

## EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 306 AND CHESTERFIELD 251



**December 4, 2017**

**This was posted on our website on Sunday November 26, If you have read our piece about the mailers of our articles please just scroll down to page 5 for all new articles.**

### **MAILER CONTAINING MY STORIES ABOUT DRUNKS AND TOWN AND COUNTRY MUNICIPAL COURT SENT OUT BY UNKNOWN PERSON.**

First I received an email from someone in Ward-2 with a partial scanning of a mailer that was mailed out with partial reprints of some of my articles on drunk drivers and what happens or more accurately doesn't happen to them in municipal court. I'm told these mailings have been landing at houses in Des Peres and Creve Coeur, besides Town and Country.

Frankly I'd love to get more people to be aware of this problem. But I can't afford to mail out the newsletter, that is why it is online.

Secondly I have no idea who is doing it. They certainly did not ask for my permission. Of course the articles are out there on the web for anyone to read, so I don't know if they need my permission.

I really would have no problem with it if they identified themselves and used the entire article.

Here is an exchange I had on Saturday with not a newsletter reader, but someone who used to read my columns five years ago on AOL's Patch.com.

Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2017 6:04 PM  
To: johnhoffmann@charter.net  
Subject: Recent mailing

John - I just received your mailing - untitled and unsigned about Sheila Anthony et al. She was a neighbor (I live across Bopp from Fordyce). I didn't know her personally, but FYI, she moved out in March. So it is unfortunate you used her old address for this current mailing, as it puts the current residents of #6 in a bad light to neighbors that don't know they aren't the target of your mailing.

My wife and I were avid readers of Patch, so we certainly knew of you. I am just curious what possessed you to send out this old article from your past on this particular day

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

**Sent:** Saturday, November 25, 2017 7:39 PM

**To: Subject:** mailing

I have not done a "mailing" in seven years.. Someone sent me a partial copy of an article I wrote some time ago, that was mailed out. I did not do it. I write a weekly newsletter on Town and County and Chesterfield news. It is posted on my website at newsfromsnoburbia.com or johnhoffmann.net.

That article on Sheilah Anthon appeared in my December 19, 2016 newsletter and it was posted on my website at about the same time.

[http://johnhoffmann.net/combined\\_148.pdf](http://johnhoffmann.net/combined_148.pdf)

There are over 1,000 people a week that read this site. I randomly track DWI and felony crime cases in T&C and Chesterfield. When this was posted she still lived at the Fordyce house.

I have no idea who is sending out the post cards. It may be someone who would like to see political action to reform muni courts. But, I don't know.

Again when this was posted she was still a resident. Whoever is sending out the postcards did not have my permission or knowledge. But all the information is on my website is open to the public. The website has lots of crime info, but also things like local restaurant reviews.

Thanks for bringing this to my attention.

John Hoffmann

Here is the front of one of the mailers sent to a resident in Ward-2 of Town and Country.

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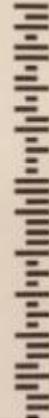
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IMPACTED A UTILITY POLE. WITNESS 1 STATED  
TIME OF THE CRASH.

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Anthon was issued citations for Improper I  
Driving.

SAINT LOUIS, MO 63131-1022



**OUTCOME:** Here is where Sluys and Waldemer showed their concern for reside  
Town and Country. On November 14, 2016 the Improper Lane Use charge was  
dismissed. Despite two witnesses and evidence of two off road crashes, the Car  
and Impudent Driving charge was reduced to ILLEGAL PARKING and Anthon wa  
\$225.

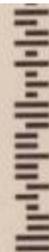
Clearly Sluys and Waldemer did not give a rat's ass about the safety of the public  
people walking on sidewalks. But they did care greatly that resident Sheilah Anth  
would not receive any points on her driver's license after she hired a fellow lawye

This is nothing new to Anthon. In 2006 she had a speeding ticket in Town and C  
reduced to Illegal Parking. Ald. Gussie Crawford put court reform on the agenda  
last police commission and then missed the meeting. None of the other alderpersons  
seem to care, despite a couple of them making this a campaign issue at one time.

**THE CITY PROSECUTOR'S HANDLING OF EXCESSIVELY HIGH SPEEDING  
CASES SENDS A CLEAR MESSAGE: THE MESSAGES ARE to police officers and  
it is WHY BOTHER? Read the facts behind these cases.**

**99 MPH IN A 60 MPH ZONE ON WB I-64 AT I-270 REDUCED TO NO-FINE AND NO-  
POINTS:** On Thursday night into Friday morning October 30, 2015 at 1:16 AM it was  
clear and the temperature had fallen to 39 degrees.

Town and Country Police Officer Yaakub clocked John Wesley Bradshaw driving his  
2007 GMC Yukon (a rather large ve image1 (2).jpeg (768 x 1024)) iately after he passed over  
I-270 on WB I-64



**Trying to Track Down the Sender:** This is from my IT expert after I sent him the front section of a mailer (without the name & address redacted) that I had been sent.

**Sent:** Saturday, November 25, 2017 8:24 PM

**To:** John Hoffmann

**Subject:** Re: FYI

And it appears they are using Vista Print for the mailing, so I assume you can't even reverse-search the mail permit (if that's even doable otherwise).

Very odd that someone would spend money to do this.

**Sent:** Saturday, November 25, 2017 9:50 PM

**To:** John Hoffmann

**Subject:** Re: mailing

People think you sent it.

I have no idea who sent it or why.

I did not get one in my mail, so don't have one.

A friend called me today and had friends in Des Peres and Creve Coeur get them but most of my neighbors didn't.

Strange and ill conceived as far as whatever message was intended.

Even the format was poor, sentences cut off etc.

Someone wasted their money.

**Here is an email from the person writing the compliant email after our explanation:**

**Sent:** Saturday, November 25, 2017 10:52 PM

**To:** John Hoffmann

**Subject:** Re: mailing

Thank you for your response - very strange indeed. I am glad it wasn't you as that would be totally unlike you and even more confusing. Maybe someone with a vendetta against that lady? Or against the prosecutor? Just really got my curiosity going! Anyway, Keep up the good work!

Again I would have no problem with someone mailing out my work on the lack of justice provided in the West County Municipal Courts. I just wished they would use the complete stories and say who is mailing them out.

**AND NOW BACK TO DRUNK AND THIEVES STORY FROM OUR GROWING COLLECTION: ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT DRUNK CHESTERFIELD MAN DRIVES OFF ROAD AND KNOCKS DOWN 70-FEET OF FENCE AT HUNTER'S FARM:**

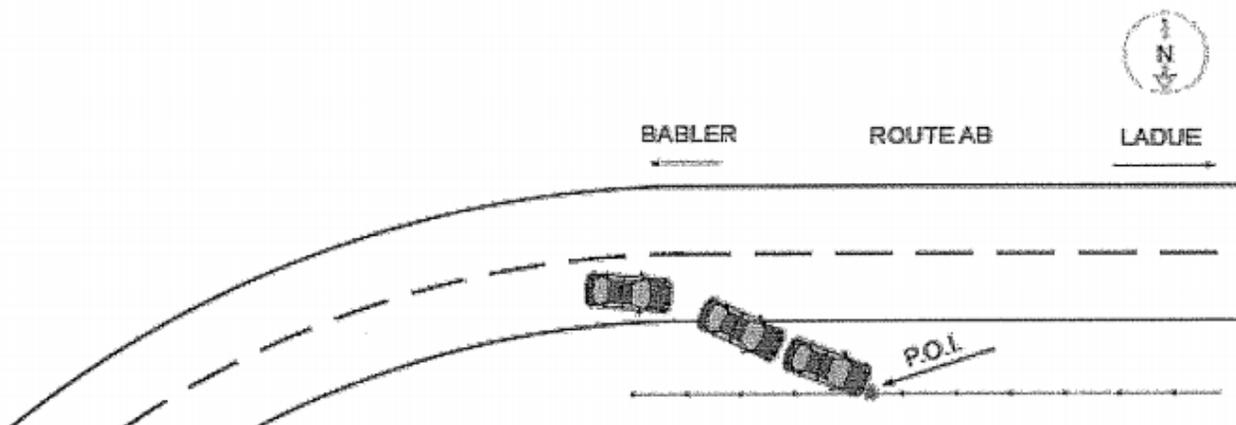
Police work on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day can be slow but interrupted with calls involving excessive use of alcohol. Normally it is involves family disturbances centered around an intoxicated family member who started drinking before noon. The other involves DWI cases, going from one party to another but taking plenty of time to drink at every party.

I have answered calls involving both. I worked more Christmas Eves and Christmas days than many because I did not have any children and always volunteered to take shifts of officers who needed to be home with their kids. I had a call with paramedics trying and revive a man who had fallen off a bar stool at a private home only to have the man come to and start assaulting the medics. Another involved a drunk 6-foot tall woman who was holding an iron by the electric cord swinging it above her head trying to hit a family member that had pissed her off.

The most picture perfect arrest was that of a drug dealer for DWI at 4 o'clock on Christmas morning as a snow had started to fall.

On Christmas night 2016 Town and Country Officer McPherson got such a call 4-hours and 43-minutes into his overnight 6-to-6 shift. This one started as a one-car accident on Ladue Road.

Steve R. Hasty, 61, of 1231 Finger Lake Court in Chesterfield had driven his 1993 Acura (almost an antique) off the road on Ladue Road west of Babler Road into a wooden fence along the property of Hunter Farms, destroying 70-feet of the fence.



This was Officer McPherson's lucky night, because what should be spy with bloodshot eyes but Steve Hasty still behind the wheel of the running car.

Officer McPherson smelled a strong odor of booze on Hasty's breath and listened as hasty spoke with slurred speech. Once out of the car Hasty was staggering.

Hasty failed several field sobriety tests and a field breath test was over the legal limit. Hasty was arrested and taken to the Town and Country Police station.



Steven Hasty

In an interview he stated he had been drinking rum from 4 in the afternoon to 8. He agreed to take an official breath test. The results of the test were .133%.

**OUTCOME:** This case stayed out of municipal court and away from the Town and Country Non-Prosecutor Ed Sluys, who will make a deal on any DWI case as long as a local lawyer has been hired and was filed as a misdemeanor case in the Circuit Court as Hasty had a prior DWI.

On June 19, 2017 Hasty pled guilty before Judge Mary Ott. He was sentenced to six months in jail, but the jail time was immediately stayed and Hasty was immediately placed on a 2-year SES probation term. This means the DWI conviction record will stay on his driving record.

**TOWN SQUARE GROUND BROKEN AND TOWN AND COUNTRY BUDGET IS BROKEN:** On Friday November 24, 2017 earth moving equipment

arrived at the site of the Town Square project and ground was broken without any photos of Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist Jon Dalton and alderpersons holding shovels. By Monday there had been a lot of ground broken and scrub trees destroyed.

However at the November 27 Board of Aldermen meeting Mayor Jon Dalton announced ground breaking for the own Square would occur on Saturday December 16. I think the below photos reveal that Dalton lives in a fanasty world.



I ran into the City's engineering consultant on the project George Stock at the Chesterfield Planning Meeting. He stated that with mild weather they hoped to have moved most of the dirt required for construction within two to three weeks.

Stock added he thought the Werth house on the southeast corner of the property would be torn down within a week. All this kind of makes the politicians "Official Ground Breaking on December 18 pointless.

**BREAKING THE BUDGET:** The Town Square project is also proving to break the Town and Country budget and no one appears too concern about it. Take a look below at the bottom line. That shows a **budget deficit of \$6,242,77**. That is mostly the cosot of the Town Square.

**CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY  
2018 BUDGET REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES**

FUND DESCRIPTION	2018 Beginning Fund Balance	Revenues	Expenditures	Transfers In (Out)	Change in Fund Balance	2018 Ending Fund Balance
General Fund	12,903,791	10,606,420	10,603,500	(4,949,208)	(4,946,288)	7,957,503
Road Fund	609,723	1,731,610	2,514,490	300,000	(482,880)	126,843
Capital Improvements Fund	1,401,333	2,286,000	7,186,258	4,649,208	(251,050)	1,150,283
Parks & Stormwater Fund	1,308,203	1,997,500	2,557,750		(560,250)	747,953
Safety & Training Fund	1,834	8,510	9,270		(760)	1,074
Public Art Fund	1,545	-	1,545		(1,545)	0
<b>TOTALS ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 16,226,430</b>	<b>\$ 16,630,040</b>	<b>\$ 22,872,813</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (6,242,773)</b>	<b>\$ 9,983,657</b>

The Town Square budget was moved by Dalton from the General Fund to the Capital Improvements fund. In 2017 with a month to go the Capital Improvements Fund is expected to have an expenditure of \$1,318,511. Next year in 2018 it shows an expenditure of \$7,186,258 or an increase of 445%. Below is the Town Square budget for 2018 at \$5,759,208.

<u>Capital Outlay</u>						
35-70-500-10 Town Square	34,845	330,000	330,000	847.05	5,759,208	1645.21

Let's do the math on what the Town Square has cost residents to date:

\$2,250,000 purchase price in January of 2015

\$34,845 misc expenses including consulting fees  
 \$2,284,845 total spent at the end of 2016  
 + 330,000 spoil sampling, engineering work, consultant fees 2017  
 \$2,614,845  
 +\$5,759,208 2018 construction costs for grounds and stormwater retention pond  
**\$8,374,053**  
 + 340,000 unbudgeted for east side trail, contrasting paving stones and 2<sup>nd</sup> restroom  
**\$8,714,053**  
 + 156,386 approved 11/27/17 for payment to American Water to move water main  
**\$8,870,439**  
-\$810,000 purchase price by Brinkman Development for 2.4 acres zoned commercial  
**\$8,060,439 so far**

**MORE TOWN SQUARE COSTS:** On Monday 11/27/17 the Town and Country Board of Aldermen passed a bill to spend \$156,386 for American Water to relocate water mains for a proposed tunnel under Clayton Road in front of the Town Square. We got two conflicting reports. One had it as a new expenditure and another had it moved from the 2018 budget to the 2017 budget.

**UNBUDGETED WORK:** In the Aldermanic Work Session Ald. Lindsey Butler brought up the fact that \$340,000 had been approved for changes in the Town Square Project to include a second restroom on the east side, contrasting paving stones for the mall area and an east side walking trail. However that \$340,000 is not in the budget for the Town Square.



Lindsey Bulter making a point about expenses being kept out of the budget or “hidden.”

“There will be all kinds of changes going down the road,” was the unresponsive response from Mayor Jon Dalton.



Jon Dalton promising more tricks with the budget and spending.

Ald. Skip Mange joined Tiffany Frautschi and Lindsey Butler by saying that he did not think that the \$229,000 for Deer Management that has in the past been been in the General Fund should have been transferred to the Road Fund.

Frautschi then read the definition of the Road Fund and clearly Deer Management should not be part of it.

Ways and Means Commission (Finance Commission) member Oz Conard said all the city was doing by moving the Deer Management money out of the General Fund to Roads was “to get expenses out of the general fund so it would be at the break even point.”

This brought a long stare from Dalton who then said, “We’d never do anything like that.”

But a week earlier City Administrator Gary Hoelzer said at a Ways and Means Commission meeting that it was a “policy to keep the General Fund in the black.”

**DEER DISCUSSION:** There was a discussion if the contractor White Buffalo could actually kill 400 deer which is the goal of the agreement. The lethal removal of over 300 deer would satisfy many if the 400 goal was not met. The belief was that as more deer were killed fewer deer would go to bait and shoot stations.

1-Acre: By lowering the area for the sharpshooting to 1-acre brought some comment. City Administrator Gary Hoelzer stated that the actual bait/feed and shoot areas are only one-quarter acre and that one acre is more than enough room.



Gary Hoelzer

“One-acre is not a safety issue,” said Hoelzer. “We use one-quarter of an acre for the actual Deer Management (bait and shoot). There could be a 5-acre plot of land that would not be safe and a half-acre lot that would be safe.”

A substitute bill was introduced by Ald. Skip Mange to apparently appease the handfull of Deer Lovers. The red below is some of the new wording. It calls for developing non-lethal sterilization of deer. Something that was tried, was too expensive and didn't work. If you remember Mange was mayor when the City herded up deer and shipped them to rural areas of SE Missouri where the majority of them died from Capture Myopathy, where their organs shut down due to stress. The State has since outlawed this.

The biggest change in the bills beside acknowledging the phony-baloney Deer Task Force that Jon Dalton created to get a deer lover to drop out of the mayor's race last April, was the bill dropped the word euthanize changing it to “cull.”

**WHEREAS**, in 2017 the Mayor of Town & Country appointed a Deer Management Task Force to review data and report back to the Board of Aldermen; and

**WHEREAS**, the Deer Management Task Force issued separate reports but with some common recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has consulted with the Missouri Department of Conservation to identify acceptable and effective deer management strategies; and

**WHEREAS**, long term strategies may include the development of meaningful partnerships with area municipalities and the St. Louis County Parks Department; and

**WHEREAS**, additional management strategies may also include partnerships with universities, the Missouri Department of Conservation, and public / private collaborations to explore the applicability of non-lethal methods; and

**WHEREAS**, further efforts for wildlife management will also include community education and other tools that may prove effective in reducing deer / vehicle collisions; and,

**WHEREAS**, the initial public safety strategy is the reduction of the deer herd by 400 through culling; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to retain the wildlife management services of the same Provider that has successfully performed wildlife management services for the City since 2009; and

In the Work Session Ald. Jon Benigas claimed if the County Parks (Queeny Park) and other nearby cities did not start lethal deer management operations Town and Country

should stop funding deer management. So far only Ellisville is shooting deer. "We can't continue this (lethal deer management) without being aggressively joined by our neighbors. It will become a waste of money. We remove deer and their deer move in."

The deer nuts who want to demand the city reduce deer populations over 10 and 20 years without killing any as deer-vehicle accidents soar, were out in force. Mariette Palmer was there, along with Mr. and Mrs. Al Gerber, who were apparently taking time out from protesting against local police and shutting down malls, plus the current queen of deer nuts, Barbara Ann Hughes.

The amended bill passed in the regular meeting on a 7-0 vote. Fred Meyland-Smith was absent.

**THE BUDGET:** At the Monday 11/27 Aldermanic meeting there was a public hearing on the budget. No one spoke. There was a first reading on the budget. Not one alderperson said a word.



The podium was empty as no one wished to speak about a very **RED 2018 budget**.

**GRIZZLY DALTON:** You have to look very hard but T&C mayor Jon Dalton showed up at the November 27 aldermanic meeting wearing facial stubble around his chin and mouth. Maybe the hair is going long next.



**NEW VET CLINIC TO OPEN IN TOWN AND COUNTRY IN FRONT OF SCHNUCKS ON CLAYTON ROAD:** Two women veterinarians with Banfield, the vet clinic inside Petsmart pet stores will be opening a new Clinic in the old Swim, Bike and Run/Fleet Feet store behind Mike Duffy's Pub and the AT&T store and in front of the Schnuck's supermarket on Clayton Road at Woods Mill Road.

Dr. Kristen Doss, a vet four years out of the University of Missouri Vet School and currently practicing at the Manchester Petsmart, located in the Highland Shopping Center on Manchester Road at Hwy 141 is one vet. Doss will be joined by a vet from a Banfield Clinic in Florissant. The new facility will be a Banfield clinic and will draw on other vets at Petsmart if needed. The new office is scheduled to open on Saturday January 13.

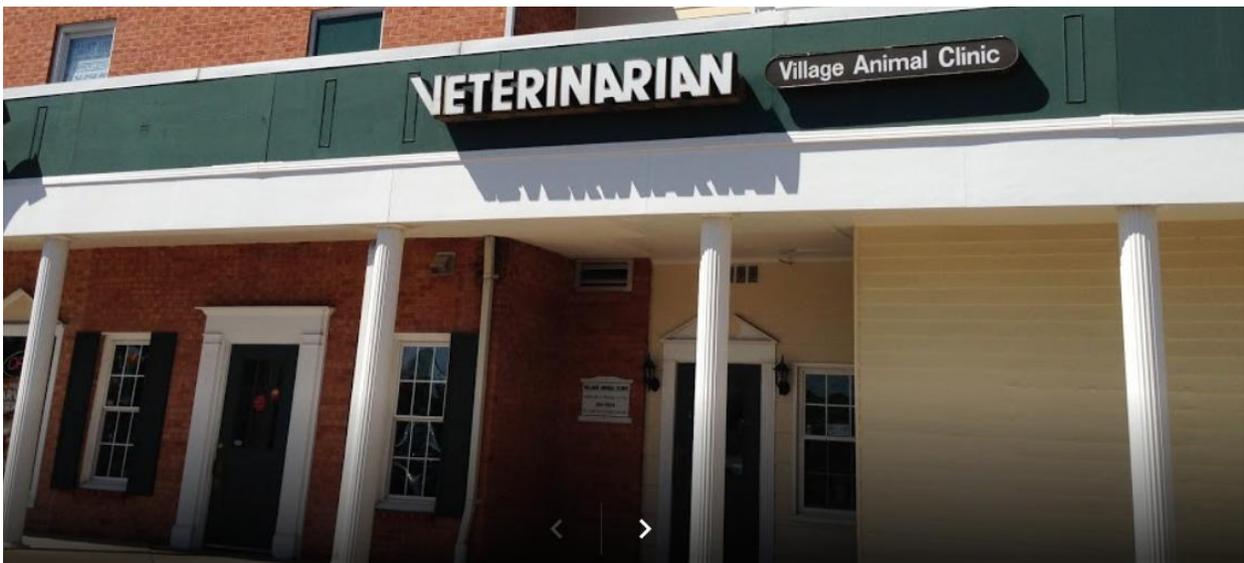
Town and Country Veterinarian Hospital is located across the street in the Town and Country Crossing Shopping Center. The Village Animal Clinic is located on the southwest corner of the Clayton and Woods Mill Rd. in the Lamp and Lantern Shopping Center.



New Location for Banfield Vet Clinic



Town and Country Vet Hospital



Village Animal Clinic Next to the Subway shop in the Lamp and Lantern Shopping Center.

Will the area support three vet clinics at Clyton and Woods Mill Roads plus four along Manchester Road from Barrett Station Road to Hwy 141?

**DES PERES WAL GREEN'S HELD UP:** This was the second robbery of the Wal Green's in Des Peres in three months.

On Thanksgiving Eve at about 6:30 pm a black/male wearing sunglasses 90 minutes after sunset, entered the store and announced a hold up at the front cash register after displaying a silver handgun.

Some employees were aware of the robbery and ushered customers into the back of the pharmacy until the suspect was gone. The Wal Green's was robbed last August late at night with the holdup man demanding oxicontin. That suspect was a White/Male who was later arrested when he returned to the Des Peres Wal Green's and was recognized by a pharmanist who called police before anything new happened.



## UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 251



December 4, 2017

**CHESTERFIELD LOSES SALES TAX LAWSUIT:** Jon Beetem, the Cole County Circuit Judge who was hearing the City of Chesterfield v State of Missouri lawsuit looking to declare the St. Louis County Sales Tax Pool law unconstitutional because it only applies to St. Louis County and not other First Class Counties issued a ruling on Wednesday afternoon. The lawsuit went down in flames.

Judge Beetem did not mince words and upon reading the judgment his ruling was based on Chesterfield being 29 years late to bring up the challenge and being a little greedy.



Judge Beetem

Concerning Chesterfield's argument that St. Louis County Class A cities (that got to keep all sales taxes and now most sales taxes) and Class B cities where sales taxes goes into a pool to be shared by Class B cities and the County was the result of the Town and Country lawsuit against St. Louis County in 1983 where St. Louis County claimed it had the right to void an annexation.

After the court found in favor of Town and Country the A and B sales tax pool requirements were put in force through State Law and all new cities or annexed areas had to have sales taxes go to the Tax Pool.

This was in existence in 1988 when residents voted to create the City of Chesterfield.

Here are some highlits of the decision that shot down all of Chesterfield's arguments.

**C. Plaintiffs' Claims Are Barred by Res Judicata and Related Estoppel Principles (Counts I-IV)**

Moreover, Chesterfield's challenges to the constitutionality of Section 66.600 and Section 66.620 are foreclosed by *res judicata*, judicial estoppel, equitable estoppel, and laches based upon Chesterfield's previous litigation in the *Chesterfield v. Director of Revenue*, 811 S.W.2d 375 (Mo. banc 1991) ("*Chesterfield I*") and *Berry* cases.

Chesterfield's current challenges to the Law are inconsistent with Chesterfield's position in *Berry*. In *Berry*, Chesterfield successfully argued for a ruling that the Law is valid and constitutional based in part upon the unique nature of St. Louis County. Since the implementation of the 1993 amendment to the tax revenue distribution formula, which Chesterfield successfully fought to preserve in *Berry*, Chesterfield has received more than \$16 million in additional sales tax revenue than it would have received without the 1993 amendment. Moreover, voiding the County Sales Tax Law, or parts of it, would cause a major disruption in the fiscal affairs of St. Louis County and the political subdivisions that rely on the sales tax distribution formula when promoting commercial development within their boundaries, issuing revenue bonds, and making other financial commitments and fiscal decisions. Chesterfield was incorporated in 1988 and could have raised a special law challenge upon incorporation. Chesterfield later challenged the constitutionality of the Law in *Chesterfield I* before successfully defending the Law in *Berry* over two decades ago. For all these reasons, Chesterfield's current challenges to the Law are barred by judicial estoppel and equitable estoppel.

Finally, Chesterfield's claims are also barred by laches. Chesterfield could have raised these claims in 1988 but did not, and has instead accepted millions of dollars under the statute it now challenges. This works to the disadvantage and prejudice of St. Louis County and the Group B cities that relied on the County Sales Tax Law when they promoted commercial development within their boundaries, issued revenue bonds, and made other financial commitments and fiscal decisions. *See, e.g., State ex rel. City of Monett v. Lawrence Cnty.*, 407 S.W.3d 635, 637 (Mo. Ct. App. 2013) (affirming grant of summary judgment on the basis of laches and estoppel where county challenged validity of city's TIF districts because the TIF districts were adopted four and thirteen years earlier, county representatives were participating members of the TIF commission, the county accepted significant increased tax revenues from the TIF districts, the original city TIF commission members' memories had faded thereby prejudicing the City's ability to justify its earlier actions, and the county's challenge would disrupt settled expectations).

For the foregoing reasons,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Plaintiffs City of Chesterfield and Bob Nation's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment on Counts I and II is denied;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendants State of Missouri and Director of Revenue's Motion for Summary Judgment on Counts I-IV is sustained;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Intervenor-Defendants St. Louis County, Missouri and the Cities of Ballwin, Florissant, Manchester, University City, Webster Groves, and Wildwood's Motion for Summary Judgment on Counts I-IV is sustained.

SO ORDERED this 29 day of November, 2017.

  
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JON E. BEETEM, CIRCUIT JUDGE

Here is a link to the entire judgment:

[https://www.courts.mo.gov/fv/c//Judgment\\_FINAL.pdf?l=SMPDB0004\\_CT19&di=1219476](https://www.courts.mo.gov/fv/c//Judgment_FINAL.pdf?l=SMPDB0004_CT19&di=1219476)

This will likely force Chesterfield to consider more budget cuts in the years to come due to the expiration of loans in the next seven years with increasing debt service in the millions of dollars.

**BUDGET BLUES:** If losing the sales tax lawsuit against the State of Missouri wasn't bad enough, on Monday November 27 the Chesterfield City Council met as a Whole of the Finance and Administration Committee to continue discussing the fall of projected revenue estimates.

A week earlier Councilwoman Barb McGuinness began making motions to remove some 2018 expenditures from the budget. She was about 75% successful, cutting over \$45,000 from the budget.

Now City Administrator Mike Geisel and Mayor Bob Nation were ready for more cuts. The city's 2018 budget is not in the red, but estimates of incoming revenue are going down, down and down.

General Fund

Sales Tax FY's 2013-2017		Months reflect when the sales tax is earned it is deposited/received ~ 2 months later						
Revenues	2013	2014	2015	2016	% incr/decr from 2015	2017	% incr/decr from 2016	Cumulative position
January	\$569,937	\$473,637	\$560,648	\$645,098	15.06%	\$837,570	29.84%	29.84%
February	\$493,061	\$502,110	\$543,960	\$515,679	-5.20%	\$559,042	8.41%	20.32%
March	\$349,770	\$528,831	\$435,001	\$384,153	-11.69%	\$486,840	26.73%	21.91%
April	\$633,672	\$538,708	\$630,847	\$674,131	6.86%	\$555,331	-17.62%	9.90%
May	\$573,885	\$795,618	\$665,425	\$700,054	5.20%	\$716,153	2.30%	8.08%
June	\$410,295	\$523,829	\$530,264	\$485,475	-8.45%	\$480,756	-0.97%	6.79%
July	\$765,740	\$700,614	\$796,405	\$802,513	0.77%	\$760,229	-5.27%	4.49%
August	\$504,342	\$628,893	\$649,477	\$620,414	-4.47%	\$537,883	-13.30%	2.20%
September	\$483,238	\$509,280	\$513,967	\$486,407	-5.36%	\$431,920	-11.20%	0.97%
October	\$589,840	\$662,348	\$710,246	\$660,240	-7.04%	\$750,818	13.72%	-9%
November	\$420,243	\$533,506	\$521,946	\$561,167	7.51%	\$660,662	17.73%	-9%
December	\$546,068	\$399,476	\$420,419	\$420,980	0.13%	\$533,092	26.63%	-9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,340,091</b>	<b>\$6,796,849</b>	<b>\$6,978,603</b>	<b>\$6,956,311</b>	<b>-0.32%</b>	<b>\$7,310,296</b>	<b>5.09%</b>	

Geisel spoke of sales tax revenue being down 5% this year in St. Louis County as a whole. He added that online shopping and fewer stores at Chesterfield Mall are having an impact on the original revenue estimates.

**Capital Improvements:** Geisel reported that in Capital Improvements, the asphalt overlays for Nardin Drive and Wilson Avenue will be put off at least until 2019. Overall Capital revenues could be off as much as 15%.

**Parks:** Geisel reported Parks revenue is \$670,000 less than in 2016. They are looking for Parks revenue (there is a separate Parks Sales Tax that is not connected to the Tax Pool) to be down 5.7% from what was first estimated.

**OFFICER WITH AN EXPIRED LICENSE TO OPERATE BREATH TEST INSTRUMENT CAUSED DWI TO BE REDUCED TO CARELESS DRIVING:** On Thursday December 29, 2016 at about 10:50pm Sgt. Weiss of the Chesterfield Police Department stopped a white 2011 Ford after he observed the driver speeding 80 MPH in a 60 MPH zone and weaving on EB I-64 before Timberlake Parkway. It appeared as if the driver, Joseph Dressel, 43 had been drinking.

Sgt. Weiss called Officer Lucchesi to the scene to unload the arrest and reporting off on him. (Honestly in the years I was a police sergeant and captain if I stopped a drunk driver, I never forced another officer to write the report. But apparently that is very common now, at least in Town and Country and Chesterfield.)

Dressel failed a number of field sobriety tests and failed a Field Breath Test. He was arrested and taken to the police station.

Officer Howes came to the police station to operate the Intoximeter Instrument. Dressel's BAC level was 0.090. 0.8 is legally intoxicated in Missouri. A DWI citation was issued along with a speeding citation plus a citation for a marijuana smoking pipe found in the van. However, before Dressel was released Officer Howes noticed that his license to operate the Intoximeter instrument had expired 04/16/16 or 8 ½-months earlier.

Another Officer was called into the station to give another test. An hour after the first test, Dressel's BAC level was dropping. The second test showed his BAC level to 0.064, which is under the legal limit.

Dressel still left the station with a DWI citation. You can make a DWI case on visual observations. This is done all the time when drunk drivers refuse to take a breath test.

However, since the first test at the station didn't count, I don't really know how Dressel got stuck with a DWI charge when the second test showed he was under the limit.



**OUTCOME:** The DWI charge was amended to Careless and Impudent Driving by Chesterfield Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer. To make a C&I charge you need two elements. They had them in this case. Dressel was speeding and lane weaving. He was fined \$198.50 plus \$26.50 in court costs.

However, the speeding charge should be dismissed since it was used to make the C&I charge. It wasn't. Engelmeyer was now raising revenue for the City of Chesterfield. He amended the Speeding citation to Illegal Parking. Dressler pled guilty and was fined \$198.50 plus \$26.50 in court costs. Dressel was charged twice for the same offense. Chesterfield picked his pocket for a total \$225.

The marijuana pipe charge was amended to littering and it was another \$225 fine and costs.

We were able to find this much of Dressel's record:

10/12/93	Speeding Fined	Lincoln CO
09/06/03	Failure to Register Motor Veh	Highway Patrol
11/07/14	Moving Violation Amended to Illegal Parking	Highway Patrol
05/19/15	Speeding Fined \$180	Highway Patrol
12/29/16	DWI amended to C&I Driving	Chesterfield PD
	Speeding amended to Illegal Parking \$225 fine	Chesterfield PD
05/09/17	Moving Violation amended to Illegal Parking \$256	Shrewsbury PD

**CHESTERFIELD POLICE BLOTTER:** Here is what the local police were dealing with in the last eight days:


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## CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT Media Report November 21, 2017 - November 28, 2017

<u>Time of Occurrence</u>	<u>Generic Address</u>	<u>Business/Location Name</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>
11/27/2017, 1130 11/28/2017, 0400	2XX S WOODS MILL RD	St. Luke's Hospital	Larceny under \$750 from Auto
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 44 yo male broke out window on vehicle and took cigarettes.			
11/28/2017, 0328 11/28/2017, 0328	2XX S WOODS MILL RD	St. Luke's Hospital	Property Damage to Vehicle
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 44 yo male broke out window on victim's vehicle.			
11/28/2017, 0828 11/28/2017, 0828	20XX COUNTY CORK DR		Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 31 yo male in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia after suspicious vehicle check.			
11/27/2017, 1915 11/27/2017, 1915	4X THF BLVD	Target	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 24 yo male concealed electronics and left store without paying.			
11/27/2017, 1830 11/28/2017, 1700	2XX S WOODS MILL RD	St. Luke's Hospital	Property Damage to Vehicle
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 44 yo male dented victim's vehicle while it was parked in hospital parking lot.			
11/28/2017, 2034 11/28/2017, 2034	1XX THF BLVD	Walmart	Larceny under \$750 Employer
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 18 yo male took electronics while working for employer.			
11/28/2017, 2150 11/28/2017, 2250	15XXX OLIVE BLVD	BP	Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 25 yo male in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia after suspicious vehicle check.			
11/28/2017, 2114 11/28/2017, 2114	2XX THF BLVD	World Market	Larceny under \$750 Employer
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 18 yo female took alcohol while working for employer. During the investigation, a 19 yo female was found to be in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia.			
11/26/2017, 1908 11/26/2017, 1935	2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL	Candy City	Burglary Commercial - Business
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject forced open front security gate of store and took money from cash register			
11/24/2017, 1130 11/24/2017, 1159	2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL	Finish Line	Burglary Commercial - Business
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subjects attempted to force entry to rear entrance of store but did not make entry.			

11/25/2017, 2158 11/25/2017, 2211	1XX THF BLVD	Walmart	Larceny Over \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subjects grabbed electronics and ran out of store without paying.			
11/27/2017, 1329 11/27/2017, 1329	4XX HUNTERS HILL DR		Assault Common - Actual Assault
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 34 yo male ran over victim's foot with vehicle after argument causing minor injuries.			
11/25/2017, 1900 11/26/2017, 0815	16XXX WALDEN POND LN		Stolen Vehicle Automobile
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took victim's vehicle which was parked and locked in the front driveway of residence. Vehicle later recovered undamaged in St. Louis City.			
11/25/2017, 1830 11/26/2017, 0600	18XX CAYMAN CT		Larceny under \$750 from Auto
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle and took loose change and prescription medication.			
11/26/2017, 1700 11/26/2017, 1700	2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL	Victoria's Secret	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 18 yo female concealed clothing and left store without paying. Subject initially ran from police but was caught shortly afterwards without incident. Also in possession of prohibited theft device.			
11/25/2017, 0027 11/25/2017, 0027	12XX TICONDEROGA DR		Assault Aggravated - With Other Weapon
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 43 yo female threw wine glass at victim after argument causing moderate injuries.			
11/25/2017, 1639 11/25/2017, 1639	18XXX OUTLET BLVD	Oshkosh B'Gosh	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 20 and 21 yo females concealed clothing and left store without paying.			
11/25/2017, 1709 11/25/2017, 1709	2XX FICK FARM RD		Assault Common - Actual Assault
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 32 yo male struck victim in the face after argument causing minor injuries.			
11/25/2017, 2048 11/25/2017, 2048	4X CHESTERFIELD MALL	Macy's	Robbery With Gun
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 33 yo male took clothing and ran out of store without paying. After being stopped by security officers, subject displayed a gun but dropped it and the clothing. No injuries reported.			
11/25/2017, 2300 11/25/2017, 2325	14XXX PEMBURY DR		Assault Common - Actual Assault
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 24 yo male strangled victim after argument causing minor injuries. Subject then pushed other victim while trying to leave residence.			
11/25/2017, 1315 11/25/2017, 1419	16XXX BAXTER RD		Burglary Residential - Home
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject broke out basement window but did not make entry.			
11/25/2017, 1049 11/25/2017, 1049	16XXX LEA OAK DR		Property Damage to Vehicle
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject keyed victim's vehicle and slashed one tire.			
11/23/2017, 0916 11/25/2017, 0000	4XX MAPLE RISE PATH		Fraud Scam
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject convinced victim to send iTunes gift cards for fraudulent computer repair scam.			

10/26/2017, 0800 10/26/2017, 1500	16XXX CLAYTON RD	Crestview Elementary	Larceny under \$750 Person
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took victim's cell phone while on school property.			
11/24/2017, 1341 11/24/2017, 1341	4X CHESTERFIELD MALL	Macy's	Larceny Over \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 20 and 19 yo females concealed clothing and left store without paying.			
11/24/2017, 1615 11/24/2017, 1715	18XXX OUTLET BLVD	Burlington Coat Factory	Larceny under \$750 Person
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took victim's purse from stroller while she was shopping. Purse later recovered less credit cards and cash.			
11/24/2017, 1950 11/24/2017, 2100	17XXX EDISON AVE	Skyzone	Larceny Over \$750 From Auto
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle and took a purse containing jewelry, wallet, and glasses.			
11/24/2017, 2254	15XX MILBRIDGE DR		Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor
11/24/2017, 2254			
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 19 yo male in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia after suspicious person check.			
11/22/2017, 2300 11/23/2017, 0030	1XX HILLTOWN VILLAGE CTR	Harpo's	Larceny Over \$750 Person
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took victim's cell phone after it was left behind at bar.			
11/23/2017, 1455 11/23/2017, 1455	1XX LONG RD	BP	Larceny under \$750 Gas Drive Off
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject pumped gasoline and drove out of gas station without paying.			
11/22/2017, 1415 11/22/2017, 1415	1XX THF BLVD	Walmart	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 33 yo male and 31 yo female concealed keyboard and left store without paying.			
11/22/2017, 2000 11/22/2017, 2200	16XXX CHESTERFIELD MANOR DR		Larceny under \$750 Residence
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took money from victim's room.			
11/21/2017, 0950 11/21/2017, 0950	23XX BAXTER RD	Parkway West Middle School	Assault Common - Actual Assault
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 13 yo male pushed victim after argument causing minor injury.			
11/21/2017, 0845 11/21/2017, 0950	6XX SPIRIT DR	MOHELA	Harassment/Threat Phone
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 46 yo male made threatening phone call to business.			
11/21/2017, 1415 11/21/2017, 1415	2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL	Victoria's Secret	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject concealed clothing and left store without paying.			
11/20/2017, 1923 11/20/2017, 1923	4X THF BLVD	Ulta	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 32 yo female concealed cosmetics and left store without paying.			
07/01/2017, 1200 10/31/2017, 1200	12XX BEAVER CREEK RD		Larceny under \$750 Residence
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took collectible hockey trading cards from residence.			
10/16/2017, 1200 11/14/2017, 1200	8XX WESTMEADE DR		Burglary Residential - Home
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject entered victim's apartment by unknown means and took jewelry and clothing.			

11/21/2017, 1757 11/21/2017, 1757	4X CHESTERFIELD MALL	Macy's	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subjects grabbed clothing and attempted to run out of store. When security officer attempted to stop subjects, the clothing was dropped and they threatened the security officer. No other attempt was made to stop the subjects as they fled the area.			

**SHOPLIFTER TURNS INTO ARMED ROBBER:** From the Police Blotter on Saturday 11/25/17 two men were shoplifting at Macy's. When stopped by security officers at 8:48 PM one of the men pulled a gun causing the unarmed security officer to back away. They dropped the clothing they were stealing and at the same time dropped the gun.



An hour after the failed Macy's theft turned into a robbery they were spotted at the Wal Mart store in Chesterfield Valley.

If you recognize either one of them or see them in a Chesterfield store call the Chesterfield Cop Shop at 636-537-3000.

**LOCKED IN:** These two intentionally got locked into Chesterfield Mall and then attempted to break into stores on Friday night November 24 into Saturday morning 11/25. The Chesterfield Police believe they have identified them. But, if you recognize the police at 636-537-3000.



**LATE BREAKING CRIME NEWS FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY:** Wednesday night car cloutings in Ward-1! The below is from the T&C PD:

Tis' the season for shopping, or should we say "STEALING!" During the early morning hours of Wednesday, November 29 four unlocked vehicles were ransacked and several items were stolen. Three unlocked cars in the 12300 block of Ballas Woods were rummaged through but nothing was reported missing. Another, unlocked vehicle in the 2100 block of Coppersmith had money, credit cards, prescription medication and other personal items stolen.

**DEER CAUSED FATAL ACCIDENTS:** One occurred on 11/27/17 at 5:07 PM on Hwy J 5 miles east of Conway Missouri. 56-year-old Randal Robertson of Conway died at the scene after a collision with a deer. These are the third and fourth fatal accidents caused by deer strikes in November according to our review of Missouri Highway Patrol crash info.

This is from the Highway Patrol Online accident report files:

Injury Information					
Name	Gender	Age	Injury Type	Safety Device	City/State
ROBERTSON, RANDALL D	MALE	56	FATAL	YES	CONWAY MO

OCCURRED AS VEHICLE 1 STRUCK A DEER THEN OVERTURNED AND SKIDDED OFF THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROADWAY STRIKING A ROAD SIGN AND GOING DOWN AN EMBANKMENT BEFORE COMING TO REST. T

The other occurred on Route E in Southwest Missouri when a deer went through the windshield of the victim's car.

Injury Information					
Veh. #	Name	Gender	Age	Injury Type	Safety Device
1	SPOOR, GREGORY L	MALE	30	FATAL	NO

FATAL CRASH OCCURRED AS VEHICLE 1 STRUCK A DEER IN THE ROADWAY, CAUSING THE DEER TO COME THROUGH THE WINDSHIELD AND STRIKE THE DRIVER, VEHICLE TRAVELED OFF THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROADWAY, THROUGH A FENCE AND STRUCK AN EMBANKMENT AND A TREE. I

## CHRISTMAS MUSIC:

**Anita Rosamond FANS:** Anita has been added to a concert on Tuesday December 19 at 7 PM at the Sheldon Concert Hall. Here is a message from Anita:

*I'm honored to have been invited to join Mitzi MacDonald and Keltic Reign this year for The 13th Annual Christmas in the Kitchen Concert held at the Sheldon Concert Hall. Mark your calendar! It's Tues. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>! What a heartwarming & uplifting show! You will love it! I have been several times over the years and have enjoyed it each and every time!*

*This concert benefits Annie Malone Children & Family Services...a worthwhile cause!*

If you are wondering, Rosamond is both an English and German name. I believe Anita will be sworn in as a Scot before appearing with the Keltic Reign.

The Thirteenth Annual  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**In The**  
**KITCHEN**  
 with Mitzi MacDonald & Keltic Reign  
 Tuesday, December 19, 2017, 7:00 pm

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*Everyone is invited on stage to partake of tea and homemade cookies during the show!*

Me, I'll be getting my Anita Christmas fix a little closer to home. She will be appearing at the Parkside Grill on Clayton Road in Wildwood on Wednesday 12/20 from 5pm to 8pm. There is no cover and there is a lot of good food.



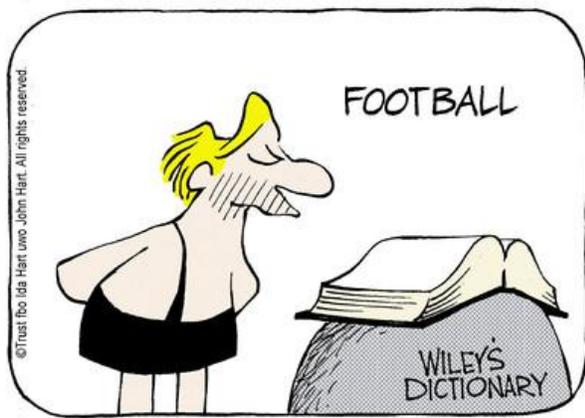
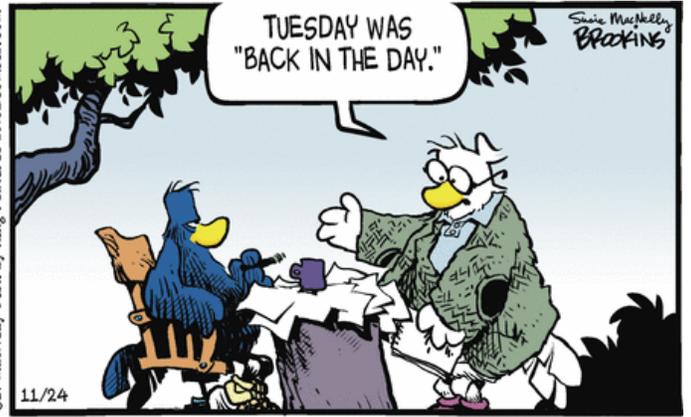
**THE LAST CHRISTMAS SHOW BEFORE CHRISTMAS:** A Very Manley Christmas at Jazz at the Bistro Friday and Saturday December 22 and 23 with shows at 7:30 and 9:30.

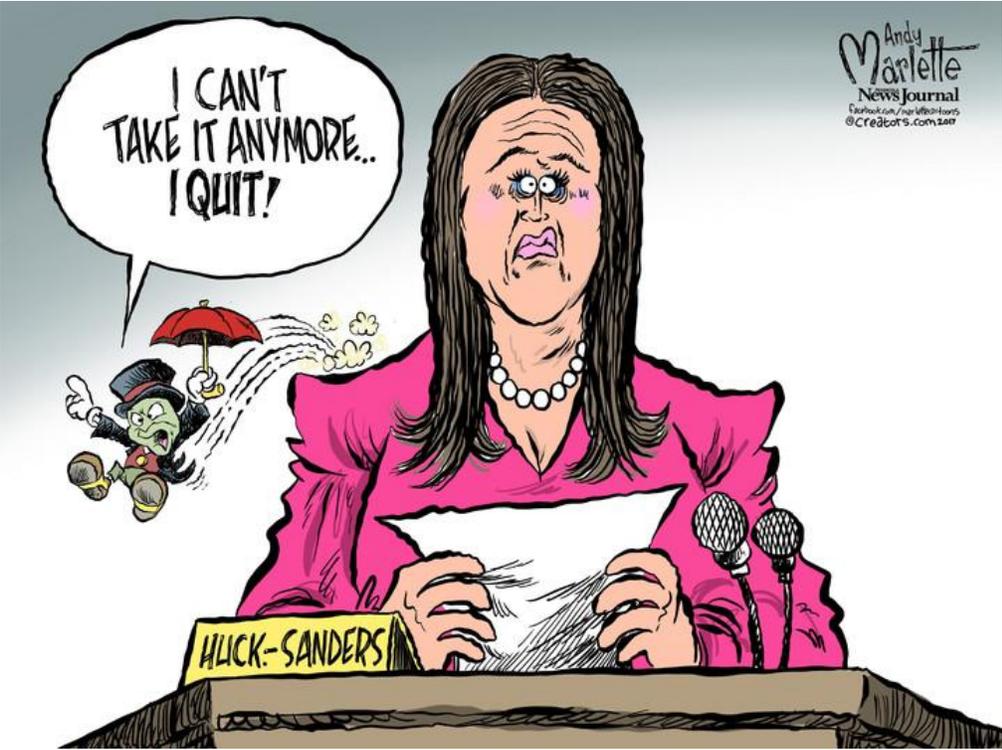
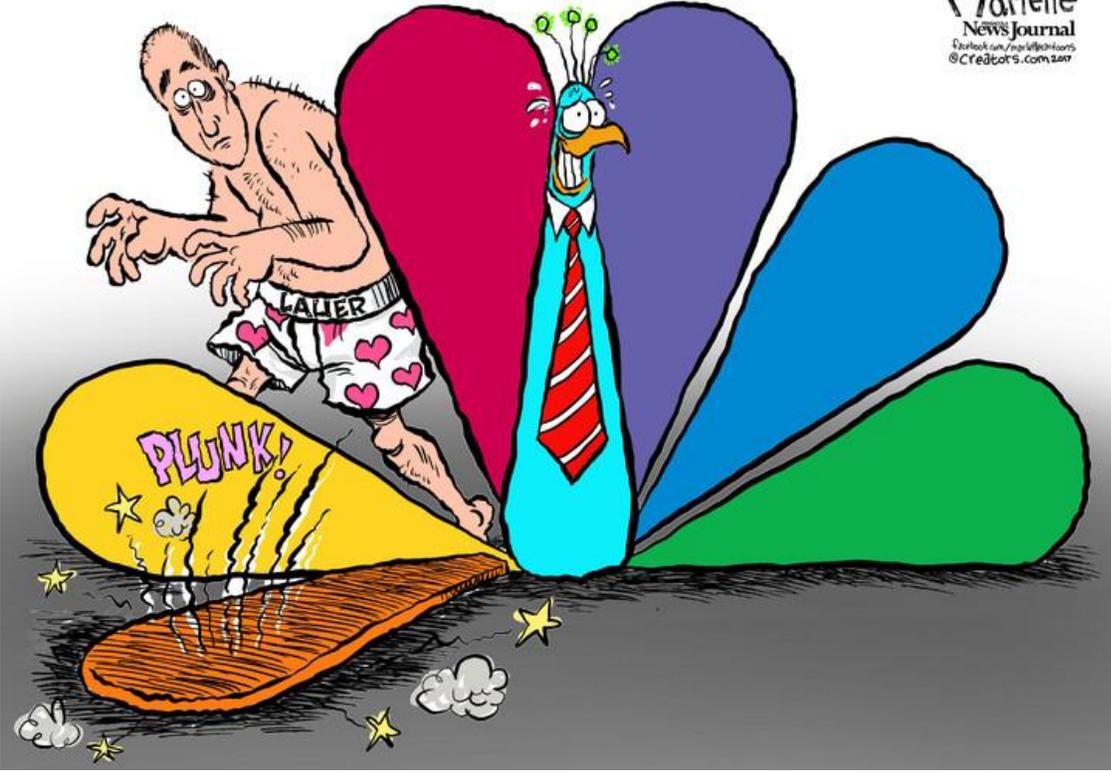


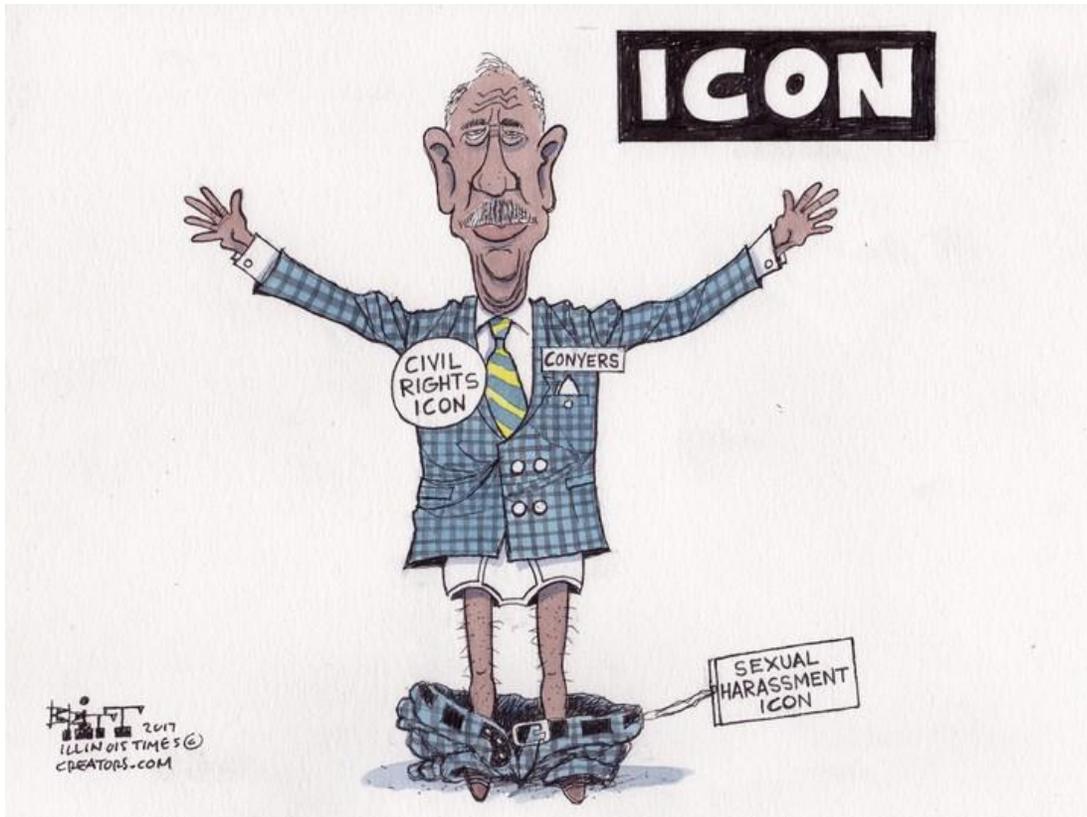
**GOODBYE TO NOVEMBER, A DUO IS A QUARTET .** Jim Manley and friends at Sasha's last week. He is paid for a duo but other area musicians show up, play for free and increase the size of the group week after week.



**CARTOONS:**





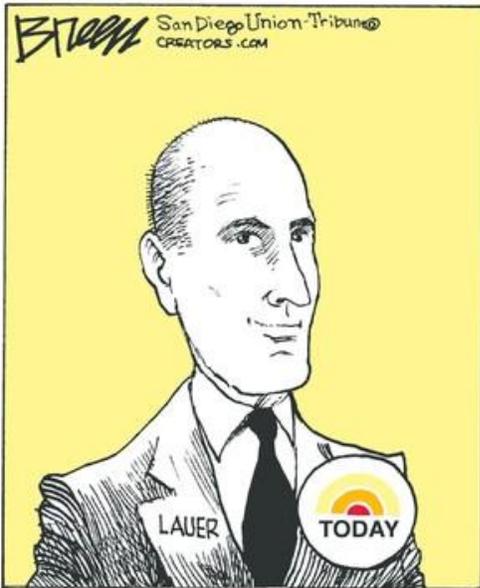


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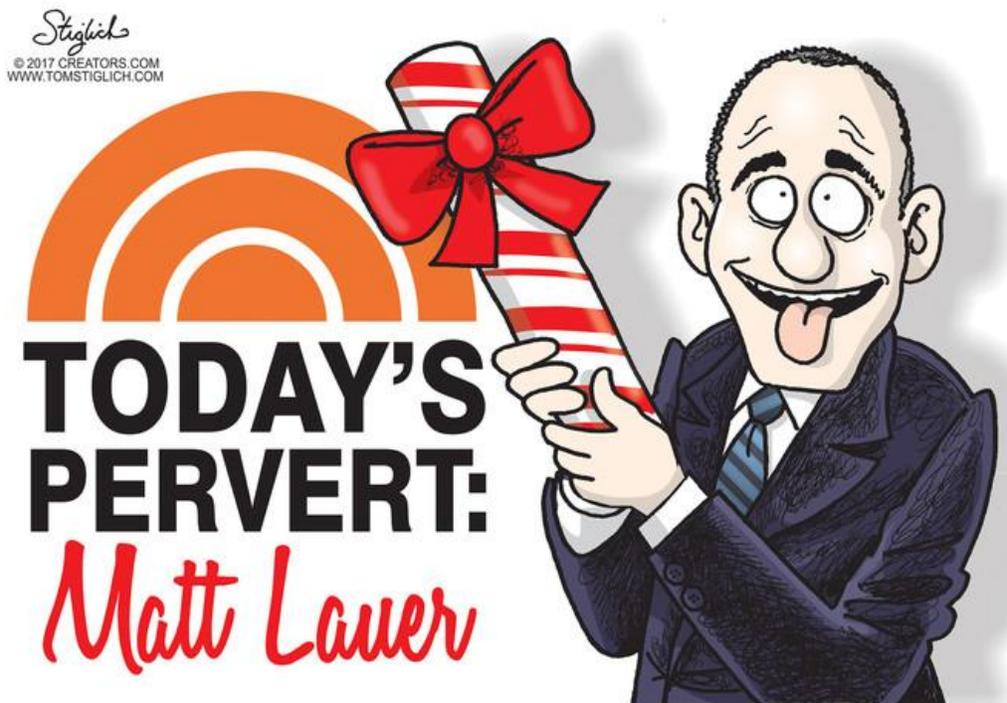


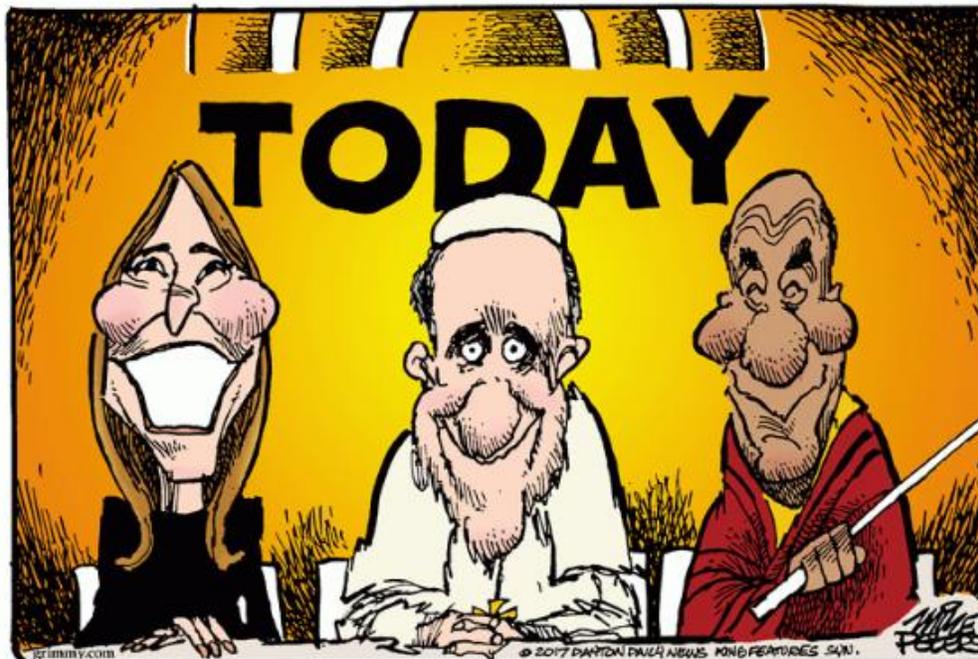
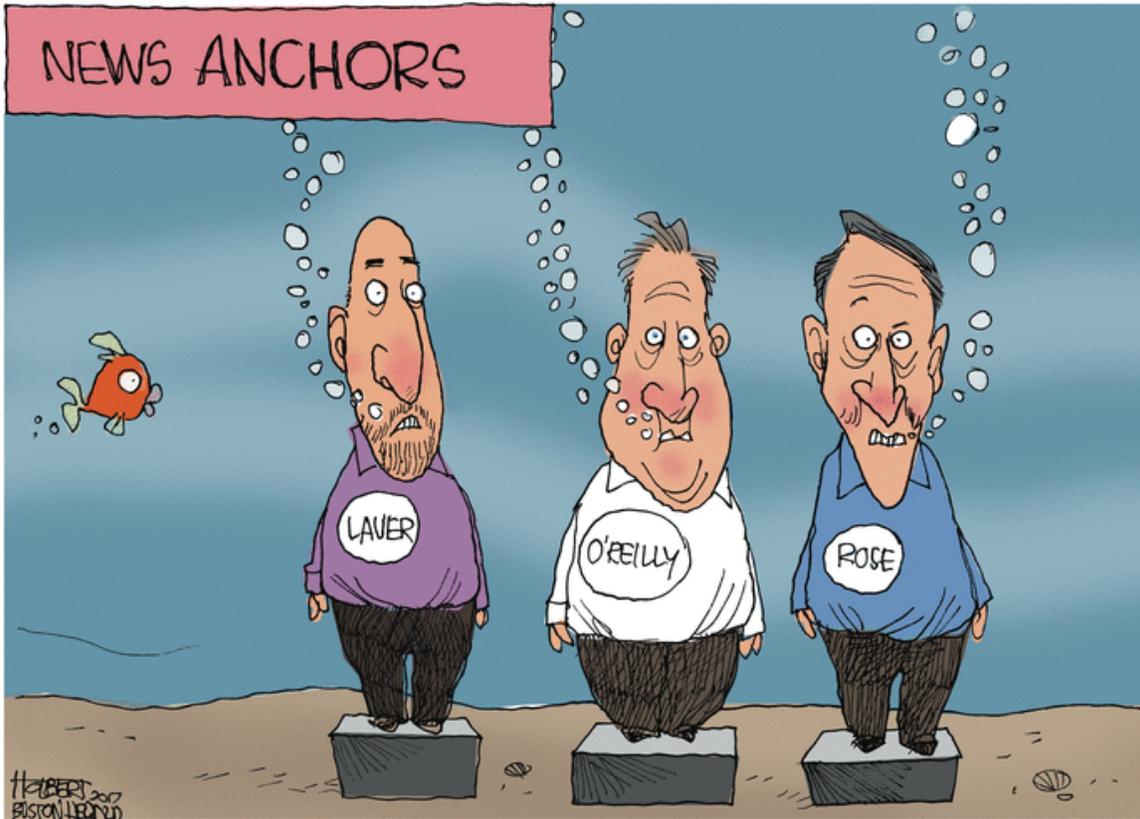
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WHAT MEDIA CREEP WILL BE CANNED TOMORROW ? 





...THIS IS TODAY WITH SAVANNAH GUTHRIE, POPE FRANCIS AND DALAI LAMA WITH THE WEATHER