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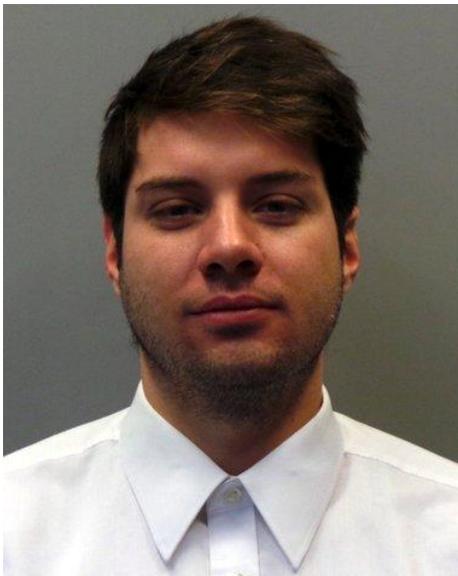


By John Hoffmann

October 2, 2015

113 MPH ON A SATURDAY MORNING GETS NO FINE AND NO POINTS ON DRIVING RECORD: On Saturday January 10, 2015 at 8:16 in the morning Joseph M. Miller, 24, of 717 Ridgeside in Ballwin was driving a 2013 unregistered Hyundai with no insurance on NB I-270. The car also had illegally tinted windows.

You might think a person driving with three violations would want to avoid attracting the attention of the police, but that was not the case with Miller. He was doing 113 MPH in a 60 MPH zone when he was clocked by Town and Country Police Sgt. DeFoe.



Uniform Citation
ISS NO. MO 085200 TOWN AND COUNTRY POLICE
 STATE OF MISSOURI
 DIVISION OF 21st CIRCUIT COURT

Violator's Copy
140061091

STATE OF MISSOURI
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TOWN AND COUNTRY MUNICIPAL DIVISION
 COURT ADDRESS (Sheet, City, Zip)
1011 MUNICIPAL CENTER DRIVE DR, TOWN AND COUNTRY, MO, 63131

COURT DATE: **02/19/2015** COURT TIME: **7:00 AM** COURT PHONE NO: **(314) 432-1420**

I, KNOWING THAT FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS FORM ARE PUNISHABLE BY LAW, STATE THAT I HAVE PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT:
 ONABOUT (Date) AT TIME: **01/10/2015 0816 HRS** HWY CLASS (UPON) AT OR NEAR (LOCATION): **EB IS 270 BE RT NH**
 WITHIN CITY / COUNTY AND STATE AFORESAID:
 NAME (EAST, FIRST, MIDDLE): **MILLER, JOSEPH, M**
 STREET ADDRESS: **717 RIDGESIDE DR**
 CITY: **BALLWIN** STATE: **MO** ZIP CODE: **63021**

DATE OF BIRTH: **08/05/1990** RACE: **W** SEX: **M** HEIGHT: **511** WEIGHT: **173**
 DRIVER'S LIC. NO.: **[REDACTED]** COL.: **MO** STATE: **MO** YEAR: **2015**
 EMPLOYER: **[REDACTED]** YES NO

ADDRESS (Sheet, City, State, Zip): **[REDACTED]**

DID UNLAWFULLY OPERATE/DRIVE PARK C.M.V. WITH HAZ. MAT

YEAR: **2013** MAKE: **HYUNDAI** MODEL: **VELOSTER** STYLE: **BLU** COLOR: **BLU**
 REGISTERED WEIGHT: **[REDACTED]** NUMBER: **[REDACTED]** STATE: **MO** YEAR: **2015**

DID THEN AND THERE COMMIT THE FOLLOWING OFFENSE. THE FACTS SUPPORTING THIS BELIEF ARE AS FOLLOWS:
EXCEEDING SPEED LIMIT 60 MPH ZONE
Car #17 front moving same fast-----No Proof of Insurance 380.050

Subject taken into custody. (Complete "For Issuance of a Warrant" section on reverse side.)

DRIVING: **113** MPH POSTED SPEED LIMIT: **60** MPH DETECTION METHOD: STATIONARY RADAR WATCH (AIR) FACE PACE MOVING RADAR WATCH (GROUND) OTHER

IN VIOLATION OF: STATUTE/ORDINANCE - CHARGE CODE
 RSMo. **320.010** **90000050**
 ORd.
 SEAT BELT VIOLATION: STATUTE/ORDINANCE - CHARGE CODE
 RSMo. ORd.

IN FATAL CRASH IN CRASH DWI / BAC OCN

OFFICER: **/s/ Sgt. DeFoe** BADGE: **00072** TSP / ZONE: **01/10/2015**

ON INFORMATION UNDERSIGNED PROSECUTOR CHARGES THE DEFENDANT AND INFORMS THE COURT THAT ABOVE FACTS ARE TRUE AND PUNISHABLE BY:
 RSMo. ORd. Sec. 108.100

PROSECUTOR'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

I promise to dispose of the charges of which I am accused through court appearance or payment of fine and court costs.
 SIGNATURE: **X** DR. LIC. POSTED: YES NO

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FAILURE TO REGISTER A MOTOR VEHICLE
Plates register to a Dodge

Subject taken into custody. (Complete "For Issuance of a Warrant" section on reverse side.)

DRIVING: **380.040** MPH POSTED SPEED LIMIT: **96021060** MPH DETECTION METHOD: STATIONARY RADAR WATCH (AIR) FACE PACE MOVING RADAR WATCH (GROUND) OTHER

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OUTCOME: On September 10, 2015 Miller pled guilty to Speeding 113/60 before Judge Dueker of the St. Louis County Associate Court. Dueker apparently doesn't consider someone doing 113 MPH at 8:12 in the morning very serious. He placed Miller on probation for Speeding 113 MPH for 1-year with no fine and no points. He did fine him \$300 for the non-moving violation of Failure to Register Vehicle.



Judge Joseph Dueker

REAL ESTATE: SPLIT OF TWO ACRE LOT APPROVED BY PLANNING AND ZONING. At the September 16 Town and Country Planning and Zoning Meeting commissioners approved plans to subdivide the two acre lot at 18 Summerhill Lane into two one acre lots. 18 Summerhill is the last lot on the east side of the street before it dead ends. The huge mansion of Laura Dierberg with a Weidman Road address is located on a private lot just beyond the end of Summerhill. You can't see the Dierberg monster house from Weidman and you can only see the end of the house from Summerhill when the leaves are off the trees.

We went to look at 18 Summerhill, which is soon to be 18A and 18B Summerhill and found the current residents moving out and a neat mid-century modern house on a death countdown with a bulldozer.



WE TOOK ANOTHER LOOK AT THE CREEPY WEST SIDE OF PRESERVATION PARK. GUESS WHAT? IT WAS CREEPY! We agreed with members of the Park Commission who at their September meeting described the west side of Preservation Park as "Creepy." We had some file photos that would indicate that. But we went over to the park on the the North Forty Outer Road two weeks ago to to take a new look.

Nap time: We did find an ambulance driver associated with the Mercy Children's Hospital in Creve Coeur.



Litter: It was everywhere except in a trash can.



VANDALISM: Really? Someone vandalized the handicapped parking sign.



It is the Cadillac of rotting away pavilions.

MESSAGE TO JEAN: Someone left a message to "Jean" on the "Donated By John Diehl" sign.



BENCH: A couple of years ago when we stopped by here, judging from what was on the ground this rotten bench was a favorite spot for pot smokers. Apparently they don't even go there anymore as the path to it is overgrown.



STAIRWAY TO LAWSUIT: In 2009 I took city attorney Steve Garrett to this uneven stairway showing him how dangerous it was and how the city needed to remove it or fix it. Garrett's solution was cheaper. Put a sign on it saying it is dangerous. Since then the tripping hazard has increased dramatically as vegetation is now growing up from the cracks in the uneven stones and the now rotten hand rail.



After my latest visit to the west side of Preservation Park, I have to agree with the members of the Park Commission who described it as "creepy." It would be the perfect park for the Addams Family.



TOWN SQUARE TASK FORCE MEMBERS TOLD NOT TO CONSIDER COSTS TO THE TAXPAYERS AND THEN VOTED FOR MOST EXPENSIVE PLAN: The meeting of the Town Square Task Force and Neighborhood Subcommittee was to make a recommendation to the Board of Alderman of what plan or parts of plans they liked the most.

Peter Stevens of the Principia asked a very sensible question to start the discussion off. He wanted to know if the discussion should include costs of projects. Here is the answer he got from the Task Force Chairman Alderman Skip "Vacant Lot" Mange.

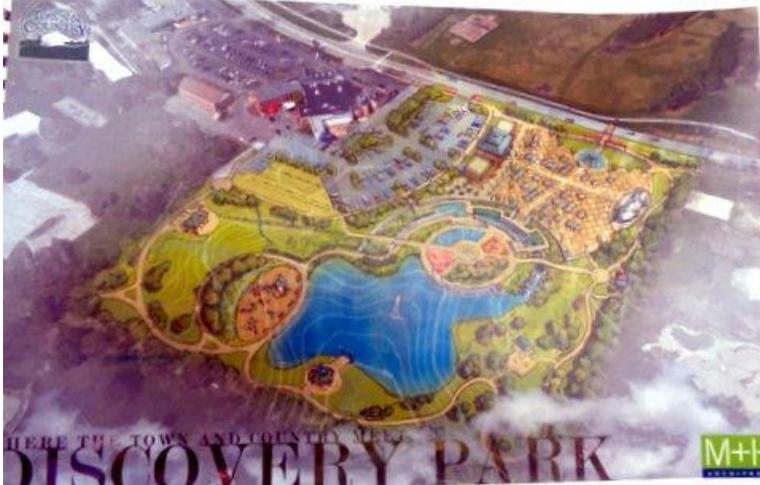
"As far as this group is concerned economics are not an issue. There are no economic aspects to be concerned with," announced Mange.

To hell with the residents' tax money and full speed ahead is apparently the message Mange sent out reinforcing my opinion that Mange lied to voters for years claiming to be a Republican.



Skip Mange, a Democrat in Republican clothing, "As far as this group is concerned economics are not an issue," he said.

The winner was: The most expensive plan from M & H.



The biggest complaint about this plan was there were four pavilions. The consensus was there should just be one pavilion. Another concern was the restrooms were located directly behind a home in the Rutherford Lane subdivision.

This plan also had a fishing dock, which is a difficult concept for a storm water retention pond. After a month of a July summer drought there won't be much fish around because there won't be any water in the pond.

The other feature talked about was a fire pit. Again I think this is stupid. This encourages late night, loud gatherings.

Plus contrary to the opinion of one of the members of the subcommittee who claimed smoke from fire pits does not travel to nearby homes, it certainly does. If you open a window to air out the house or enjoy a cool autumn or warm spring night the next thing you know your whole house will smell like a campfire.





DANDY DALTON: If you look at everyone at this meeting, they were relaxed wearing casual clothes with one glaring exception. Arriving 25 minutes late Mayor Jon Dalton was in his usual French cuffs and high end suit.



Above is a June meeting with Dalton again in a suit with French cuffs and the "regular folks" of Town and Country in open collars and polo shirts.

Oh the weather outside is frightful: Task force committeewoman Nan Kulkarni stated during the meeting that there needed to be something outside with a roof so people can gather in the winter. Gee, I guess Nan is hoping for snowfall with no wind. A mild pleasant winter day in St. Louis normally involves a wind from 10 to 20 mph. I don't know who Nan thinks will want to gather outside on the Wirth Property on a nice 20 degree day.

Hotel California? Skip Mange and Amy Anderson at the end of the meeting were talking about a final meeting the following week. A number of members did not want to attend another meeting and said they made their thoughts clear and there was no need for another meeting.

Mayor "Pretty Boy" Dalton then spoke up and said, "This is Hotel California people. When you are appointed you are ours. The final draft needs to be voted on." Dalton was making reference to the Eagles song from 1976 where the lyrics from the song Hotel California include that you can check out but you can never leave.

It was decided that a draft would be sent to everyone and they could vote if the approved it or not by email.

BEST SUGGESTION: My favorite suggestion for this property is from a city staffer who shall remain nameless. Her suggestion is to have a miniature golf course on the property. It would be family friendly and would help a "family restaurant" if one is opened in the commercial area. You don't have to cut the greens, just sweep them off in the fall. I'm sure the task force would never consider it.



FIRST PRESIDENTIAL SIGN SPOTTED IN TOWN: In the yard on the corner of Wexford Place and Clayton Road.



THE STINK OF DRACE PARK: The city's inability to empty one of the trash cans in Drace Park where the Clayton Road Trail (Sidewalk) system enters the park is now closing in on two months. The stink from the trash can is very noticeable to just about everyone except Parks Committee Chair Lynn Wright who I have watched walk her dog directly past the trash can.



September 26

This was the trash can crammed full of bags of dog poop on Saturday night September 26 when I walked our remaining dog, Sadie an elderly Spring Spaniel.

I didn't check the trash can on Sunday because 14 1/2-year-old Sadie had died on Sunday. But on Monday I drove back to the park and found the can was still full.



September 28

All this raises the question, "If the city can't empty a trash can full of dog poop for two months, how is it going to maintain the new proposed Town Square Park?"

PARADE UPDATE: I attended the last meeting before the October 3 first ever Town and Country Parade. The parade begins at 3pm at Clayton Road and Weidman going east to Longview Park. Here is the update report.

They are back in: The Shriners in the little yellow jeeps are back in.

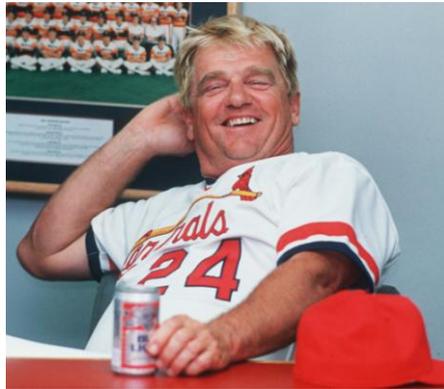


The Super Heros on mini bikes will also be in the parade.

They are out: Sisters: Christians Advocating Racial Equality have withdrawn from the parade. They had originally signed up for 2-to-3 cars and 25 marchers.



New Addition: A quintet from The Town and Country Symphony has been added. They wanted to repeatedly play Take Me Out to the Ball Game in honor of the Baseball Hall of Famers in the parade.



I thought the former players and the drivers of the cars with the baseball players would go nuts hearing the same song over and over for 60 minutes.

I suggested since there were going to be seven former Football Cardinals in the parade, including two Hall of Famers, the quintet should switch off between Take Me Out to the Ball Game and the Football Cardinals kickoff theme song, the first 20 seconds of Mozart's A Little Night Music, that used to be played by the Bob Kuban band at the games.



Roger Wherli and Jackie Smith at the Canton Ohio Football Hall of fame



Bob Kuban and the In Men Football Cardinals on a Sunday A string quintet Mozart

VIP PARKING FOR ALDERPERSONS EVEN IF THEY LIVE NEXT STORE: When I was an alderman I would receive VIP parking placards to put in my window to get the best parking space for the Fire and Ice and Fall Festival events. I never used them. I thought it was important for elected officials to see firsthand how an event is going and that includes parking. It sets a great scene when an elected official parks just feet away from an event and mom and dad have to managed to get three kids from a far away parking space to the festivities. It is important for elected officials to see and feel what the public has to put up with.

What amazed me at the Board of Aldermen Agenda meeting on Monday September 28 wasn't that there were VIP Parking placards laid out for the alderpersons, but that Anne Nixon the Parks Director took one to Amy Anderson, handed it to her and she put it in her purse.



Here is the deal, Anderson already has the best parking space for the event. It is her garage. She lives directly next to the Wirth Property/Town Square vacant lot and across the street from the empty Principia Property where the fall festival is being held. So all I can figure is that Anderson can give the VIP Parking sign to a friend who will take up a scarce and valuable parking space or perhaps she will drive her car a few hundred feet to take advantage of her VIP status.

So my concern is why would a city staffer even give Anderson a VIP Parking Pass and then why would Anderson accept it?

The parks director can't get a staffer to empty a trash can full of dog poop in a city park, but she sure can hand out a VIP parking Pass to someone who doesn't need one.

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ONE OF THREE PURSE THIEVES FROM KATE SPADE AT ST. LOUIS PREMIUM OUTLETS HAS EXTENSIVE RECORD.

On Saturday September 19 three women went to the Kate Spade store in the St. Louis Premium Outlets Mall near the Missouri River levee in Chesterfield. The three proceeded to steal 30 high end purses and were pushing an employee away who tried to stop them and knocked down a child of a shopper entering the store. When shoplifting moves to force or a threat of force by the suspects it becomes Robbery.

The thieves fled in a Chevrolet with Pennsylvania license plates. The vehicle was spotted by Town and County Police where an officer chased the car at speeds in excess of 100 mph going east on I-64 until the chase was called off due to safety concerns.

Five days later Chesterfield Police arrested one of the three. Jasmine Bolden, 22, of 4343 Arco Ave in St. Louis was arrested and later charged with Robbery Second Degree and held in the County Jail on \$25,000 bond.



With this kind of haul clearly Bolden has been shoplifting for a while and she has also been getting arrested. Here is her arrest record that we could find, we are sure there are more arrests that are hidden in secret municipal court files.

- 09/15/10 Stealing Over \$500 St. Louis County PD PG 10/21/11 Placed on 5-years probation and banned from South County Mall and Dillards
- 01/23/14 Probation Violation Sentenced to 7 years Prison but put back on 5-year Probation
- 03/04/11 Stealing Under \$500 Richmond Heights PD PG 03/04/14 90-Days jail but immediately placed on probation. Banned from the Galleria.
- 03/02/12 Stealing Under \$500 Richmond Heights PD PG 01/23/14 6 months jail

but placed on two year probation term
07/23/13 Felony Stealing Over \$500 St. Louis County PD PG 01/16/14
7-years prison with 30 Days shock jail time and 5 years probation
02/24/14 False ID to Gain Entry to Gambling Boat St. Louis PD PG 6/23/15
Trespassing placed on 6 months probation
Person Under 21 Placing a Wager
09/19/15 Robbery 2nd Degree Chesterfield PD Arrest Warrant issued 09/24/15

FORMER BOY COUNCILMAN DEREK "GRIZZLY" GRIER IN THE RUN FOR SUE ALLEN'S SEAT IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE : The "Boy Councilman" of the Chesterfield City Council for two terms, Derek Grier is a Republican running for Sue Allen's House of Representative seat in District 100.



Grier who was closely aligned with the pro development faction of the Council, including Connie Fults, Mike Casey and Elliot Grissom, did not run for reelection this April and was replaced by Bridget Nations, wife of the former mayor John Nations who is also very favorable toward developers. In the three years I covered the Council, Derek rarely had an independent thought in his head, and voted in a block with the three members who disliked Mayor Bob Nation.

For unknown reasons last fall Grier began to grow a beard and then didn't trim it and let his hair go long. At City Council meetings he was taking on the look of Ted Kaczynski, to the point you'd hope the police would pat him down for weapons before meetings.

Since then Grier got a shave and a haircut. On August 27 Grier filed the paper work to run for the state rep seat and he started a facebook campaign page.



Grizzly Derek with a faraway look in his eyes on Feb.18.



Clean shaven Derek from his facebook page.

Just what the residents of the 100th District need! Here is a post from Derek's facebook page from September 15 where he promised residents tens of thousands of fliers.

Help me make a difference in Jefferson City, Missouri as the next State Representative of the 100th district. Over the next 10 months, I will be knocking on thousands of doors, delivering tens of thousands of mailers, and listening to the good folks of Missouri to hear what is important to YOU.

What change do you want to see for Missouri?

Here is his post from September 21:

Have you seen the new updates to our campaign website? Help us raise the last \$1,000 for our first mailing...we are half way there! <http://www.votederekgrier.com/>

If you don't want "tens of thousands of mailers" you might want to be sure to ask your friends not to give Grier any money.

Of course like most politicians neither his website nor his facebook page gives any positions of Grier. I'm guessing there is a strong chance that is because he doesn't have any.

SHORT TIME TO BE CONCENTRATE ON JOB AND SPEND TIME WITH FAMILY:

Here is what Grier posted on his personal facebook site in March near the end of his second term:

This April, I will be stepping down from the Council to pursue other opportunities. The time is right to focus on family and career. Someday, I look forward to being involved in politics again.

Apparently from April 15 to the end of August or four months was all the time Grier needed to "focus on family and career."

His opponent in the race is likely to be Sue Allen's husband Mike Allen. Sue Allen is term limited out of office effective at the end of her current term on December 31 in 2016.

SPEAKING OF STATE REPS! SUE ALLEN NOW NEAR THE TOP OF THE LIST IS TAKING STUFF FROM LOBBYISTS, BUT IT IS THE JULY GREED OF DON GOSEN THAT IS THE MOST IMPRESSIVE: When I first started tracking lobbyist gifts to State Reps I was writing for AOL's patch.com. It was not unusual to see lawmakers in Jefferson City take as much as four or five thousand dollars in gifts and free meals each year. That figure is now down a quite a bit. Even Kiki Curls of Kansas City, who usually nets more than \$5,000 in a year is currently at only \$1,940.

It appears while other representatives have restrained themselves quite a bit, Rep. Sue Allen, (Town and Country, Chesterfield, Manchester) is taking the a little bit more than usual in her last term. What Sue has taken so far this year didn't used to be that much compared to others but now it puts her near the top of the list.



Allen is one of only seven of 163 state reps who took over \$2,000 in freebies so far in 2015. Through July she has received \$2,033 in free stuff. At the top of the list was a

\$176 meal at Carmines on July 30 with lobbyist Gordon Reel who works for Enterprise Holdings.

But she did pretty well the day before, when she and her husband each had \$80 meals plus a \$143 bottle wine from lobbyist David Winton, who is a lobbyist for 33 different companies, associations and political action groups.

FORE! One of Chesterfield's other State Reps did pretty well this spring and summer also. Don Gosen, a State Farm Insurance Agent and State Representative from the 101st District got lots of time on the greens courtesy of lobbyists. First let's look at Don's free golf:



Amount	Date	Item	Lobbyist
\$71.00	05/19	Green Fees	Denise Hasty
\$13.00	05/19	Lunch	Denise Hasty
\$77.98	07/09	Green Fees	Chris Liese
			Lobbyist for 46 companies, fire districts, casinos and labor organizations
\$112.57	07/09	Meal	Chris Liese
\$51	07/22	Green Fees	Chris Liese
\$89.48	07/22	Meal	Chris Liese

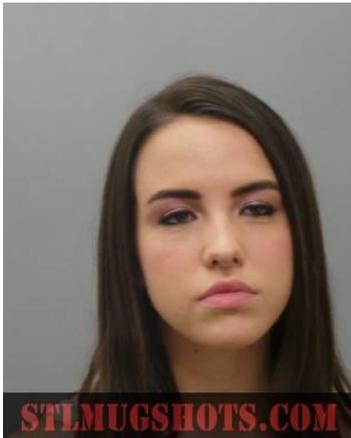
Then there is the conference. Gosen went to the National Conference of Insurance Legislatures last year without paying. The insurance agent is heading to the National Conference in San Antonio this November with his registration fee of \$375 already paid Calvin Call, a lobbyist for the Missouri Insurance Coalition. I'm sure while at the conference Gosen will have plenty of other things paid for.

There were 15 state representatives out of 166 who have taken NOTHING from lobbyists so far this year.

State Senator Jill Schupp who represents part of Chesterfield is one of the few senators who has taken ZERO from lobbyists in 2015. She had a similar record when she was a state rep. (Schupp's staff however has accepted \$81.71 in food and beverages from lobbyists ranging from two 36-cent beverages, two 96-cent beverages up to a \$56 meal in Columbia.)

20-YEAR-OLD WILDWOOD WOMAN CHARGED WITH FELONY DRUG

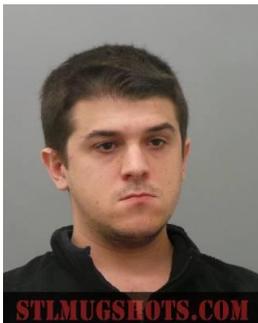
POSSESSION: Claire Elizabeth Duncan of 17809 Keystone Trail Ct. in Wildwood was arrested by Park Rangers on 05/02/15 for Felony Drug Possession (Not Marijuana). A warrant was issued on September 03, 2015 and she was arrested on 09/22 on the warrant.



She also has a prior DWI on July 9, 2014 when she was 19 with her license being suspended on appeal on 11/21/14 for testing drunk.

27-YEAR-OLD CHESTERFIELD MAN CHARGED WITH MANUFACTURE OR

DISTRIBUTE DRUGS: Henry Cluck of 15430 Highcroft Dr in Chesterfield was arrested by the Maryland Heights Police on June 15, 2015 for Manufacture or Distribute Drugs. An arrest warrant was issued on 09/11/15 and he was arrested on 09/21/15.



MEDIAN HIGH GRASS AND VIEW OBSTRUCTION CUT: A regular reader called me to tell me that the high grass in the median on Ladue Road in the Ladue Trails subdivision has been cut so motorists making left turns and U-turns can now see oncoming traffic. The reader did not know who cut the grass, the city, the subdivision or just a resident who was tired of the view obstruction.



COUNCILMAN WANTS LEGISLATION ON DRONES: At the end of the September 16 Public Health and Safety Committee meeting, Councilman Dan Hurt, who is not a member of the committee asked if the committee is studying any legislation about drones flying under 500 feet. Hurt mentioned security, safety and privacy points.

Members of the committee and Police Chief Ray Johnson said they thought this was more of a State Legislature issue.

Hurt replied he thought it was too important to wait for the State Legislature to take years dealing with the issue. Hurt has a point. I used the theory when I introduced a bill while a Town and Country alderman in 2008 to ban the use of cell phones and texting while driving. Due to my immense popularity with the other aldermen my bill did not get a second. However the State Legislature including people like sex texter John Diehl took immediate notice and passed a bill that banned counties or municipalities from creating laws dealing with driving and cell phone use.

DOG LEASH LAW IS DISCUSSED: The Chesterfield leash law says dogs must be on a leash when off the owner's property with one exception. That exception is that the dogs can be within 50 feet of the owner if under voice command. The theory is the owners can take their dog off the leash in a park and toss the ball.



Resident Volshteyn Vyacheslav, 67, who recently retired and lives on Brook Hill Lane wanted the ordinance changed to delete the 50 feet under voice command exception.



Vyacheslav

Vyacheslav said he was walking when two dogs his neighbor was dog sitting left the yard and attacked him biting him on the upper right arm and left foot. It was interesting that Vyacheslav did not prosecute his neighbor, who he said was very sorry about the attack. However, he thought the ordinance should not include the 50-foot rule. The committee chair, Elliot Grissom moved to drop the 50-foot rule and there was no second from either Mike Casey or Connie Fultz so the proposed changed died. Councilman Dan Hurt said he would likely be back trying to get a change to the ordinance.

JUDGE WANTS CITY TO APPROVE AREA CHARITIES FOR DEFENDANTS TO SERVE COMMUNITY SERVICE TIME. Judge Rick Brunk, the man behind unethical decisions as judge and as an area defense attorney came before the Health and Safety Committee. Brunk wanted permission to sentence some defendants to do "Community Service" that is not supervised by the city, but by Non-Profit groups.

"We have evolved to a situation where the court is not able to sentence anyone to community service," said Brunk referring to liability and manpower issues having people do community service for city departments. However if the city allowed it, defendants could be sent to animal shelters, the Goodwill, the JCCA or YMCA to do community service.



Keep in mind it was Brunk who put sportscaster Dan McLaughlin on a no-record probation for DWI, after McLaughlin pissed in his pants and offered the arresting officer a bribe only to have McLaughlin pick up another DWI involving an accident less than a year later, where McLaughlin was so drunk he could not figure out how to open the car door or later dial his cell phone. Brunk refused to revoke the probation McLaughlin was on at the time of the second arrest.

Then there was the case of four teenagers having beer and marijuana party at a Chesterfield hotel. They all pled guilty but the black kid without a lawyer was fined \$550 by Brunk. The white kids on the same pleas were fined between only paying court costs to a \$300 fine. Brunk is color blind only to extent that you need to have a lawyer standing next to you or your fine will be considerably higher.

MEDIA WATCH: Breaking Post-Dispatch News 29 days after the event. It was amazing to see the St. Louis Post-Dispatch ran a news obit 29 days after the death of a well known St. Louis media pioneer had died. Keith Gunther, one of the original people involved with putting KSD TV on the air in 1948 died on Saturday August 29.

The family ran a paid obit in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch four days after his death. KSDK had an obit on their website and on the air a few days after Keith Gunther's death. Now 29-days after his death the Post-Dispatch ran a news obituary.

I was aware of the death the same day and it was mentioned in our September 7 newsletter. It is nice to know this newsletter beat the Post-Dispatch by 20 days on a story.



Keith Gunther

MUSIC: The highlight of Monday Rat Pack Night at the One-19-North in Kirkwood wasn't Dean Christopher singing any songs as Frank, Dean or Sammy or even Jerry Lewis. Nope it was Dean doing Misty as Porky Pig (Mel Blanc). Some of the younger servers often have no idea who the people were of the Rat Pack that Dean was imitating. But when he did Porky Pig, they all had smiles on their faces.



Here is a link to one of Dean's bits on Monday at One-19-North

<https://www.facebook.com/sandy.w.delashmit/videos/10207874415443120/?pnref=story>

The next night was special. It was the Route 66 Jazz Orchestra at the Sheldon Concert Hall on Washington Ave at Grand Blvd. The first set was all instrumentals with arrangements by band director Bob Boedges' favorites of mostly obscure Sammy Nestico and Gordon Goodwin arrangements. Frankly it was a yawn and I went to the bar for a Coke before the set was over.

But the second set was classic hard driving big band arrangements of songs made famous by Frank Sinatra. Arrangements included those from Quincy Jones, Neal Hefti to Nelson Riddle. (Too bad they didn't do any by Gordon Jenkins from Webster Groves for a local touch.) The orchestra's three vocalists, Dean Christopher, Valerie Tichacek and Ron Wilkinson took turns singing nine songs with the band smoking behind them. They finished the night singing together on New York, New York. They got a standing ovation for a crowd of 125 people on a rainy Tuesday night.

In the past the vocalists got to do one or two songs a set, but on Tuesday the second set it was all vocals and great arrangements behind them. It was a reason to come back to more concerts.

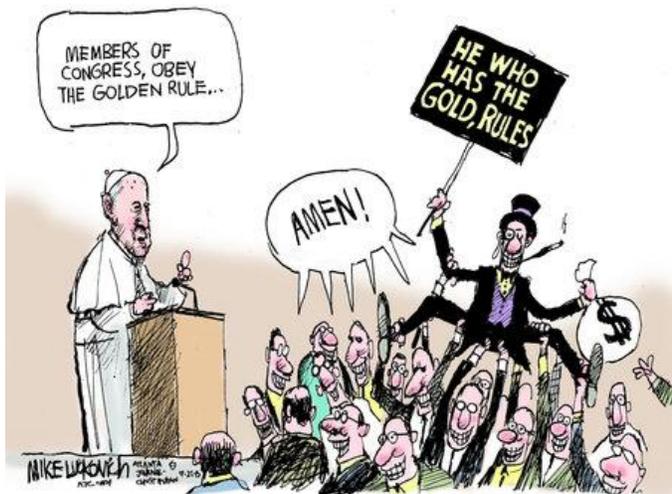
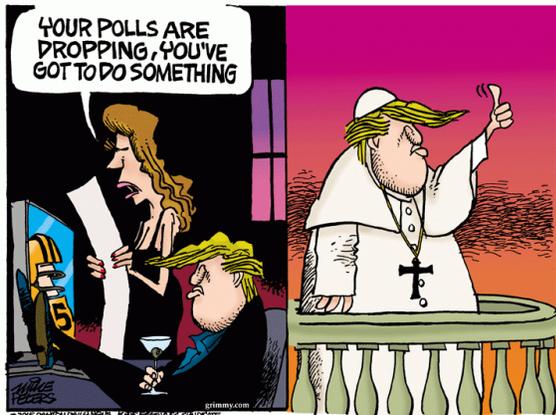
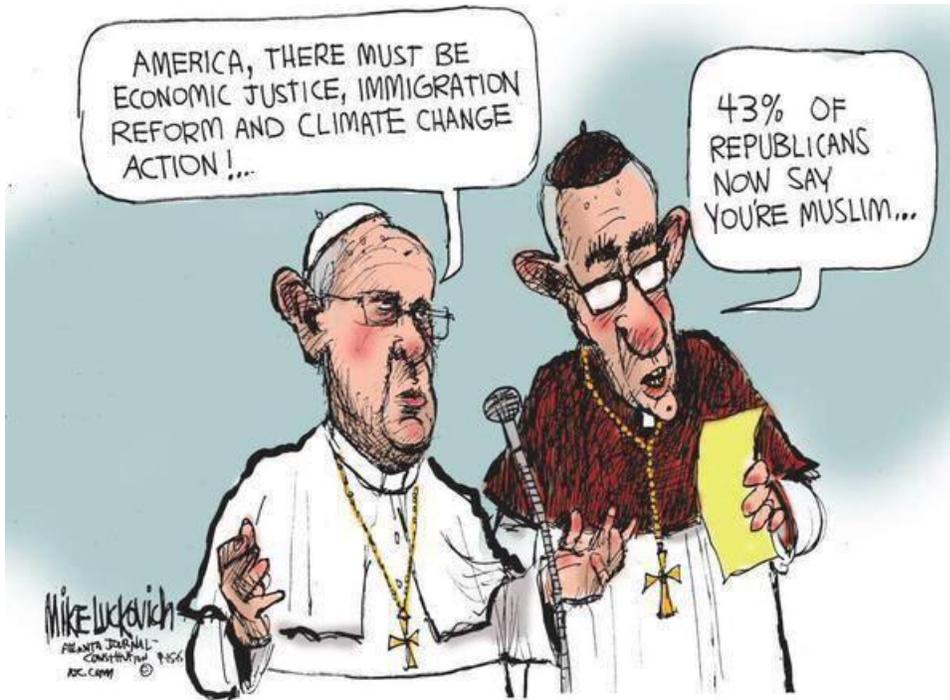


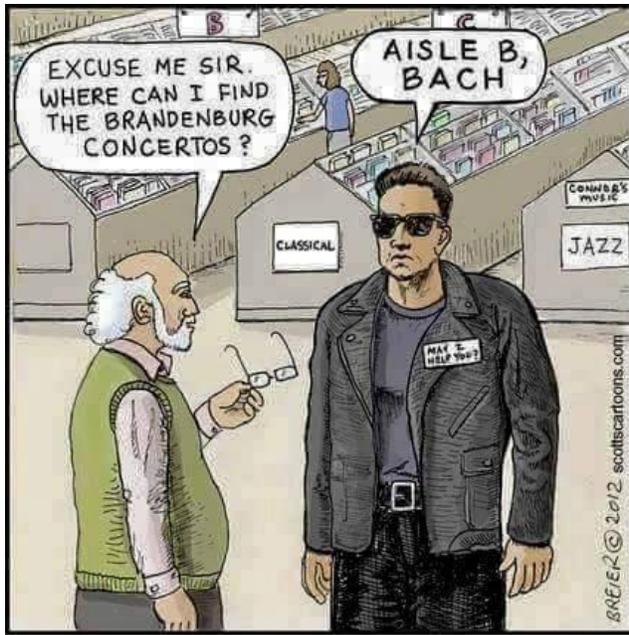
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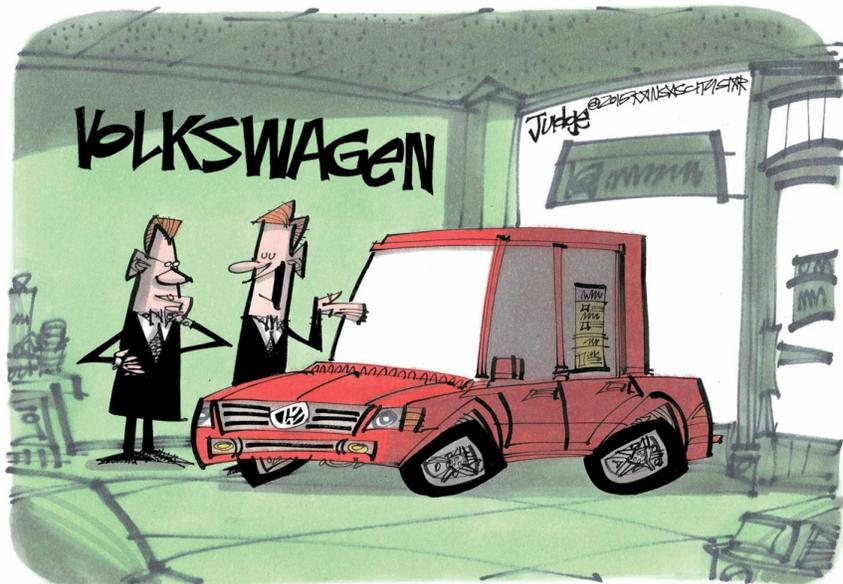
The second set was all vocalists.

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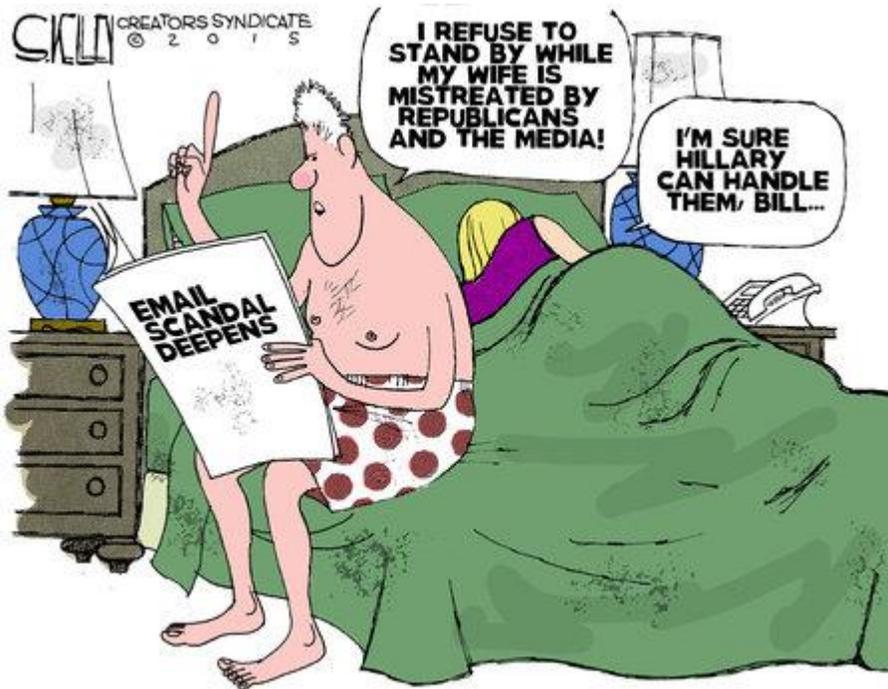


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