

EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 253 AND CHESTERFIELD 198



By John Hoffmann

November 28, 2016

TWO MONTHS BEFORE KILLING GRANDMOTHER ON LINDBERGH BLVD. DRUNK DRAG RACER ARRESTED DRUNK IN AREA CASINO. Prior to Haven Sooter, 39, (formerly of Clayton and most recently of St. Charles, MO) killing grandmother Kay Koutroubis, 73, of Crestwood while drag racing in his BMW on Lindbergh Blvd in Frontenac he had just been arrested two months earlier drunk refusing to leave a casino in St. Charles .

Sooter was indicted by a St. Louis County Grand jury on November 17, 2016 for Murder 2nd Degree and Felony DWI (third offense. We believe Sooter is again a Clayton resident in the County Jail as his bond is \$250,000 cash only.



Haven Sooter



Victim Kay Koutroubis

Judging from the charging documents I think the prosecutor should be able to prove Haven's blood alcohol content. Both a nurse from Mercy Hospital that specializes in blood draws and blood tox screens along with a toxicologist are listed as witnesses.

Here is the murder indictment when he was drag racing area lawyer Scott Bailey(Bailey was driving a Mustang).

HAVEN A SOOTER
616 Bluff Manor Circle
Saint Charles, MO 63303

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RACE: White S
SEX: Male C
DOB: 01/21/1977 C
HGT: 5'11" F
WGT: 160lbs. C
P.D.: Frontenac
ORI Number: MO0953100

Aliases:

Defendant

CHARGES

Count: 01 MURDER 2ND DEGREE - VEHICULAR - INTOXICATED
Count: 02 DWI- ALCOHOL- PERSISTENT OFFENDER - CLASS D FELONY

INDICTMENT

State of Missouri)
County of St. Louis)^{SS}

The Grand Jurors of the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, charge:

COUNT: 01 MURDER 2ND DEGREE - VEHICULAR - INTOXICATED

That Haven Sooter, in violation of Section 565.021, RSMo, committed the class A felony of murder in the second degree, punishable upon conviction under Section 558.011, RSMo, in that on or about July 8, 2016, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, Kathleen Koutroubis was killed by blunt force trauma in a motor vehicle crash as a result of the perpetration of the class D felony of Driving While Intoxicated - Persistent Offender under Sections 577.010 and 577.023, RSMo committed by the defendant on or about July 8, 2016, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri.

565.021-002Y20090999.0

COUNT: 02 DWI- ALCOHOL- PERSISTENT OFFENDER - CLASS D FELONY

That Haven Sooter, in violation of Section 577.010, committed the class D felony of driving while intoxicated, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011, 560.011, and 577.023, RSMo, in that on or about July 8, 2016, on 535 S. Lindbergh Blvd., in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant operated a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, and on or about December 13, 2005, defendant had pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated for events occurring on July 1, 2001, in the Circuit of St. Charles County, State of Missouri under cause number 01CR129868 and on or about April 30, 2002, defendant was found guilty of willfully and unlawfully driving a vehicle with .08 percent or more, by weight, of alcohol in his blood, for events occurring on January 15, 2002, in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles under cause number 2YH00024.

577.010-001Y19795499.0

A TRUE BILL

Joseph Rubba
Foreman

NO TRUE BILL

Foreman

Shelley O'Neil
Prosecuting Attorney

John Koutroubis, of Chesterfield, one of the victim's five children is also listed as a potential witness. Mrs. Koutroubis was reportedly returning to her modest Crestwood home after serving a dinner to a homebound family friend.

On April 24, 2016 Sooter was arrested at the Ameristar Casino in St. Charles when he was intoxicated, causing a disturbance and refusing to leave. He was arrested for Trespassing after refusing a request to leave from management and a second request from a State Trooper. Here is that Court document.

**MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL
PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT**

STATE OF MISSOURI }

MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

COUNTY OF ST. CHARLES }

CASE # 701852113

DATE: April 26, 2016

OCN:

I, Cpl. Keith Kinsey, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true.

1. I have probable cause to believe that Haven A Sooter, on 04/24/2016, at Ameristar Casino St. Charles, committed the offense(s) listed below:

M 569.140 5704207.0 Trespassing 1st degree`

2. State the facts that support a finding of probable cause to believe crime(s) was/were committed and that the accused committed the crime(s): . On April 24, 2016, at approxiamtely 0240 hours, Haven Sooter was asked by Security Supervisor Kyle Burnett to leave the casino for being overly intoxicated. Sooter refused and responded to Burnett, "Fuck you." I identified myself a Corporal Keith Kinsey with the Missouri State Highway patrol and asked Sooter to leave Ameristar Casino. Sooter responded, "Fuck you too." Sooter was placed under arrest for Trespassing 1st Degree.

I, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true.

CPL Keith Kinsey
Signature

04/26/2016
Date

Sooter is next due in St. Charles County Court on November 28, 2016

We reported at the time of the incident that we found at least 13 prior traffic citations issued to Sooter. Clayton defense attorney and former assistant prosecutor Daniel Diemer is representing Sooter. Diemer quickly left the prosecutor's office in 1999 when he was talking about running against prosecutor Bob McCulloch.

Clayton lawyer Scott Bailey who lives in unincorporated Creve Coeur was arrested. He refused to take a breath test. Frontenac police officers were unaware of how serious the injuries were to Mrs. Koutroubis and did not get a search warrant at the time of the arrest to draw blood from Bailey. Bailey was indicted on 11/16/16, for Manslaughter but his indictment was suppressed until his arrest.



DRIVING WHILE REVOKED CHARGE STICKS, SPEEDING CASE IS DISMISSED.

On April 12, 2014 Town and Country Police Lt. Flanagan stopped a 2000 Mercedes Benz with Illinois plates operated by Naomi Feldman of St. Louis. It turned out the Naomi's drivers license was not suspended, but revoked after a DWI arrest. She was arrested and cited.

Uniform Citation
 ORI NO. MO 0957200 TOWN AND COUNTRY POLICE
 STATE OF MISSOURI
 DIVISION OF 21st CIRCUIT COURT

Violator's Copy

140056865

STATE OF MISSOURI DIVISION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF **TOWN AND COUNTRY MUNICIPAL** COUNTY **1**

COURT ADDRESS (Street, City, Zip)
1011 MUNICIPAL CENTER DRIVE DR, TOWN AND COUNTRY, MO, 63131

COURT DATE COURT TIME AM PM COURT PHONE NO.
05/15/2014 7:00 (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 HWY CLASS UPON / AT OR NEAR (LOCATION)
04/12/2014 1053 HRS EB 1S 270 AT RT HH

WITHIN CITY / COUNTY AND STATE AFORESAID.
 NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)
FELDMAN, NAOMI, SABBA

STREET ADDRESS
██████████ SAKURA DR

CITY STATE ZIP CODE
ST LOUIS MO 63128

DATE OF BIRTH RACE SEX HEIGHT WEIGHT
██████████/1982 W F 506 135

DRIVER'S LIC. NO. CDL: STATE
 YES NO **MO**

EMPLOYER

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip)

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

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YEAR MAKE MODEL STYLE COLOR
2000 MERCEDES-BENZ 400 SERIES 4D SIL

REGISTERED WEIGHT L I C NUMBER STATE YEAR
██████████ IL 2016

DID THEN AND THERE COMMIT THE FOLLOWING OFFENSE. THE FACTS SUPPORTING THIS BELIEF ARE AS FOLLOWS:
**DRIVING A MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE LICENSE IS REVOKED
 DOR CASE # NO TEST**

Subject taken into custody. (Complete "For Issuance of a Warrant" section on reverse side.)
OCA# 14-000621

DRIVING POSTED SPEED LIMIT DETECTION METHOD
 STATIONARY RADAR WATCH (AIR) PACE LASER
 MPH MOVING RADAR WATCH (GROUND) OTHER

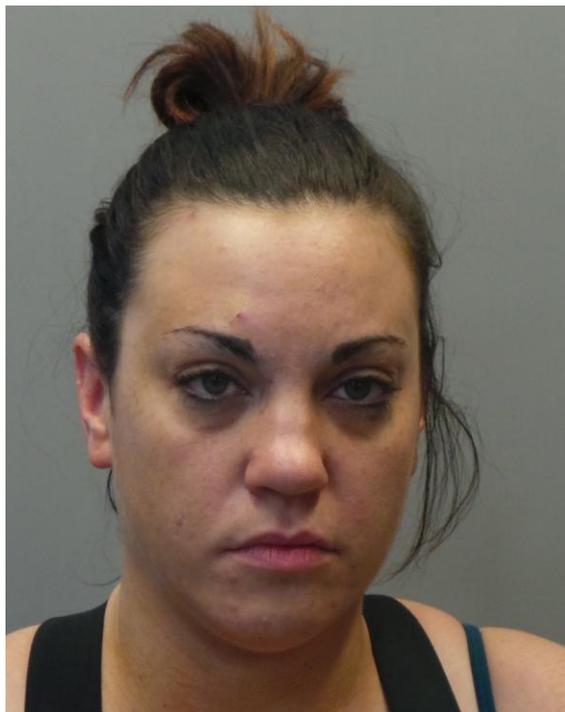
IN VIOLATION OF: STATUTE/ORDINANCE - CHARGE CODE
 RSMo. **380.030 96006050**
 ORD.

SEAT BELT VIOLATION: STATUTE/ORDINANCE - CHARGE CODE
 RSMo.
 ORD.

IN FATAL CRASH IN CRASH DWI / BAC. OCN
 SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ZONE SCHOOL ZONE
 CONSTRUCTION ZONE COMPLIANCE

OFFICER BADGE TRIP / ZONE DATE
/s/ Lt. Flanagan 00071 04/12/2014

ON INFORMATION, UNDEPUTED PROSECUTOR CHARGES THE DEFENDANT AND INFORMS THE



OUTCOME: This 12-point violation of Driving While Revoked RESULTED IN A \$320 FINE. HER SPEEDING CHARGE WAS DISMISSED. Three times in the past Feldman had a moving violation reduced to Illegal Parking. She also has two others that were reduced to "Loud Muffler violations that have No-Points.

At the time of Feldman's guilty plea for Driving While Revoked she was on probation for DWI and Careless and Impudent Driving Resulting in an Injury from a January 18, 2014 incident handled by the Missouri Highway Patrol. On 10/16/14 she had pled guilty to the DWI and Carless and Impudent Driving Causing Injury charges. She was placed on two years No-fine, No-Record, No-Points probation for DWI by Judge Dennis Smith in St. Louis County.

THE PHILLIPS 66 SIGN ISSUE HAS TWO ALDERMEN IRATE OVER THE IDEA OF LIGHTED SIGNS. As usual if a business, church or school wants a new sign Fred Meyland-Smith immediately has a problem with it. LED signs cause traffic crashes according to Fred (they don't). Schools, churches and businesses that would like to change the messages on their signs from inside using a keyboard are dangerous to society in Fred's way of thinking. Often Jon Benigas will join Fred in the fight against signs and lights. The latest example of this is the Phillips 66 station/garage and store on Woods Mill Road and Clayton Road.

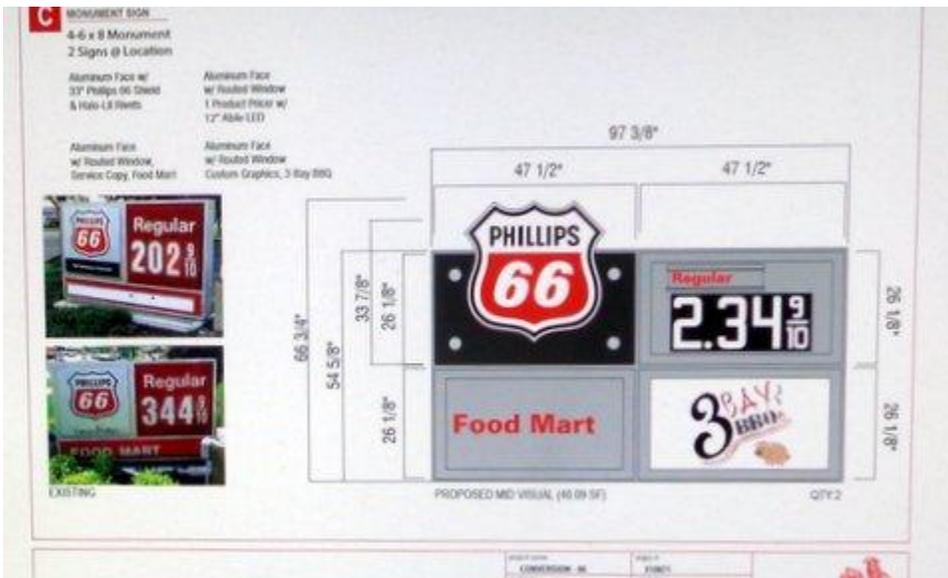


Now

Phillips 66 is having all their franchisees switch to new canopies that have raised signs and improved lighting. The raised signs are also on new pumps being installed. Add to this the fact that the owners of the station want to add the return of having BBQ sandwiches and ribs three days a week, which is something they did a number of years ago. The food shop inside the gas station would be called 3-bays BBQ playing on the fact that they have three service bays for repairs.



This is the proposed new canopies and signs,





Meyland-Smith and Benigas were upset among other things about the newer brighter lights in the overhead canopies. Despite that fact there are no homes or apartments in the area for the overhead lights to bother Meyland-Smith and Benigas did not enjoy taking a step into the future. God forbid that the gas station was making it easier for customers to see what they were doing at night and for security cameras to work better providing outside surveillance.

After the ranting and ravings of Meyland-Smith and Benigas and a hallway talk with the owner of the gas station, the changes passed 8-0.

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY BUDGET FOR 2017 LOOKS VERY GOOD: Damn! It looks like it will be pointless tracking the city deficit throughout the year. The projected budget for 2017 looks to be very strong after the annual presentation made by Finance Director Betty Cotner at the November 14 Board of Aldermen meeting.

This of course does not mean we will not follow wasting of taxpayer money on projects that more resemble black hole money pits.

Here are a few of the reasons for an improved tax revenue picture in 2017.



With three large stores opening and the Target store having increased sales there will be no projected deficit in 2017. The Town and Country General Fund will see an estimated increase in fund balance of almost \$900,000 from the end of 2016 to the end of 2017 going from an estimated \$12,274,699 to \$13,135,560.

The overall total budget of all funds should see a net gain of about \$1,500,000 during the same period, going from an estimated \$15,420,742 to \$15,930,098.

This of course is not due to any special work by the mayor or alderpersons but instead is from a rebounding economy and agents of shopping centers that found new tenants for large retail spaces.

Police (41%) and Fire & EMS (37%) make up 78% of the General Fund. The police are expected to spend \$4,214,380 in 2017 up from \$4,000,510 in 2016. Fire & EMS under a new contract will go from \$3,718,888 to \$3,808,680 in 2017.

TOWN AND COUNTRY ALDERMEN VOTED ON TOWN SQUARE PROJECTS WITHOUT KNOWING THE COST: I knew that some city staffers have an estimated price (guess) from the Brinkmann Development Company on how much the Town Square Development will cost. I believed at least the City Administrator and one or

more alderpersons knew the prices. But the entire Board of Alderpersons voted to accept the Brinkmann proposal over the Opus proposal without knowing the price estimates connected to either one of the proposals.

I sent a Sunshine request asking specifically for a copy of the proposal voted on by the Board of Aldermen and the amount of money estimated to cost to build the proposal.

Here is the answer I got from the City Clerk:

From: McNamara, Ashley [mailto:McNamaraAN@town-and-country.org]

Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 4:26 PM

To: John Hoffmann

Subject: RE: Missouri Sunshine Request

Good afternoon John,

No vote was taken during the 11/14/16 closed session, nor have the base prices for either proposal been disseminated or discussed by the Board of Aldermen. The only vote related to Brinkmann Constructors was a unanimous vote on the Resolution to authorize Gary Hoelzer to negotiate an agreement regarding Town Square. Said vote occurred during open session and as such, I have no record responsive to your request at this time.

Have a great day,

Ashley McNamara

I confirmed from several sources that the Board of Aldermen as a whole (minus the mayor and Linda Rallo who had recused themselves) were never told the estimated prices of either project. I then filed a second Sunshine Law request to see the written proposal that was approved. I expected a similar response, but got a surprise.

This begs the question; **HOW DO ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES VOTE TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL WITHOUT KNOWING HOW MUCH IT WILL COST?**

Before the meeting began in the Work Session Ald. Tiffany Frautschi was adamant that she wanted to go into closed session and find out how much the proposals were estimated to cost.

I was told that both Ward-2 Alderwomen Tiffany Frautschi and Lindsey Butler fought to obtain the cost numbers but the city attorney allowed staff to refuse to provide the information.

The Board of Aldermen plan to hold a Closed Secret Meeting on the Town Square Project immediately after the Monday November 28th BOA meeting. There is nothing like a non-transparent Berlin Wall style of local government. Keep the public in the dark.

AFTER SECOND MISSOURI SUNSHINE REQUEST LETTER, THE MONEY INFORMATION WAS RELEASED. COSTS FOR TOWN SQUARE PROJECT SOAR FROM \$3,800,000 TO \$5,800,000. Below are the two proposal letters from Brinkman and Opus with cost estimates in each letter.

BRINKMANN HOLDINGS

Mr. Gary Hoelzer
City Administrator
City of Town & Country
1011 Municipal Center Drive
Town & Country, MO 63131

Dr. Mr. Hoelzer,

We are pleased to submit our proposal for the construction of the Town & Country Gathering Place. This proposal is in accordance with the attached letter showing clarifications and conditions of our proposal.

We propose to construct all of the work for this project for a lump sum of \$4,061,533.

Retail Development: We propose to constructed between 10,000 SF and 12,000 SF of retail space in accordance with the attached drawings. We will require that the retail parcel be approximately 1 acre of fee simple property with appropriate cross access agreements between the City Gathering Place and the retail parcel. We will purchase this parcel from the City of Town & Country for \$400,000.

Alternates: We are providing numerous alternates in our proposal. While we are preparing to meet at the public forum on November 2, 2016, we believe it would be appropriate to meet prior to that time to discuss which alternates may or may not be desirable by the City of Town & Country. We remain open at all times to facilitate that meeting.

Sincerely,

Robert Brinkmann
Member

Here is the letter from Opus.

Gary Hoelzer, City Administrator October 12, 2016
City of Town & Country
1011 Municipal Center Drive
Town & Country, MO 63131

Dear Gary,

We are prepared to purchase approximately 1.5 acres on a fee simple basis from the City for \$450,000 less the City's contribution of \$200,000 towards the restaurant (120 stalls) and Town Square (20 stalls) that we will be providing as part of the restaurant development. Thus, a net payment to the City of \$250,000.

As part of this transaction, the City will have the benefit of the following:

- Shared parking at Mason Woods Village Shopping Center for Town Center events.
- 20 parking stalls designated for Town Square.
- Certainty that there will not be a parking problem associated with the vibrant new restaurants.
- A maintenance / storage facility for the City's use beneath the new Elevated Deck adjacent to Starbucks.
- Improvements at Mason Woods Village Shopping Center including the Elevated Deck.
- Expanded drive for access and delivery for Straub's trucks

Our goal is to allow the City's Task Force the opportunity to make timely and informed decisions from a wide variety of attractive alternatives. Using the expertise represented among our team members, Opus is able to quickly generate and evaluate a variety of alternatives for review during the design process. The Opus team and the City Task Force will have a working session to start the process for decisions on project's goals and objectives. The project scope will be analyzed on a line by line basis in an open book format so that money is spent in the wisest possible way.

The price for the City's portion of the Town Square project is \$3,730,000. This includes the public restroom allowance of \$150,000 which will be incorporated into the restaurant building, the allowance for the water feature of \$150,000, and the allowance for the pavilion of \$100,000.

Potential areas for project savings are:

- Simplify the Compass Rose area
- Reduce the quantity/size of the retaining walls

Areas to consider enhancements to the project are:

- Upgrades to the plaza paving
- Upgrades to the finishes of the retaining walls

The proposed pedestrian connection under Clayton Road is not included above. The engineer's estimate for this connection is \$400,000. Further due diligence is required for a full understanding of the cost and scope for the tunnel. For instance, it has been recently identified that Missouri American Water has a water main on the north side of Clayton Road that may affect or be in conflict with this pedestrian connection. Similarly, other utilities need to be located to confirm their positioning in relationship to the tunnel.

Please consider the terms of this proposal as non-binding until a mutually acceptable binding agreement is fully executed.

Lastly, we continue to be thrilled about the opportunity to create this amazing real estate with you and the City team. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments on our proposal. Otherwise, we will look forward to our collaborative presentation as scheduled on November 2, 2017 at 7:00pm

Sincerely,
Joseph P. Downs
Opus Development Company, L.L.C

Let's look at the original money figures.

* The City of Town and Country bought the property from the Wirth family for **\$2,200,000**. The Wirths had it listed at over \$3,000,000 for 10 years and the only offer was for a large scale nursing home that failed to receive Planning and Zoning approval.

* The City staff estimated there would be a cost of **\$1,600,000** to do required improvements especially dealing with storm water retention issues. Mayor Dalton publically complained that he thought the \$1,600,000 estimate was too high.

* The City staff also estimated an annual cost of **\$80,000** would be required to maintain the property's storm water retention and park settings.

The estimated total price would after the first year using the City staff's estimates would be **\$3,880,000**.

The winning Brinkmann Proposal: Brinkmann offered to buy the 1.8 acres of commercially zone property next to Clayton Road for \$400,000. The estimated cost to the City to build the project would be **\$4,061,533**. Minus the \$400,000 for the retail property that would come to **\$3,661,533**.

If you add the \$2,200,000 purchase price of the property the total figure of costs to residents is **\$5,861,533**. That is just slightly more than the \$3.8-million that Dalton thought was too high. :)

The losing Opus proposal: Opus offered to buy the commercially zoned property for almost half as much as Brinkmann at \$250,000. The total cost of the project would be estimated at \$3,730,000. Minus the \$250,000 real estate purchase that would come out at **\$3,480,000**.

If you add the \$2,200,000 total cost to the city of **\$5,680,000**. That is a \$1,880,000 more than the cost of \$3.8 that the Staff had estimated and \$181,000 less that the estimate of Brinkmann.

The winning proposal is \$2,000,000 higher than the City staff's original estimate.

I have said since Day-1 that the Town Square Project had the look and feel of a black hole money pit. I am pretty sure it will be built, but will the cost be worth it? Should Dalton be reelected mayor after pushing the city into this black hole money pit?

The Hiding Game: Both of the proposals concerning estimated costs were dated October 12. The Board of Aldermen did not see these cost proposals until November 23 or 42 days after being received by the city.

The residents would be unaware of these costs much longer if I had not been prescient at filing Missouri Sunshine Law Open Record Requests, even after I was initially denied.

The city withheld this basic information for both elected officials and the citizens. The cost proposals are now posted on our website's homepage.

UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 198



November 28, 2016

CANDIDATE FILING IN CHESTERFIELD: If you want to be first on the ballot show up early and dress warmly.

At the November 7th Chesterfield City Council meeting there were four options for filing for municipal election before the council. However the city attorney announced that two of the options did not meet State Law. So the council had to decide between Option 1 and Option 4.

Option One was to keep things the way they are now, with the exception that current office holders could not use their security cards and enter City Hall before the doors are unlocked. The first ones in line would be first on the ballot.

Option Four: This would have a lottery drawing to determine who would be first, second and third on the ballot, but would be only for those who filed on the first day. All others during the month for open filings would go in the order received.

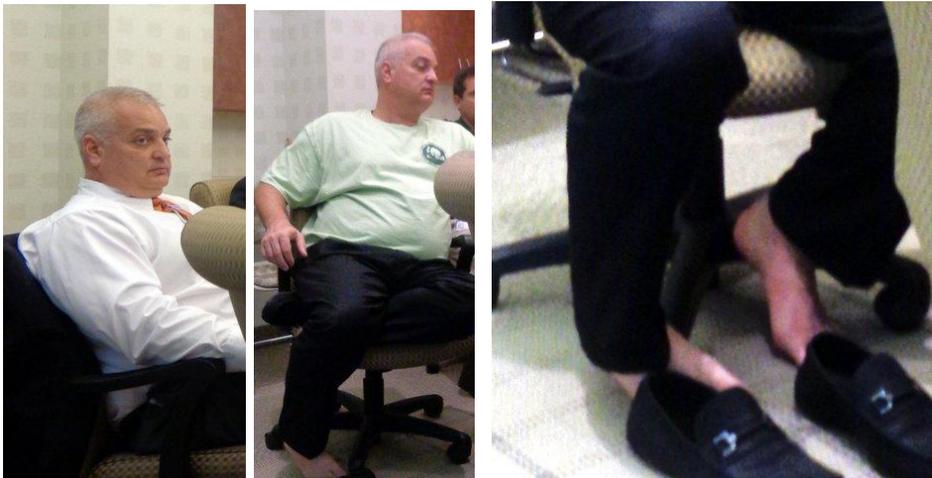
The Council voted to go with the Option One and the early morning or late night line.

COUNCILMAN BRUCE DEGROOT BEGS TO DIFFER: Two Chesterfield elected officials did not care for last week's newsletter. Let's start with Bruce DeGroot.

He was upset that I wrote I thought he might be supporting Connie Fults in the April election for his seat after he resigns. Since he was elected to the State Legislature in November and will be sworn in come January, he will have to resign his seat of the City Council in January. He could do it now and allow Mayor Bob Nation to appoint someone with the approval of the City Council, so the residents of Ward 4 have 2-votes. Bruce told me he was not endorsing Connie Fults and was upset that I did not call him to ask him if he was supporting or trying to get Fults to run for his vacant seat in April. He did campaign for Fults in April during her unsuccessful reelection bid. He told me that four people have called him about running, Fults was not one of them and he is not endorsing anyone. Bruce also told me he was not resigning early because he thought he could do meaningful work with votes on the city budget and other issues.

Bruce was also mad from two years ago in a Public Health and Safety Meeting when he challenged the purchase of a license plate reader to be installed in a police car which automatically checked passing cars for stolen reports or warrants on the drivers. Bruce commented he was a afraid the police would just patrol the "black neighborhoods" in Chesterfield and harass Black residents. This caused me to ask, "What black subdivisions?" and ask if Bruce was planning on building one just for Blacks.

I believe in being the eyes and ears for the people who can't attend various meetings. If I just wrote this newsletter in the same fashion of meeting minutes no one would read it. Bruce has been kind enough to give extra visual things to write about. Perhaps the one that got him most upset was when he removed his shoes and had no socks on during a meeting. In the spirit of Shoeless Joe Hardy from Damn Yankees and the song "Shoeless Joe from Hannibal MO", I dubbed him Shoeless Bruce of Chesterfield MO.



AND THEN THERE WAS:

THE MAYOR ACCUSES ME OF BEING MISLEADING AND UNTRUTHFUL. I ACCUSE HIM OF MAKING FALSE AND MISLEADING STATEMENTS. READ THE EMAILS AND YOU DECIDE:

I received an email from Chesterfield Mayor Bob Nation on Saturday November 19. I believe Bob Nation is upset about something I wrote last week about him filing for reelection. Here is what I wrote last week:



Bob Nation, who has lived up to campaign promises of being financially responsible until the Top Sports Dome deal arrived, where he helped keep the project a big secret and did not oppose the City in buying property for the project and then leasing it back to the developer with almost 25 years before the city gets even in the land purchase. However Bob has been trying to get the entire Doorack property land deal out in the public while Logan and Bridget Nations kept voting to keep it a secret. It looks like Bob will file for reelection.

Here is the email Bob sent me:

From: Bob Nation [mailto:rsnation@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, November 19, 2016 12:43 PM
To: John Hoffman
Subject: Section: 610.0021 Closed meetings and closed records authorized when, exceptions. RSMO 610.021

John, 610.021 (2) allows confidentiality until lease or purchase agreements have been completed. Part of the reason for this is that if public knowledge may affect price/value of property being negotiated, then the public interest is being protected by this allowable exception to the general open meeting requirement.. I am disappointed that you have suggested that I have tried to keep information secret that is not in accordance with statute. No wonder so many citizens think so poorly of public servants when misleading and untruthful information like this is written.

<http://www.moga.mo.gov/mostatutes/stathtml/6100000211.html?&me=610>

Best Regards,

Bob Nation, Mayor
City of Chesterfield
314 249-8725

Bob could have made the deal public from the start. He could also support those five councilpersons who voted to have secret closed meetings to discuss the project. He did nothing illegal. Making it public was legal or keeping it a secret until a deal was sign was legal.

Here is my response to Mayor Nation:

Sent: Saturday, November 19, 2016 7:04 PM
To: 'Bob Nation'
Subject: RE: Section: 610.0021 Closed meetings and closed records authorized when, exceptions. RSMO 610.021

Bob you have cited a statute that allows you to keep a meeting closed. But you don't have to, especially when three other members of the Council disagree. There was no other interested party in this deal that made it competitive.

The law did not require you to make it closed and secret. It merely allowed you to.

I have been consistent on the point. You have a right to close the meeting, but you don't have to. In the interest of transparency the fewer things you keep from the public the better off you are. I have cited nothing untruthful. Your statement that I did so is false and misleading. There is an option and when instead of making it public you closed the meeting; that hides things from the public. On the Sports Dome lots of information was hidden from the public and they had no opportunity to comment. Even meeting with Matheny and Buck two at a time was an overt move to avoid the Sunshine Law open meetings requirements.

John Hoffmann

Here is his response to my response:

From: rsnation@aol.com [mailto:rsnation@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, November 19, 2016 7:31 PM
To: John Hoffmann
Subject: Re: Section: 610.0021 Closed meetings and closed records authorized when, exceptions. RSMO 610.021

John,

There's more to this that it appears you do not understand or be aware of, and that is the option for the city to purchase the additional average. A majority of council thought it in the best interest of the city to keep it confidential and we are ruled by majority. Additionally, too much emphasis was placed on the term

"may" by city attorney and those who were against the development on its' principles.

It just seems to me in that in large measure you are missing the point. I know you are smarter than this, so I presume it fits with the general theme of disparaging elected officials and suggesting that we are all dishonest and deceitful. All I can say is that I am discouraged by being accused of being non-transparent, while working hard to be just the opposite.

Having said all this, I do appreciate your work in trying to inform the public as to what is going on in their community.

Best Regards,

Bob Nation, Mayor
City of Chesterfield
314 249-8725

My newsletter provides both news and comment. People might be interested in my comment because I spent over 35 years working for various governments and over a dozen years covering government for news magazines and websites, plus two years as an elected official.

I have reported in the past that while I respect Bob Nation, he can get a little "thin skinned." I have pointed out in the past where I quoted directly from a Chesterfield Police Officer's DWI report that the person he arrested had a temporary drivers' license after an Ellisville Police Department DWI arrest. Of course the Chesterfield and Ellisville cases were pled down to where the suspect, now a two-time DWI suspect got a deal in Ellisville and then from the judge and prosecutor in Chesterfield appointed by Mayor Nation so he got no points on his driving record. Bob Nation got phone calls about it.

He called me and accused me of writing something that was untrue as his police chief could not find the arrest his officer wrote about in the police report.

I paid money and obtained the documents from the Director of Revenue MVA Unit including the Ellisville DWI report. I also filed a complaint with the Missouri Supreme Court and the Presiding Judge of St. Louis County. This caused the Ellisville Judge to make public the court records of the person's DWI court case and sentence.

I sent all this to Bob. I did not get much in return, such as "I'm really sorry saying how you were untruthful." It turns out both me and the Chesterfield officer were truthful in what we wrote.

So now Bob is upset over how I as a News Columnist wrote that maybe he could have handled Top Sports deal differently. Elected officials complaining about what I write and me complaining about how they sometime do their job is all part of being an elected official and writing about elected officials.

MAYOR KEEPS ON TARGET AT MONDAY NOVEMBER 21st CITY COUNCIL

MEETING: I was not at the last City Council meeting of November as I was doing my other job, that as the PA announcer and table ref for a local university's basketball team. So I'm thinking Mayor Bob Nation's opening remarks at the November 21 City Council meeting missed their intended target. ME!

Bob opened the meeting with a mini-lecture on why the Council can close meetings from the public to discuss real estate transactions and signing contracts and leases. Barb McGuinness then responded that the City can close meeting "if you choose too, but we can also choose not to close those same meetings."

TOP SPORTS DOME QUESTION MARK: City administrator Mike Geisel gave a 2017 budget update at the City Council Agenda Review meeting. In his talk he mentioned how in 2017 the Parks Fund will have a \$2,500,000 reserve. However the city signed a deal to buy 22 acres of land east of their property for \$2,050,000 and then lease the property back to Top Sports starting in 2019, That would create of Park Fund reserve around \$500,000 or less.

All this makes me wonder if the Top Sports Indoor Dome and Hotel deal is about to go south.

CHESTERFIELD CRIME AND POLICE ACTIVITY FOR OCTOBER: See what crime stats are going up and what ones are going down in Chesterfield

**CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
OCTOBER 2016 MONTHLY REPORT (INCREASES HIGHLIGHTED)**

<u>Crime or Activity</u>	<u>Oct. 2016</u>	<u>Oct. 2015</u>	<u>YTD 2016</u>	<u>YTD 2015</u>
CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS				
Non-Forcible Rape	0	0	1	1
Forcible Rape	1	0	5	4
Other Sex Offenses	1	1	8	10
Robbery	0	2	9	11

Assaults	18	14	175	150
BURGLARY				
Residential	5	5	28	40
Business	2	1	13	16
LARCENY				
Felony Thefts	38	17	233	195
Misdemeanor Thefts	59	42	456	387
Auto Theft	3	1	29	17
Checks/Fraud*	23	21	244	894*
Vandalism	11	8	123	91
Drug Violations	11	7	114	75
DWI	9	6	89	96
ARRESTS				
Adult	116	87	1179	1048
Juvenile	10	16	114	148
TRAFFIC				
Veh. Crashes	161	167	1577	1506
Fatalities	0	0	1	2
Injuries	36	33	322	318
Warnings Issued	643	327	6135	3525
Parking Citations	20	16	222	193
Traffic Citations	672	691	7335	7800
Recovered Autos	2	0	6	4
Radio Calls	4534	4190	45194	42705
Alarms	90	109	1159	1225

* 2015 Fraud statistics include IRS Tax Return fraud. That crime is not being taken by local police departments this year.



CHESTERFIELD WEEKLY POLICE BLOTTER: Now that you have seen the crime stats, read what the officers had to deal with last week.

CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Media Report November 16, 2016 - November 22, 2016

Time of Occurrence Generic Address Business/Location Name Incident Type

11/22/2016, 2215 15XXX HEATHERCROFT DR **Assault Common - Threat**
Brief Narrative Description: 47 yo male and 46 yo female threatened each other after argument.

11/22/2016, 1958 12XX ROGUE RIVER CT **Assault Common - Actual Assault**
Brief Narrative Description: 18 yo female scratched victim in the face after argument causing minor injuries.

11/08/2016, 0001 - 11/22/2016, 0930 14XXX GREENLEAF VALLEY DR **Fraud Identity Theft**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit card accounts.

11/21/2016, 1900-11/22/2016, 0700 18XXX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD I Triumph Construction Property
Damage to Business Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject damaged pad lock on construction trailer.

10/26/2016, 0000 3XX THF BLVD Home Depot **Forgery Check**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject forged victim's check at store.

11/15/2016, 0830 15XXX SOUTH OUTER 40 RD Stockell Health Care **Fraud Scam**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject convinced victim to send personal information online.

08/01/2016, 1200-11/22/2016, 0000 15XXX CLAYTON RD Delmar Gardens **Larceny over \$500 Person**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took victim's social security checks.

10/19/2016, 0001-2359 4XX WHITE BIRCH VALLEY CT **Fraud Identity Theft**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit card account.

11/19/2016, 0600 15XXX PEACH HILL CT 1003 **Violation of Ex-Parte/Full Order**
Brief Narrative Description: 70 yo male violated the conditions of a court order of protection by contacting victim.

11/21/2016, 2330 1XX HILLTOWN VILLAGE CTR Harpo's **Assault Common - Actual Assault**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects struck victim in the head after argument causing minor injury.

11/18/2016, 1300-1545 14XXX OLIVE BLVD Petromart **Larceny over \$500 Business**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took unsold lottery tickets from business safe.

11/21/2016, 1932 OLIVE BLVD & RIALTO DR Missouri Conservation **Drugs Possession -Misd**
Brief Narrative Description: 20 and 19 yo females in possession of marijuana, paraphernalia, and alcohol after suspicious vehicle stop.

11/21/2016, 0857 15XXX CLAYTON RD **Drugs Possession - Felony**
Brief Narrative Description: 50 yo female in possession of prescription medication after being involved in motor vehicle crash.

11/21/2016, 2032 2XX SANTA MARIA DR Ascension School **Drugs Possession -Misdemeanor**
Brief Narrative Description: 20 and 19 yo females in possession of marijuana, paraphernalia, and alcohol after suspicious vehicle stop.

11/21/2016, 2229 OLIVE BLVD & WHITE RD **Liquor Violation Open Container**
Brief Narrative Description: 42 yo female had open container of alcohol in vehicle after being stopped for DWI.

11/20/2016, 1528 17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Polo **Larceny over \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: 22 yo female grabbed clothing and ran out of store without paying.

11/19/2016, 1806 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Victoria's Secret **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject grabbed clothing and ran out of store without paying.

11/19/2016, 1314 1XX HILLTOWN VILLAGE CTR Schnucks **Property Damage to Vehicle**
Brief Narrative Description: 36 yo male kicked victim's vehicle door after road rage incident.

11/02/2016,0001 11/19/2016, 2359 21XX HUNTERS WAY CT **Fraud Identity Theft**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up bank account.

11/15/2016, 0000-11/18/2016, 1700 14XXX CONWAY RD **Fraud Identity Theft**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit card account.

11/18/2016, 1631 4X CHESTERFIELD MALL Macy's *Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting*
Brief Narrative Description: 23 and 21 yo females concealed clothing and left store without paying. Also in possession of prohibited theft device.

11/18/2016, 2142 CHESTERFIELD PL & OLD CLARKSON RD **Liquor Violation Mino in Poss**

11/18/2016, 0006 N GREENTRAILS DR & STABLESTONE DR **Drugs Possession -Misdemeanor**
Brief Narrative Description: 18, 17, and 16 yo males in possession of marijuana, paraphernalia, and alcohol after suspicious vehicle stop.

11/17/2016, 2258 CHESTERFIELD RIDGE CIR & CLARKSON RD & FOREST MEADOWS DR
Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor Brief Narrative Description: 24 yo male in possession of marijuana after being stopped for a traffic violation.

11/11/2016, 1927 14XXX BROOK HILL DR **Fraud Identity Theft**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to access bank account and transfer money.

11/17/2016, 1307 17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD H&M **Larceny over \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: 24, 17, and 15 yo females concealed clothing and left store without paying.
11/17/2016, 1450-1500 CHESTERFIELD MALL Victoria's Secret **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed clothing and left store without paying.
11/11/2016, 2151 4X THF BLVD Target **Larceny over \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: 31 and 29 yo male concealed electronics and left store without paying.
11/08/2016, -1200-11/16/2016 1200 21XX SYCAMORE HILL CT **Fraud Identity Theft**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up a bank and credit card account.
11/16/2016 2020 17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Taubmann Outlet Mall **Possession of Stolen Property**
Clothing **Brief Narrative Description:** 47 and 25 yo females in possession of stolen clothing after suspicious vehicle stop.
11/16/2016, 2142 LONG RD & WILD HORSE CREEK RD & KEHRS MILL RD **Drugs Possession - Misd**
Brief Narrative Description: 21 yo male in possession of marijuana after being stopped for a traffic violation.
11/02/2016, 2000-11/12/2016, 2100 11XX N WOODS MILL RD A **Burglary Residential - Home**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's apartment and broke collectible ornament.
11/16/2016, 1250-1253 1XX THF BLVD Walmart **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects concealed toy drone and left store without paying.
11/15/2016, 1900-11/16/2016, 0630 1XX FOUR SEASONS SHPG CTR Gateway Cleaners **Burglary Commercial - Business**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject broke out front window to business in an attempt to make entry.
11/16/2016, 1240 I64 HWY W & BOONES CROSSING **Property Damage to Vehicle**
Brief Narrative Description: 29 yo female swerved into victim's car after road rage incident causing damage.

FOOD: THE BEST TASTING MEAL WE HAVE HAD IN A LONG TIME: It was a Saturday afternoon. I had skipped breakfast and talked my wife into going out to the Parkside Grille on Clayton Road at Strecker Road in between Clarkson Road and Highway 109 in Wildwood.

Anita Rosamond was playing from 1 to 4. We had not seen Anita for a while and had wanted to try the Parkside Grille.

The Parkside Grille only fits 55 people. The old Smitty's crowd that was SRO for Anita had not discovered it yet. There were several tables open along with seats at the bar. We sat at the bar.



Anita was already into her first set working with David Green.



We placed our orders. My wife went with the special of the day, the Rueben Sandwich (\$11.99). My consultant (waitress) who was also the owners' daughter suggested the Short Rib Cheese Steak (\$10.99).

My wife rated her Rueben as one of the best she has ever had, which included time spent in New York City for one of the insurance companies she was working for. .



Normally I get upset when someone sells a sandwich using the words "cheese steak" that does not involve gooey liquid American cheese made famous in Philadelphia. However, the sandwich served was so delicious I ignored the fact that it had melted Swiss cheese mixed in with the meat. I skipped the green peppers and just went with the onions. This was really quite a taste treat. We were back 10 days later and I had the Cowboy Cheeseburger with BBQ sauce, cheddar cheese and giant Onion rings. It was good, But in future visits my sandwich of choice will be the Short rib Cheese Steak.



The only downer were the onions rings.

For being hand dipped to order they appeared and tasted like they came from the freezer. They were fine, but the home made O-Rings east on Clayton Road at Charlotte's Rib, in Des Peres at The Village Bar or at Cheeburger, Cheeburger are all higher up on my list.



While waiting for our food, one thing caught our eye coming out of the kitchen and I asked if I could snap a photo of it before it reached the table where it was headed. It was the Salmon Egg Rolls (\$7.99). This looked delicious. We returned 10 days later and ordered them. They were delicious. My wife said she would just get these for her entrée on our next visit.



After our request to snap a photo the chef came out and offered us a sample of the house Artichoke Dip with Lobster which is an off menu special.

I can count on one hand the number of times I have had anything with the word Artichoke in it and I have visited Castroville, California, that lays claim to being the Artichoke Capital of the World.



I not only ate the dip on wonderful homemade toasted pieces of bread, I had seconds and thirds.

The Chef introduced himself as Mark Wentz and mentioned that he worked in the kitchen at Tony's (St. Louis' top gourmet high dollar restaurant for our out of town readers) for 10 years and worked at Giovanni's on the Hill. I have to add that he left Giovanni's in 2014 with a job discrimination lawsuit that was settled out of court.

DESERTS:



My wife ordered the Key Lime Pie and it was gone before I could get around taking a photo. A person sitting near us at the bar ordered the White Chocolate Cake with raspberry sauce and ice cream and was nice enough to allow me to take a photo of it.

We didn't leave until our friend Jerry Moser, who is often a regular at Anita performances in cafes and bars sang a couple of songs. We will be returning to the Parkside Grille in the near future just for the food, if live music is there it will be an added treat.



Anita at the keyboards and Jerry Moser on the mic.

THE BEST AND FUNNIEST CHRISTMAS SHOW IN TOWN...IF YOU ARE OVER 50:

I'm getting tired of promoting the talents of Dean Christopher. I have often said if this was 1970 Dean would be sitting next to Johnny Carson instead of Rich Little. Two weeks ago after promoting Dean's Rat Pack Monday at the One-19-North, not one newsletter reader appeared.

Dean's show is Christmas songs and comedy from Las Vegas in the 1960's. If you are too young to know who Frank, Dean and Sammy are, you would never get this show.

But if you know them, John Wayne, Boris Karloff, Walter Brennan, Paul Lynde, Jimmy Stewart, Henry Fonda, Clark Gable, Humphrey Bogart and others from the era you will be entertained. I have paid over \$100 repeatedly at the Finale nightclub, large theaters and his church to see Dean's Christmas Shows just for his 12 Days of Christmas routine. It is some of the hardest laughing I have done in the last 10 years.

Dean Christopher
"Classic Vegas Christmas"

Friday, December 2, 2016
7:30 pm
First Unity Church of St. Louis
4753 Butler Hill Rd
\$20.00
for tickets call 314-845-8540
or Chuck
314-614-2950

Come hear Dean's
"12 Days of Christmas"

With special guest
Craig Hawksley

THE JAZZ STATION IS NO LONGER: WSIE 88.7 from Edwardsville had a signal that you could get in your car but often not inside your house in West County. But still it was "The Jazz Station" for St. Louis, yeah you had to put up with SIUE basketball games in the winter and baseball and soccer games in the fall and spring. But they played jazz.

Things began to go downhill when they fired Ross Gentile in 2009. Gentile was the afternoon host M-F from 1-6, plus he had a taped show he produced in his recording studio at his house that aired for three hours on Saturday and Sunday. Gentile a former trumpet player, a disc jockey at KSHE at the same time I briefly worked there on the weekends and was a promotion man for A&M records in the 1970 s and 80 s. He died four years after he was fired at WSIE as the station was making budget cuts.

His were the last shows that featured jazz music from the 1950s to recent releases, plus played tracks from St. Louis musicians' CDs. Singer Erika Johnson for a short time had the Stay Jazzy Show from 6-10 on weeknights. But that did not last very long.



Erika Johnson

The Illinois budget crunch had some drastic effect on the operations of the station. When Gentile was still there they did get sponsorship from The Finale Night Club in the former Clayton on the Park Hotel. But Finale closed on New Years Day in 2008 and the hotel closed shortly thereafter. It is now condos. The station for a time also got some funding from Jazz at the Bistro, but that also vanished.

Late spring of this year they dropped the Jazz format altogether. They now call themselves "The Sound" and are playing some jazz, some really bad blues and some R&B. For the first time 50 years there is not a jazz radio station in St. Louis.

It used to be that you had to look hard, but in the 1950's there was a live show on KCFM from the Crystal Palace in Gaslight Square. It was mostly a talk show hosted by Crystal Palace owner Jay Landsman. In the 60 s instead of going off the air after Howard Demere's "Memories Until Midnight on KSD (55) radio, Leo Cheers, the man in the red vest come on from midnight until 5 am for a couple of years.

Then it was KADI-FM for about two years had Spider Burkes, Jammin for your Breakfast and Leo Cheers at night among others. Cheers would later have a 6pm to 1am jazz show on WMRY. When I used to be a police detective I spent many a late Friday night driving around on doing a surveillance listening to Leo on WMRY, which is now a sports talk station. Cheers made so little in radio that he had a day job in a medical lab at Barnes Hospital. In his later years Leo was doing a once-a-week show on the last jazz station in town, WSIE.



Leo Cheers, the Man in the Red Vest

Even KMOX-TV weather man Jim Bolin (who was also kid show host Cookie on Cookie and the Captain on KMOX-TV) a great jazz vibe player, had a Saturday afternoon show, "Jazz Comes Calling" on WIBV radio in Belleville that is now a Disney Radio Station. In December of 1994 I was in a very long line of motorists late at night waiting on the shoulder of a Maryland 2-lane highway to enter the Antietam Civil War Battlefield in northwestern Maryland where thousands of luminaries are placed out representing every casualty that occurred in the battle there. I was listening to Don Wolfe on KMOX when I learned that Jim died from heart disease.



Jim Bolen on the vibes.

Lawyer Don Wolfe had the last jazz show on KMOX. He came from doing a weekend "I Love Jazz" show on KWMU to KMOX to replace Charlie Menees on Saturday nights when the Cardinals or Blues were not playing. Wolfe was a nice change to the late-Menees who had a tendency to be a lecturer and put on a Jazz 101 show that included scratchy recordings from the 1920s. Wolfe was a mainstream guy who also played lots from the American Songbook.

KMOX dumped the show after a 15-year run in 2008. Wolfe went to the Classical Station KFUO and did the Saturday night show for two years. KFUO was owned by the Lutheran Church with studios on the campus of Concordia Seminary. The station made money as St. Louis' lone classical radio station. But the Church decided to sell it to a Christian broadcasting group in 2008. Wolfe did a show on the internet and a cable TV show until his death.

Now other than a 4-hour Saturday night show on KWMU, St. Louis, a city rich in jazz tradition producing a number of famous jazz musicians, no longer has a Jazz radio station. It does at times have as many as five sports talk stations.

As someone who played jazz records on the radio in St. Louis for a couple of years, I missed not being able to punch up a jazz station on the radio any more.

Here is an email exchange I had with Steve Jankowski the interim General Manager at WSIE after the changed formats. It somewhat explains the money issues at the station.

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

Sent: Friday, May 27, 2016 10:29 AM

To: Jankowski, Steve <stejank@siue.edu>

Subject: good bye

Now that you are no longer a "jazz" station and had quit playing classics from Brubeck, Chet Baker, Paul Desmond, J.J. Johnson around 2008 I have quit being a listener. I know a number of jazz musicians in town who have gone the same way. Now that you turned into a R&B station featuring bad Blues vocals, I just can't listen anymore.

As a former jazz disc jockey, when I moved back to St. Louis in 2006 I offered to make a \$5,000 annual contribution to do a four-hour show five days a week. 10pm to 2am would have been fine. . I never heard back.

Don't get me wrong, it is your radio station and you can change the format anyway you like. I'm just passing along why I won't be around anymore.

John Hoffmann

From: Jankowski, Steve [<mailto:stejank@siue.edu>]

Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 10:22 AM

To: John Hoffmann

Subject: RE: good bye

Hello John,

Thank you for your email. I appreciate your feedback and want to offer my apologies for the failure of previous management to respond to your offer of doing a jazz program on WSIE. I would be happy to speak with you about this possibility as we are not trying to blow out all of the jazz. We are simply trying to broaden the format to bring more listeners and businesses into the "WSIE Tent."

If you are done with WSIE I understand and accept your decision. If you are still interested in delivering jazz on the radio station, let's have a conversation.

Thank you,

Steve

Steve Jankowski



Interim General Manager-WSIE

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

Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 2:07 PM

To: Jankowski, Steve <stejank@siue.edu>

Subject: RE: good bye

Steve,

Again it is your radio station, but if you chase away a large number of longtime listeners will the few you add make up the difference? I'll grant you my five years in radio was in the late 60s and early 70s, but I have enough friends who were in it much longer to realize if you dilute a format enough you run the risk of losing audience.

National surveys show that jazz is now around 8 or 9% for some popularity in the U.S. I have to think blues is lower. There are plenty of major markets without jazz formats. There are still a few on the West Coast, but in DC where I lived for 16 years it was a weekend thing on a NPR station. The New York Times had a 50,000 watt AM powerhouse that featured jazz and American Standards that they leased to Disney Radio 15 years ago.

So I know you have a tough way to go, but I still think if someone knows what they are getting when they tune in you are better off. In your case I don't know what I'm going to get; a bad blues vocal, Earth Wind and Fire and maybe a jazz number.

John Hoffmann

From: Jankowski, Steve [<mailto:stejank@siue.edu>]

Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 2:18 PM

To: John Hoffmann

Subject: RE: good bye

John,

What is happening here is an effort to save the radio station. The jazz format has generated a loyal audience, but thanks to bad decisions by station management in the past, that loyalty never translated into any level of financial assistance. WSIE is now facing a make it or break it situation. The jazz format was so narrow, we couldn't attract businesses or a level of financial support from the community to keep the operation going. We are moving to a brand called "The Sound." We are working to construct a format which capitalizes on the jazz music which had been a mainstay for years while blending other genres which play well with others. That involves the smooth jazz, blues & R&B. We tweak the music each day.

The bottom line for me is keeping this radio station on the air. If someone would walk in here this afternoon and say they'd write a check for \$150,000.00 a year if we went back to jazz, I would do that in a heartbeat. Sadly, history has shown me the likelihood of that happening is slim and none.

So, we will do what we can to minimize the alienation of our long time listeners while maximizing the attraction of new listeners. Thanks for being there through the years.

Steve

FEWER PLACES FOR MUSIC: For years the restaurant Il Bel lago at 11631 Olive Blvd. had music on the weekends. The Charley B Trio used to be there monthly and more recently it was Anita Rosamond and Trio Monaco appearing there regularly. At the end of June Il Bel Lago announced they were discontinuing music entertainment.



Trio Monaco



Anita Rosamond and friends at Il Bellago

Two weeks ago Natalie's on Lindell after booking music groups for all of 2017 announced they were closing.



The finale at the Finale nightclub in the old Clayton on the Park Hotel was sad. Contemporary Products and Steve Shankman's Finale was a great local spot that featured both local and national entertainers at reasonable prices. It closed on New Year's Eve 2008 with the Wild Cool and Swinging Orchestra. A group that still performs at the Old Webster Jazz Festival every two years, but a group Chesterfield won't book for the amphitheater.



The Danielle Hotel used to have live music in the lobby. The Ritz-Carlton still has music but is squeezing nickels. No longer larger groups such as Wild Cool and Swinging, Fantasy and Arvell Keithly's band.

Then there was Cookies in Webster Groves, owned by former Kirkwood lawyer and Kirkwood Municipal Judge Harold Whitfield and run by his wife Cookie. Local groups performed there sometimes to a full house and on some nights to just a few tables. That space is now a Wine and Paint business.



The last time there was live music at Smitty's on Clayton Road was last Thanksgiving weekend when Anita Rosamond performed there.

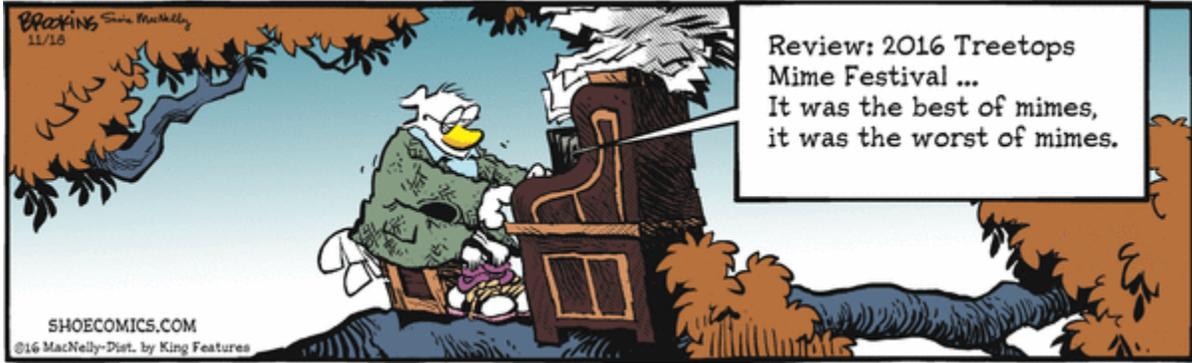


This is a full house at a post Turkey Day performance by Anita at Smitty's.

Anita is not a Smitty's on the Saturday after Thanksgiving this year. Instead she will be at Fredericks in Bridgeton. She is also appearing regularly at the Parkside Grill on Clayton Road in Wildwood.

COMICS:







Elise nails yet another online date who lied about his height in his profile.



"This clog is much more severe than I thought, Mrs. Radley."

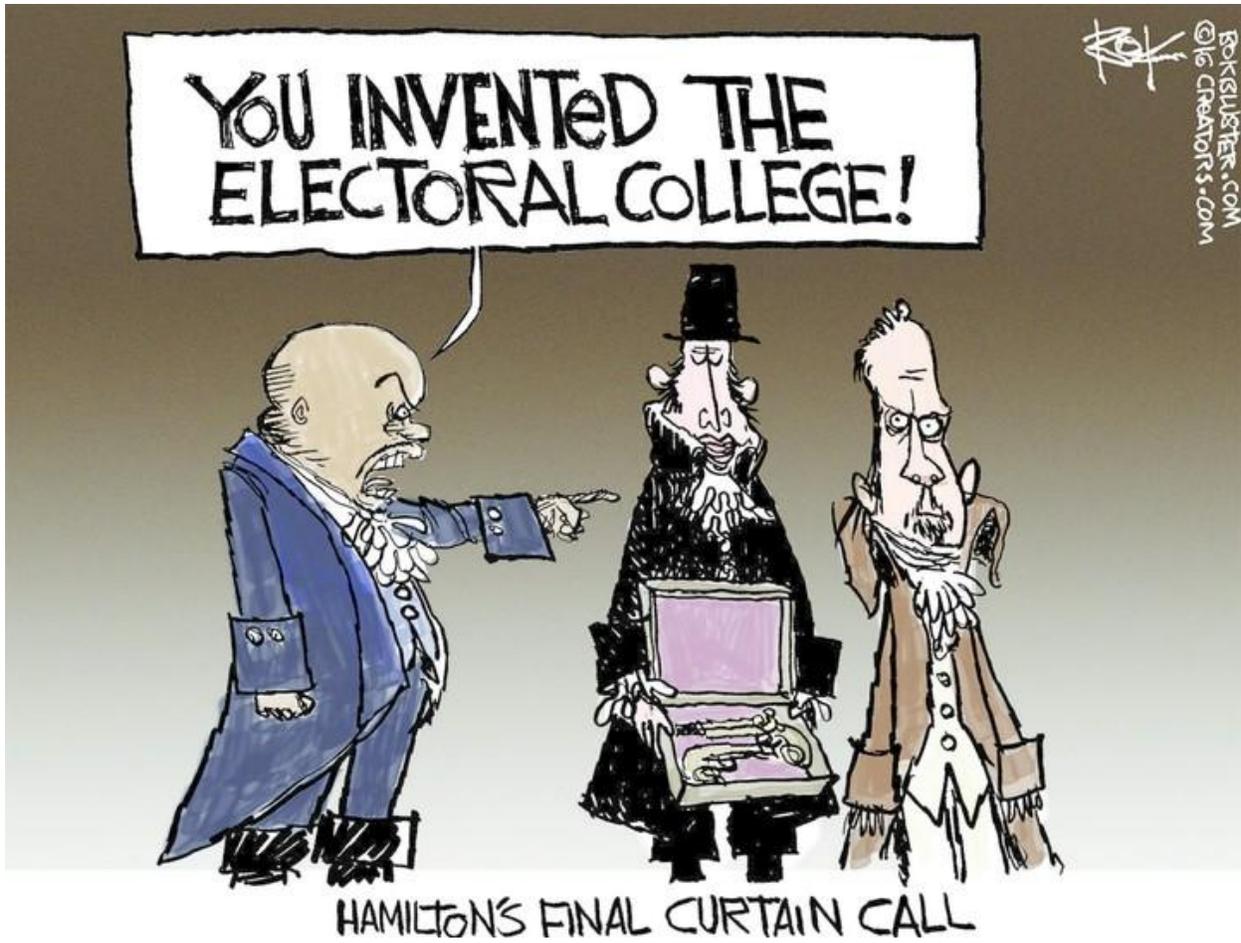
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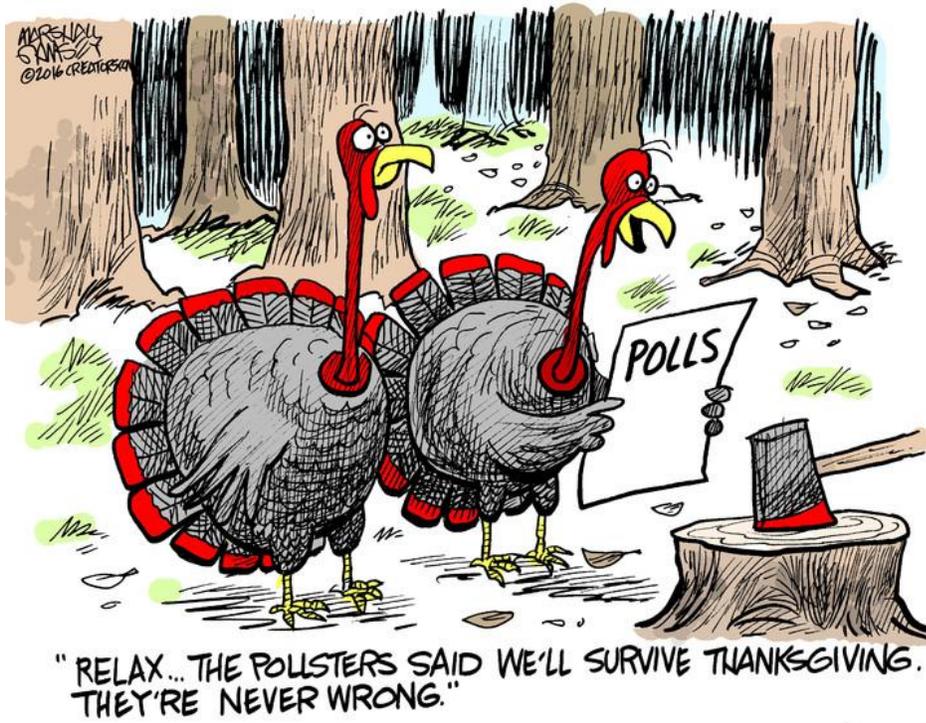
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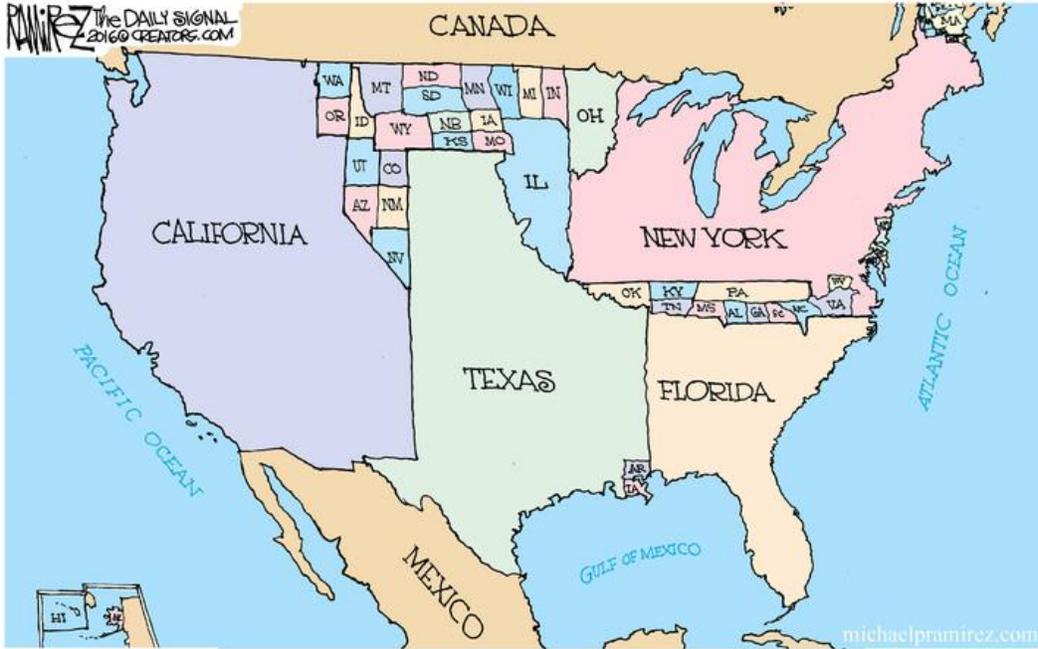
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