

## EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 307 AND CHESTERFIELD 252



**December 11, 2017**

### **WHAT GROUND HASN'T BEEN BROKEN FOR TOWN SQUARE?** Mayor

Sideshow Jon Dalton announced that on Saturday December 16 the official ground breaking for the Town Square/Money Pit would be on Saturday December 16. I'm not sure where they are going to find any ground to break. He is a photo from Monday November 27:



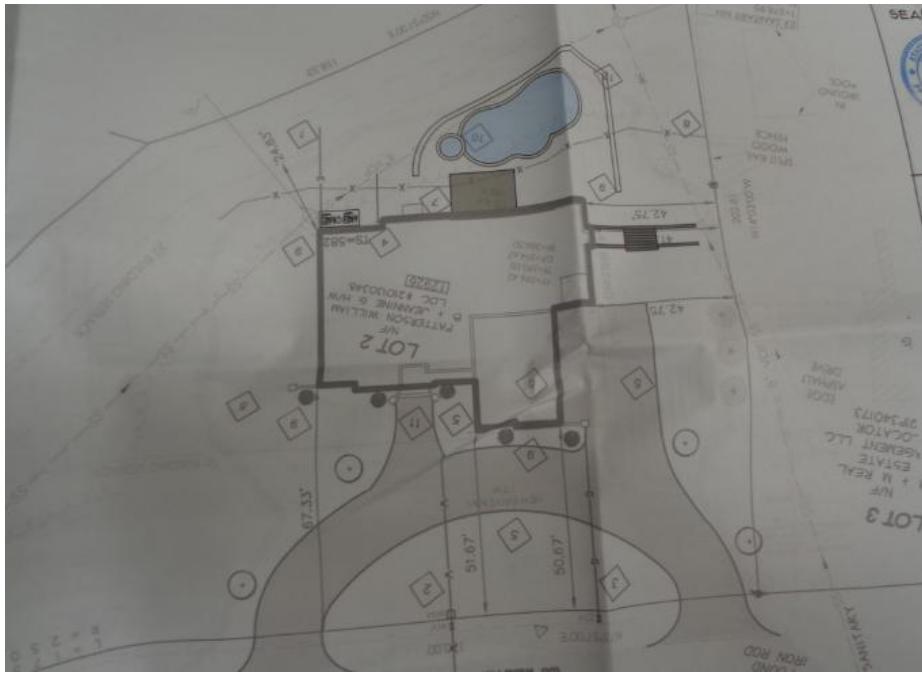
Now here is a photo from Monday December 4.



I really don't know what land is left to break. We did notice that the "Ground Breaking Ceremony" was no longer on the city's website.

**DREAM POOL UP TO MSD:** 12926 Huntbridge Forest Drive David Shoop apparently bought the family's dream house at 12926 Huntbridge Forest Drive, only to find out that he would need a special variance from the Board of Adjustment because the lot does not meet the requirement to allow a pool to be built.

The house was constructed by Kemp Homes in 2011 and sold to John and Kristy Leach. In 2017 they sold the house to Shoop for \$1,740,000 this year.





The lot is very weird and is also just under one-acre. To put in a pool Shoop would need 60% green-space, which he does not have. Also the side yard setback is 46 feet, but the pool would only have a 30 foot setback.

"We knew there would be potential green space problems," said Shoop of his 20 x 35 planned pool. "This is our dream house. But to our two-year-old and 8-year-old boys it is a dream house without a pool," he added speaking to the Board of Adjustment .

The Shoops had a pool at their house at 100 Ballas Court, but apparently that house was not dreamy enough, but it had a pool. It was 5485 sq foot while the new place I s

only 5,081 square feet. The Ballas Court home is still on the market with an asking price of \$1,250,000.



100 Ballas Ct.

Two sets of neighbors showed up from Woodlark Drive. Both were concerned that the planned pool has a retaining wall directly next to a creek that becomes rather full during heavy rains. The both were worried about the retaining wall collapsing and a pool from Huntbridge Forest ending up in their backyards.



The view of the rear of the Shoops house from Woodmark.

Finally there is the MSD Sanitary Sewer problem. Plans for the pool would place the pool decking on top of a Metropolitan Sewer District sanitary sewer line.

The Board of Adjustment voted to approve a variance for the pool only with MSD approval of the plans in connection with the MSD sewer line.

## **TWO CHRISTMAS TIME DRUNK DRIVER STORIES:**

### **KIRKWOOD DRUNK DRIVER REFUSES TO TAKE BREATH TEST, GETS A WRITTEN WARNING FOR LANE WEAVING AND A NO-FINE, NO-RECORD**

**PROBATION FOR DWI:** I always find it amazing how municipal prosecutors and judges will reward drivers who refused to take a breath test by giving them a great deal. That was the case with Amy Frillman, 37, of Kirkwood.

On December 22, 2016 at 11:12 PM Town and Country Officer Smith was east bound on I-64 from Maryville Center when he observed the driver of a white 2012 Honda Pilot weaving from lane to lane.

Smith stopped the Honda on I-64 at Mason Road. He contacted the driver, obtained her license and went back to his police car to write up a warning for lane weaving. When he returned to the Honda he could detect the heavy odor of booze on Frillman's breath and now noticed that her speech was slurred and her eyes were bloodshot.

She failed a number of field sobriety tests and refused to take a field breath test. She was arrested for DWI and transported to the police station. There she refused to answer any questions if she had anything to drink and refused to take an official breath test,

She was released to a sober person who turned out to be her brother.

**OUTCOME:** Despite refusing to take a breath test, Frillman's attorney Matthew Fry had no problem getting Town and Country Judge Waldemer and prosecutor Ed Sluys to go along with a SIS, No-Permanent Record, No-Fine and No-Points, probation term. Frillman left the courthouse without much of a consequence for her actions.



Does she look drunk to you?

Amy Frillman

**23-YEAR-OLD SON OF A LAWYER ARRESTED FOR DRUNK DRIVING ON CHRISTMAS EVE:** Vincent C. Jones, 23, of unincorporated West County was observed by Town and Country Officer Becker southbound on I-270 approaching Manchester Road. Jones was driving his red Chevrolet Cruze at a high rate of speed and weaving from lane to lane.

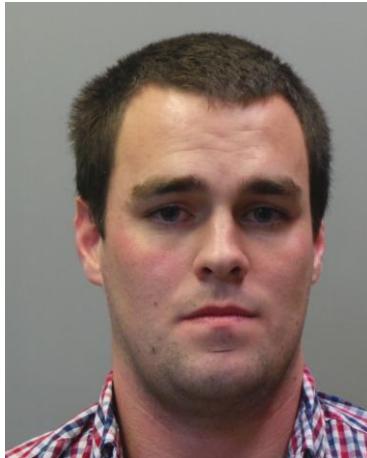
Officer Becker clocked Jones doing 86 MPH or 26 MPH over the limit at 2:44 AM on Christmas Eve 2016. He stopped him at Dougherty Ferry Road and found him to be drunk. His breath reeked of booze, his eyes were glassy and bloodshot, his speech was slurred and once out of the car he was staggering and stumbling while he tried to walk. He failed a number of field sobriety tests, including reciting the alphabet from D-to-L and A-to-Z. He refused to take a field breath test.

He was arrested for DWI, Speeding and Improper lane Use.

At the police station before he refused to take an official breath test he asked to call his lawyer. His lawyer happened to be his father. He never asked Dad if he should take a breath test. He merely asked him to pick him up at the police station.

He refused to take the breath test and became uncooperative during the booking procedure.

All the charges were filed in the St. Louis County Associate Circuit Court since two of the violations were observed by Officer Becker outside of Town and Country.



**OUTCOME:** Jones was not represented by his father before Associate Circuit Judge Mary Ott. He was represented by Carl Civella (a name very familiar with anyone who ever lived in Kansas City). On May 16, 2017 he pled guilty to DWI and was placed on a SIS No-Points, No-Fine and No Permanent Record probation for 2 years. He also pled guilty to Improper Lane Use and was fined \$50 and 2-points would go against his driver's license. For speeding 26 MPH over the limit while drunk, that charge was reduced to Illegal Parking. Jones pled guilty to that non-traffic and non-criminal offense and was fined \$270.

## UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 252



**December 11, 2017**

**CHESTERFIELD ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND COMMUNITY SERVICES & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR IS NO LONGER WITH THE CITY:** City Administrator Mike Geisel was on vacation to Florida and would miss the only City Council meeting in December.

I'm a self-confessed wise-ass and figured the only person with the title of Ast. City Administrator might sit in for Geisel. That would be Libby Malberg-Tucker, the same person who brought the phony-baloney charges against Mayor Bob Nation in an attempt to get him impeached for swearing about then City Administrator Mike Herring in front of Malberg-Tucker. I was looking forward of taking a photo of them sitting next to each other on the dais. It did not happen. The agenda showed that Police Chief Ray Johnson was sitting in for Mike Geisel.

This caused me to ask a couple of questions before the agenda review meeting. I asked Barry Flachsbart why Malberg-Tucker was not sitting in for Mike Geisel.

"She not here" was his reply and then he said he did not think she was the Ast. City Administrator. I responded the according to the city's website she is. He replied back, "I don't think so."

This is directly from the city's website as of 1AM December 5, 2017:

Libbey Malberg-Tucker, CEcD  
Assistant City Administrator/Community  
Services & Economic Development  
Director  
Chesterfield City Hall  
690 Chesterfield Pkwy W  
Chesterfield, MO 63017-0670  
Phone: (636) 537-6721  
E-mail:  
[economicdevelopment@chesterfield.mo.us](mailto:economicdevelopment@chesterfield.mo.us)

I next asked Chief Ray Johnson when he came in and his first reply was, "I guess she was not available." By now my BS meter was going off.

After the agenda review meeting and while leaving the conference room, Chief Johnson took me aside and asked if I had not heard. (I hadn't.) I asked, "Heard what?"

I have known Chief Johnson for over 40 years. He is not one who I would expect to lie to me. He wasn't on Monday night. "They did away with the Economic Development

Department on Thursday and she (Malberg-Tucker) doesn't work here anymore," he said.

Okay, I can see that, but it is typical of Chesterfield to try and keep secrets from the public. They went so far as to keep her photo and the Economic Development Department on their website after dissolving it. (Of course they kept the Doorack \$800,000 lease of a 1.8 acres vacant lot hidden from the public for seven years by violating the Open Records Law so nothing would surprise me.)

Libby Malberg-Tucker who was the force behind the attempt to impeach Mayor Bob Nation back in 2015 for swearing about then City Administrator Michael Herring while in her closed office in July of 2015. The mayor was trying to find out Herring's schedule.

When Herring returned she filed a complaint and the then council that included Mike Casey, Elliot Grissom, Derek Grier, Connie Fults and Bruce DeGroot, all not fans of the mayor tried to impeach him. On advice of a special attorney that was not done. Instead the mayor received a Censure in November of 2015.

Malberg-Tucker, who was supposed to be the assistant city administrator was never really seen in that role. Her duties appeared to be finding local residents to give awards to, line up activities and do publicity. In recent years the Parks Department began doing more and more of her jobs and this year the City Council cut funding to her activities and advertising budgets.

This was not announced at first. We figured this out with City Administrator Mike Geisel being out of town on vacation, Police Chief Ray Johnson filled in for him instead of Malberg-Tucker the Assistant City Administrator and no one would say where she was..



Malberg-Tucker had been with the City of Chesterfield since 2005.

Malberg-Tucker's LinkedIn page and Facebook pages still showed on April 4 she was employed by the City of Chesterfield.

Malberg-Tucker was making \$117,000 a year.



Chief Johnson and Mayor Nation. We were originally hoping to see Malberg-Tucker next to the mayor.

What we were told is that the Economic Development Department was not eliminated by a vote of the City Council. It was done by City Administrator Mike Geisel on Thursday November 30.

After the meeting I asked Councilman Tom DeCampi if the City would used Malberg-Tucker's \$117,000 to fund the \$74,000 salary of a proposed Assistant Finance Director. DeCampi is the chair of the Finance and Admin Committee. He stated that he was not sure if the city would even go through and hire an assistant finance director.

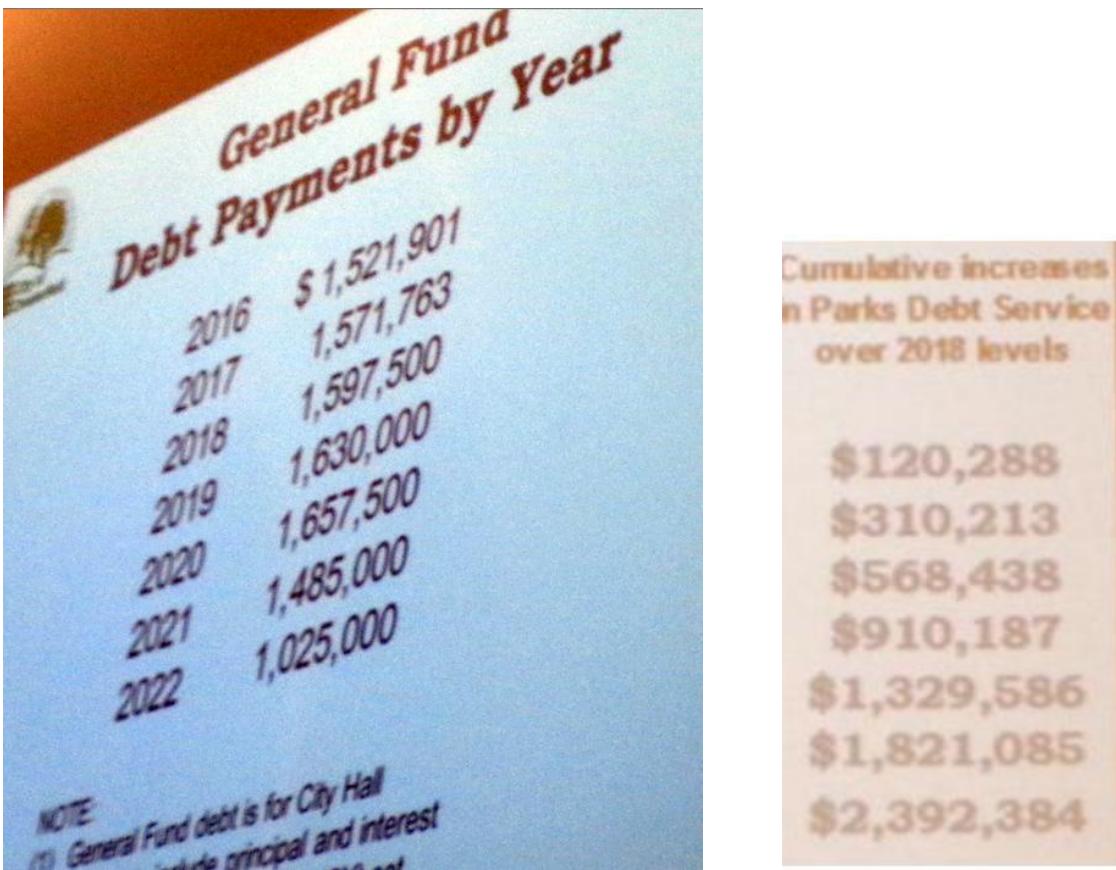
**NEW CHESTERFIELD FINANCE DIRECTOR REPEATS PROBLEMS AHEAD FOR THE CITY. COUNCIL THEN PASSES 2018 BUDGET.** Prior to the Monday night City Council meeting the new finance director Chris DesPlanques gave an overview of the 2018 budget. He only had a few days to review the numbers and gave pretty much the same reports that Mayor Bob Nation and City Administrator Mike Geisel have already given twice recently.

He talked about all areas where projected sales tax revenue is going to be less in 2018. Later in the evening the Council passed the 2018 budget.



Chris DesPlanques, Finance Director

The other repeat presentation was the



General Fund debt fund payments due (for City Hall)

Parks Dept.debt payments over same period

**\$60,000 FOR PARKS MASTER PLAN TABLED AND SENT BACK TO COMMITTEE:**

There was a \$60,000 bid approval to hire Pros Consulting of Indianapolis to do a Master Plan. This would involve holding meetings with staff & elected officials and several meetings with residents on needs for the Parks Department in the next five years.

Barb McGuinness was looking to cut this expenditure with all the forecasts of lowered sales tax revenue.

Parks Director wanted the Pro Consulting deal. "We don't have the background to do master plans like Pro does. We are looking for what the citizens want," said McCarthy.

"Pretty soon we won't have anything in the Parks' reserve fund," said McGuinness. "We have to stop the bleeding. Once you are in the hole, you don't keep digging."

Dan Hurt was reluctantly for spending the \$60,000. "I think you (McGuinness) make a good point. The only reason I have a concern is the timing," he said.

It was brought up that master plans need to be on file to receive fund grants. However the Chesterfield Parks Department was just accredited for five years. The debate carried over into the regular meeting..

**McGuinness:** We have a fully functional Parks Department. We have an excellent director and experts on staff.

**Randy Logan:** Holding a series of five meetings with the public, staff and elected officials are outside of the scope of our staff.

**Dan Hurt:** My concern is the timing of this. My concern is not so much the Valley but the urban core. (Chesterfield's urban core? Where are the low income projects? Where is the subsidized housing? What is Mr. Hurt talking about?) Mr. McCarty shares Mr. Logan's view that he needs some help.

**Guy Tilman:** We need a plan for residents who are not here yet for the play factor of the future.

**McGuinness:** We don't have the revenue coming in. You keep this up and you will not have any left (money). We rely so much on bringing these people in (Pro Consulting) when we have our own people who can do it.

**Mayor Nation:** I don't see what the rush is. I see this as something that should go back to the Parks Committee to be vetted.

**Logan:** We are not eligible for grants.

**Mayor Nation:** Mr. McCarthy this has been mentioned both ways. Is it true?

**Parks Director McCarthy:** I don't know.

There was then a vote to send the proposal back to the Parks Committee. It passed 4-3. As has been the case for the last 18 months Barry Flachsbart and Randy Logan continue to vote to spend money. Dan Hurt joined them on this matter.

Barb McGuinness, Guy Tilman, Michelle Ohley and Tom DeCampi voted to sent it back to the Parks Committee. Councilman Ben Keathley was missing as his wife had been in labor all day.

**AUTO REPAIR SHOP GETS PERMISSION TO ADD BAYS:** Northwest Tire and Auto Repair at 120 Long Road (near Chesterfield Airport Road) received a variance to double the size of its facility from three bays to six bays.



For the second time Councilman Barry Flachsbart voted against the expansion. The first time was to first read the bill in November. On Monday night December 4 he was the only no vote against the expansion.



Barry Flachsbart

We asked why he voted “NO” after the meeting in November. He told us that he doesn’t believe gasoline should be sold in a flood plain like Chesterfield Valley.

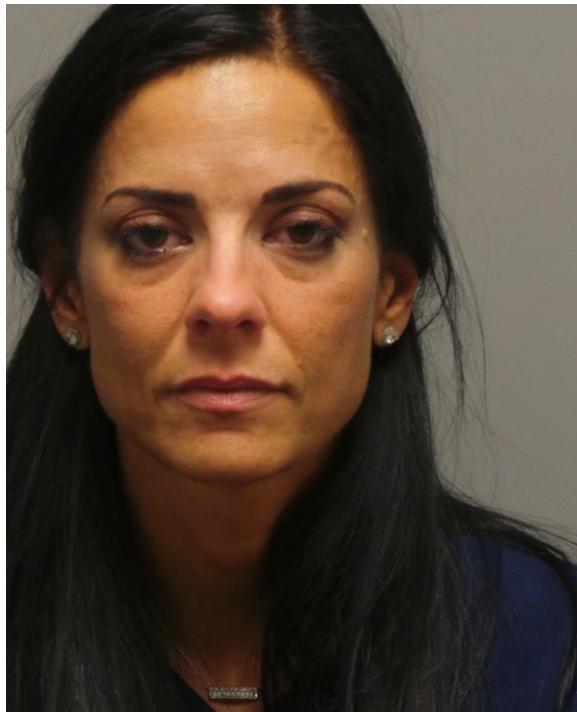
I pointed out that Northwest Tire and Auto does not sell gasoline, they sell tires and do auto repairs. Flachsbart replied that the zoning allows them to sell gasoline so he is voting against it. Of course there are a number of gas stations in Chesterfield Valley, but Northwest Tire and Auto Repair is not one of them.

**TWO DAYS LATER:** NW Tire and Auto Repair sits on a piece of land that includes an auto body shop to the south and the BP gas station and the McDonalds that is the franchise of Colleen Schoendienst, daughter of Hall of Famer Red Schoendienst.

On Wednesday afternoon around 3 PM the pilot of a single engine Beechcraft Bonanza reported engine trouble at the end of a flight from New Mexico to Spirit of St. Louis Airport and crashed into the front of BP station’s pump islands . The pilot died.



**SCRUBS STOLEN BY SOMEONE WEARING SCRUBS:** The Uniform Store AKA the Uniform Outlet at the Taubman Outlet Mall was visited by Sheila Massie, 36 of Wentzville, MO on Tuesday December 27, 2016 around 6pm. Massie who works in the health care field arrived carrying an empty large handbag. She was wearing some dark blue medial scrubs.



Sheila Massey

She went about the store thinking she was not being watched and was shoving scrubs in the empty purse and up the sleeve of a coat she was wearing.

She thought wrong about not being watched and the store manager called the Chesterfield Police. As luck would have it, two officers from the retail patrol unit were in the area of the Taubman Outlet Mall. After getting the call and the description of Massie, they saw her leaving the mall in the area of the Uniform Store. They stopped her and had an interesting conversation. This is from the police report:

**On 12/27/16 while patrolling the Taubman Outlet Mall, I received a radio call indicating that a female was actively stealing at the Uniform Store. The call notes stated that the female was described as a white female wearing scrubs and had stuffed items into her purse.**

Myself and Officer Tyndell observed this female exiting the mall near the Uniform Store and made contact with her on the sidewalk. I informed the female that I was investigating a theft involving her. The female began to get very nervous and said ok. I asked what was inside her purse, and she said stolen stuff. I removed the purse and Officer Tyndell placed her under arrest.

A search of her purse revealed 7 scrub style clothing items and I also found another scrub rolled up into a the sleeve of her jacket. The female was identified as Sheila Massie and she was placed in the rear seat of vehicle 26.

It should be noted that the purse had been completely emptied, indicating that it was brought into the store for the only purpose to conceal items.

A total of 8 items were recovered with a total value of \$200.92. These items were photographed and returned to the store.

Massie was charged with Stealing and Possession of a Theft Device.

**OUTCOME:** On July 20, 2017 Massie pled guilty to stealing and was rewarded with a SIS No-Record, No-Fine probation term, but must attend a Theft Offenders Program. The Possession of a Theft Device charge was amended to "Littering" and she was fined \$150.50 plus \$26.50 in court costs.

**POLICE BLOTTER:** Read what the of the Chesterfield Cop Shop dealt with last week:



## CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT Media Report November 29, 2017 - December 5, 2017

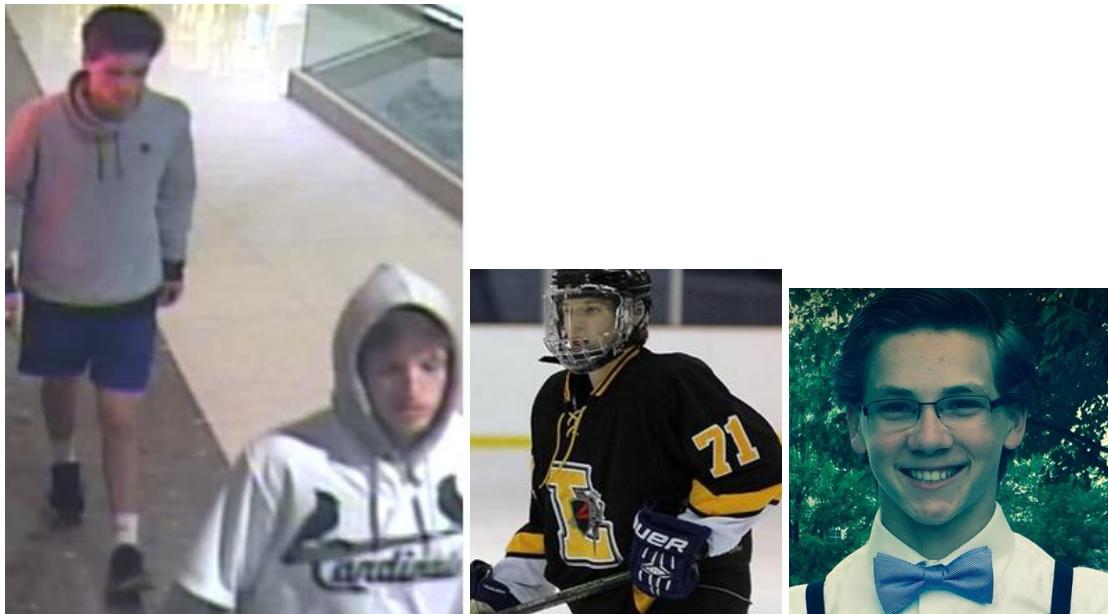
<u>Time of Occurrence</u>	<u>Generic Address</u>	<u>Business/Location Name</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>
12/05/2017, 0300 12/05/2017, 0300	17XXX GREYABBEY CT		Recovered Auto Stolen Elsewhere Auto
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Stolen automobile from other jurisdiction recovered in neighborhood.			
12/05/2017, 1004 12/05/2017, 1004	17XXX SURREY VIEW DR		Fraud Identity Theft
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject used victim's information to open up cable TV accounts.			
07/01/2017, 0000 12/04/2017, 0000	4XX CONWAY MEADOWS DR		Larceny Over \$750 Residence
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took porcelain collectibles from victim's residence.			
04/24/2017, 0837 05/08/2017, 0000	23XX CLARKSON RD	Marquette High School	Larceny Over \$750 Business
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took back flow tester from irrigation system.			
12/04/2017, 0825 12/04/2017, 0835	16XXX CLAYTON RD	Crestview Middle School	Assault Common - Actual Assault
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 12 yo male with special needs bit teacher in arm and stabbed her with a pencil causing minor injuries.			
11/07/2017, 1330 11/07/2017, 1330	1XX RIVER VALLEY DR	River Valley Neighborhood Association	Property Damage Neighborhood Association
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subjects damaged neighborhood association pool building.			
10/06/2017, 0000 10/06/2017, 0000	13XXX RIVERWAY DR		Failure to Return Borrowed Aut
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 61 yo male took victim's vehicle and is refusing to return it.			
12/03/2017, 0003 12/03/2017, 0003	17XXX GREYABBEY CT		Stolen Vehicle Automobile
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took victim's vehicle from driveway after it was left unlocked with the keys inside.			
12/02/2017, 1900 12/02/2017, 2100	11XX NOONING TREE DR		Runaway Juvenile
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 16 yo female ran away from her residence but later returned home unharmed.			
12/02/2017, 1328 12/02/2017, 1328	18XXX OUTLET BLVD	Adidas	Larceny under \$750 Person
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took money orders from store countertop after they were left behind by victim.			
12/03/2017, 1150 12/03/2017, 1210	21XX KEHRS MILL RD	Clarkson Valley	Larceny under \$750 Front/Rear Residence
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took delivery package from front porch of residence.			
12/03/2017, 1325 12/03/2017, 1335	17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD	Sunglass Hut	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject concealed sunglasses and left store without paying.			
12/03/2017, 1435 12/03/2017, 1448	1XX THF BLVD	Walmart	Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 23 yo male in possession of marijuana and narcotic paraphernalia after drug overdose investigation. Subject later conveyed to hospital.			
11/17/2017, 1629 11/17/2017, 1640	13XXX OLIVE BLVD	7-11	Fraud Credit Card
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject used victim's debit card information to make purchases.			

12/02/2017, 1423	5XX OAK CREEK MEADOWS CT		Assault Common - Actual Assault
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 55 and 18 yo males struck each other after argument causing minor injuries.			
12/02/2017, 1540	14XXX GREENCASTLE DR		Burglary Residential - Home
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject attempted to force open rear sliding glass door but did not make entry.			
12/01/2017, 0014	HIGHLAND PARK DR & OLIVE BLVD		Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 21 yo male in possession of marijuana after being stopped for a traffic violation.			
10/29/2017, 1200	17XXX ROOSTER RIDGE RD		Fraud Identity Theft
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject used victim's information to open up a credit card account.			
11/01/2017, 2100	3XX S WOODS MILL RD	Brooking Park	Larceny under \$750 Person
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took credit cards from victim's room. Cards were later used in another jurisdiction.			
11/29/2017, 1354	1X ORANGE HILLS DR		Fraud Scam
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject convinced victim to give out credit card number for fraudulent computer repair scam.			
11/30/2017, 1202	16XX KEHRS MILL RD	Goddard School	Larceny Over \$750 From Auto
11/30/2017, 1202			
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle and took a purse.			
11/30/2017, 1152	2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL	Victoria's Secret	Larceny Over \$750 Shoplifting
11/30/2017, 1152			
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subjects took clothing and ran out of store without paying.			
11/29/2017, 1200	17XX CLARKSON RD	The Egg and I	Larceny under \$750 Person
11/29/2017, 1230			
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took victim's debit card while she was working. Debit card later used in other jurisdiction.			
11/29/2017, 2017	4X THF BLVD	Target	Larceny Over \$750 Shoplifting
11/29/2017, 2017			
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 24 yo male concealed electronics and left store without paying.			
11/27/2017, 1200	11XX JONESBOROUGH RD		Larceny under \$750 License Plate/Tabs
11/27/2017, 1201			
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took license plate off of victim's vehicle.			
11/18/2017, 2000	2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL	Cheesecake Factory	Larceny under \$750 Person
11/18/2017, 2030			
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took victim's cell phone after it was left behind in restaurant.			
11/20/2017, 1200	15XXX SUMMER RIDGE DR		Fraud Scam
11/27/2017, 1200			
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took money from victim for fraudulent puppy for sale scam on Craigslist.			
11/30/2017, 2050	4X THF BLVD	Ulta	Larceny Over \$750 Shoplifting
11/30/2017, 2050			
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject grabbed fragrances and ran out of store without paying.			

11/30/2017, 1700 11/30/2017, 1700	1XX THF BLVD	Walmart	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 38 yo male concealed video games and left store without paying.			
10/25/2017, 1200 11/28/2017, 1200	15XX MILBRIDGE DR		Larceny Over \$750 Residence
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took jewelry from victim's residence.			
11/28/2017, 1825 11/28/2017, 1851	2XX THF BLVD	Lowe's	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subjects put electronics and power tools in shopping cart and walked out of store without paying.			
11/23/2017, 2030 11/23/2017, 2130	17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD	Taubmann Outlet Mall	Property Damage to Vehicle
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject keyed victim's car while parked in outlet mall parking lot.			

**TWO CHESTERFIELD TEENAGERS IDENTIFIED AND CHARGED FOR INTENTIONALY GETTING LOCKED IN AT CHESTERFIELD MALL.** If you remember from last week we ran the photo of two teenagers who hid and were inside Chesterfield Mall after closing. The police reported they attempted to get into at least one business but were unsuccessful.

They have been identified as Sean Carney, 17, and Chase Morgan, 17, both of Chesterfield. Neither was charged with Attempt Burglary. Instead both were issued summonses for Trespassing. Police say they are from Chesterfield. However we believe they are from Wildwood with Chesterfield postal addresses ,



## ONE OF TWO SHOPLIFTERS TURNED HOLD-UP MEN AT MACY'S IDENTIFIED:

Chesterfield Police report one of the two men shoplifting at the Macy's store in Chesterfield Mall where a gun was produced by a suspect after confronted by store security and then dropped with the loot as the men fled has been identified but not yet arrested.



**HIGHWAY PATROL REPORTS ARREST OF CHESTERFIELD MAN:** This is from the data base of Missouri Highway Patrol for Monday December 4, 2017:

Arrest Date	Arrest Time		
12/04/2017	10:33PM		
Person			
Person Name	Person Age	Person Gender	Person City/State
BURRIS, JEFFREY J	37	MALE	CHESTERFIELD, MO
<b>The above charges are mere accusation and not evidence of guilt. Evidence in support of the charge must be presented before a court of competent jurisdiction whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.</b>			
Information			
Arrest County			
RALLS			
Information			
Charge			
1) DWI DRUGS 2) FAILED TO MAINTAIN RIGHT HALF OF THE ROADWAY			
<b>must be presented before a court of competent jurisdiction whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.</b>			
<a href="#">Details (Printer Friendly)</a>			

**17-YEAR-OLD CHESTERFIELD GIRL TAKEN TO HOSPITAL AFTER ONE-CAR CRASH NEAR ST. ALBANS:** This is from the Missouri Highway Patrol Accident data base for December 4, 2017.

Crash I						
Investigated By		Incident#	GPS Latitude		GPS Longitude	
TPR M.K. HALIM (834)		170770699	0		0	
Vehicle						
Veh. #	Vehicle Description		Damage	Disposition		Driver Name
1	2007 FORD FUSION		EXTENSIVE	TAKEN TO/BY STURMS TOWING		BOECKMAN, GRACIE M
Injury I						
Veh. #	Name		Gender	Age	Injury Type	Safety Device
1	BOECKMAN, GRACIE M		FEMALE	17	MINOR	YES
Misc. I						

VEHICLE 1 TRAVELED OFF THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROAD

Information				
Date	Time	County	Location	
12/04/2017	8:31AM	FRANKLIN	ROUTE T WEST OF ST ALBANS ROAD	
Information				
Driver Gender	Driver Age	Safety Device	Driver City/State	Driver Insurance
FEMALE	17	YES	CHESTERFIELD, MO	ACUITY
Information				
City/State	Involvement		Disposition	
CHESTERFIELD, MO	DRIVER		TAKEN BY MERAMEC EMS TO MERCY HOSPITAL ST. LOUIS	
Information				

ADWAY AND STRUCK A GUARDRAIL, A TREE, AND OVERTURNED.

**KEATHLEY'S WELCOME NEW RESIDENT TO CHESTERFIELD:** Councilman Ben Keathley's wife Jenny had the couple's first child on December 5<sup>th</sup> after an extensive labor. That began the day before. The daughter is the Keathley's first child. We hope the new daughter will have a chance to meet some of Ben's friend including this one that was working the polls for Ben in 2017.



**FOOD: RESTAURANT REVIEW; RUSSELL'S** I often question myself going to a restaurant within a month after they have opened since they are still possibly ironing out all the problems. However if the place is popular and jammed with customers, it is only fair to do a review. That was my position on Russell's new location on Clayton Road at Baxter Road in the same strip center as Smitty's, the popular bar and grill for over 23 years.

The Original Russell's a bakery, breakfast and lunch restaurant on Macklind Avenue near Hampton has been very popular. The owners opened a second spot in Fenton in the Gravois Bluffs and now had opened a third in Chesterfield in the former St. Louis Bread Co space of the Strip Center.



The place had been open just five days and was very popular possibly pulling customers away from the Stack House breakfast and lunch restaurant a block down the street. It was also drawing a cross section of Chesterfield.

When we were there on Friday December 1 at about 1pm it was mild with the temperature around 55 degrees. I watched as a blond middle aged women wearing sun glasses pulled up driving a new BMW convertible with the top down parking between a GMC pickup truck and a Ford SUV. A clear example of regular folks and a Snoburbia resident.



You order when you enter and the staff was not acting like they had only been there five days. The order taker was very polite, helpful and efficient.

The interior had been changed quite a bit from the St. Louis Bread Co restaurant. You place your order to the right after walking in and not straight ahead as in the past. There is now counter space directly in front of the kitchen and more table and booth seating.

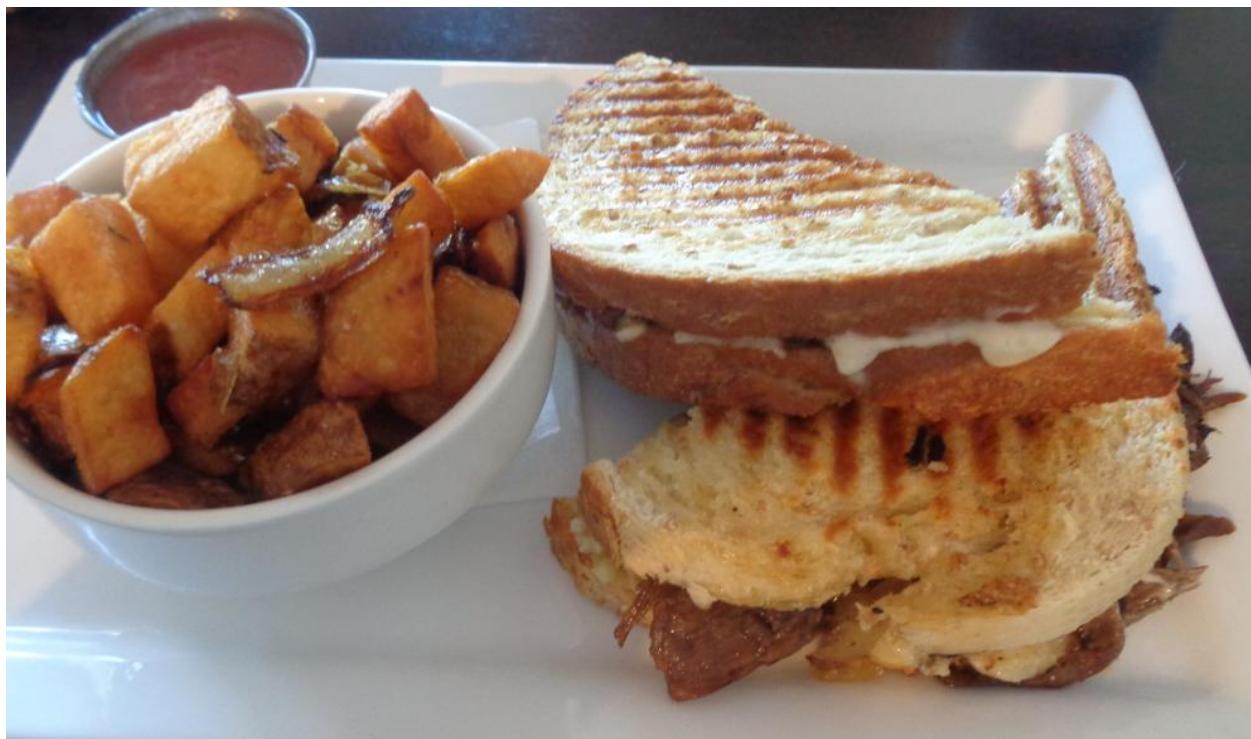




My wife was considering several breakfast entrées, before suddenly changing to a grilled sandwich, The Smelly Sticky Pig, consisting of blue cheese and honey smoked bacon. Her side was a cup of fruit. (\$10)



I didn't have to juggle different menu items around in my head before ordering. I went with the Grilled Beef and Sharp Cheddar (\$11) I added as side of herb potatoes for \$2.95.



I tried to order two blue muffins to take home. They had one Lemon-Blueberry muffin left. I passed on that.

Both sandwiches, although pricey were good. They were also deceptively filling. We each took half of the sandwich home and had them for dinner after 10 minutes in a toaster oven.

The roasted potatoes were also good, but I have to say the roast potatoes at the Mellow Mushroom on Lindbergh in Sunset Hill where are Trivia team has been playing are better and come with the sandwich without an up charge.

My wife also order carrot cake. (\$5.50) She rated it very good, just below her favorite from Hank's that she gets at Sasha's Wine Bar in Clayton.



Everything we had was good, if a bit pricey. (\$32) But I have to admit if I was in the area at lunch time again, I would be more likely to go to Smitty's at the opposite end of the strip center for a daily special or the steak sandwich or the hand breaded chicken strips. Lunch for two without drinks at Smitty's would be between \$16 and \$22. Of course they have no deserts or baked goods at Smitty's. Also Russell's is more open with a better atmosphere than Smitty's. However Smitty's has a south St. Louis 1960s Tavern/Grill feel that I enjoy.



**ARTIST WHO DIDN'T CARE FOR OUR REVIEW:** Perhaps you remember the article I wrote about the latest art show featuring photos by David Coblitz of Chesterfield at the Town and Country Longview Farmhouse. The feature appeared in newsletter #303 on November 13.

[http://www.johnhoffmann.net/combined\\_195.pdf](http://www.johnhoffmann.net/combined_195.pdf)

I wrote how I liked some of the photos but hated ones where through editing Coblitz made them look like watercolors or oil paintings. I'd prefer seeing an actual painting to an altered photo.



These are two of the photos he made look like paintings.

Mr. Coblitz sent me an email this year ref my article.

**From:** David Coblitz [mailto:[dcoblitz@gmail.com](mailto:dcoblitz@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 4, 2017 12:54 PM

**To:** johnhoffmann@charter.net

**Subject:** Your article

John,

I have read your article on my current exhibit at Longview Farm House in Town & Country. I would like you to make 2 corrections to the incorrect information in your article:

- 1- You misspelled my name one of the two times you used it. It is David Coblitz not Colbitz
- 2- You have an incorrect date for the end of my exhibit: It should be through January 7th, 2018. You had it ending a week earlier.

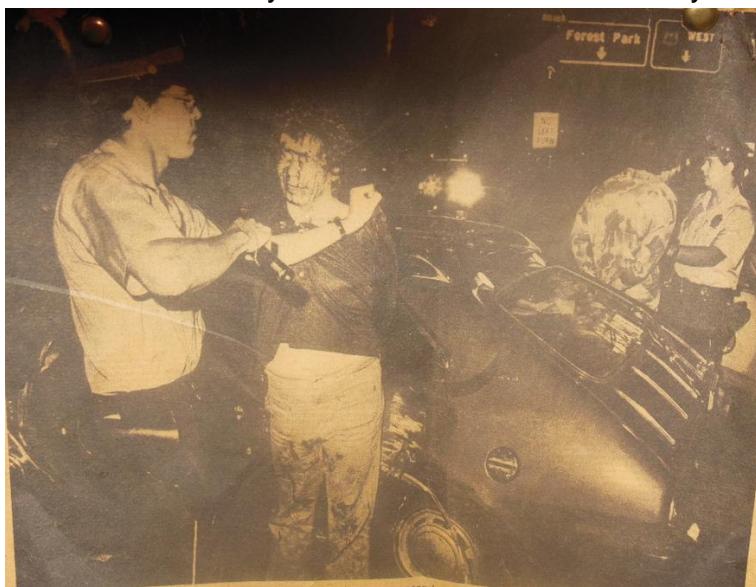
Also, I think it's quite unfair for you to spend the bulk of the article on the 3 pieces that you personally didn't like ("hated") because they were "fake", while almost completely ignoring the other 22 pieces in the show, which you told me you liked.

Finally, you showed a lack of understanding of photographic manipulation by assuming what I do can be done with "a few keystrokes", which is incorrect. You're certainly entitled to your opinion, but you merely showed a lack of understanding of art in the way you treated it.

Sincerely,

David Coblitz - Fine Art Photographer

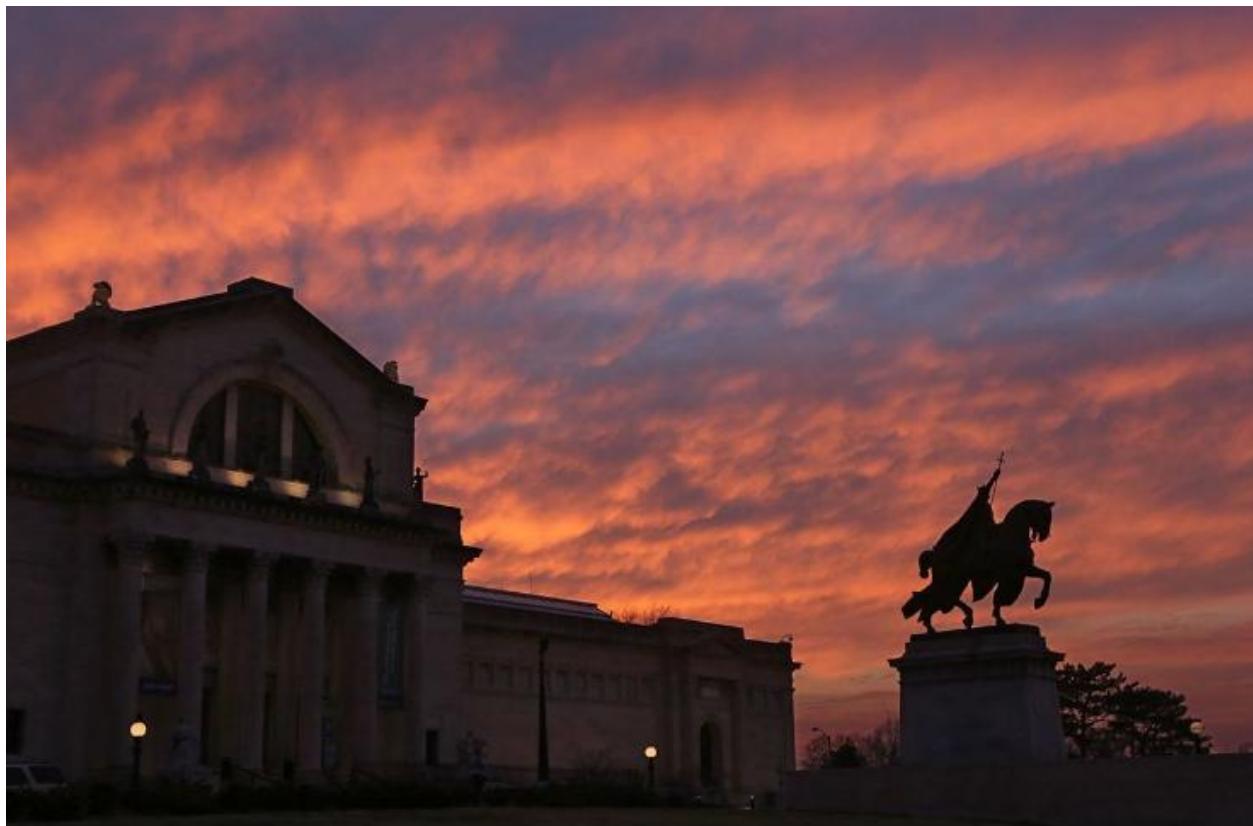
Regular readers know my favorite St. Louis photographer is J.B. Forbes of the Post-Dispatch and the fact that I have had a newspaper photo of an arrest of two men who held up some people on the "gay lovers lane" in Forest Park back in 1976 posted on a bulletin board in my office in three cities over 41 years.



David Coblitz had a couple of photos of Saint. Louis in front of the Art Museum in his show. J.P. Forbes included a photo of Saint. Louis and the Art Museum in a collection of his favorites for 2017.. This is all objective. There is no winner or loser. Take a look and tell yourself what one you like the best.



Coblitz



Forbes

**MUSIC:**

Sunday 12/3/17 Celebration of Frank Sinatra's 102 birthday: There was a sparse crowd of just 34 in the seats for an excellent show with some excellent musicians. The show opened with Dan Stevens and his sister doing a duo act singing songs from the American Songbook.



Then it was time for the star of the show. Dean Christopher. It was a very entertaining two hour show. Dean did not do his usual impersonations, but was still very funny and sounded great.



On Tuesday night the crowd was a lot bigger for the Dean Christopher Rat Pack Christmas Show, which is mostly Dean doing one of 20 different people. It was at the Sheldon Concert Hall on Washington at Grand. That show drew 300.



Dean at the Sheldon in front of 300.

Here are some of the comments from Facebook:



Gail Schmitt What an awesome show!!!

Like · Reply · 4 hrs



Leslie Elpers Wonderful show! Laughed so hard I was sore!

Like · Reply · 10 hrs



Sheila Rhoades ▶ Dean Christopher

18 hrs · 1

Super show last night at the Sheldon. Loved the Twelve Days of Christmas! You're the greatest.



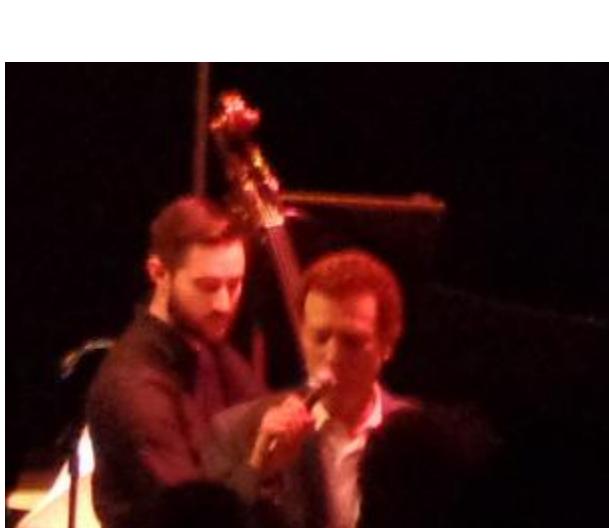
**THEN ON WEDNESDAY IT WAS THE ROUTE 66 JAZZ ORCHESTRA:** Wednesday was the ½ OF A Christmas Concert by the Route 66 Jazz Orchestra. Band director Bob Boedges promised a first half that he did not deliver on. Here is from a promo email sent out by Bob:

The first set will include performances of great big band jazz arrangements originally performed by some of the icons of the jazz world including Count Basie, Buddy Rich, Doc Severinsen, Mark Taylor, and others. The second set will be the “Holiday Set”

He gave the impression that the audience might be familiar with the arrangements since they “were great.” In fact there were about three I recognized. The rest were rather obscure, including Fat Boy in a Tree.” The second half of Christmas Songs was fine with big band arrangements. I just wished I could have heard that first and then left.

This group is famous for playing what the musicians want to hear and not what the audience would like.

That said, they did have the place sold out without a seat to be had. They also had a camera on the performers so if you had a bad seat you could see everything on a big screen.





The vocalists were Ron Wilkinson, Valerie Tichacek and Dean Christopher.



## CHRISTMAS:

**Not this Year on West Jackson:** We are sorry to report The Christmas House on West Jackson two doors from Lockwood Avenue in Webster Groves is not decorated this year. About six or seven years ago it was not decorated as the residents were gone on a two week vacation over the Christmas Holidays. There was a reported theft of lights last January that the Webster Groves Police did not investigate or even write a report on. But we are not sure of the reason for no decorations this year.



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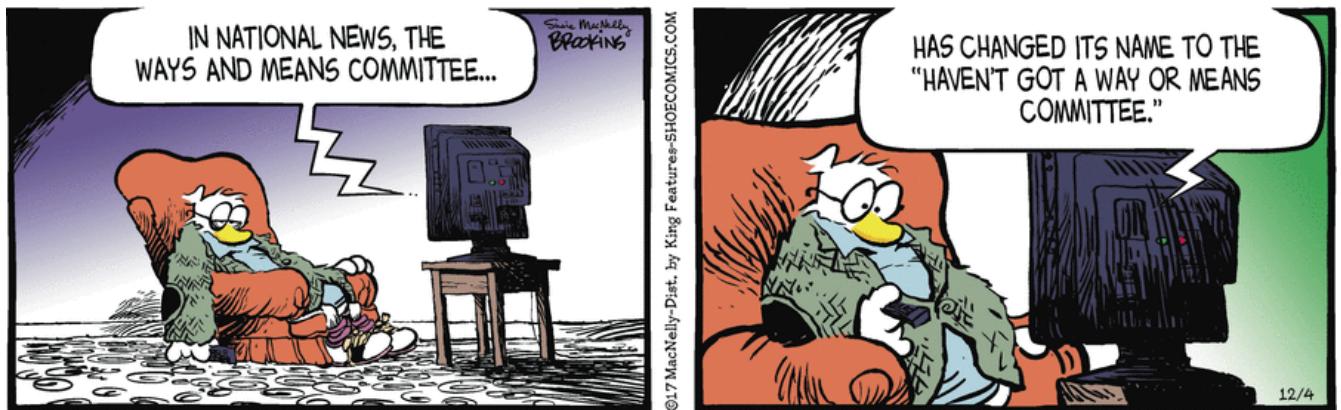


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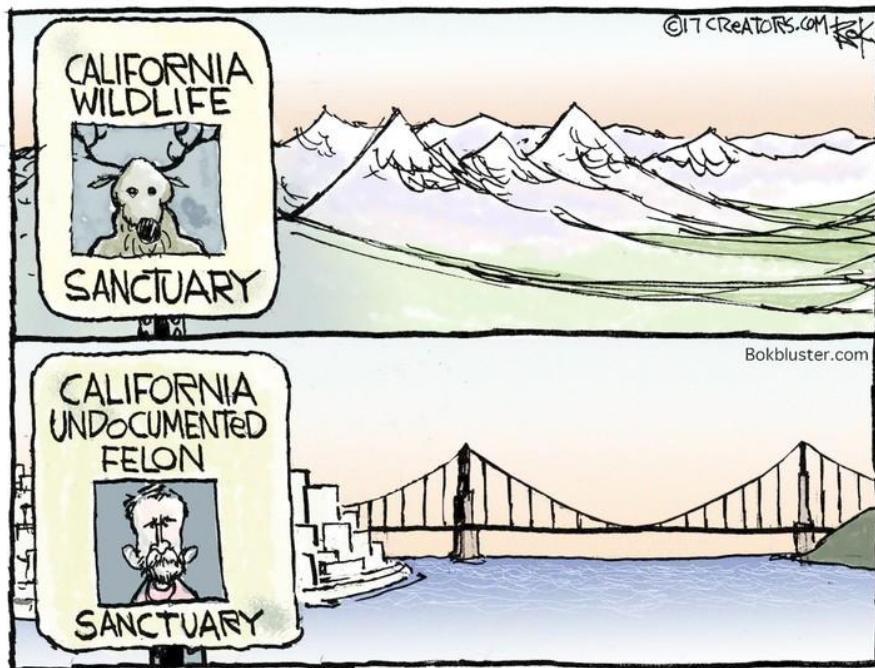


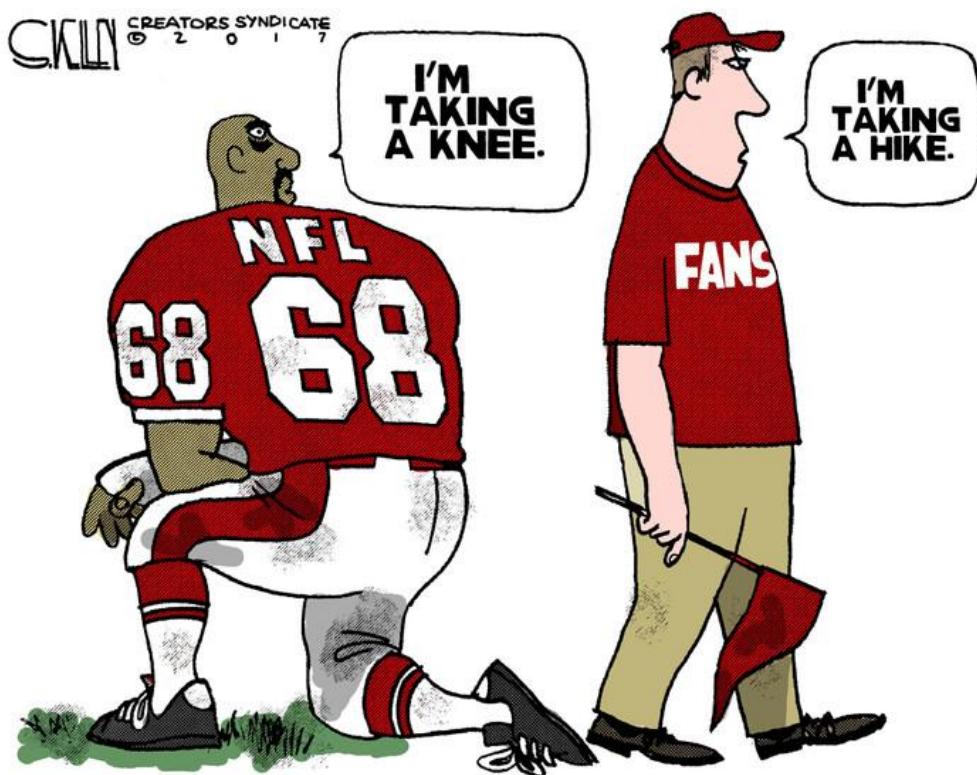
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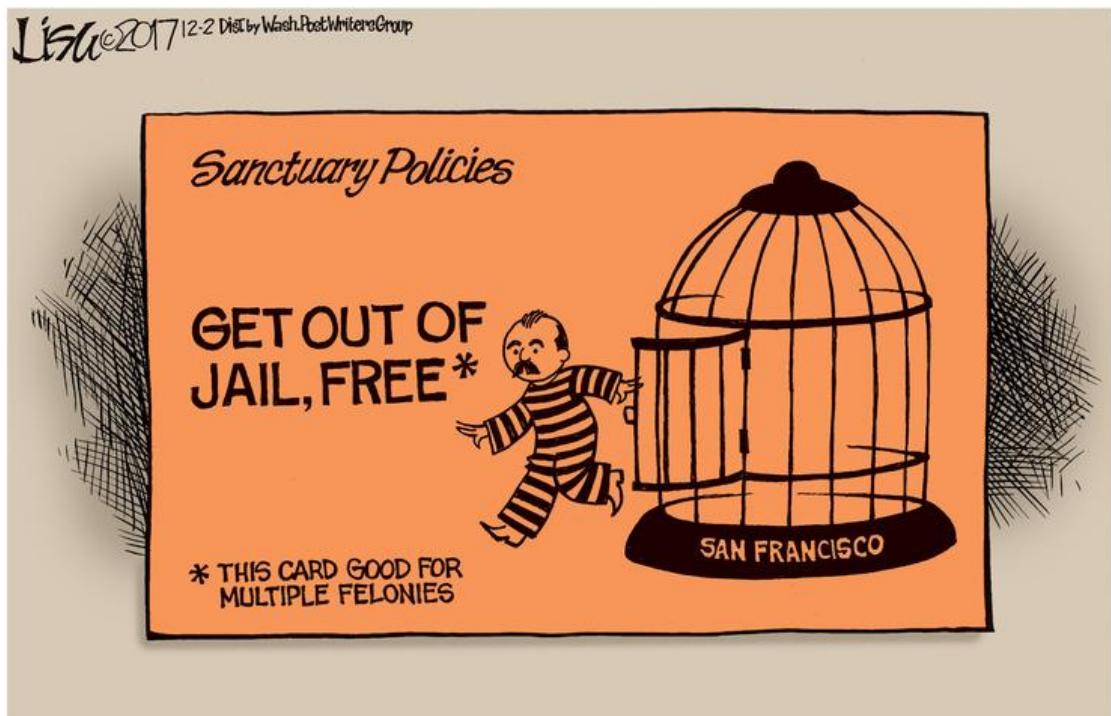
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Sen.Belfry, could easily be Ald. Fred Meyland-Smith and Mayor Dalton











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