by the St. Louis Police and Raley-Bellanca was found not driving the car, but as a passenger.



Anna Raley-Bellanca



Victim Jennifer Little



**This is from the court file:**

Date: 4/19/16

I, Eric Wittman, DSN 0203, Chesterfield Police Department, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true. I have probable cause to believe that on March 24, 2016, at 211 Stablestone Drive, Anna Raley-Bellanca, White, Female, DOB 12/26/1976, 5'03", 104lbs, committed one or more criminal offense(s).

Count: 01 STEALING A MOTOR VEHICLE - CLASS C FELONY

The facts supporting this belief are as follows: Victim reported that defendant, an acquaintance who had been staying at victim's residence in Chesterfield, had taken her Mazda 5 from her residence without her consent. Defendant was arrested one week later in St. Louis city; she was a passenger in victim's car, which was being driven by another individual at the time of the recovery. When interviewed by Chesterfield police, defendant admitted taking victim's car without permission. She said she had not responded to victim's phone calls because of "anxiety and mental problems," and said she had taken the car to a house at an unspecified location in Illinois. Defendant said drugs were being used at the house and, although she said she herself had not taken any drugs voluntarily, she thought she may have been drugged by other people. As a result, she said, the car was in the possession of other, unnamed, individuals at the house subsequent to defendant bringing the car to that location. When arrested by St. Louis city police, defendant had said that she had borrowed the car from her roommate and that there had been a misunderstanding.

Eric Wittman, DSN 0203, Chesterfield Police Department

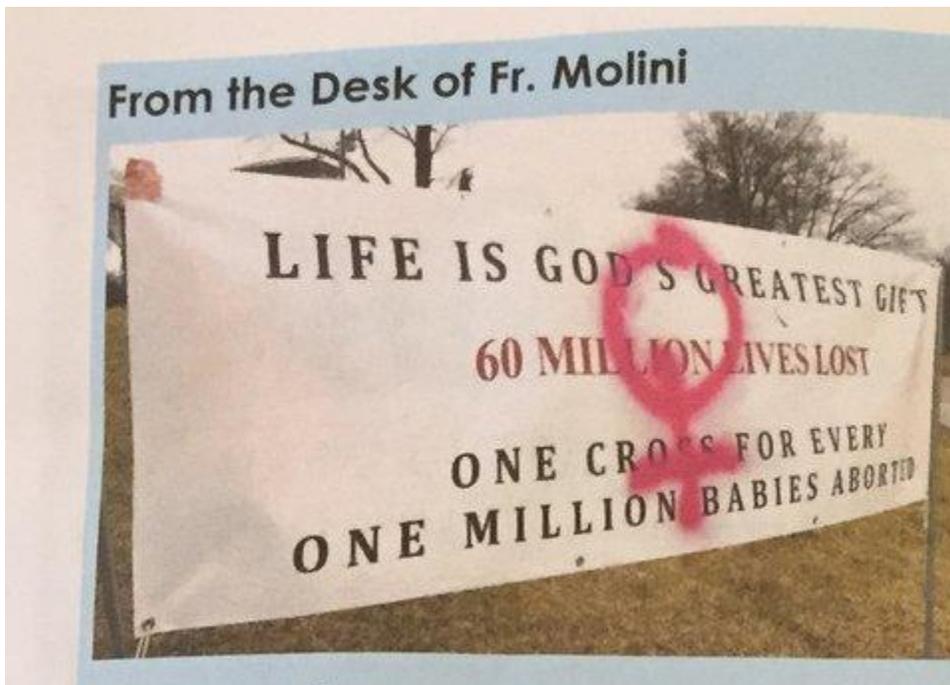
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The Felony arrest warrant was issued on April 20, 2016 but Raley-Bellanca was not arrested until January 23, 2017.

Raley-Bellanca had a number of traffic violations while living St. Ann. She had no criminal record. There was a court judgment against her for \$2,256 in back rent from 2013 that she has not paid. plus there was an eviction order from the Jefferson County Courts over back rent in Arnold.

**CHURCH ANTI ABORATION SIGN VANDALIZED ON A SUNDAY MORNING:**

Sunday January 22, 2017 around 7 AM the anti-abortion banner at the Accension Catholic Church on Wild Horse Creek Road in Chesterfield was vandalized. This was the morning after the women's rights marches around the country and world.



I find it both amusing and amazing how the left wingers will shout down conservative speakers, steal political signs (Pro Lethal Deer management signs in Town and Country lasted less than 24 hours before being stolen by left wing deer lovers) and damaged items on church property while protesting delays in allowing people from specific Muslim countries claiming President Trump is violating their religious rights. But spray paint a sign at a Catholic Church, that's okay.

**JUST ARRIVED:** If you remember from last week's newsletter we wrote about how

Kelin Santiago-Mejia of New York was sent to St. Louis with stolen identities and fake credit cards to buy (steal) expensive I-Phones at AT&T Stores. At the time we did not have the mug shot of Santiago-Mejia. We do now.



**CHESTERFIELD POLICE BLOTTER!** See where the cops were going last week and why. We have highlighted what we thought we unusual calls. What was truly unusual last week was there was no reported thefts from the Sunglass Hut in Chesterfield Mall or at the Taubman Mall. We called and both stores are still open.



## **CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT Media Report January 25, 2017 - January 31, 2017**

**Time of Occurrence    Generic Address Business/Location Name    Incident Type**

01/31/2017, 2029 1XX LONG RD BP    **Larceny under \$750 Gas Drive Off**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject pumped gasoline and drove out of gas station without paying.

01/26/2017, 0850 12XX WOODBRIDGE CROSSING DR    **Fraud Credit Card**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject used victim's debit card information to make purchases.

01/30/2017, 1245- 1500 15XXX LONG CASTLE FOREST CT    **Larceny under \$750 Residence**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took package containing electronics from front porch.

01/31/2017, 1700-1925 16XX ANSONBOROUGH DR    **Assault Common - Actual Assault**

**Brief Narrative Description:** 51 yo male was intoxicated and struck victim in the head after argument causing minor injuries. Subject then damaged city property while in custody.

01/30/2017, 1746 18XXX OUTLET BLVD Nike    **Larceny over \$750 Shoplifting**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subjects took clothing and walked out of store without paying.

01/30/2017, 1420 14XXX GREENLEAF VALLEY DR **Fraud Mail**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject attempted to change mailing address of victim.

01/30/2017, 2338 2XX S WOODS MILL RD St. Luke's Hospital **Assault Common - Threat**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 28 yo male threatened victim after argument.

01/29/2017, 1515=01/30/2017, 0030 17XX WESTMEADE DR **Property Damage to Vehicle**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject keyed victim's car.

01/30/2017, 0304 16XX CLARKSON RD Trader Joe's **Liquor Violation MIP**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 18 yo female in possession of alcohol after suspicious vehicle check.

01/27/2017, 1800=01/30/2017, 0700 18XXX EDISON AVE G The Sound Room **Larceny over \$750 from Auto**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject forced open door on vehicle and took electronic equipment.

01/29/2017, 0700-1200 15XXX CLAYTON RD Delmar Gardens **Larceny under \$750 Person**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took victim's wallet from employee locker area.

01/28/2017, 2030-01/29/2017, 1130 1XX S GREENTRAILS DR **Property Damage to Vehicle**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject egged victim's vehicle.

01/28/2017, 1320 8XX W CHESTERFIELD PKY Homewood Suites **Assault Common - Actual Assault**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 35 and 28 yo females struck each other after argument causing moderate injury.

01/28/2017, 1612 9XX E CHESTERFIELD PKY BP **Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject concealed medication and left store without paying.

01/26/2017, 1430- 1600 16XXX BAXTER RD **Larceny under \$750 from Auto**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle and took purse.

01/14/2017, 1957 -01/28/2017, 1343 17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Sensual Perfume **Larceny under \$750 Employer**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 19 yo female and 19 yo male took money from cash register while working. After arrest, narcotic paraphernalia found in their possession.

01/28/2017, 2046 18XXX OUTLET BLVD Adidas **Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subjects grabbed clothing and ran out of store without paying.

01/28/2017, 2046 17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Polo **Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subjects grabbed clothing and ran out of store without paying.

01/28/2017, 0439 17XXX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD Pie Five Pizza **Larceny over \$750 Employer**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 40 yo male took money from store safe after hours.

01/28/2017, 1156 1X FOXHUNT DR **Fraud Identity Theft**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit account.

01/27/2017, 1930-2200 17XXX EDISON AVE Sky Zone **Larceny under \$750 Person**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took victim's cell phone after it was left unattended in gym.

01/27/2017, 1529 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Gymboree **Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 36 yo female concealed clothing and left store without paying.

01/27/2017, 0229 16XXX PARK FOREST CT **Stolen Vehicle Automobile**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took victim's vehicle which was parked in driveway.

01/26/2017, 1940-01/27/2017, 0550 9XX CHESTERFIELD VILLAS CIR **Stolen Vehicle Automobile**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took victim's vehicle after it was left unlocked with the keys inside from driveway.

01/27/2017, 0647 I64 HWY W & SPIRIT OF ST LOUIS Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 26 yo male in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation.

01/19/2017, 1215 14XXX CYPRESS HILL DR **Fraud Identity Theft**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit card account.

01/27/2017, 1730-1825 18XXX OUTLET BLVD Prestige Outlet Mall **Larceny over \$750 from Auto**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle and took a laptop, clothing, and cell phone.

12/12/2016, 0800-12/21/2016, 1200 13XXX OLIVE BLVD McDonalds **Larceny under \$500 Business**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took two payroll checks from business.

01/26/2017, 1532 3XX S WOODS MILL RD **Larceny over \$750 Business**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took bag full of tools after it was left unattended in building.

01/01/2017, 0700 2XX LEHIGH MEADOWS DR **Fraud Identity Theft**

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

01/26/2017, 0850- 0950 13XXX CONWAY RD **Larceny under \$750 from Auto**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle and took a makeup and lunch bag.

12/02/2016, 0000-01/25/2017, 2359 1XX GUNSTON HALL CT **Fraud Identity Theft**

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

01/26/2017, 0630 2XX S WOODS MILL RD St. Luke's Hospital **Assault Common - Actual Assault**

**Brief Narrative Description:** 20 yo male and 20 yo female struck each other after argument causing minor injuries.

01/25/2017, 2245-01/26/2017, 0005 BRAEFIELD DR & OLIVE BLVD **Interfering with Officer**

**Brief Narrative Description:** 25 yo male interfered with police officers after DWI arrest.

01/25/2017, 2353 13XXX COLISEUM DR **Property Damage to Vehicle**

**Brief Narrative Description:** 32 yo female keyed victim's car after argument.

01/25/2017, 1933 17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Polo **Larceny over \$750 Shoplifting**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subjects grabbed clothing and ran out of store without paying.

01/25/2017, 1408 4X CHESTERFIELD MALL Macy's **Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting**

**Brief Narrative Description:** 29 yo male concealed clothing and left store without paying. Also in possession of narcotic paraphernalia.

01/25/2017, 1200-1310 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Claire's **Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Two 16 yo females concealed jewelry and left store without paying.

01/22/2017, 1333 1XX THF BLVD Best Buy **Fraud Credit Card**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject used victim's credit card information to make purchase.

01/24/2017, 1730-01/25/2017, 0530 16XX CLARKSON RD Trader Joe's **Larceny under \$750 Person**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took victim's tablet after it was lost in parking lot.

## ART:

**Town and Country:** The Town and Country Art Commission almost met on January 11 but they did not have a quorum. The meeting was scheduled to start at 6 o'clock. At 6:02 the first member of the committee showed up. They never did get 40% of the 10-person commission to show up. With three members present Chairman Ald. Skip Mange held an unofficial meeting until 7pm



The entire meeting was off-the record, but of course I was there. The three members who showed up said 6:30 was a better time to start the meeting, but 7 o'clock was too late as the hour meetings would go to 8 o'clock. They also said they were against speakers at the meetings because they would make the meetings too long for members. They also said they did not want a March meeting since spring break is usually in March and "everyone takes a trip with the kids." .

It was suggested that there should be an Under 30 Artists Show. Mange suggested an "over 70 show." Both smack of age discrimination. You get the old person discount at Taco Bell if you are 60.

It was then suggested that there be an art show of work by students from Principia. My problem with that is since Principia discriminates by only accepting students who are members of the Christian Science Church, why not open the show to Town and Country high school students, who either attend one of the four high schools in Town and Country or live in Town and Country and go to one of the four public school high schools or private schools that serves the city. Be more inclusive and not exclusive.

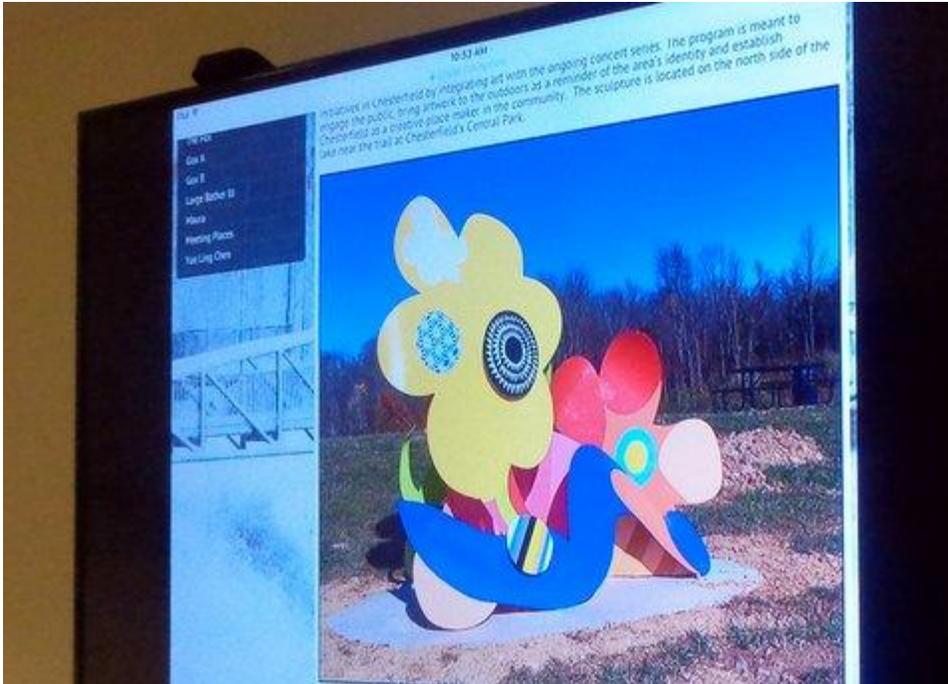
The next art show will be Art Work from the elementary students at Mason Ridge School. That will begin on February 13.

There was also an unofficial discussion of not having the Impressions of Town and Country Plein Air Painting competition with the Fall Festival but have it as stand along event a week later. It was also suggested that it could be held with the Art, Wine and Music event that is not being held in 2017. Another suggestion was to have the photo contest with the Art, Wine and Music event.

My problem with both of those suggestions is that the Art, Wine and Music event requires an admission fee, while the other events are free. By charging an admission you could be keeping some people away. Again it's the Snobs being more exclusive.

**CHESTERFIELD ART:** The Chesterfield Parks and Arts Committee met on Thursday January 19 at 10am.

The art item on the agenda was the placement of a metal piece of art in a park area next to the YMCA, titled "Meeting Places." Resident Mike Kane, a volunteer at the YMCA was present and complained about the metal sculpture's location and how it ruins a pastoral setting of open fields.



Councilman Dan Hurt also mention he had received some negative feedback on the piece and its location.

Councilman Guy Tilmann commented they should be careful sticking their nose in art location questions.

"If we depend on the Council what good art "is" and where to put it we will never get a consensus," Tilmann said.

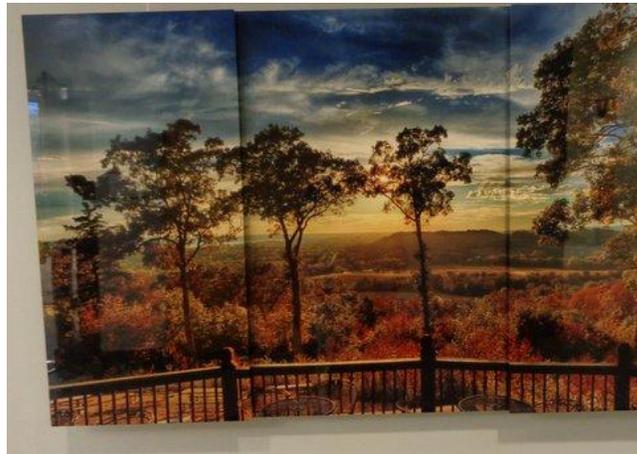
The issue of the location of "Meeting Places" was left on the table.

**Current CITY HALL Art Exhibit:** The current art exhibit at City Hall is open to the public only during normal city hall hours of 8:30 to 5. Plus, now to look at half of the exhibit on the second floor you have to sign in and get a badge.

Here are some photos we took of some of the exhibit.



I know some people think these flowers are neat. But for me they look like they might have been painted by Timothy Leary on a "trip."



Several paintings were done on metal. They were interesting but they reflected too background in the room.



Weird!



Here are two I just didn't get. The one on the left looks like it might have also come from the Timothy Leary school of art on a trip. I did recognize there is a frog in the one of the right.



Another on metal that is reflecting windows in the background.



Overall I have to say there have been better art shows at City Hall in 2016.

**CHESTERFIELD PARKS:** At the same Parks-Arts Committee meeting on January 19 several other items were discussed besides ugly art.

**COUNCIL MEMBER WANT POLICE TO DISCRIMINATE IN ENFORCEMENT:** The subject was was fishing. Fishing is allowed at the pond at the Central Park. but it is "Catch and Release" only. Fishing is allowed at the River's Edge Park and you get to keep the fish. However only one pole is allowed.

Dan Hurt wanted the police to issue one or two warnings if someone is caught keeping fish at Central Park. There is a great idea. Perhaps the city could spend more money and create a Fishing Violation Computer Data Base. Mr. Hurt must believe there is zero crime in Chesterfield. Another person at the meeting echo'ed Hurt's point of the police giving a "warning to Chesterfield residents.

The officers who are supposed to patrol the parks and river trail are the same ones who are assigned to the shopping districts in Chesterfield Valley and the Chesterfield Mall. How often does Mr. Hurt think they actually spend patrolling the fishing spots?

**SMOKING:** The rules of NO SMOKING in city parks will be changed to include not just tobacco products but also Vapor products. In other words no smoking and no vaping in city parks.

**DRONES:** Dan Hurt has been trying to get a city ordinance covering the operation of drones only over your own property. He has not had any luck. But he made a couple of very valid points concerning drones at the Parks meeting.

If someone is using a drone to record a performance at the City Amphitheater citizens could be at risk if it crashed into the crowd. (Also there is noise interference with the performance and copyright infringement if it was recording.)

Also using drones to video record kids games on park ball field could interrupt the games and be a danger to the players and spectators.

Another person brought up another very valid issue. With so many of the fields in Chesterfield Valley near the St. Louis Spirit of St. Louis Airport drones over fields could interfere with planes' flight patterns on landing and take off.

They decided to recommend that drones use in parks must have a parks official or police officials' written permission.

**HIGHWAY INFORMATIONAL SIGNS TO THE CHESTERFIELD AMPHITHEATER:**

There was a discussion at the Parks Committee meeting about paying MoDOT for a highway information sign on I-64 directing people where to exit for the Chesterfield Amphitheater.

Parks Director Tom McCarthy explained that to put up the signs would cost \$10,400 and then the cost would be \$6,000 each year thereafter. In the past Chesterfield has had region wide events at the amphitheater and this year there will be some music concerts that will draw audiences from beyond the city limits.

"We built the theater for the people of Chesterfield. They know where it is," said Dan Hurt, who keeps forgetting the Chesterfield charges shoppers from all over a Parks Sales Tax and also receives grant money from a regional wide funding source.

Guy Tilman recommended a wait and see approach.

"Let's see how this year goes. If we don't have trouble filling the theater on ticketed events it will show we don't need to pay for the signs," he said

**Safety last:** Nathan Roach then made the comment, "Everyone has a cell phone!" He inferred people can use a map service on their cell phone to find the amphitheater. Here is a thought Nathan, from someone who keeps his cell phone off and in my pocket when I'm driving, how about thinking "Safety First!" Big highway signs much safer than someone screwing around with their cell phone on I-64.

**NEW POOL HOURS FOR AUGUST:** Parks Director Tom McCarthy announced that once the public schools start in August of 2017, the Aquatic Center will be closed during the week. He said for the last three weeks of the "pool season" the center would be closed Monday-Thursday. On Friday it would be open from 4-to-7:30 and all day on Saturday and Sundays.

He mentioned that once colleges start classes it was difficult to get lifeguards plus the extreme drop in attendance.

#### **CHESTERFIELD F& A MEETING:**

At the 3:30 Monday January 23 Finance and Administration Committee meeting once again the City showed they really did not want to encourage the public to attend. The meeting was held in the very small conference room 202 and there were two chairs for the public or extra staff attending. Another chair had to be brought in every time someone else would show up.

**THE TRASH CANS:** The Very Secret Connie Fults EMAIL. Lynn Dull has spent well into four-figures on legal fees to defend herself on a trash can citation she received which the City of Chesterfield later dropped.

If you remember from our December 26, 2016 Newsletter #257, Mrs. Lynn Dull lives on a corner lot facing Wilson Manor Lane, but has an address of 1807 Parsonage Way. Apparently someone complained anonymously to then Councilwoman Connie Fults about Dull's having trash cans outside of her garage facing the front of the house. The police code enforcement officer cited Dull's for Having Trash Cans Facing From Front of the House. But they were not. They were on the side of the house. at the garage.

Dull went out and found dozens of similar violations that Police Chief Ray Johnson refused to investigate or issue citations.



When your lawyer has to draw up an agreement like the one below, the situation is gotten way out of hand. The city is prosecuting someone for a violation that does not violate the law! Here is a stipulation of facts between Dull and the City prior to the case being dismissed.

IN THE CHESTERFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT

CITY OF CHESTERFIELD,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Complaint and Information #24395
	)	
LYNN DULL,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

**JOINT STIPULATION OF FACTS**

Comes now, Defendant Lynn Dull and the City of Chesterfield and for their Joint Stipulation of Facts state the following:

1. Lynn Dull (“Lynn”) is a resident of the City of Chesterfield residing at 1807 Parsonage Drive since 1989.

2. Lynn's residence is located at the corner of Wilson Manor Drive and Parsonage Drive.

3. On May 13, 2015, Lynn received a citation from the City of Chesterfield informing her that she was in violation of the Chesterfield Municipal Code Section 25-28 because her waste containers were visible from Parsonage Drive.

4. A copy of the relevant ordinance is submitted and the parties request the Court take judicial notice of the relevant ordinance.

5. Section 25-25 provides, in part, that:

The containers shall be stored in a place not visible from the street which the residential structure faces.

6. The Defendant's house is situated as laid out in Exhibit A.

7. Lynn's residence includes a side-entry garage situated at the top of a driveway that intersects with Parsonage Drive.

8. The Defendant places her garbage cans outside on her driveway behind a row of landscaping that ensures they are not visible from Wilson Manor.

9. Sgt. Rainey with the Chesterfield Police confirms that when the Defendant's trash is placed as described in paragraph 8, it is not visible from Wilson Manor.

10. The containers are only visible from Parsonage Drive when at the foot of the driveway looking up towards the garage door or from further down Parsonage Drive where it faces the rear of the residence.

11. If one draws a 90 degree line from the front door of Defendant's house, the line intersects with Wilson Manor Drive.

12. Defendant's civil engineer has provided Exhibit B and concluded, "*I have drawn a line perpendicular to the front face of the residence at the front door. The marked up map is provided. The line clearly intersects with Wilson Manor Drive. That line intersects to the left of Parsonage Drive (looking from the front entrance toward the street). Thus, I conclude that the street which this residence structure faces is Wilson Manor Drive.*"

13. Due to the curvature of both Wilson Manor Drive and Parsonage Drive and the angle in which Defendant's residence is oriented on the residential lot, there is no facet of the exterior of the residence that is not visible from at least one of these two streets.

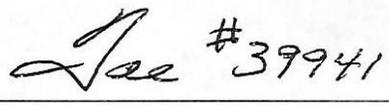
Respectfully submitted,

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 #39941  
Timothy Engelmeyer, #39941, City Prosecutor

The case is over when it was dismissed, but Dull wants to see the emails between Fults and city prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer, who refuses to prosecute drug cases, and makes deals with DWI defendants so they can leave the courtroom with no points, reducing serious traffic violations to "Illegal Parking" now wants to hide emails about garbage cans.

Engelmeyer claims the emails are protected by "Attorney-Client Privilege."

City Attorney Chris Graville agrees with that position.

The other view is that the City Prosecutor does not have an attorney-client relationship with a politician and is the attorney for the entire city. Plus emails on the city's server are public documents.

Both the city attorney Chris Graville and Lynn Dull were at the meeting. They argued the merits of "to release or not to release."



There was one way around this loggerhead for Dull. The City Council can vote to release the emails.

The F&A committee is made up of Tom DeCampi, Randy Logan, Barry Flachsbart and Guy Tilmann. Also present were Councilwomen Barb McGuinness and Bridget Nations, along with Mayor Bob Nations.

Here is some of the discussion after the Graville-Dull encounter.

**Lynn Dull:** I would like to know what the Prosecutor said with Connie Fults.

**Barry Flachsbart:** I believe a councilperson can have a confidentiality with a lawyer. I would vote against any release of emails.

**Dull:** These are not confidential.

**Tom DeCampi:** Anytime I communicate on the city server I assume it will be seen.

**Randy Logan:** I agree with Councilman Flachsbart.

It appears as if this will go to the Council, where there will likely be a 5-to-3 vote not to release the emails.

**THE RELEASE OF FORMER CITY ATTORNEY, NOW ASSOICATE CIRCUIT JUDGE ROB HEGGIE OF ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE:** Councilwoman McGuinness brought up her proposal from the Council Agenda Meeting four days earilier.

She wants to release Rob Heggie of his "Attorney-Client Privilege" concerning the Doorack Property lease and possible purchase agreement. We have shown how Heggie, former Mayor John Nations (husband of Bridget Nations) and former City Administrator Mike Herring conspired to violate the Missouri Open Records Law by hiding the vote, the bill and the lease involving the 10-year \$80,000 a year lease of a 1.4 acre vacant lot.

McGuinness stated that Heggie used the "Attorney-Client Privilege" as the reason not to answer questions from Post-Dispatch reporter Stephen Deer. She wanted to release him from that.

"A written resolution does not compell Judge Heggie to talk," said City Attorney Chris Graville.

Councilman Guy Tilmann made a motion for the city attorney to draft a resolution specificially to release Heggie from any client privilege involving the Doorack Lease.

Then Bridget Nations spoke up. Nations has a clear conflict of interest in the matter since her husband was deeply involve in hiding the Doorack Lease from the public.

"Two things concern me. You are asking a lot of a lawyer do that . If any lawyer did that I would not want him as my lawyer. I would never ask a lawyer to do that," said Nations. (I guess she wouldn't want any lawyer to talk about her husband breaking the law.)

Barry Flachsbart excused himself and got up to leave the meeting. Barb McGuinness who he ran with last April, asked if he wanted for her to represent the ward in his absence.

"ABSOLUTELY NOT!" That was Flachsabrt's loud response.

A resolution will be written. I doubt if it passes. But if it is a tie vote again, I would think that Mayor Bob Nation might be consistent as a longtime opponent to the handling of the Doorack lease and vote for the resolution. Then Heggie would have to simply refuse to answer any questions from the press.

**REAL ESTATE: 2701 S. Lindbergh finally sold at quite a price reduction.** Back on June 30, 2014 we wrote about how the house at 2701 S. Lindbergh in the Village of Huntleigh was for sale for \$7,499,000. The 11,587 square foot house built in 1930 sitting on 6.5 acres of land had been owned by the Orthwein family (maternal side of the Busch family) then the Schnuck's family for years and recently by former St. Louis Rams quarterback Marc Bulger after he signed a \$62-million six year contract.

Bulger bought the place for \$3,550,000 in 2007. He lost money when it sold 10 years later.



In 2015 with some fanfare the price dropped from \$7,499,000 to a mere \$5,995,000. It was then listed at \$4,500,000 by the third listing agent. The house was on the market for 879 days.

Coldwell Banker/Gundaker Real Estate recently announced the property sold for \$3,430,000. That is a 55% reduction in price over 2 1/2-years and \$120,000 less than the purchase price in 2007.

Bugler has moved to Brentwood, Tennessee where he purchased a home for a mere \$1.8-million.



Brentwood TN residence,

**ON PACE TO BREAK THE 879 DAYS ON THE MARKET BY THE BULGER HOUSE:**

As of last week the house at 1337 S. Mason has been **on the market for 595 days**. The six bedroom house is perfect if you want to live on a curve of a busy narrow road. It is also perfect if you have a urinary tact or rectal problem as it has 11 bathrooms.

The house originally went on the market in June of 2015 for \$4,900,000. It is now listed for \$3,995,000. Carl and Laura Strasser built the house in 2010. The year it was listed at \$4.9 million the Strassers were paying \$25,780 in real estate taxes. That would be the amount on a \$2.5-million dollar hosue. The year after claming the house was worth \$4.9-million the taxes jumped to \$39,524. That's a 35% jump in taxes.

I have a feeling this one might be on the market a little longer.



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**14800 BLOCK OF CLAYTON ROAD** The next two are next to each other in the 14800 block of Clayton Road. Guess what one is a rental and which one is the original owner.

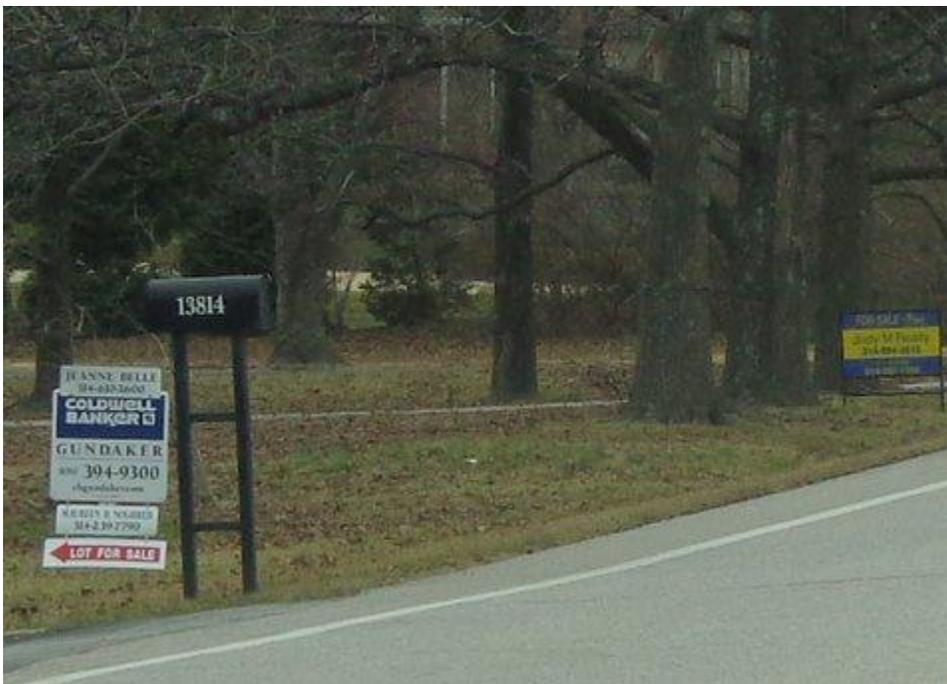


14818 Clayton \$429,000



14814 Clayton Road \$424,000

14818 is the rental.



I have to admit I was wondering if someone would buy both lots and put up a 20,000-plus square foot house.

**MUSIC:** For the last five years during the first week of February my wife and I have had parties featuring local musicians and vocalists with instructions to be up beat and funny. This year we are moving the event to West County to the Parkside Grill, a tiny place with good food that seats about 50. While we will have 30 or 35 guests that will leave room for 20 others who want to stop by. The only RULE is to SHUT UP when Dean Christopher starts doing his comedy so everyone can enjoy it

This year we are moving the **final party WEST to the PARKSIDE GRILL on Clayton Road at Strecker Roads in Wildwood.** Come between 7 and 7:30 on Tuesday February 7. The music and entertainment begins at 7:30.



Parkside Grille

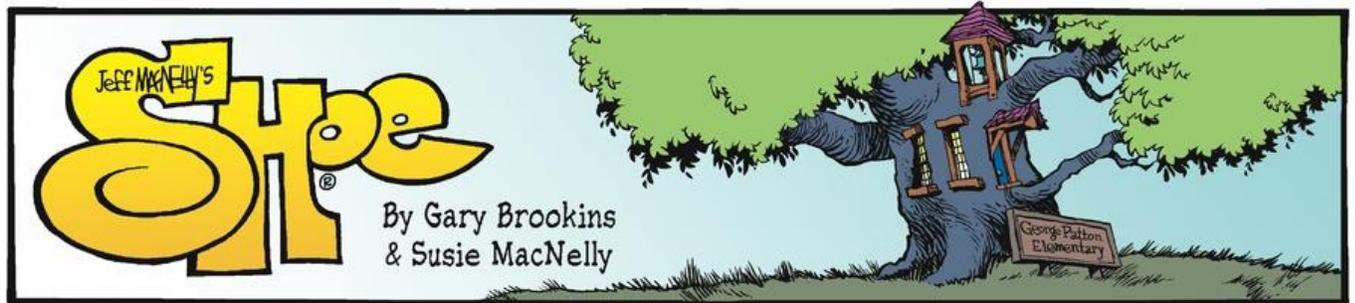
Feature Vocalists and laugh makers Dean Christopher & Valerie Tichacek

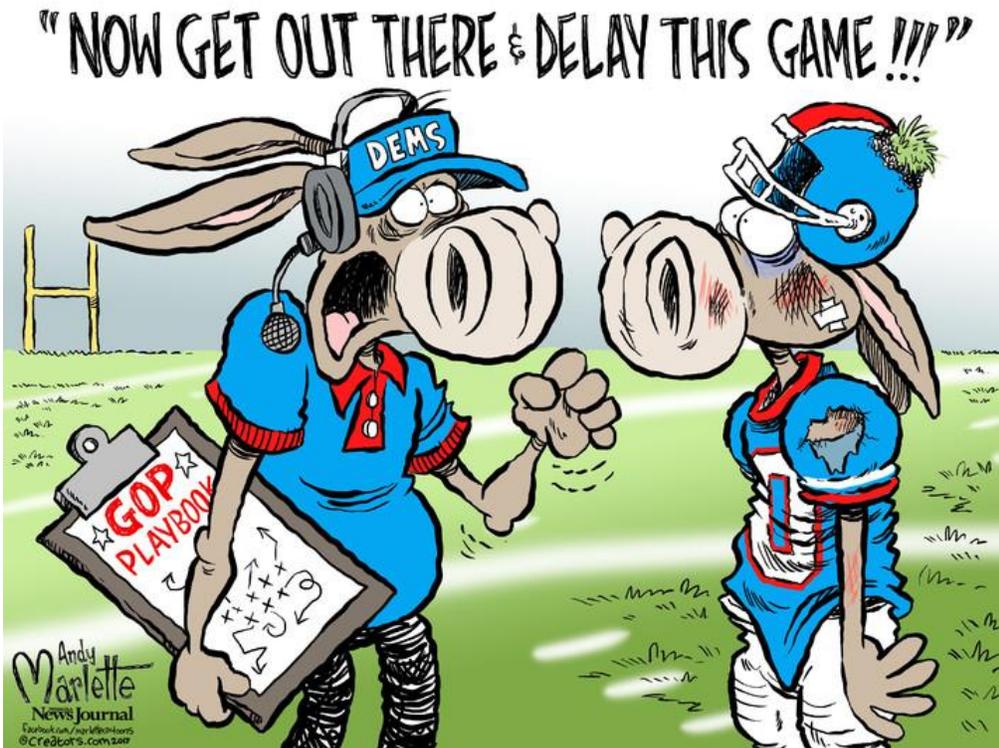
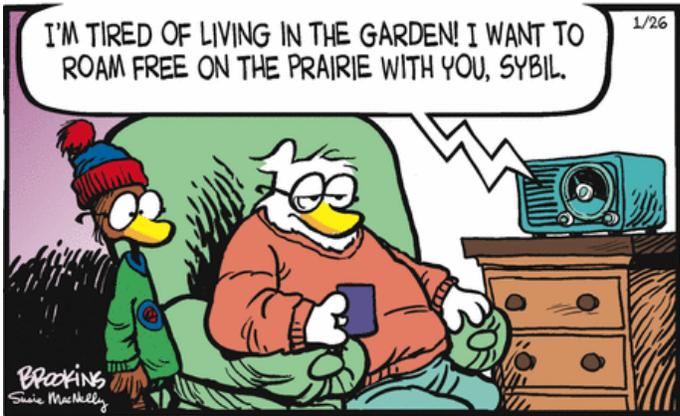
**MUSIC, FOOD and LAUGHS!**

FEATURING:



CARTOONS: Some weeks Shoe is worn out puns. This week I thought it and the puns were pretty good.





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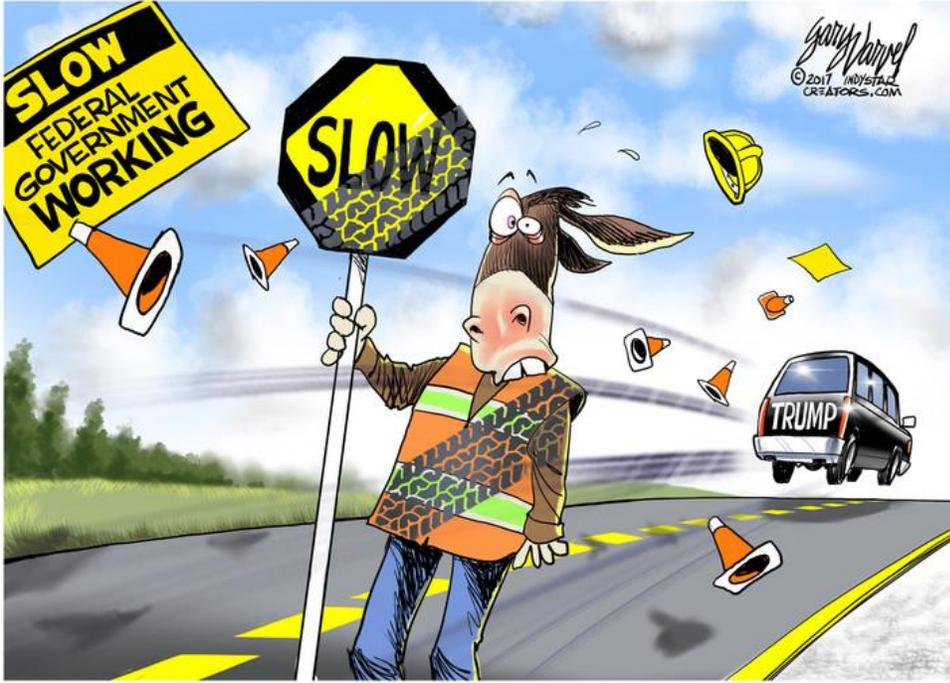


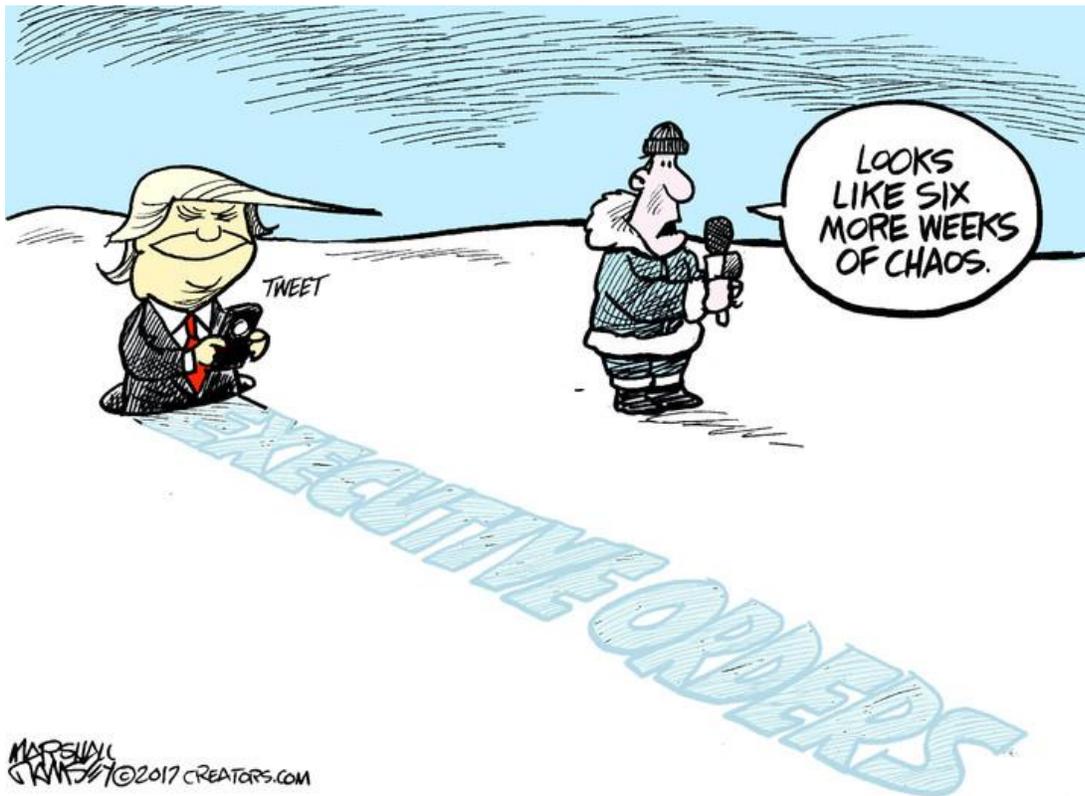
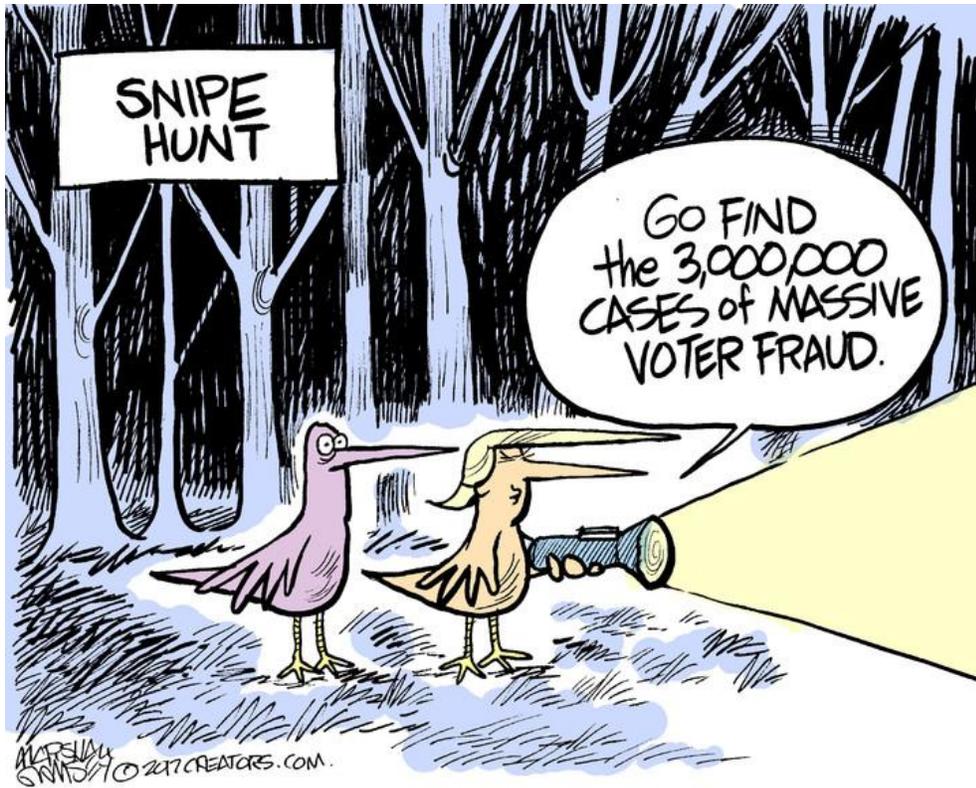
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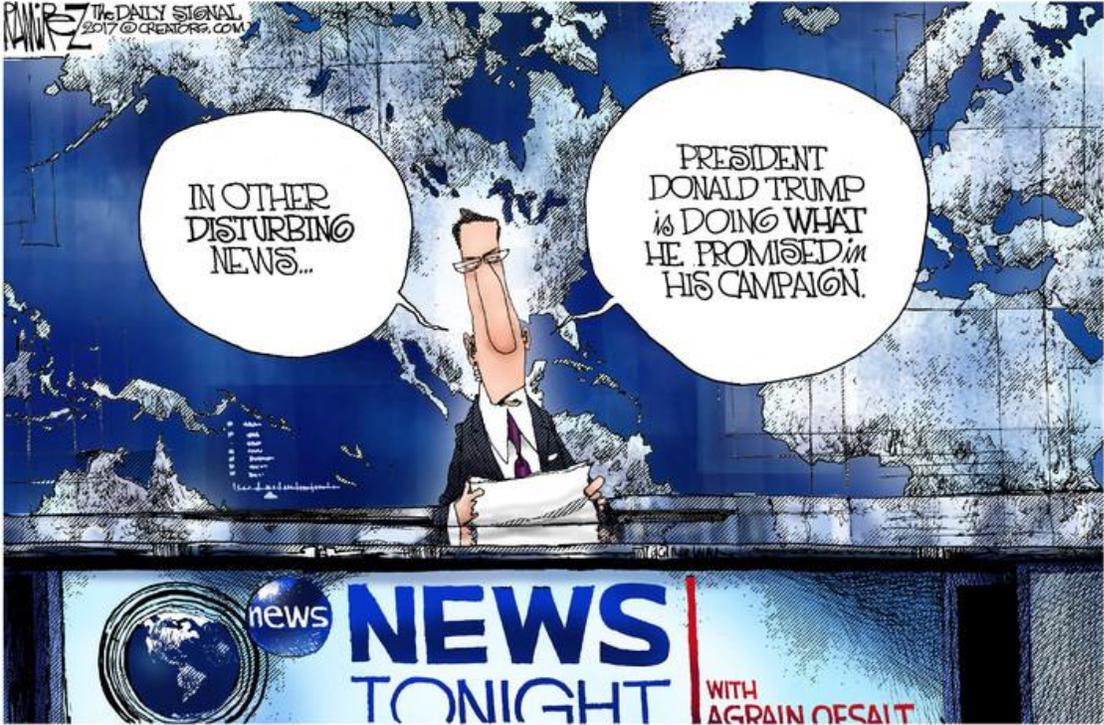


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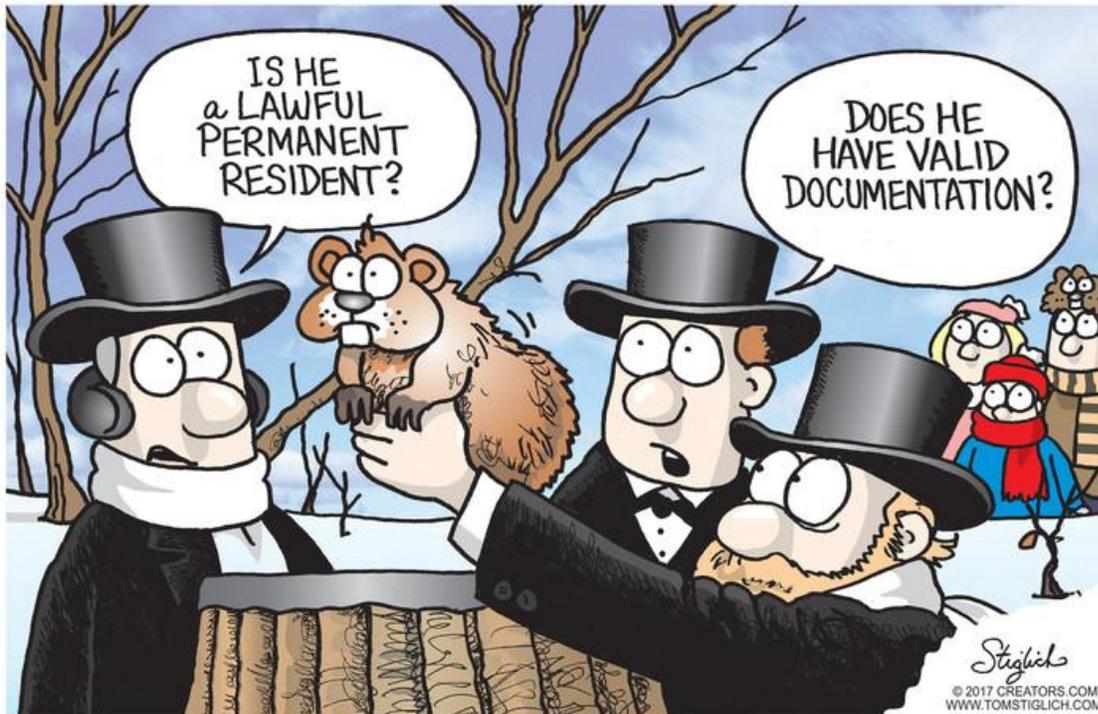
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## MORE ALTERNATIVE FACTS



This one isn't so funny, but I really liked the drawing.

For those who miss cartoons featuring Hillary, here are a couple.

# TODAY'S EXCUSE...



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