

## EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 299 AND CHESTERFIELD 244



**October 16, 2017**

**TOWN AND COUNTRY WARD-4 ALDERWOMAN LINDA RALLO ANNOUNCES SHE WILL NOT RUN FOR REELECTION:** Linda Rallo defeated Phil Behnen in 2014 when Phil voted for rezoning land from residential to major educational so Maryville University could move sport fields and a garage to Conway Road. The measure passed but people living on Conway Road near Maryville vowed to unseat Behnen and they did by electing Linda Rallo.

She pissed off the same people who elected her by endorsing Fred Meyland-Smith, the gasbag, in 2015, who over the years has repeatedly shown he does not believe in fundamental constitutional rights. They were upset that Meyland-Smith voted for the rezoning like Benigas did and also lectured them when they spoke at aldermanic meetings. However, Rallo ran unopposed in 2016. It can be hard to find people to run for office from Ward-4 where some of the wealthiest people in a wealthy city live.

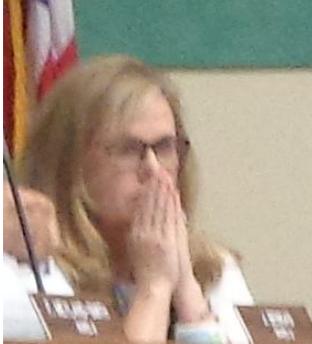
Linda wrote that she is retiring, but I don't believe there are any retirement benefits for a 2-term alderperson. Here is part of an email Linda sent out on Tuesday October 10:

### **Ward IV Update - Fall 2017**

Dear Friends:

Last night I informed my colleagues on the Board of Alderman that I have decided to retire as your Ward IV alderman and won't run again next year. My reason for this early announcement was to give folks enough time to find a replacement. Filing for office usually opens the week before Christmas and the election is in April.

Rallo, who like Mayor Dalton is lobbyist in Jefferson City, but lobbies for Alliance for Childhood Education, a group where she is vice president. They routinely have meetings in Jefferson City on Mondays that conflict with Board of Aldermen meetings. Dalton meanwhile lobbies for companies doing business in Town and Country.



Linda Rallo before the start of the Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> aldermanic meeting.

**WALKERS LOOK OUT FOR A CAR HEADED IN YOUR DIRECTION!** Town and Country paved on and off ramps on Clayton Road to overflow parking at the Longview Farm Park. This was done 10 days before the City's Fall Festival.



The entrance to the field for overflow parking is to the west. The exit is the dicey part to the east. Events at Longview, especially the Fall Festival feature plenty of pedestrians, kids on wagons, strollers and small bikes using the extra wide sidewalk to reach or leave Longview Park. Now the City has made that trip a little more interesting and exciting, as traffic wanting to exit will need to drive on the sidewalk to the exit point. The

same sidewalk being used by kids on bikes, parents pulling kids in wagons and regular walkers will also be used by cars, SUVs and pickup trucks.

Here is a statement from Anne Nixon about the project and use of the sidewalk (Anne calls it a trail):

The Longview field entrance/exit comes out of the Parks and Stormwater fund under our maintenance contract with T-Hill. The total for the project is not to exceed \$12,000. It is a one way in and a one way out. The project also addresses drainage issues in that area. This entrance/exit will be used for event overflow parking and staffed, typically by a police officer. It will be closed with ballasts the rest of the time. I am not taking down any fence at this time. Cars will drive on the trail for a short distance and follow the same path they have previously for events.

Anne

**FALL FESTIVAL HOURS: WHAT WERE A PERFECT TIMES IN 2009 ARE NOW IGNORED.** When I was an alderman the Fall Festival was held at Longview Park from 9am to 12 noon. Parents of young children said it was the perfect time. The kids were wide awake. They had just finished breakfast. They were interested in the different activities. Park Commission chair Lynn Wright and Parks Director Anne Nixon took credit for this. But here eight years later that was apparently not any good.



Yes now the Fall Festival is between 4 pm and 7pm. This is when kids can be tired and hungry with dinner time usually between 5 and 6:30. The best part of this time is that the last hour is at DUSK and then in the DARK as sunset is at 6:24. It will make it more

interesting trying to share a portion of the sidewalk with vehicles exiting the overflow parking areas.

The later hours would be perfect if they still had the Plein Air Painting Contest with a reception at the Longview Farmhouse, but the Arts Commission cancelled its top event earlier this year.

**New This Year: The City also added craft beer to be sold on tap.** What a great idea, have small kids and booze for the parents. Overflow parking on a non-lighted field with part of the event being held in the dark! Have people with a couple beers in them driving in the dark and then down a sidewalk shared with walkers to exit.



**THE MAYOR CLAIMS TO BE BREAKING GROUND FOR THE TOWN SQUARE IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:** In the city's 3-time a year newsletter, The Town and Country Times, mailed to every home in Town and Country, Mayor Jon Dalton claimed construction should start as early as this fall. Here is what he is alleged to have written:

Together the Board and staff are currently negotiating a development agreement with Brinkmann Constructors and work should begin as early as this Fall. The Ways and Means Commission considered the funding of the project at their August meeting, and the Board of Aldermen agreed with their recommendation through an informal vote.

At the time of this newsletter there will be 66 days left in Fall of 2017. Do you think we will see bulldozers and guys in hard hats on the site by December 20 (the last day of fall)? I doubt it. Maybe ground breaking will be with snow shovels or during April showers circa 2018.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR & ACTING POLICE CHIEF SPENDING \$120 FOR PANTS:**

I'm all for Gary Hoelzer being the next police chief in Town and Country. I just have a problem with him being City Administrator and Acting Police Chief or both fulltime police chief and city administrator. It is a conflict of interest and is possibly illegal in Missouri.

Mayor Jon Dalton since June has done nothing to fill the position of Police Chief. However since August 1 he has had Gary Hoelzer as both City Administrator and Acting Police Chief. Last week we showed a letterhead that proclaimed Gary Hoelzer was Police Chief, however he had not been appointed to the position or approved by the aldermen. I think Gary would make a great police chief. But no one should be chief and city administrator at the same time.

This week we noticed on the Warrant List that \$126 was spent under "police uniform" for Hoelzer. Gary told us the expenditure two new uniform trousers.

**Then there is the \$250** to pre-registered Hoelzer to a Missouri Police Chief Conference and seminar in December that would give him enough credits to renew is Police Officer Standards & Training (POST) license with Missouri.

Ald. Lindsey Butler asked about the \$250 at the work session meeting on October 9. Hoelzer said he needed the credits to keep his police license and if he wasn't hired as the full time police chief whoever was could use the registration.



At 10:30 am Gary is in his police uniform and at 7 pm he is in his city administrator duds

**MAYOR FAILS TO SHOW FOR THE TWO ALDERMANDIC MEETINGS ON MONDAY NIGHT.** Mayor Jon Dalton was a no-show both at the Monday October 9 work session meeting that started at 6:30 and the regular Board of Aldermen meeting that began at 7

pm. Aldermanic president Skip Mange said Dalton was running 10 minutes late when he started the work session meeting at 6:30 that was over in 10 minutes.

Dalton was still a no-show at the regular 7 o'clock meeting, that lasted 12 minutes. It would have been 9 minutes but Barbara Ann Hughes had to talk about deer as the only citizen with any comments. About three minutes after the meeting had ended Dalton showed up. The Board of Aldermen were going into closed super secret session about the Town Square, a topic that Dalton started by buying the land for the Town Square fiasco then asking for approval. Of course Dalton claims there is a possible conflict of interest with this law firm, Armstrong-Teasdale, having done work for or against current developer Bob Brinkman, so he recused himself and does not attend meetings dealing with contracts or negotiations.



Skip Mange in the mayor's seat for the AWOL Jon Dalton.

**AFTER THE ATTACK BY FRED (I don't believe in people's Constitutional Rights if they piss me off) MEYLAND-SMITH; THE DYNAMIC DUO HAD LARGEST CROWD EVER FOR THEIR MONTHLY WARD-2 FORUM.** We reported how last month Fred Meyland-Smith, the official windbag of the board of aldermen, was upset that Alderwomen Tiffany Frautschi and Lindsey Butler were holding monthly meetings with residents and have city staffers speak on specific topics for 30-minutes taking away from their duties at City Hall. He further criticized them for discussing city wide issues that he said should be discussed only before the full board of aldermen.

We used to claim that Fred was a decibel of King George III by not wanting Americans to have rights spelled out in the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights. Now he appears to be much more closely aligned with Joseph Stalin, believing that people don't have rights, only government (of the Fred Party) has rights.

At the same Aldermanic work session meeting Ald. Lynn Wright bitched about the meetings saying how they make the other alderpersons "look bad."



Once we wrote about it and others got the word out there were a lot of people pissed about this.

The monthly forums frankly are not well attended. The normal crowd is between nine and 12 people, most being retired. On Monday October 9, the center meeting room was overfilled with over 30 people being present and the majority were younger moms. All the seats were taken.



This was just part of the crowd at the forum.

People at the forum thanked Lindsey and Tiffany for holding them. They asked which alderpersons complained so they could complain directly. Frautschi hem-hawed around, until I shouted out the answer.

At the last Board of Aldermen meeting Pete Eggebrecht of Clayton Road and Holly Even of Mason Valley Road spoke in favor of Lindsey and Tiffany's work. Eggebrecht was at the Monday morning forum and said others should go to the aldermanic meetings and say what they think. At the end of the meeting even more people from the audience thanked the two.

Lindsey Butler mentioned if I thought the comments were in favor of them I should see what people posted on Facebook. I tried to. But each of the facebook accounts of the alderwomen are not public and I am apparently not good enough to be anyone's friend.

The speaker at the meeting was the West county EMS Fire Chief Jeff Sadtler. However, Gary Hoelzer was there in his police uniform apparently voluntarily showing up despite Fred Meyland-Smith's complaint of staffs' time being wasted at the event.

**DEER REPORT:**



This is a windshield shot pulling out of the driveway of five from the herd that lives across the street from me.

The vehicle versus deer numbers in Town and Country were remarkably low for September with just three incidents compared to seven for September 2016. However the overall numbers are still up 12-percent; 40 in 2016 v 51 for 2017.

Year	Vehicle	September	Accidents	Location
49	V	4	0530	Mason south of Clayton
50	V	7	2114	IS 270 @ IS 64
51	V	29	1752	Ladue east of MO 141



2017 Town and Country Deer Accident Locations through September 51

I-64 **6** (Wards 1, 2, 3, 4)  
 I-270 **5** (Ward 1)  
 Barn Ridge **1** (Ward 1)  
 Municipal Center Drive **1** (Ward 1)  
 Des Peres Road **1** (Ward 1)  
 Topping Road **3** (Wards 1 & 2)  
 S. Mason Road Clayton Road to South City Limits **5** (Ward 2)  
 Clayton Road Mason to Bopp **10** (Ward 1 & Ward 2)  
 Clayton Road Mason to Woods Mill **1** (Ward 3 & Ward 4)  
 Park Place **1** (Ward 2)  
 Fairfield Oaks Drive **2** (Ward 3)  
 Highway 141 **11** (Wards 3 & 4)  
 Conway Road **2** (Ward 4)  
 Woods Mill Road **1** (Ward 3 & 4)  
 Ladue Road **1** (Ward 4)

**CHESTERFIELD:** Remember, the Chesterfield Police do not keep accurate deer-vehicle crash information. They only maintain records of calls received involving deer and not dead deer observed by officers on the side of the road.



## Chesterfield Police Department DEER RELATED INCIDENTS



**September 1<sup>ST</sup> TO September 30<sup>th</sup> 2017**

REPORTED INCIDENTS

SECTOR	DAY / DATE	TIME	LOCATION	DEER DISPATCHED	PROPERTY DAMAGED	REPORT NUMBER	NOTES
1	Monday 09/04/2017	1010	308 Strawbridge	Y	None Reported	17-4368	Deer found injured in backyard.
1	Wednesday 09/06/2017	0735	MO 141 & Ladue	N	Heavy front end damage to vehicle requiring tow. Minor hand injury to driver	17-4394	Deer deceased on scene.

**MONTHLY TOTALS**

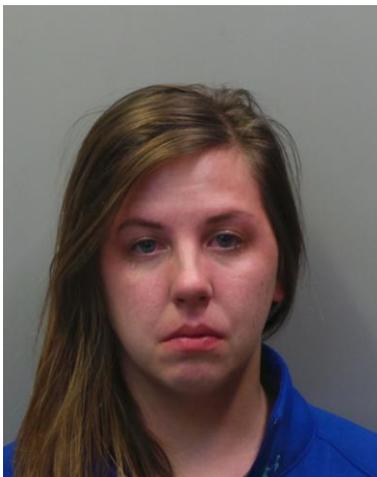
<b>MONTH</b>	<b>VEHICLE COLLISIONS</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
October 2016	13	3
November 2016	16	2
December 2016	7	0
January 2017	0	2
February 2017	1	1
March 2017	0	2
April 2017	2	0
May 2017	2	2
June 2017	1	1
July 2017	1	0
August 2017	0	3
September 2017	1	1

**24-YEAR-OLD FROM JEFFERSON COUNTY SPEEDING AND JUST OVER THE DWI LIMIT:** On Monday night into Tuesday morning at 12:33 AM Nicole Phegley, 24, of Brynes Mill was driving south on Hwy 141 at the same time Officer Yaakub was running radar. Her red Dodge Avenger was clocked at 65 MPH in the 50 MPH zone.

After pulling her over Officer Yaakub immediately noticed the usual signs of intoxication, smell of booze on the breath, blood shot eyes and slurred speech.

After passing some sobriety tests and failing others, Phegley refused to take a field breath test. She was then arrested for DWI and transported to the police station. There she agreed to take an official breath test. The results were .087% BAC. The legal limit is anything under .08.

She agreed to be interviewed and stated that she had just one 8-oz drink at YA-YA's in Chesterfield. I have to say she does appear to be drunk in her mug shot.



**OUTCOME:** On February 16, 2017 Plegley with no priors Pled Guilty to both charges. She was given a 2-year NO-Fine, NO-Record, NO-Points SIS probation on the DWI and was fined \$225 with 2-points for Speeding. Unlike cases in Chesterfield, Plegley did end up with 2-points on her driving record from the Town and Country case.

**TOWN AND COUNTRY OFFICERS CATCHES DRUNK DRIVER IN CHESTERFIELD:**

On Monday night into Tuesday morning June 14, 2016 Town and Country Officer Beck had just checked the westbound lanes of I-64 in Town and Country and was going to exit at Timberlake Manor in Chesterfield and either check the east bound lanes or come back on the South Forty Outer Road and check businesses.

However his attention was diverted when he saw a red 1999 Pontiac Gran Prix driving on the shoulder of I-64 at a high rate of speed. He watched as the driver swerved back onto the road at which time he turned on his radar and clocked the car doing 85 MPH in the 60 MPH Limit Zone.

Officer Beck got the car stopped on WB I-64 at Chesterfield Parkway West where he contacted the driver Shelby Hoermann, 19, of Florissant. Hoermann showed the usual signs of being a drunk driver, slurred speech, smell of booze on the breath, unsure balance and glassy eyes. She passed some field tests but failed others and failed a field breath test. There was an open bottle of rum on the front floor board and she admitted having two rum and cokes earlier. She was arrested for DWI, Improper lane Use and Speeding.



Shelby Hoermann

At the police station she refused to take an official Breath Test.  
 Here is some of Hoermann's record that we could find.

02/27/17	Driving While Revoked No Proof of Insurance Arrest Warrants issued for Fail to Appear	Florissant PD
11/03/16	No Brake Lights Driving While Revoked Arrest warrants Issued for Failure to Appear	Florissant PD
09/03/16	Driving While Revoked Possession of Narcotic Paraphernalia 11/21/16 Arrest Warrant Failure to Appear	Missouri Highway Patrol
06/14/16	DWI, Speeding, Imp Lane Use	Town and Country PD
05/29/16	Speeding 16-19 MPH over	Vinita Park PD
04/25/16	Speeding 16-19 MPH over limit in school zone 06/07/16 Pled Guilty \$167 fine	St. Ann PD
03/21/16	No Valid Operator's License No Proof of Insurance Arrest Warrants issued Fail to Appear	Florissant PD
02/18/15	Disobeyed Stop Sign No Valid License Arrest Warrant Issued Failure to Appear	Florissant PD

**OUTCOME :** Since Officer Becker didn't see Hoermann driving in Town and Country he filed the charges in State Court in Clayton. On May 7, 2017 Hoermann Pled Guilty before Judge Rob Heggie, the former city attorney of Chesterfield, who broke the Missouri Open Records law for years by hiding public documents at his law office. She was placed on a 2-year NO-FINE, NO-Points, No-Public Record probation. The Improper Lane Charge for driving at about 75 MPH on the shoulder was amended to Illegal Parking. She was fined \$50. However, Hoermann pled guilty to the 85 MPH in a 60 Zone speeding charge and was fined \$250.

**UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 244**



**October 16, 2017**

**LEAVE THE NEW BUILDING AND GO BACK TO THE OLD BUILDING:**

**After** 3-weeks Chesterfield finance director Joan Jandali decided to bolt Chesterfield, where the pay was more, the office was bigger and she was closer to her home in St. Charles and go back to her job in Webster Groves.



Modern Chesterfield City Hall



Old Webster Groves City Hall

This is from the Webster-Kirkwood Times:



Webster-Kirkwood Times ► News ►

**WG's Jadali Returns**

by Mary Shapiro

October 06, 2017

Joan Jadali is returning to her post as assistant city manager and director of finance and administration for the city of Webster Groves effective Oct. 9.

She left the city's employ on Sept. 1 to become Chesterfield's new finance director effective Sept. 5. She had been with Webster for 10-and-a-half years.

"Joan's fit with our city seems to be ideal for her," Webster Groves Mayor Gerry Welch said.

**AT LAST SOMEONE IS ARRESTED FOR STEALING AT THE SUNGLASS HUT:**

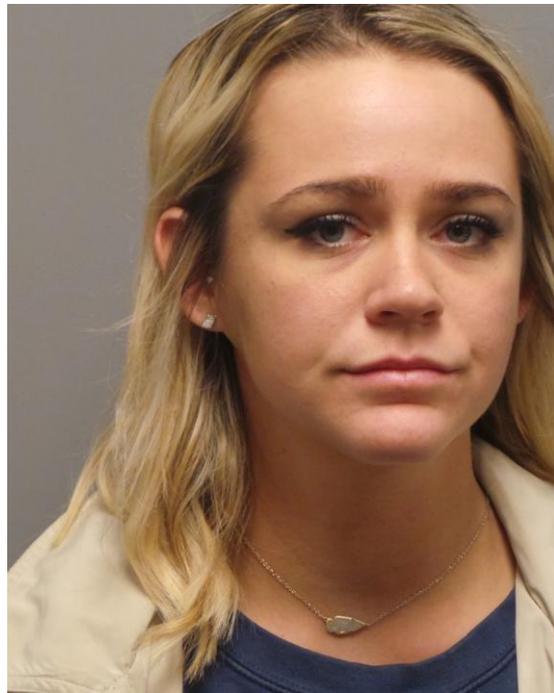
Week after week the Chesterfield Police Blotter shows thefts from the Sunglass Hut at either Chesterfield Mall or more likely the Premium Outlets Mall. So it was nice to see that on December 22, 2016 at about 11:30 someone got caught. In fact two were arrested in connection with a theft of a pair of sunglasses and numerous other thefts in the mall.

Just three days before Christmas the Chesterfield Police had three officers on a plain clothes detail working at the outlet mall. After being contacted by the Sunglass Hut about a \$175 theft, Mall Security called a cell phone of the officers. (Do you remember when sunglasses sold for \$5 on a swivel rack at Katz Drug Stores?)

The officers quickly found the suspects still in the mall but heading toward an exit to a parking lot. They contacted Ashley Hahn, 21, of Ellisville and Taylor Bozich, 21, of Eureka at the time of her arrest.



Ashley Hahn



Taylor Bozich

The women were asked if they had a pair of sunglasses just stolen from the Sunglass hut. This is from the police report:

Bozich reached into her purse and produced the pair of Rayban Sunglasses that were reported stolen from Sunglass Hut. Bozich apologized for taking the glasses. I then asked both subjects if they had any other items from any other stores that were not paid for, at which point Hahn stated to me "everything we have is not paid for".

Even the large handbag that was hiding all the rest of the morning's loot had been stolen. Here is a list of the stolen items recovered:

Express tank Top-White Size M UPC 70224609 \$24.95  
Express Yoga Pant-Grey Size XS UPC 70125795 \$36.95  
Express Yoga Pant-green Size XS UPC 70219449 \$36.95  
Express Shirt-Tan Size M UPC 70234110 \$24.95  
Express Shirt-White Size S UPC 70234204 \$24.95  
Express Shirt-Black Size S UPC 70200034 \$34.95  
Kate Spade Purse-White UPC 9868701460 \$199.00  
Kate Spade Purse-Black UPC 9868998277 \$199.00  
Kate Spade Earrings-Clear UPC 9868650663 \$38.00  
Kate Spade Earrings-Black UPC 9868662765 \$58.00  
Fossil Bracelet-Tan UPC 9648329939 \$48.00  
Fossil Wristlet-Tan UPC 796483235038 \$38.00  
Fossil Key Chain/Charm UPC 723764506266 \$38.00  
Fossil Bracelet-Gold UPC 9648325154 \$58.00  
Boots-Tan famous Footwear Brand Unknown price or UPC  
Rayban Sunglasses UPC 9019C25814  
Express Tank Top-White Size M UPC 70224609 \$24.95  
Express Shirt-Champagne Size M UPC 70234217 \$24.95  
Top Shelf Shirt-White Size 4 UPC 5045433804271 \$40.00

Top Shelf tank Top-Green UPC 5045435791432 \$30.00  
Kate Spade Purse-White UPC 9868701460 \$199.00  
Kate Spade Purse-Black UPC 9868997034 \$229.99  
Victoria's Secret Underwear-Pink Size XS \$14.50  
Victoria's Secret Underwear-Teal Size XS \$14.50  
Victoria's Secret Underwear-Black Size XS \$14.50  
Nordstrom Sweater-Grey Size XS UPC 3903162443 \$68.00  
Nordstrom Necklace-Gold UPC 3904707121 \$248.00  
Estee lauder Night Cream UPC 2713126463 \$19.99  
Lancôme Bi-Facial Cream UPC 605533325117 \$17.99

The Sunglass Hut had a video recording of the original theft.

The two women were charged with Stealing, Possession of Stolen Property and Possession of Theft Devices even through the theft devices were never explained or identified in the police report.

**OUTCOME:** On May 13, 2017 the Possession of Stolen Property Charge and the Possession of a Theft device charges against **Ashley Hahn** were reduced to "Littering" with a \$326.50 fine on each count. The theft charge was dropped as the Sunglass Hut Video showed that Bozich stole the sunglasses.

On June 16, 2017 **Taylor Bozich** got a similar sweet deal from Chesterfield prosecutor Tim "Never Actually Go To Trial" Engelmeyer despite a video showing her stealing the sunglasses plus her and Hahn being in possession of well over \$1,000 in stolen property. She pled guilty to three counts of "Littering" with two fines of \$326.50 and one fine of \$225.50 for possession of the unknown theft device.

With all the thefts at the Sunglass Hut, wouldn't it have been nice to get an actual conviction for "Stealing." That is not something Tim Engelmeyer is likely to ever do.

Apparently when Hahn isn't looting a shopping center at Christmas time she likes to spend time in the sun or in a tanning salon. These photos are from her facebook page:



Bozich's online photos appear to be of a normal human being.

**FOLLOW UP TO ASSAULTS ON OFFICERS LAST WEEK:** We were taken by surprise last week with a number of assaults on police officers in the weekly Chesterfield Police Blotter. Here are two follow ups:

9/30/2017, 1801	18XXX OUTLET BLVD	St. Louis Premium Outlet	Assault Aggravated - With
9/30/2017, 1801		Mall	Other Weapon
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 42 yo male pushed and drove vehicle at police officer after suspicious person investigation. subject apprehended a short time later and was also in possession of marijuana.			

Donnell Shaw, age 42, resides St. Louis, arrested 9/30/17 at 6:50PM I/64 near Chf Pkwy E., for Assault 2<sup>nd</sup> LEO, Possession Marijuana. Pending warrant application for state charges. Occurred Premium Outlets.



Donnell Shaw

Donnell used to live in Berkley. Here is part of his arrest record that we could find

01/11/96	Felony Stealing	1 year Jail	Richmond Heights
08/13/98	1) Armed Robbery 2) Armed Crim Action	15 yrs prison	St. Louis CO PD
02/11/12	1) Felony Stealing Over \$500 2) Illegal use of Credit Card	4 years prison	Brentwood PD
10/14/14	Receiving Stolen Property	Prison 5-yrs Early Release	St. Peters PD
09/30/17	1) Assault of Law Enf Officer 2) Poss of Marij	Pending	Chesterfield PD

**ASSAULTING A POLICE OFFICER**

09/30/2017, 2130	4XX THF BLVD	Galaxy Theatre	Assault Common - Actual Assault
09/30/2017, 2130			
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 26 yo male with mental illness and was intoxicated assaulted off duty police officer in movie theatre. Minor injuries to both officer and suspect.			

**Race Munger, age 26, resides in Chesterfield,** arrested 9/30/17 at 10:17 PM, 460 THF for Assault LEO, Peace Disturbance, Trespassing and Resisting Arrest. Municipal Court.

Munger apparently was disturbing movie goers in the theater. The Chesterfield officer working off duty as security at the movie theater removed him from the theater only to be assaulted in the lobby.



This is blurry security video of the officer attempting to control the suspect and the suspect pulling the officer to the floor. Movie goes then went to assist the officer.

This is what I could find of Munger's record:

11/01/15 Stealing PG 24 month probation term

Ellisville PD



**CHESTERFIELD POLICE BLOTTER:** The Chesterfield police officer who handles putting together the weekly police blotter is taking some vacation time this week, so we are getting a 5-day blotter. Next week we should get 9-days worth of activity.



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## CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT Sub Media Report October 4, 2017 - October 9, 2017

<a href="#">Time of Occurrence</a>	<a href="#">Generic Address</a>	<a href="#">Business/Location Name</a>	<a href="#">Incident Type</a>
10/08/2017, 0220 10/08/2017, 0220	BAXTER RD & MANOR KNOLL DR		Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 26 yo male in possession of marijuana after being stopped for DWI.			
10/08/2017, 1448 10/08/2017, 1448	1XX THF BLVD	Walmart	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 20 yo male put groceries in shopping cart and walked out of store without paying.			
10/08/2017, 1638 10/08/2017, 1638	I64 HWY W & OLIVE		Ordinance Violation Soliciting w/o permit
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 38 yo male soliciting for money at intersection after previously being warned to leave.			
10/07/2017, 1030 10/07/2017, 1130	1XX HILLTOWN VILLAGE CTR	Subway	Property Damage to Vehicle
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject keyed victim's vehicle as it was parked in parking lot.			
10/07/2017, 0048 10/07/2017, 0048	CLARKSON & CLARKSON FARMS	Clarkson Valley	Drugs Possession - Felony
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 32 yo male in possession of amphetamines and marijuana after being stopped for a traffic violation.			
10/06/2017, 2000 10/06/2017, 2040	18XXX OUTLET BLVD	Zumiez	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subjects concealed clothing and left store without paying.			
10/06/2017, 0228 10/06/2017, 0300	4XX FORSHEER DR		Stolen Vehicle Automobile
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took victim's vehicle after it was left unlocked with keys inside while parked in driveway.			
10/06/2017, 0000 10/06/2017, 1000	6XX PACKFORD DR		Larceny under \$750 from Auto
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle and took loose change.			
10/01/2017, 1800 10/02/2017, 1800	6XX PACKFORD DR		Larceny Over \$750 Residence
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took jewelry from victim's residence.			

10/06/2017, 1309 10/06/2017, 1309	1XX THF BLVD	Walmart	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 33 and 22 yo females placed groceries in cart and walked out of store without paying.			
10/05/2017, 0114 10/05/2017, 0114	4 MCBRIDE AND SON CENTER DR	IHOP	Drugs Possession - Felony
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 23 yo male in possession of unknown controlled substance after suspicious person investigation.			
10/04/2017, 1845 10/05/2017, 0602	14XXX COUNTRY RIDGE DR		Larceny Over \$750 From Auto
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle and took a laptop computer.			
10/05/2017, 0915 10/05/2017, 0930	19XX WILLOW LAKE DR		Drugs Possession - Felony
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 22 yo male in possession of marijuana paraphernalia and unknown prescription medication after overdose investigation.			
10/05/2017, 1109 10/05/2017, 1109	18XXX OUTLET BLVD	Calvin Klein	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 19 yo male concealed clothing and left store without paying.			
10/04/2017, 1130 10/05/2017, 0800	12XX BLUFFVIEW RIDGE DR		Fraud Credit Card
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject used victim's debit card to make purchases.			
10/05/2017, 1340 10/05/2017, 1340	6XX W CHESTERFIELD PKY	Chesterfield Police Department	Harassment/Threat Computer - Email
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 52 yo female sent harassing Facebook post through Police Department Facebook page.			
10/05/2017, 1333 10/05/2017, 1346	1XX THF BLVD	Sam's	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 40 yo male concealed alcohol and left store without paying.			
08/04/2017, 0330 08/04/2017, 0330	14XXX CLAYTON RD	Domino's	Larceny under \$750 Employer
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 27 yo male took cash deposit from employer.			
10/04/2017, 0830 10/05/2017, 1500	17XXX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD	Adorn Salon	Property Damage to Vehicle
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject keyed victim's vehicle.			
10/05/2017, 1950 10/05/2017, 2000	6X THF BLVD	Dick's Sporting Goods	Larceny Over \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subjects took gym bags and clothing and ran out of store without paying.			
09/28/2017, 0900 10/02/2017, 0900	19XX FALLING TREE CT		Fraud Checks
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject sent victim fraudulent checks in an attempt to have him send gift cards in return.			
09/25/2017, 0800 09/26/2017, 1700	24XX BROADMONT DR		Larceny Over \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took jewelry from residence.			
10/03/2017, 1700 10/04/2017, 0745	15XXX ARDMORE CREEK DR		Larceny under \$750 Residence
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took battery chargers from apartment community garage.			

10/04/2017, 0100 10/04/2017, 1400	13XX WESTMEADE DR		Stolen Vehicle Automobile
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took victim's vehicle which was parked in apartment parking lot.			
10/04/2017, 1724 10/04/2017, 1724	14XXX OLIVE BLVD	Surrey Place	Larceny under \$750 Person
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took victim's cell phone after it was left unattended in room.			
10/04/2017, 1758 10/04/2017, 1758	18XXX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD	Comfort Inn	Larceny Over \$750 Person
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took jewelry from victim's hotel room.			
10/04/2017, 1831 10/04/2017, 1831	1XX THF BLVD	Sam's	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subjects took alcohol and left store without paying.			
10/04/2017, 2145 10/04/2017, 2145	21XX PARASOL DR		Stolen Vehicle Automobile
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took victim's vehicle which was parked outside her residence.			
10/04/2017, 2145	21XX PARASOL DR		Larceny under \$750 from Auto
10/04/2017, 2145			
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicles and took cash, credit cards, and screwdriver.			
10/04/2017, 2330 10/04/2017, 2330	I64 HWY W & LONG		Recovered Auto Stolen Elsewher Auto
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Stolen auto from other jurisdiction located on side of highway.			
10/04/2017, 2100 10/05/2017, 0045	13XXX LAND O WOODS DR 4		Stolen Vehicle Automobile
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took victim's vehicle which was left unlocked with the keys inside.			

**THIEF TARGETS WALLETS AND CREDIT CARDS FROM LOCAL YMCAs, INCLUDING CHESTERFIELD. All these new thefts occurred after he was convicted of a robbery in Brentwood.**

Demetrius Graves was 18-year-old a week before Christmas in 2016 when he robbed a person who had advertised on Craigslist wanting to buy a cell phone. Here are the details:

DEMETRIUS GRAVES 2111 BELLEVUE AVE APT G SAINT LOUIS, MO 63143  <b>Aliases:</b>  <b>Defendant</b>	<b>44TH</b>	RACE: Black SEX: Male DOB: 07/09/1998 HGT: 5'10" WGT: 185lbs. P.D.: Brentwood ORI Number: MO0950900  <i>Bond \$:</i>
<b>CHARGES</b>		
Count: 01 ROBBERY 2ND DEGREE - CLASS B FELONY		
Count: 02 FRAUDULENT USE OF A CREDIT OR DEBIT DEVICE (VALUE LESS THAN \$		

**COUNT: 01 ROBBERY 2ND DEGREE - CLASS B FELONY**

That Demetrius Graves , in violation of Section 569.030, RSMo, committed the class B felony of robbery in the second degree, punishable upon conviction under Section 558.011, RSMo, in that, on or about December 17, 2016 at 71 Van Mark Way, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant forcibly stole U.S. Currency as well as credit cards in the possession of Vadhi Vinod.

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**COUNT: 02 FRAUDULENT USE OF A CREDIT OR DEBIT DEVICE (VALUE LESS THAN \$500) - CLASS A MISDEMEANOR**

That Demetrius Graves , in violation of Section 570.130, RSMo, committed the class A misdemeanor of fraudulent use of a credit device, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011 and 560.016 RSMo, in that on or about December 17, 2016, at 1585 S. Brentwood Blvd, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant used a credit device, namely Citi Visa card, for the purpose of obtaining miscellaneous clothing items, knowing that the device was stolen.

I, Timothy Bone, DSN 0147, Brentwood Police Department, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true. I have probable cause to believe that on December 17, 2016, at 70 Van Mark Way, Demetrius Graves, Black, Male, DOB 07/09/1998, 5'10", 185lbs, committed one or more criminal offense(s).

Count: 01        ROBBERY 2ND DEGREE - CLASS B FELONY

Count: 02        FRAUDULENT USE OF A CREDIT OR DEBIT DEVICE (VALUE  
LESS THAN \$500) - CLASS A MISDEMEANOR

The facts supporting this belief are as follows: The victim set up a meeting with an individual to purchase a cell phone via Craigslist. Once the victim arrived at the location, the seller placed the victim in a headlock and demanded his wallet. Shortly after the victim was robbed, his credit cards were used by the defendant. Defendant was arrested and confessed to robbing the victim and taking the victim's cards and money.

On February 22, 2017 Graves pled guilty to the robbery and credit card fraud and was placed on 5-years probation. Do you think that he learned something from this or slowed down his path to being a career criminal? Well it didn't. A string of felonies would soon follow after his guilty plea and probation sentence.



2016 Mug Shot

**CHESTERFIELD YMCA THEFTS:** On April 22, 2017 late in the afternoon Graves went to the YMCA locker room in Chesterfield and stole the wallet, cash and credit cards of Zhi Wang. He returned to the YMCA lockerroom a month later on May 17 and stole the wallet, cash and credit cards of Charles Haws and went to a Wal Mart store in Bridgeton and purchased items with a credit card belonging to Charles Haw.

DEMETRIUS K. GRAVES 1817 O'FALLON STREET UNIT B SAINT LOUIS, MO 63106  <b>Aliases:</b> Demetrius Graves Demetrius Kortez Graves  <b>Defendant</b>	<h1>42 W</h1>	RACE: Black SEX: Male DOB: 07/09/1998 HGT: 5'10" WGT: 185lbs. P.D.: Chesterfield ORI Number: MO0959
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**CHARGES**

Count: 01 STEALING - CREDIT CARD - CLASS D FELONY  
Count: 02 STEALING - CREDIT CARD - CLASS D FELONY

**COUNT: 01 STEALING - CREDIT CARD - CLASS D FELONY**

That Demetrius Graves, in violation of Section 570.030, RSMo, committed the class D felony of stealing, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.002 and 558.011, RSMo, in that on May 17, 2017 between 4:50 PM and 5:50 PM, at 16464 Burkhardt Place, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant appropriated a wallet containing two American Express credit cards, a Wells Fargo debit card, a Bank of America debit card and a Chase credit card, which property was owned by Charles Haws, and defendant appropriated such property without the consent of Charles Haws and with the purpose to deprive Charles Haws thereof.

**COUNT: 02 STEALING - CREDIT CARD - CLASS D FELONY**

That Demetrius Graves, in violation of Section 570.030, RSMo, committed the class D felony of stealing, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.002 and 558.011, RSMo, in that on April 22, 2017 between 4:15 PM and 5:00 PM, at 16464 Burkhardt Place, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant appropriated a wallet containing two Visa credit cards, which property was owned by Zhi-Qiang Wang, and defendant appropriated such property without the consent of Zhi-Qiang Wang and with the purpose to deprive Zhi-Qiang Wang thereof.

I, Timothy Turntine, DSN 0251, Chesterfield Police Department, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true. I have probable cause to believe that on May 17, 2017, at 16464 Burkhardt Place, Demetrius Graves, Black, Male, DOB 07/09/1998, 5'10", 185lbs, committed one or more criminal offense(s).

Count: 01 STEALING - CREDIT CARD - CLASS D FELONY

Count: 02 STEALING - CREDIT CARD - CLASS D FELONY

The facts supporting this belief are as follows: Victims reported their wallets stolen from the locker room at the YMCA in Chesterfield, approximately one month apart. Victim Haws' credit cards were left at a Wal-Mart store in Bridgeton. Defendant was identified as the man in possession of those cards. He was subsequently arrested and confessed to stealing victims' wallets with the credit cards.



2017 July 5 mug shot

**Maryland Heights YMCA Theft:** On September 14 Graves was charged with stealing a wallet, cash and credit cards from the Maryland Heights YMCA and immediately using the credit card on June 5, 2017.

**Clayton YMCA Theft:** On June 11 he stole another wallet, cash and credit cards, this time at the Clayton YMCA and used a credit card.

**Kirkwood YMCA Thefts:** On July 16, August 2, September 24 and October 7 he stole wallets, cash and credit cards from the Kirkwood YMCA.



August 16 2017 Mug Shot

On October 11, 2017 the County Prosecutor's Office filed a request to revoke his robbery probation and sentence Graves on the December robbery in Brentwood. A hearing to revoke his probation is set for October 27.

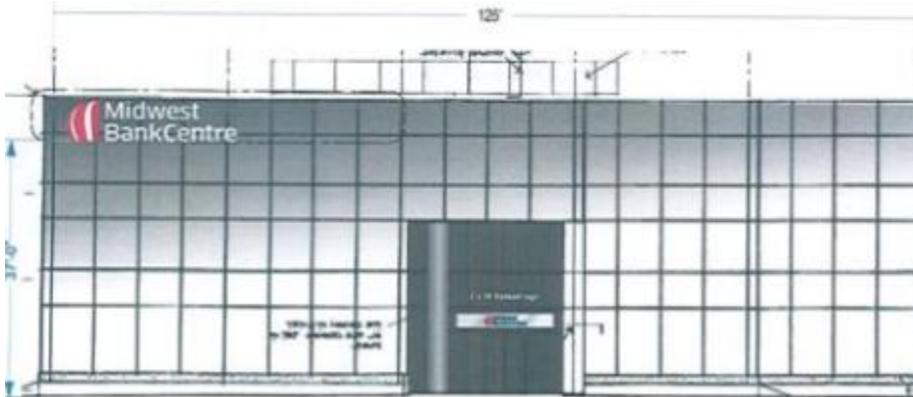
### **PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVES TWO SIGN PROPOSALS AND CONTINUES**

**A THIRD:** Here are the two approved by the Chesterfield Planning Commission on Monday October 9.

**Midwest BankCentre** The over the door sign on the building on the southwest corner of of Clarkson Road and I-64 merely replaces the one of a former tenant. The monument sign in front of the building also replaces a former sign. An electronic message board on the monument sign was denied.



A wall sign was also okay'ed. The former tenant was "The Private Bank."



**DIERBERG STORE ON CLARKSON AT BAXTER:** A sign package for the "Market Place" Dierbergs store on Clarkson Road at Baxter was approved. Dierberg's did not submit illustrations of new signs.

**SURDYKE MOTOR SPORTS:** Surdyke sells off-road 4-W drive ATVs. The business is located on the North Forty Outer Road in Chesterfield Valley. They made a presentation in April requesting to use more of the front lot of their business to store and display ATVs for sale. The proposal was rejected. They submitted a new proposal in August that was presented after staff review on October 9.



Here is part of a May 3, 2017 letter to Gary Surdyke from city planner Cecilia Hernandez expressing concerns with their original proposal:

Mr. Surdyke:

A Public Hearing was held for the project referenced above on April 24, 2017. At that time, several items were discussed as they relate to your ordinance amendment request. The following is a list of items discussed at the Public Hearing which must be addressed in writing prior to being scheduled for a future Planning Commission agenda:

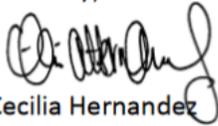
1. Concern was raised regarding the display area(s) in front of the 50' building line and Parking setback. Ensure that no display areas are located within parking setbacks, or provide justification as to why this is appropriate.
2. A request was made for a sight barrier from the Levee Trail.
3. The Commission expressed concern about the type of display proposed. Detail the number of vehicles and/or total square footage of display requested and type of items requested to be displayed.
4. A concern was raised about the length of time that it has taken to pursue compliance.

In addition to these above items, Staff provides the following comments regarding the amendment:

- The display area described as existing has not been previously approved. Please remove the label Existing Display Area and mark and proposed.
- There is a tree located within a proposed display area. Identify the measures that would be taken to ensure there is no impact on the existing trees.
- You previously indicated that the septic system proposed on the last plans had never been installed, however, a note on the latest plan states that the septic system near the rear of the property is currently not in operation. If the system was never installed, remove the note. If the system was installed, show the location on the plan.

A written response to the issues listed in the letter is required. You may contact me at 636-537-4738 or at [chernandez@chesterfield.mo.us](mailto:chernandez@chesterfield.mo.us) if you have any questions or concerns regarding the information in this letter.

Sincerely,



Cecilia Hernandez  
Project Planner

A motion was made and passed on October 9 to reconsider a revised proposal. However that proposal did not pass as the Commission wanted additional questions answered.

**MONARCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVES TAX RATE.** At the last meeting in September the Monarch fire Board approved the 2017 tax rate and it is lower across the board. The problem with the Monarch property tax is that they don't have one tax that covers everything they do. They have separate taxes.

If you own a home in the Monarch FPD your overall **2017** tax which is for general fire service, ambulance service, dispatch and pensions is **\$0.763** per \$100 assessed valuation.

In **2016 the total tax was \$0.805** per \$100 assessed, so it has dropped a little more than 4-cents.

Monarch Tax Rates for businesses also dropped a little over 4-cents from \$.0942 per \$100 assessed valuation in 2016 to \$0.899 in 2017. The one area that did not change was the taxes on personal property (vehicles). Combined that remains at \$0.918.

	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	
	Residential	Residential	Agricultural	Agricultural	Commercial	Commercial	PP	PP	
General Fund	0.42	0.398 -0.022	0.365	0.306 -0.059	0.502	0.479 -0.023	0.53	0.53 0	-0.104
Ambulance Fund	0.264	0.25 -0.014	0.227	0.191 -0.036	0.302	0.288 -0.014	0.33	0.33 0	-0.064
Dispatch Fund	0.042	0.04 -0.002	0.033	0.028 -0.005	0.046	0.044 -0.002	0.048	0.048	-0.009
Pension Fund	0.079	0.075 -0.004	0.069	0.058 -0.011	0.092	0.088 -0.004	0.1	0.1	-0.019

**RESIDENTS STILL DOUBLE TAXED FOR DISPATCHING:** Voters put in a 1-cent sales tax for 9-1-1 services back in 2009. However Monarch residents are still paying a property tax for fire dispatch and a sales tax for 9-1-1 service.

We asked Monarch FPD President Rick Gans if he ever thought the double taxing of residents would end. My position has always been that running police, fire and EMS operations starts with answering the phone and having radio communications. I have always believed that should be in the overall operation budget and not with a separate

tax. Having it as a separate budget will make the general budget artificially low. Rick has disagreed with my opinion over the years.

Director Gans sent me back a very long explanation about how much longer the citizens will be paying two dispatch taxes. If I ran the entire long response I could have to cut some of the cartoons at the end of the newsletter and we don't want to do that. But Rick did lay out some of the expenses over the next seven years.

Monarch is a co-owner of CCE911 which is the largest dispatcher of fire and EMS calls in St. Louis County and parts of Franklin Co. They charge their co-owners more than then they charge departments and districts that merely contract for the service. The co-owners are charged base of assessed valuation. Since Monarch is the most affluent district and have the most expensive homes and commercial property they are charged more than say Maryland Heights per call dispatched. What gets me is that it costs the same to dispatch a call in Chesterfield as it does in Maryland Heights. Here is part of Rick's response:

So let me provide a bigger picture answer:

The savings CCE911 realizes by not having to purchase radios has gone into other capital expenditures, primarily refinancing for the purpose of speeding up the payoff of the CCE911 building in Ellisville. The CCE911 owning entities all pay the "Hancocked" 5 cent rate while we only charge contract entities a 3.5 cent rate (some have just recently come off of a really inexpensive deal of under 2 cents that was designed to incent them to move to CCE911). The CCE911 Board wants to get its owner entities rate down to the same 3.5 cents but we cannot afford to do this while paying off the building debt. The recent refinancing provided CCE911 a better interest rate and a path to a much earlier payoff. When this occurs in the next 5-7 years, we and our co-owners will lower our property tax rate for dispatch to whatever is the prevailing rate being charged to contract entities, which I anticipate will still be around 3.5 cents.

John you and I have always disagreed about how dispatch services are paid and my guess is you have not changed your position as I have not changed mine. This may be another case in which it could be done differently. I am satisfied the approach Monarch and CCE911 take with the two types of 911 and emergency communications taxes are the right way to handle this.

**Rick Gans**  
**Director**

**LARGE CROWD INTERESTED IN FIRE DISTRICT TAX RATES:** At the start of the September 28 Monarch Fire Protection District meeting where the 2017 tax rate was to be voted on, everyone present at the start of the meeting in the audience were four members of the District's staff, plus me behind the camera.



**MONARCH MEETINGS NOW WITH AN OCCASSIONAL LAUGH:** Here is what you get when attending Monarch meetings. Rick Gans normally gives a brief “president’s report.” Next is Jean (pronounced Jean-Ann) Millner asked for a resolution approving minutes from prior open and closed meetings.

Then it is time for the Treasurer’s report. That regularly starts off with a brief history lesson from Director Robin Harris, normally about some date in history from the Revolutionary or Civil War. Harris would announce the bills over \$5,000 and then ask if there were any questions about any of the bills.

That would bring Rick Gans back in the spotlight and he would ask what seemed like endless questions about what this bill was for and what that bill was about; getting an answer from Chief Carey Spiegel or Controller Michelle DePew. 9-times out of 10 Gans knew the answers but he wanted to put on the record that he was a financial watchdog. He recently stopped that on the advice of auditors.

However at the September 28 meeting we got some chuckles with some unexpected banter.

Jean Millner as secretary had to open sealed bids to outfit a room with A/V and IT equipment. She was having trouble opening the first overstuff sealed envelope that

contained several hundreds of pages (The detailed bid and copies). Chief Spiegel pointed out a letter opener for her to use.



“This thing is Circa 1952,” she said of the letter opener. Then she commented that it had a double serrated blade. Millner, who supervises and runs food services for a nursing home next said, “You could filet a fish with this thing.”

The problem with opening sealed bids is finding the actual bid amount. Different vendors put it in different places in the paper work. Few put it on the cover sheet.

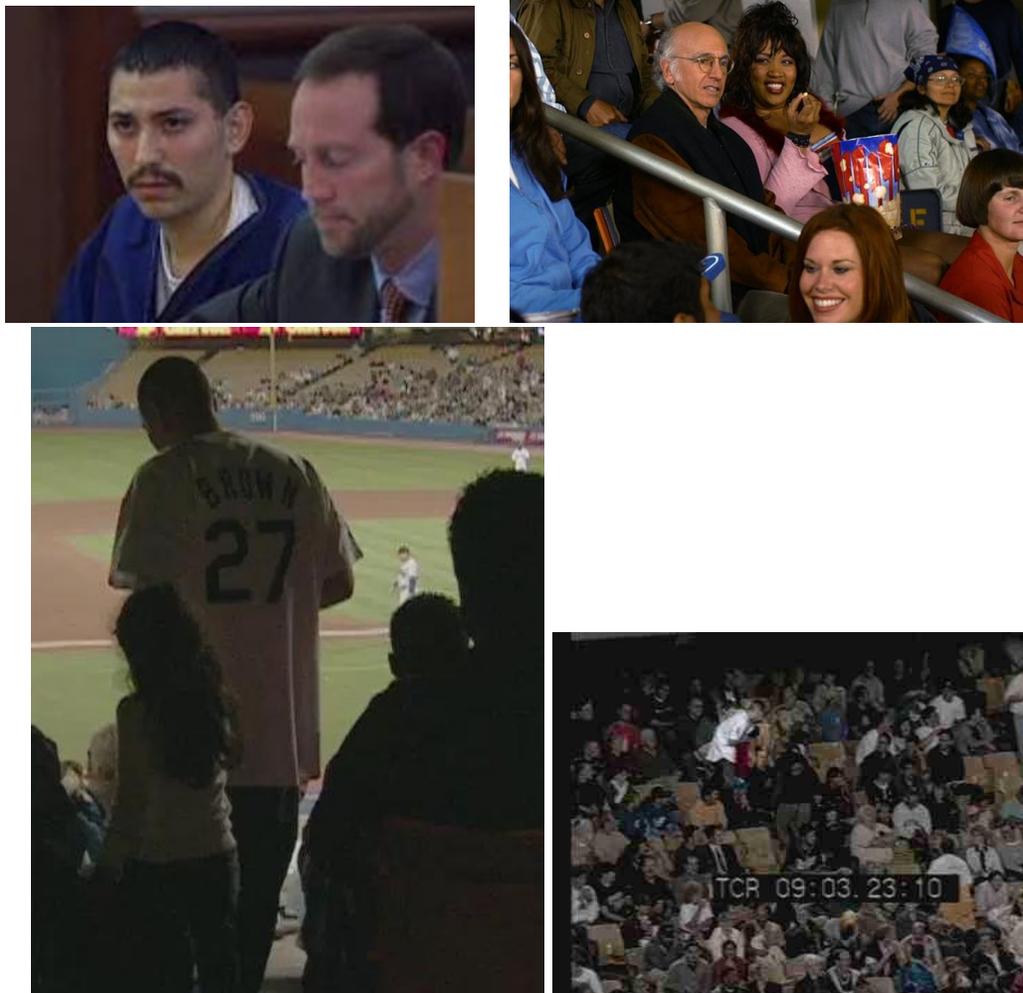
Millner pulled out all the pages in the envelope and announced, “I now plan to read this out loud in its entirety.” Such an action would take over an hour. She paused and then said, “Just kidding.”

Once she found and read the bid numbers from all the vendors she cracked, “The staff will review all the details of these bids by nine o’clock tomorrow morning.” Some of the staff was not at first sure how to take the new board member, but I was by now laughing out loud.

**GOOD TV: Netflix Documentary Involves Murder, Baseball, Larry David and an Innocent Man in Jail.** If you are a subscriber to Netflix try to find 40-minutes to watch the documentary **Long Shot**. It centers around the murder of a 16-year-old girl who was a witness to a Latino gang murder in South Los Angeles. The suspect arrested for the murder was based on a sketch by a police artist from a witness description

The only problem was the man in jail was with his brother and six-year-old daughter at a Los Angeles Dodgers baseball game at the time of the murder. His attorney went to Dodger Stadium and searched all the video the Dodgers shot of the crowd in between innings and on foul balls into the stands. He spotted his client and his daughter but the image was blurry.

However Larry David was filming an episode of “Curb Your Enthusiasm” at Dodger Stadium. A review of all the footage shot clearly showed the defendant and his daughter passing David as they returned from the concession stand.



The LAPD detectives who made the false arrest were reassigned out of the Homicide Unit. The FBI arrested and convicted four persons involved in the murder of the 16-year-old girl. The victim was awarded over \$320,000 for the false arrest.

The show reminded me how I got cleared of a crime I did not commit in Maryland. I was the key witness in the Taxi License Revocation of a troubled driver. The hearing to take away his license to drive a cab in the Washington DC suburbs was about a week away.

The driver went to a District Court Commissioner and swore out a complaint that I beat him with a metal flashlight one night when I stopped him at the Greyhound Bus Station in Silver Spring, Maryland.

The one problem with his complaint was that when he claimed I was beating him, I was working my second job in the press box as a baseball writer 25 miles away at Prince George's County Stadium covering the Baltimore Oriole's Double-A minor league team. Not only were there a number of witnesses who saw me there, including the PA announcer who was a former Assistant U.S. Attorney, but I had a game story online that I wrote on deadline with player interviews.



The press box is the open area under the glass VIP boxes.

**MUSIC: Outstanding free Christmas Concert but you need to order your free tickets now.** When we lived in DC we were lucky to be able to go to the Air Force or Navy Concert Band Christmas Concerts every year at Constitution Hall. Moving back to St. Louis the tradition continued as the Air Force Band of Mid-America plays every year at the Scottish Rite at 3633 Lindell. This is just an outstanding concert for the whole family. There are great arrangements of Christmas favorites, plus Santa makes an appearance for the kids.

Musicians in military bands are some of the best in the Country. All have master degrees in music and can really produce a great sound.





Unfortunately you need to order the free tickets now. The Scottish Rite has a parking garage attached to the rear of the building allowing you to walk right from your car into the building. Here is how to get tickets.

Mail a self addressed stamped envelope requesting up to four tickets to for either the Saturday December 2nd 7 pm concert or the Sunday December 3rd 3-pm concert to:

Scottish Rite  
Christmas Music Series  
3633 Lindell Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63108

If you are one of the first 250 requests you will also receive a free parking pass. Otherwise garage parking is \$5.

We usually go for two years and take a year off. This is an off year. However there are a couple other Christmas concerts this year we highly recommend including **Dean Christopher's at the Sheldon on Tuesday December 5.**



**Jim Manley's Mad Brass and Rhythm**, who will have a member of the Air Force Band filling in for a regular, who has a conflict. The show will be at Jazz at the Bistro on Friday night December 22 and Saturday night December 23.



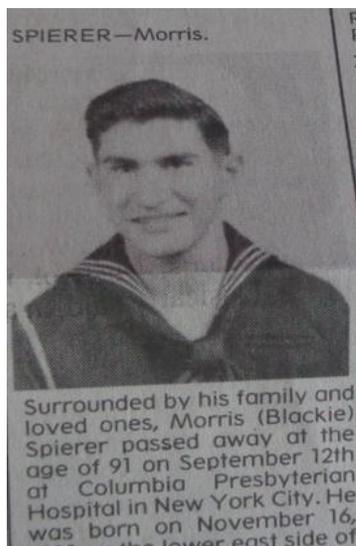
**FAVORITE OBITS PHOTOS:** Robert Mudd died last week at the age of 88. He was a sergeant and started with the Highway Patrol in 1953. According to the 1958 Missouri Blue Book as a 5-year trooper Mudd was making \$3,900 a year while living in St. Louis County. He retired after 33 years in 1986. His longest assignment was as a detective assigned to Troop C.



The photo used for his obit was in his Highway Patrol uniform . The interesting thing was the uniform did not change during his whole career. Troopers until 1988 were required to wear the same long sleeve shirts with a tie in the summer that they wore in the winter.

In 1988 short sleeve shirts were allowed with no tie. He still had to wear the over the shoulder Sam Browne Belts. Prior to 1988 these were very dangerous as a suspect fighting a trooper could grab the belt and try to pull the trooper to the ground. In 1988 they introduced over the shoulder belts that would break away.

I remember when I was a cop in Liberty Missouri in the 1980s on hot summer days when the temperature would be above 100-degrees and the pavement on I-35 would often buckle, we would go and assist Troopers on accident calls so they could get into their car with the air conditioner before they passed out from the oppressive heat.



More good photos.

**OBITS:** If you remember six months ago we ran the obit of **Audrey “Kiss” Kissel Lafser**, 91, who graduated in 1943 from Hancock High School in South County. In 1944 she played second base for one season for the Minneapolis team in the All-American Girl Professional Baseball League. She was 91 when died and there was no mention of her death in the sports section of the Post-Dispatch.

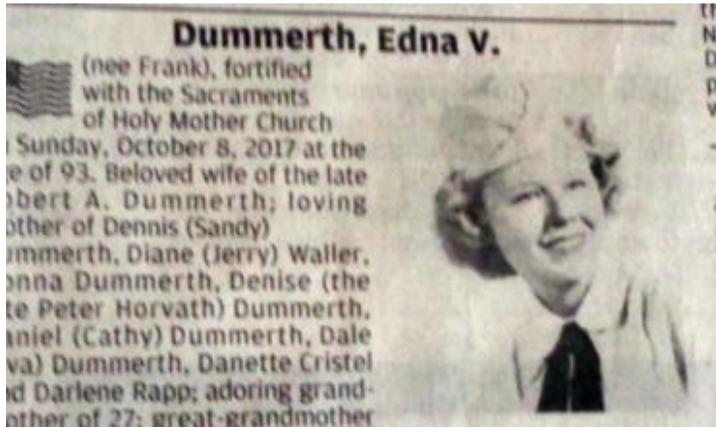


Now another St. Louis native St. Louis resident died who also played in the AAGPBL and then served as a WAVE in the Navy during WWII.

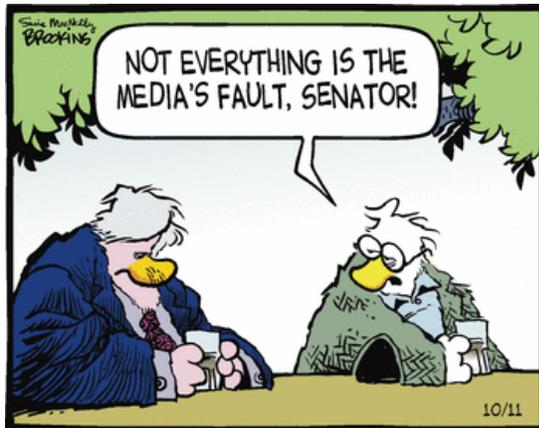
**Edna Dummerth** played a few game with Audrey Kissel for the Minneapolis Millerettes and then for the Racine Belles. Edna “Frankie” Dummerth played just 16 games of professional baseball before joining the United States Navy WAVES.

Dummerth died on October 8.

Both Kissell-Lafser and Dummerth are in a special section of the Baseball Hall of Fame. Granted she only played 16 games before enlisting in the Military but after the movie Field of Their Own, you would think any women professional baseball players from the St. Louis area deserve a mention on page two of the Post-Dispatch Sports Section on their death.



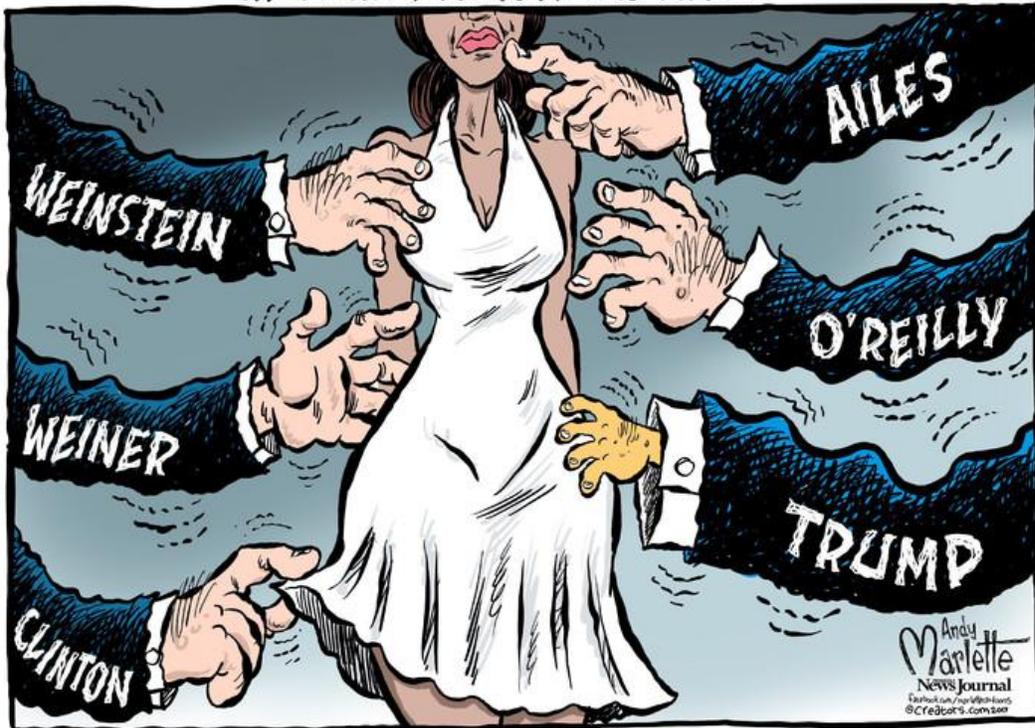
**CARTOONS:** Editorial cartoonists seemed to all have a theme on the same topic 1st week..



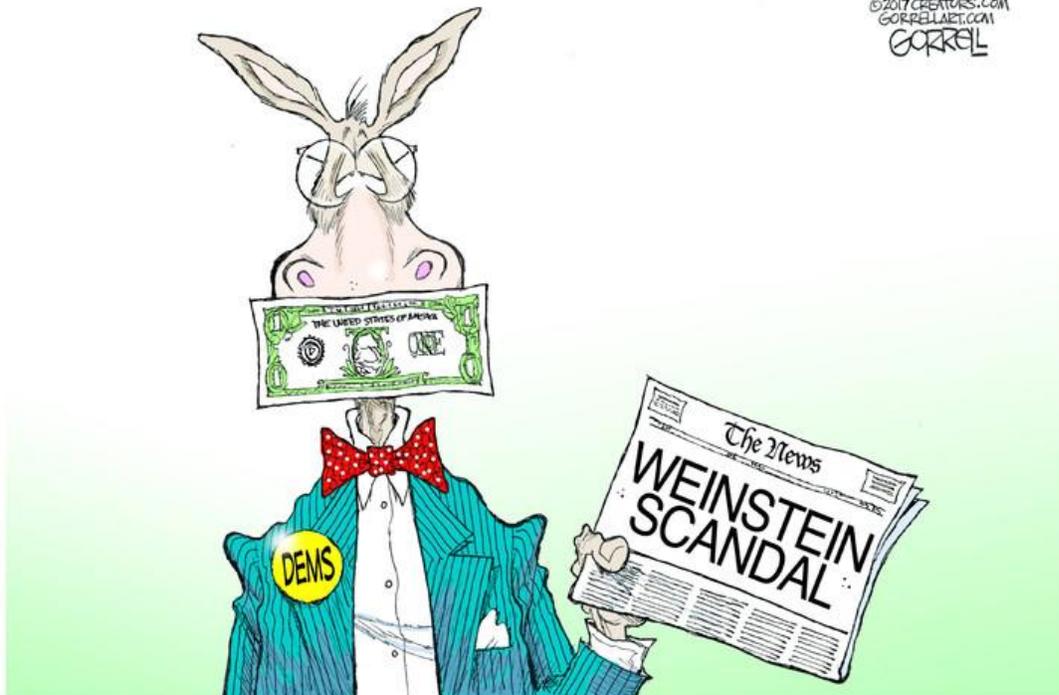
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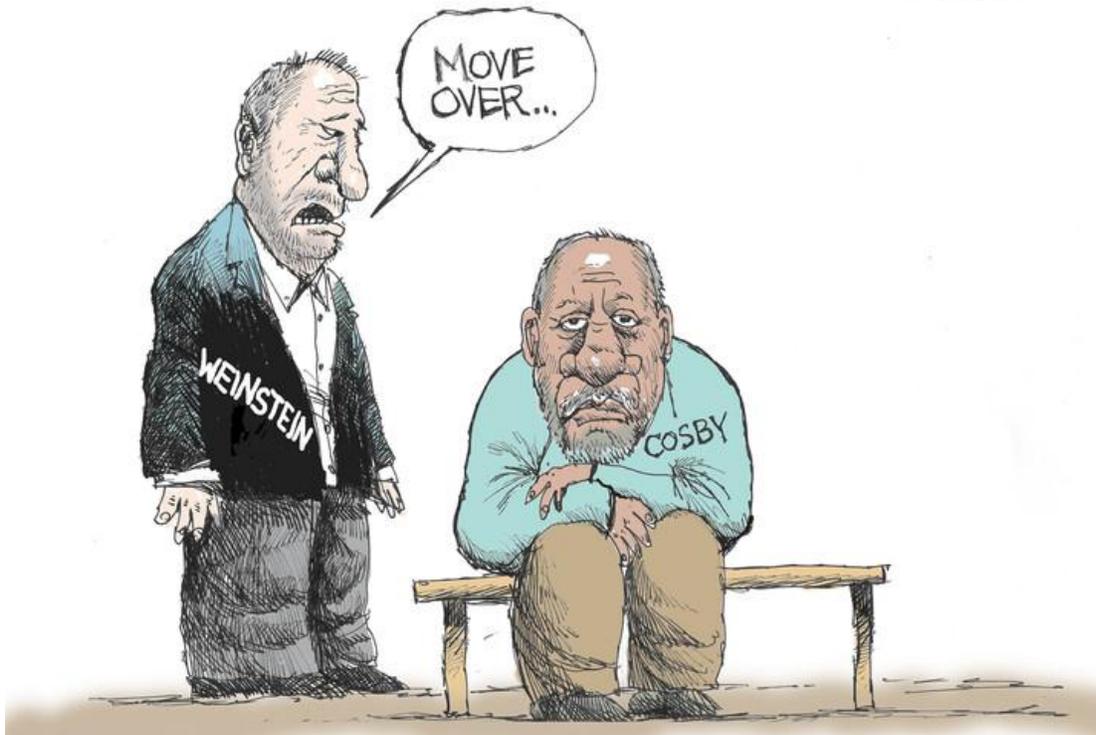
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# HOLLYWOOD HORROR MOVIE



I WAS SHOCKED AND APPALLED BY HARVEY WEINSTEIN'S REVELATIONS...



I MEAN, I DIDN'T THINK ANYONE COULD OUTDO BILL...



(SIGH)...BUT BOYS WILL BE BOYS, AMIRIGHT, GIRLS?



SERIOUSLY, THOUGH, THIS BEHAVIOR CANNOT BE TOLERATED!



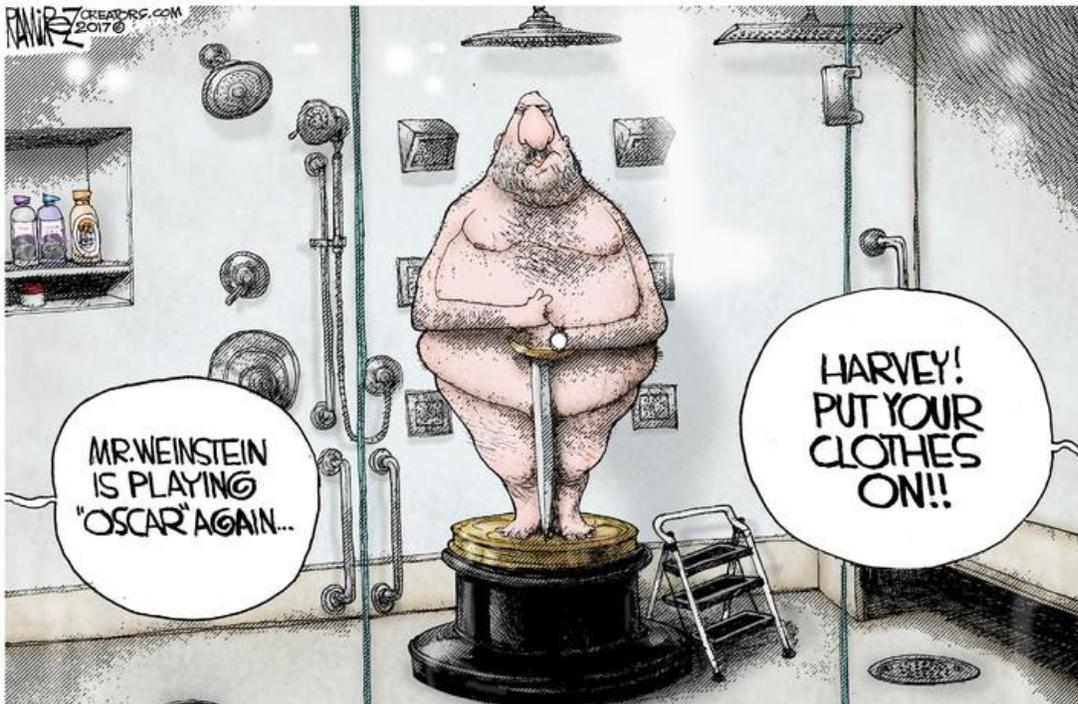
UNLESS IT'S BILL, CUZ... HE'S THUGGED OUT BUT HE'S MY MAN.



WHAT?? GET OVER IT...I'M NOT RUNNING FOR ANYTHING.



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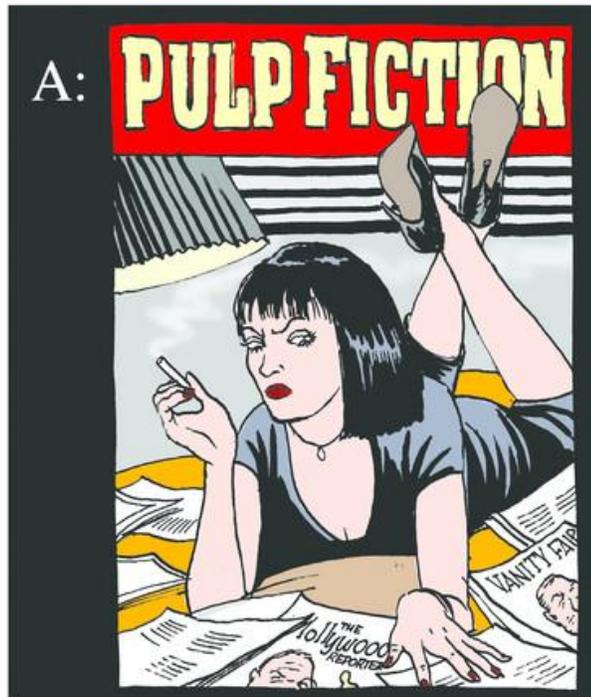
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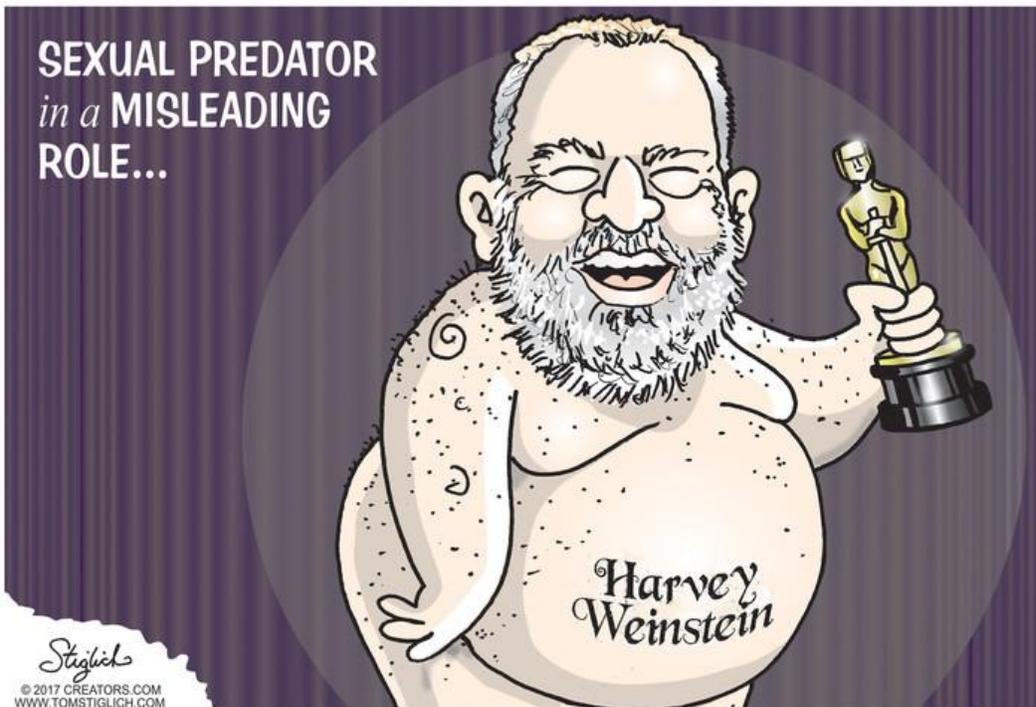
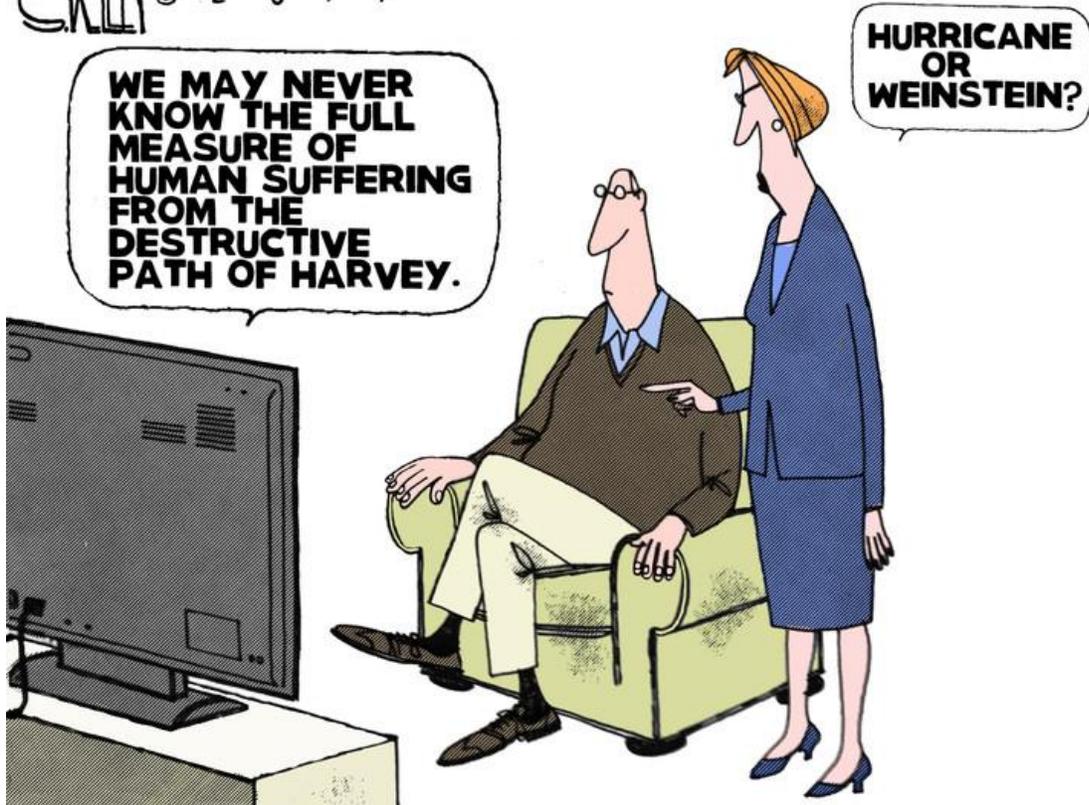


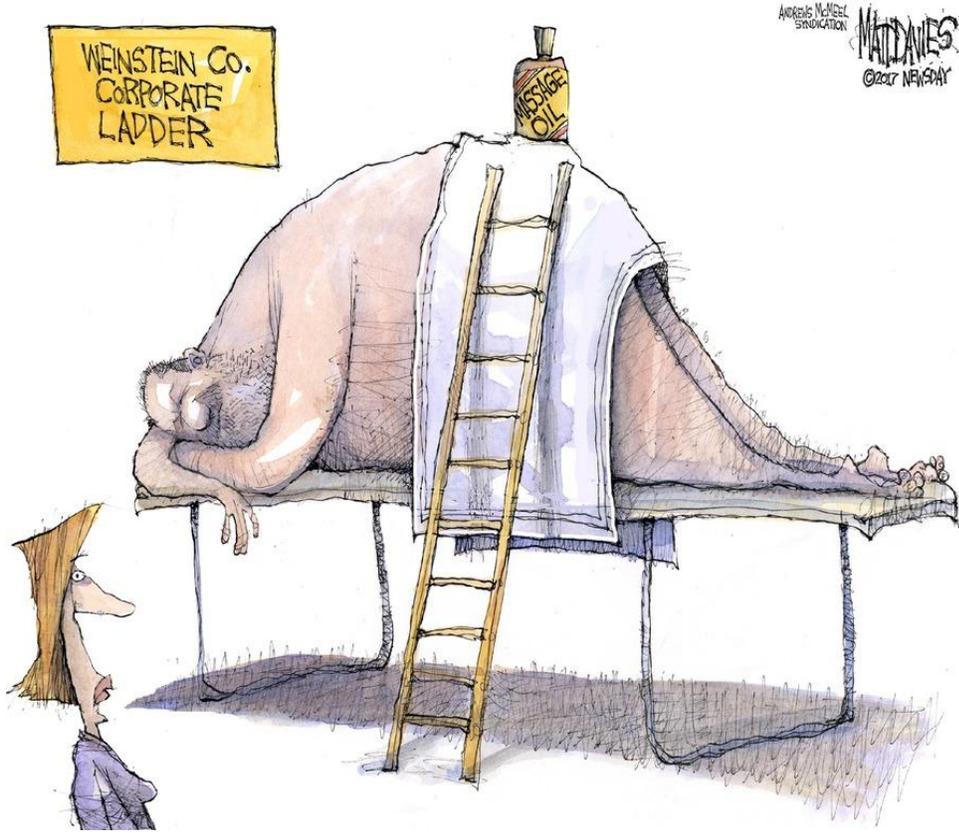
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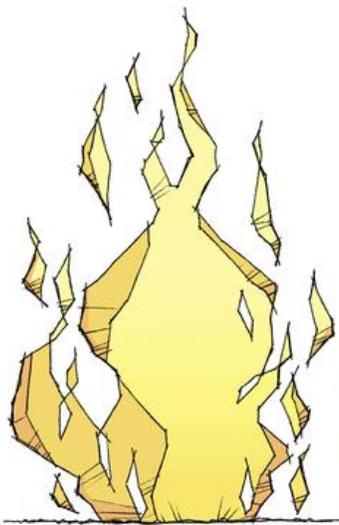






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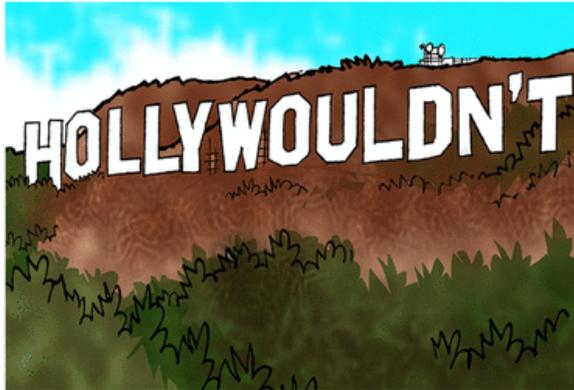
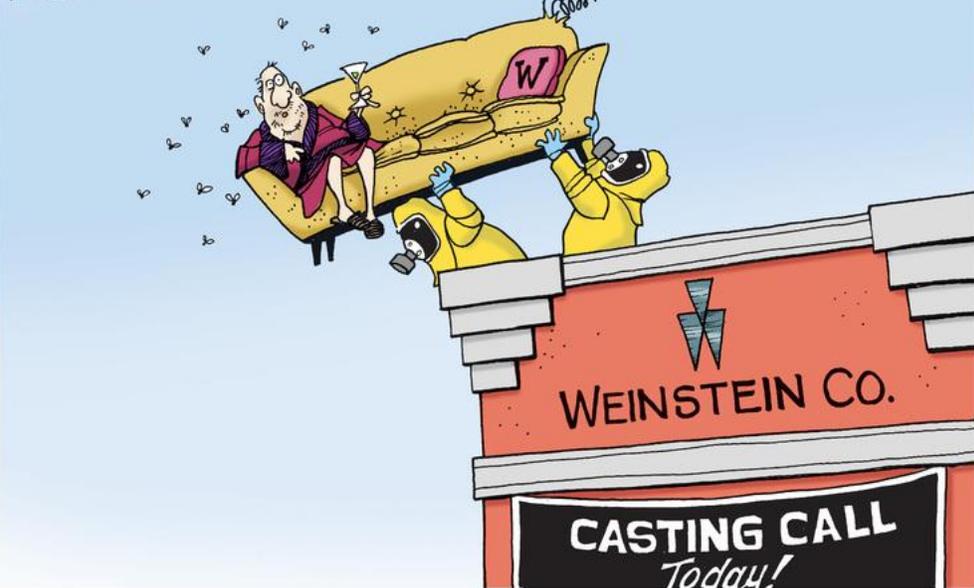


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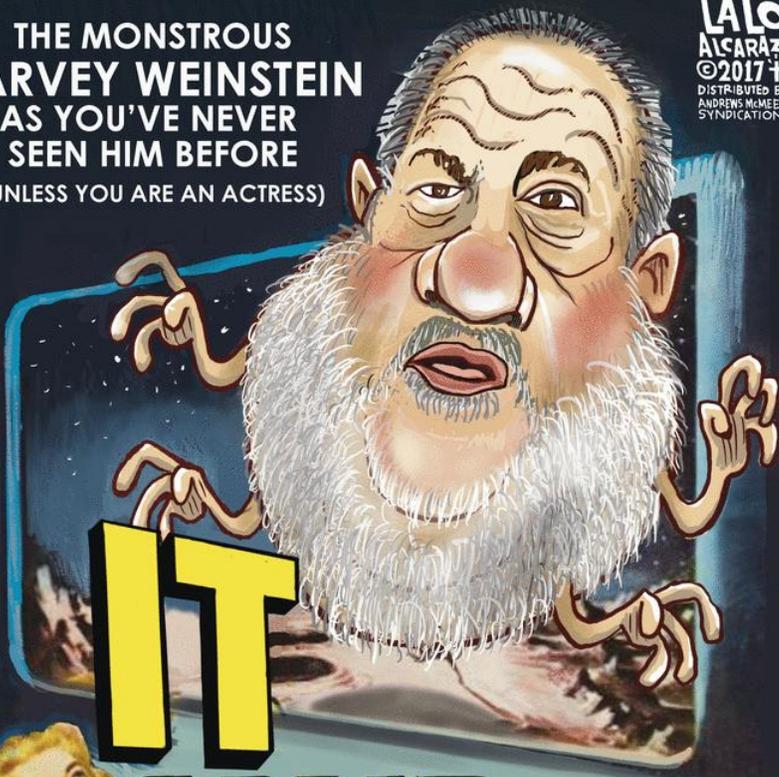
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