

## EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 364 AND CHESTERFIELD UNAPPROVED 309



January 13, 2019

**SUNSHINE REQUESTS FILED WITH THE CITY:** On his November bill with Town and Country City Attorney Steve Garrett billed the city nine times for reviewing Sunshine Requests or issues involving Sunshine Requests. One review was done by City Prosecutor Ed Sluys of Garrett's law firm bringing the total to 10 times the city was billed over lawyer reviews of Sunshine Requests.

In the month of November there were only 10 Sunshine Request made with the city. Of that 10, eight were from me for mostly police reports used in connection with this newsletter or memos and reports from City Hall staff that were also used in this newsletter. There was also one request from 2016 made by a Labor Union that was closed out in 2018. I know something about Sunshine Law and Freedom of Information requests as I handled them for law enforcement agencies in Missouri and Maryland from 1977 to 2005. I also made plenty as a journalist in Washington, DC and here.

My eight requests were straight forward everyday type requests for police reports that I documented were open public records at the time of the request. The two other requests in November of 2018 were made by Alderwoman Tiffany Frautschi requesting information on the Weidman Road sidewalk project that was the entire file of 638 pages. The other was by Ald. Lindsey Butler requesting information on legislative bills and forms on the city computer and website. That was 102 pages with one segment redacted (blacked out apparently by Garrett.)

In Garrett's bill for November services he lumped in Sunshine Request Review in with other billable items making it impossible to be sure exactly how much time and how much was billed for just Sunshine Requests. Here is an example:

11/14/2018	SWG	Research issue regarding resolution. Research issue regarding sunshine law request. Research smoking ordinance.	1.40
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He refuses to list how much time was spent on each item. Here are the Nov. requests:

Date	Requested by	Items Requested
11/2/2018	John Hoffmann	REPORT 18-1645
11/4/2018	Lindsey Butler	general concern forms from website
11/4/2018	Tiffany Frautschi	any and all re: weidman road sidewalk
11/7/2018	John Hoffmann	REPORT 18-1656
11/16/2018	John Hoffmann	REPORT 18-1599
11/25/2018	John Hoffmann	REPORTS CATANZARO, WALBURN, TYSE, GRIFFIN
11/27/2018	John Hoffmann	email update from Bob to BOA re: trail update
11/27/2018	John Hoffmann	ARREST LAST 30 DAYS
11/28/2018	John Hoffmann	hourly summary 11/1 legal bill
11/29/2018	John Hoffmann	miscellaneous breakdown from hourly charges on 11/1 legal bill

It is kind of sad that the two Ward-2 Alderwomen are filing Sunshine Law Requests, instead of just being given the information as part of their jobs as elected officials. But it is also good that they have documented their requests.

We looked at Garrett's bill and conservatively estimated per his bill that 4.05 hours was spent on Sunshine Request Review or at least billing the city for that. At the hourly rate of \$140 an hour that would come to \$567.

Garrett's next bill for December will be in the third week of January. Here are the Sunshine Requests for December of 2018:

12/3/2018	John Hoffmann	CFS 2215167
12/4/2018	Lindsey Butler	any and re: weidman and south mason sidewalks from 10/31-12/7
12/5/2018	Mike Kratz	building plans for 6 Wembury Ct
12/9/2018	John Hoffmann	REPORT ROMERO-GONZALEZ, AITA, RELERFORD, RECINOS
12/10/2018	John Hoffmann	REPORT 16-689 JASPAL
12/11/2018	John Hoffmann	invoices re: Mason Road sidewalk
12/13/2018	Laura Baer	List Sunshine Law requests 2016-present, commission rosters
12/13/2018	Rachel Handing, THD Group	permit history on 1515 Mason Hill Court
12/19/2018	Laura Baer	correspondence and pg count for various SL requests
12/21/2018	Spencer Fane-Robert Epstein	any and all re: Chuck Barcom, etc. 9/1/18-present
12/27/2018	Laura Baer	review of 12/4 response, two emails selected for copying
12/27/2018	John Hoffmann	itemized breakdown of hourly for 12/1/18 legal bill
12/27/2018	Laura Baer	all emails between Steve Garrett and Aldermen Butler/Frautschi 12/2014-present
12/30/2018	John Hoffmann	ARREST INFO FROM 12/30/18 615PM NEAR PRINCIPIA
12/31/2018	John Hoffmann	ARREST SANGUINET, BROWN, WALBURN, JOHNSON

There were two things of note in the December Sunshine Law Requests. Ald. Lindsey Butler made a request for billing information on the Mason Road Sidewalk project/boondoggle. I can understand this. I went to the Craig Wilde the Director of City Services with questions concerning who is paying for the temporary reinstall of a

sidewalk as order by County Highway Department. I was told no one question would be answered until he had all the answers.

Ward-2 aldermanic candidate, Laura Baer, made three Sunshine Requests and one has not been answered and no information has been provided. I doubt if any will be. She requested all emails between Alderwomen Frautschi and Butler with city attorney Garrett. Any emails will surely be considered attorney-client work product, meaning the City and Garrett could not release them. The exception might be if Garrett sent an email asking them to lunch or wishing them a Merry Christmas. Baer is running against Frautschi in the April election.

**DECEMBER 2018 DEER-VEHICLE CRASHES:** Here are the locations for deer-v-Motor Vehicle for the last month of the year in Town and Country.

		<b>December</b>		
56	V	11	1941	Mason @ Clayton
57	V	12	1903	Clayton @ Arlington Oaks
58	S	13	0856	Clayton @ Glaizeview
59	S	15	1812	NB IS 270 @ IS 64
60	S	23	0352	SB MO 141 @ IS 64
61	S	29	0856	Clayton @ Des Peres
62	V	29	1758	NB MO 141 @ Clayton

**THE TOTAL 2018 VEHICLE-DEER CRASHES:**



2018 Town and Country Deer Vs Vehicle report January-December 2018 **62 total crashes.** This is 15 fewer collisions with deer than in 2017, but in January and February of 2018 city hired sharpshooters killed 361 deer.

- Ballas Road **4** Ward 1
- I-64 at I-270 **4** Ward 1
- I-64 at or near Mason Road **5** Wards 2 or 3

I-64 at or near Hwy 141 **4** Ward 4  
 I-270 **9** Ward 1  
 Des Peres Road **1** Ward 1  
 Municipal Center Drive **1** Ward 1  
 Clayton Road (Mason to Bopp) **4** Wards 1 & 2  
 Clayton Road (Mason to Woods Mill Rd) **4** Ward 3  
 Coppersmith **1** Ward 1  
 Westmoor Place **1** Ward 2  
 Mason Road south of Clayton Road **4** Ward 2  
 Mason Valley Subdivisions **1** Ward 2  
 Mason Road North of I-64 **2** Ward 4  
 South Outer Forty **2** Wards 1, 2 & 4  
 North Outer Forty **2** Wards 1, 2 & 4  
 Hwy 141 **10** Wards 3 & 4  
 Ladue Road **1** Ward 4  
 Woods Mill Road **2** Wards 3 & 4

**TOP FIVE LOCATIONS FOR DEER-VEHICLE CRASHES IN 2018 & 2017**

<b>2018</b>		<b>2017</b>	
17	I-64	9	+8
10	Hwy 141	14	-4
9	I-270	7	+2
8	Clayton Road	19	-11
6	Mason Road	11	-5



**2018 Chesterfield Deer v vehicles Beginning on May 11 through Dec 31, 2018**  
**01/07/18 93 Deer**

I-64 11  
Hwy 141 2  
Baxter Road 7  
Camberra Ct 1  
Chesterfield Airport Rd 3  
Chesterfield Parkway 4  
Clarkson 10  
Clayton Rd 8  
Conway 1  
Eatherton Road 1  
Georgetown 1  
Highcroft 1  
Kehrs Mill 1  
Ladue Rd 4  
Long Rd 1  
Nooning Tree 1  
North Outter 40 1  
Olive Blvd 10  
Schoettler 4  
White Rd 2  
Wildhorse Creek 17  
Woodsmill Road 3

**TOP FIVE DEER-VEH CRASH LOCATIONS IN CHESTERFIELD FOR 2018:** (May 11-  
to-Dec 31)

17 Wildhorse Creek Road (They should consider renaming it "Wild Deer Creek Road")  
11 I-64  
10 Olive Blvd.  
10 Clarkson Road  
8 Clayton Road



**Chesterfield Police Department  
DEER RELATED INCIDENTS**

**December 1st TO December 31st 2018**



REPORTED INCIDENTS

DAY / DATE	TIME	LOCATION	DEER DISPATCHED BY OFFICER	AUTO COLLISION REPORT	PROPERTY DAMAGE/INJURY	NOTES
Saturday 12/01/2018	2000	Wild Horse Creek/Long	N	Y	Minor front end damage to vehicle. Mouth injury to driver	Deer ran into the path of vehicle and ran off..
Monday 12/03/2018	0703	17300 Countryside Manor Pkwy	Y	N	None reported	Deer impaled on private property fence.
Saturday 12/08/2018	1119	17700 Wild Horse Creek	Y	N	None reported	Deer found injured laying in middle of playground
Sunday 12/16/2018	0652	103 Kendall Bluff Ct.	Y	N	None reported	Deer impaled on private property fence.
Tuesday 12/18/2018	1757	Clayton/Clayborn	Y	N	None reported	Deer found injured on roadway.
Friday 12/21/2018	0826	Woods Mill/Forestlac	Y	N	None reported	Deer found injured near roadway.
Friday 12/21/2018	2053	Ladue/Greentrails S	Y	N	None reported	Driver of vehicle that hit deer did not want report

**The following is a list of deer carcasses located and tagged**

Date	Location
12/03/2018	14479 Conway
12/07/2018	White/Warwick Gate
12/16/2018	Wildhorse Pkwy/Chaistain Ct.
12/16/2018	141/Olive
12/20/2018	Wildhorse Creek/Savonne
12/23/2018	14015 Camberra Ct.
12/24/2018	N. Outer 40/Boone Bridge

**OTHER DEER-VEHICLE CRASHES IN MISSOURI WITH INJURIES:** The Missouri Highway Patrol only lists injury and fatal vehicle crashes. Here are the ones in the last week involving deer.

**66-YEAR-OLD TOTALS HER SUV AND GOES TO HOSPITAL AFTER HITTING A DEER IN NORTHWEST MISSOURI.** On Thursday January 3, 2019 Diana

Troutman,66, of Cameron, Missouri totaled her Toyota RAV4 and was transported to a hospital after hitting a deer on US Hwy 69 outside of Lawson, MO.

Date	Time	County	Location		
01/03/2019	5:50PM	CLINTON	NORTHBOUND US 69 NORTH OF 240TH ST APPROXIMATELY 5 MILES NORTH OF LAWSON		
Vehicle Description	Damage	Name	Age	City/State	
2006 TOYOTA RAV4	TOTAL	TROUTMAN, DIANA S	66	CAMERON, MO	
Disposition					
TRANSPORTED BY LAWSON FIRE AND EMS TO CAMERON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER IN CAMERON, MO					
VEH#1 WAS NORTHBOUND ON US 69 AND STRUCK A DEER IN THE ROADWAY.					

**65-YEAR-OLD RECEIVES MINOR INJURIES BUT WRECKS CAR AFTER HITTING A DEER ON US HWY 24.** On Friday January 4 at about 7:42 AM Thresa Sportsman, 65, of Keytesville, MO driving her 2011 Chevrolet HHR struck a deer in the road on US 24 outside of Huntsville. Sportsman was treated by fire department paramedics at the scene, but her car was wrecked.

Crash Information					
Date	Time	County	Location		
01/04/2019	7:42AM	RANDOLPH	US 24 1 MILE WEST OF HUNTSVILLE		
Vehicle Description	Damage	Name	Age	City/State	
2011 CHEVROLET HHR	EXTENSIVE	SPORTSMAN, THRESA L	65	KEYTESVILLE, MO	
Disposition					
TREATED AT THE SCENE AND RELEASED VEHICLE 1 STRUCK A DEER.					

**78-YEAR-OLD WOMAN GOES TO THE HOSPITAL, AFTER CADILLAC SHE IS A PASSENGER IN IS TOTALED AVOIDING DEER IN THE ROAD:** Karen Englebrecht, 78, of Gravois Mill, was a passenger in a Cadillac CTS being driven by James Kay, 80, of Gravois Mill. After Kay swerved to avoid a deer in the road only to have the car overturn and hit a tree she was injured. The crash happened at 8:40PM on Saturday January 5 on Missouri Hwy 5 in Camden County.

Date	Time	County	Location
01/05/2019	8:40PM	CAMDEN	MO 5 200 FEET SOUTH OF SELLERS RD

Vehicle Description	Damage	Driver Name	Driver Age	Driver City/State
2007 CADILLAC CT5	EXTENSIVE	KAY, JAMES E	80	GRAVOIS MILLS, MO

Name	Age	City/State	Involvement
ENGELBRECHT, KAREN E	78	GRAVOIS MILLS, MO	OCCUPANT

Disposition
TRANSPORTED BY AMBULANCE TO LAKE REGIONAL HOSPITAL

DRIVER 1 SWERVED TO MISS A DEER, TRAVELED OFF THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROADWAY, OVERTURNED, AND STRUCK A TREE.

**53-YEAR-OLD MAN IN NORTHWEST MISSOURI GOES TO HOSPITAL AFTER DEER RUNS INTO PATH OF HIS FORD SUV:** Reed Brenemen, 53, of Ridgeway, MO was taken by ambulance to Harrison County Community Hospital in Bethany, MO on Saturday January 5, at 7:18AM after a deer ran into the path of his 22-year-old Ford Explorer on Missouri Route A.

Date	Time	County	Location
01/05/2019	7:18AM	HARRISON	RT A -APPROXIMATELY 7 MILES NORTH OF BETHANY

Vehicle Description	Name	Age	City/State
1997 FORD EXPLORER	BRENEMAN, REED W	53	RIDGEWAY, MO

Disposition
TRANSPORTED BY NTA AMBULANCE TO HARRISON COUNTY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, BETHANY MO

IMPACT OCCURRED AS A DEER RAN FROM THE NORTH SIDE OF THE ROADWAY INTO THE PATH OF VEHICLE 1.

**22-YEAR-OLD TR TREATED AT COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER AFTER HITTING DEER:** On Sunday night 01/06/19 at 9:35 PM on Missouri Highway 19 in Oregon County, 22-year-old Dustin Buckner of Thayer, MO hit a deer while driving his 2017 GMC Pickup Truck. Buckner was taken to the Oregon Medical Center for treatment after the crash.

Date	Time	County	Location
01/06/2019	9:35PM	OREGON	MO19 5 MILES SOUTH OF ALTON

Vehicle Description	Name	Age	City/State	Disposition
2017 GMC 1500 TRUCK	BUCKNER, DUSTIN C	22	THAYER, MO	TRS BY PRI VEHICLE TO OMC

VEHICLE STRUCK A DEER IN THE ROADWAY. /

**33-YEAR-OLD FEMALE TREATED A HOSPITAL AFTER HITTING A DEER :** Christina Poitras, 33, of Pineville, MO was driving her 2016 Ford Explorer on Missouri Hwy 43 at 6:51PM on Sunday 01/06/19 when she hit a deer in the road. She went to the Freeman Neosho Hospital for treatment of her injuries.

Date	Time	County	Location
01/06/2019	6:51PM	MCDONALD	MISSOURI 43, 2 MILES NORTH OF TIFF CITY

Vehicle Description	Damage	Name	Age	City/State
2016 FORD EXPLORER	MODERATE	POITRAS, CHRISTINA L	33	PINEVILLE, MO

Disposition  
PRIVATE VEHICLE TO FREEMAN NEOSHO HOSPITAL, VEHICLE #1 STRUCK A DEER IN THE ROADWAY.

**A DEER RELATED FATAL IN ST. PETERS:** We have also been told of a deer-related crash on Tuesday that involved a driver trying to avoid a deer that resulted in the death of a 17-year-old that we have not yet confirmed.

**NOT ALL DEER!** An 18-year-old from Butler, MO on Monday June 7 at 5:50 AM was driving his 2014 Ford Mustang when he struck a horse on Mo. Hwy 52.

Date	Time	County	Location
1/07/2019	5:50AM	BATES	MO 52 WEST AT COUNTY ROAD 12001

Vehicle Description	Name	Age	Disposition
WHITE 2014 FORD MUSTANG	DOUGHERTY, ROBERT J	18	TO HOSPITAL FOR MINOR NECK PAIN/ VEH 1 WAS WESTBOUND ON MO 52 AND STRUCK A HORSE THAT WAS IN THE ROADWAY.

**CARJACKING AT TOWN AND COUNTRY HOME:** James R. Cantalin, a personal injury lawyer with the law firm of Brown and Crouppen, was the victim of a armed carjacking that occurred at his house at 1909 Windmoor Place on Thursday January 3, 2019 at about 11:20PM.



1909 Windmoor Place



James R. Cantalin

Cantalin lives in a subdivision off a dead end service road on the east side of I-270 past Drace Park. It is a pretty quiet almost lonely place at 11:20PM. Cantalin was driving his 2015 Mercedes-Benz GLK 350. He reportedly was followed home from the parking lot

of the Village Bar on Manchester in Des Peres. The suspects followed him home in a car they had stolen in University City.



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## MEDIA RELEASE

Incident Type: Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (Carjacking)

Incident Date/Time: 11:20 p.m.

Incident Location: 1900 Block of Windmoor Place

On 01/03/2019, at approximately 11:20 pm, a 911 call was received in reference to an armed carjacking. A resident returned home in the 1900 block of Windmoor Place and parked his vehicle in the driveway and was immediately confronted by a suspect armed with a semi-auto handgun demanding his keys. The victim complied and the suspect drove north on Windmoor Place, which is located near the outer road of I270 south of Clayton Road. The vehicle is described as a dark gray 2015 Mercedes Benz GLK-350 bearing Missouri plates DD7-M5U.

The suspect is described as a black male in his late teens to early 20's with a slender build, approximately 5' 07" 140 pounds, and wearing dark clothing and a beanie cap. He also had scarf-type clothing covering his face.

Anyone with information regarding this case should contact the Town and Country Investigative Unit at (314) 568-2103 or (314) 913-6436.

Maybe it was because I was a cop for 30 years or just because I'm a suspicious person, but I notice if a car is following me late at night. It is always someone in my subdivision who turns off or into a driveway before my house. I have always told myself I would not turn into my driveway late at night if I thought a car was following me.

Cantalin lives off a dead end service road to I-270 in a dead end "no exit" subdivision. He was followed from the parking lot of the Village Bar. He lives close to the Town and Country Police Station. If it were me that is where I would have headed! Of course the only thing on my breath leaving the Village Bar are the onions from the cheeseburger and the fresh made onion rings. However I would imagine a number of people leaving the Village Bar 80 minutes after the Bar's food grill closed might have had something else on their breath.

**Rest of the Story:** The St. Louis Police recovered the Cantalin's Mercedes and the stolen car from U.City the next night on Goodfellow near Garesole in North St. Louis and arrested the five suspects in the carjacking. Here is the catch! They were mostly

all 15-year-olds with a 16-year-old thrown in the mix. They were all juveniles. The Town and Country Police never had the opportunity to arrest them. They were taken by St. Louis Police to the Juvenile Court holding facility and released to their parents. Their parents! Geez they had all been out on a school night doing carjacking with a semi-automatic handgun the night before.



One of 5 suspects in cuffs.



Overhead view of police and stolen car from U.City



The stolen car from University City used to follow the victim home and steal his Benz.

**CANDIDATE DROPS OUT OF WARD-1 RACE:** On Tuesday January 8 **Bradley Mills** of 12028 Canterbury Place withdrew as a candidate in the Ward-1 Aldermanic race. That should cut down on a split ballot that might allow incumbent Lynn Wright to get back in without a challenge. The race now is between Wright and Mikkel Morgan. Morgan has a business degree from North Dakota State University and is a former sales manager for 14 years in the pharmaceutical industry. She is now a substitute teacher in the Ladue and Parkway School Districts.



Morgan



Wright

Filing for aldermanic races closed on January 15.

**MUD PARK...EH...I MEAN DOG PARK UPDATE:** Jim, a long time projects manager with County Parks called on Wednesday to talk Dog Park issues after our article and complaint to new County Councilman Tim Fitch. (BTW I have been impressed with Tim Fitch's responsiveness on complaints so far.)



Here are a few issues and points brought out in our conversation:

1) Not a waterline leak. Jim said the pool of water was due to underground spring water coming up at sprinkler head locations. So this is not a “plumbing problem.” However this problem with the mud pits arrived in June and County Parks did nothing but put up fencing. The question begs to be answered is “Why not remove the water line and sprinkler head where the spring water is coming up?” The best I can tell there was no movement on this until Tim Fitch got involved. Irate dog park patrons complaints apparently had no affect over six months.

2) Jim said that whenever the building of the French drain begins the park would likely be closed for some time. He then admitted the longer we spoke that they could put up a fence and keep the north section of the large dog area open.

3) He said the lack of grass in front of the pavilion on the “large dog” side was a problem and chips might have to replace where the grass used to be.

4) He said the south section of the “large dog” park had been graded with new grass planted which is showing wear, while the north section which used to be a horse pasture is in better shape. (Probably due to less use)

5) He said a canine type of Astroturf is available but would be not cost effective, costing over \$1-million to cover the Queeny Dog Park.

6) He could not comment on why the owners of small dogs were being kept out of the “small dog” section of the park where there is no standing water issue.

7) Jim did piss me off a little when he commented on how much the fees are at other dog parks run by municipalities. The County annual fee is \$50. Chesterfield’s fee for the Eberwein Dog Park (much smaller) is just \$30 a year, but the park is only for Chesterfield residents. But many others are \$100 or more. My position is that whatever the fee is the facility should be safe for dogs and humans. Foul standing water that has been making some dogs sick and giving skin infections is not acceptable.



8) One dog park user posted a question on the dog park's facebook site asking if after the water problems are corrected, will the County have Wifi service that reaches the dog park. I think that the dogs submitted a petition to County Parks to keep Wifi out of the dog park so their owners would pay more attention to them.



**UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 309**



**CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT  
Crime Report**

<u>Time of Occurrence</u>	<u>Generic Address</u>	<u>Business/Location Name</u>	<u>Subdivision</u>	<u>Sector</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>
01/03/2019, 1810 01/03/2019, 1810	18XXX OUTLET BLVD	Famous Footwear	CHESTERFIELD BLUE VALLEY	5	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Arrested:</b> Judge, Andre M   B   31   M					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 31 yo male concealed shoes and left store without paying.					

12/22/2018, 1700 01/05/2019, 1700	16XXX JUSTUS POST RD	The Sheridan	CHESTERFIELD VILLAGE MALL	4	Larceny under \$750 Person
<b>Arrested:</b>					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took cash from drawer in victim's room.					
01/06/2019, 1740 01/06/2019, 1740	4X CHESTERFIELD MALL	Macy's	CHESTERFIELD VILLAGE MALL	4	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Arrested:</b> McLaurin,Duron H Jr.   B   17   M					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 17 yo male concealed perfume and left store without paying.					
01/05/2019, 1124 01/05/2019, 1204	1XX THF BLVD	Walmart	CHESTERFIELD COMMONS	6	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Arrested:</b> Gabbert,Patrick A   W   38   M					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 38 yo male concealed electronics and jewelry and left store without paying.					
01/05/2019, 1424 01/05/2019, 1424	1XX THF BLVD	Walmart	CHESTERFIELD COMMONS	6	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Arrested:</b> Nixon,Nicholas L   B   19   M					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 19 yo male concealed cell phone case and left store without paying.					
01/02/2019, 1700 01/05/2019, 1700	16XXX JUSTUS POST RD	The Sheridan	CHESTERFIELD VILLAGE MALL	4	Larceny under \$750 Person
<b>Arrested:</b>					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took cash out of victim's purse.					
01/04/2019, 1036 01/04/2019, 1036	164 HWY E & CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT			5	DWI Drugs
<b>Arrested:</b> McCottrell,Markell O   B   36   M					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 36 yo male charged with DUI after traffic collision investigation.					
12/10/2018, 2130 12/11/2018, 2130	11XX WOODCHASE LN		WOODCHASE APARTMENTS	1	Larceny Over \$750 Business
<b>Arrested:</b>					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject entered storage shed of apartment complex and took coolant cylinders.					

01/04/2019, 1932 01/04/2019, 1932	1XX THF BLVD	Walmart	CHESTERFIELD COMMONS	6	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Arrested:</b> Salmela,Troy R   W   41   M Hinojos,Toni M   W   41   F					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 41 yo female placed merchandise in cart and walked out of store without paying. After arrest, subject also found to be in possession of narcotic paraphernalia. Further investigation also found a 41 yo male accomplice also to be in possession of marijuana and narcotic paraphernalia.					
01/04/2019, 2033 01/04/2019, 2033	15XXX COUNTRY RIDGE DR		CLAYMONT LAKE ESTATES	3	Runaway Juvenile
<b>Arrested:</b> Juvenile					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 14 yo male ran away from his residence. Later returned home unharmed.					
01/01/2019, 1046 01/01/2019, 1046	2X THF BLVD	Golf Galaxy	CHESTERFIELD COMMONS EAST	6	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Arrested:</b>					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took golf club and walked out of store without paying.					
01/07/2019, 2153 01/07/2019, 2153	CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD & N TRADE CENTER BLVD & TRADE CENTER BLVD			5	Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor
<b>Arrested:</b> Mahiger,Abby R   W   20   F Santos,Joel   H   25   M					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 25 yo male and 20 yo female in possession of marijuana after being stopped for a traffic violation.					
01/07/2019, 1145 01/07/2019, 1245	2XX S WOODS MILL RD	St. Luke's Hospital	ST LUKES HOSPITAL	1	Larceny Over \$750 Person
<b>Arrested:</b>					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took cell phone from victim's desk.					
01/07/2019, 1530 01/07/2019, 1630	8X RIVER BEND DR		RIVER BEND ESTATES	1	Larceny under \$750 License Plate/Tabs
<b>Arrested:</b>					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took license plate off of victim's vehicle.					
01/08/2019, 1425 01/08/2019, 1425	1XX THF BLVD	Walmart	CHESTERFIELD COMMONS	6	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Arrested:</b> Moore,Byron   W   41   M					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 41 yo male switched price tags on electronic item and paid for lesser item before leaving store.					

01/08/2019, 1927 01/08/2019, 1927	1XX THF BLVD	Walmart	CHESTERFIELD COMMONS	6	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Arrested:</b> Stotts,Casey A   W   33   M					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 33 yo male switched price tags on electronics and paid for lesser item before leaving store. After arrest, subject was found to be in possession of suspected methamphetamine, narcotic paraphernalia, and other stolen property.					
01/07/2019, 1440 01/07/2019, 1700	14XXX CLAYTON RD	Parkway West High School	PARKWAY WEST	3	Larceny under \$750 Person
<b>Arrested:</b>					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took cell phone from victim's unlocked locker.					
01/09/2019, 1954 01/09/2019, 1954	13XXX OLIVE BLVD	McDonalds	NO SUBDIVISION WARD 1	1	Assault Aggravated - With Other Weapon
<b>Arrested:</b>					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject assaulted victim with garden tool in parking lot causing moderate injuries.					
01/09/2019, 2302 01/09/2019, 2331	WESTCHESTER MANOR LN & WILD HORSE CREEK RD			6	DWI Alcohol
<b>Arrested:</b> Nichols,Matthew R   W   21   M					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 21 yo male charged with DWI after being stopped for a traffic violation. Also in possession of marijuana paraphernalia.					

## CHESTERFIELD NOTABLE DWI ARRESTS:

January 4, 2019 1036 AM drunk driver

### 19-41 DWI

Officers responded to a report of an accident at HWY 40 East and Chesterfield Airport Rd. While investigating the accident the Officer determined the driver was impaired.

01/04/2019, 1036 01/04/2019, 1036	164 HWY E & CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT			5	DWI Drugs
<b>Arrested:</b> McCottrell,Markell O   B   36   M					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 36 yo male charged with DUI after traffic collision investigation.					

January 09, 2019

19-134-DWI: Wildhorse Creek Rd-reports received of a driver travelling all over the roadway; officer located the driver who was arrested for DWI.

01/09/2019, 2302 01/09/2019, 2331	WESTCHESTER MANOR LN & WILD HORSE CREEK RD		6	DWI Alcohol
<b>Arrested:</b> Nichols,Matthew R   W   21   M				
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 21 yo male charged with DWI after being stopped for a traffic violation. Also in possession of marijuana paraphernalia.				

**CHESTERFIELD MAN ARRESTED FOR SEXUAL MISCONDUCT:** Chaiporn Haley of Chesterfield was arrested Saturday morning by a State Trooper at 8:21AM in Phelps County for Sexual Misconduct.

## Online Arrest Reports

### Arrest Report Details



Arrest Date	Arrest Time	Arrest County	Person Name	Person City/State
01/05/2019	8:21AM	PHELPS	HALEY, CHAIPORN	57 CHESTERFIELD, MO
Charge				
1.) MISDEMEANOR SEXUAL MISCONDUCT - 1ST DEGREE				

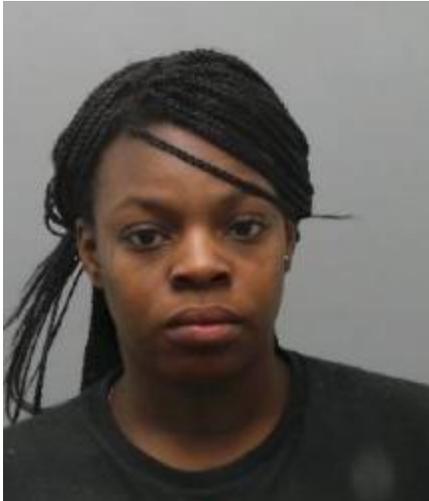
Haley lives at 15351 Thistlerbriar Ct. off of Silverwood Lane near Country Ridge Drive, with his wife Jane Haley. According to a spokesman for the Highway Patrol the arrest was the result of a complaint of Haley exposing himself. The case is currently at the Phelps County prosecutor’s office pending warrant issuance or denial.



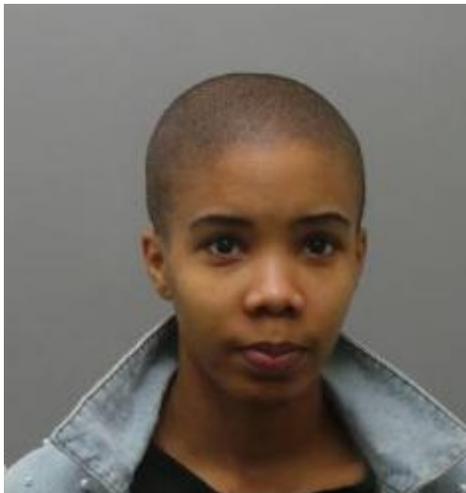
15351 Thistlebriar CT

**CHESTERFIELD POLICE OFFICER SAVES LIFE OF REPEAT THEIF AND ROBBER WHO TRIED TO ESCAPE ARREST BY RUNNING ACROSS I-64 IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY:** Back on November 25, 2018 in Newsletter #357 we reported how Elysia Mosley, 28 and Jasmine Bolden, 28 of St. Louis were arrested at 2:30 in the afternoon on November 15 for stealing \$1,214 worth of merchandise from Dick's Sporting Goods in Chesterfield Valley.

Chesterfield Police were called and saw the pair trying to flee in a car driven by Bolden. She pulled over on the parking lot of the Lion's Choice Restaurant on Chesterfield Airport Road near I-64. Mosely followed officer instructions and was arrested without incident. Bolden was another story.



Bolden



Mosley

Bolden was on a 7-year probation for a Robbery she did when a shoplifting escalated to an assault on a store employee in 2015 at the Chesterfield Outlet Mall Kate Spade store. She also had a felony stealing charge from Chesterfield in 2017 that was pending in the courts and two days earlier on 11/13/18 an arrest warrant was issued against Bolden for probation violation. Plus there was the illegal firearm charge and stolen property charges from Maryland Heights in May.

Bolden did not want to stick around and took off running. What happened next was amazing. She ran across I-64 trying to escape and when officers were waiting on the other side of I-64 she turned around, jumped the median and then fell in a lane on the interstate highway. A Chesterfield Police officer pulled her onto a shoulder out of the traffic.

Here is the whole story in a Probable Cause Statement filed with the courts:

I, Chris Fenton, DSN 0287, 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 November 15, 2018, at 64 THF Boulevard, Jasmine Bolden, Black, Female, DOB 05/08/1993, 5'00", 120lbs, committed one or more criminal offense(s).

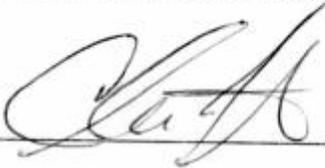
Count: 01        STEALING - \$750 OR MORE - CLASS D FELONY

Count: 02        RESISTING ARREST - CLASS E FELONY

The facts supporting this belief are as follows: Chesterfield police responded to a report of a theft from the Dick's Sporting Goods store at 64 THF Boulevard. They obtained a description of the suspects and their vehicle. The suspect vehicle was located a short distance away and was stopped in the parking lot of the Lion's Choice restaurant at 17294 Chesterfield Airport Road. Defendant Mosley, a

passenger in the car, complied with police instructions to exit the car and was arrested. Defendant Bolden, the driver of the car, fled from the vehicle on foot and ran onto Interstate 64, crossing the eastbound lanes, jumping over the median and then crossing the westbound lanes. Officers were waiting for her on the far side of the interstate, at which point defendant Bolden ran back onto the westbound lanes, pursued by an officer. She fell to the ground in one of the traffic westbound lanes, pursued by an officer. She fell to the ground in one of the traffic lanes and had to be dragged by the officer onto the shoulder to avoid getting struck by oncoming traffic. Police recovered \$1,214.83 worth of merchandise from the suspect vehicle that had been stolen from Dick's Sporting Goods. Defendants confessed to acting together to steal the items from Dick's.

Chris Fenton, DSN 0287, Chesterfield Police Department

[Signature]  Date: 12/17/18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY  
STATE OF MISSOURI

-VS-

JASMINE AIRIONDEAY BOLDEN  
4343 ARCO AVENUE  
SAINT LOUIS, MO 63110

RACE: Black  
SEX: Female  
DOB: 05/08/1993  
HGT: 5'00"  
WGT: 120lbs.  
P.D.: Chesterfield  
ORI Number: MO0959A00

**Aliases:**  
Jasmine A. Bolden  
Jasmine Bolden  
Alonda Mackin  
Joann Bolden

**CHARGES**

Count: 01 STEALING - \$750 OR MORE - CLASS D FELONY  
Count: 02 RESISTING ARREST - CLASS E FELONY

**COUNT: 01 STEALING - \$750 OR MORE - CLASS D FELONY**

That Jasmine Bolden and Elysia Mosley, acting together, 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 November 15, 2018 between 2:26 PM and 2:30 PM, at 64 THF Boulevard, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant and Elysia Mosley, acting together, appropriated assorted clothing and merchandise, of a value of at least seven hundred fifty dollars, which property was in the possession of Dick's Sporting Goods, and defendant and Elysia Mosley, acting together, appropriated such property without the consent of Dick's Sporting Goods and with the purpose to deprive Dick's Sporting Goods thereof.

**COUNT: 02 RESISTING ARREST - CLASS E FELONY**

That Jasmine Bolden, in violation of Section 575.150, RSMo, committed the class E felony of resisting an arrest, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.002 and 558.011, RSMo, in that on or about November 15, 2018, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, Ofc. Jason Bromwich and Ofc. Emily Pacheco, law enforcement officers, were making an arrest of defendant for felony stealing, and the defendant knew or reasonably should have known that the officers were making an arrest, and, for the purpose of preventing the officers from effecting the arrest, resisted the arrest of defendant by fleeing from the officers, and defendant fled in such a manner that created a substantial risk of serious physical injury or death to other persons in that defendant ran onto an interstate highway in the middle of the afternoon.

The undersigned Prosecutor informs the Court on information and belief that the above offense(s) herein charged were committed.

*Is! David Truman*  
David R. Truman MBE 44360  
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

**Bolden: To refresh your memory, this is Bolden's arrest record**

09/15/10	Felony Stealing PG 10/21/11 PG placed on 5-yr SIS probation term. Probation revoked 1/23/14 and the sent to 7-years prison but placed on SES Probation Term. Theft at South County Mall. Probation Violation warrant issued 09/11/18.	St. Louis CO PD
03/04/11	Stealing and Trespassing PG 03/04/13 90-days Jail but placed on a SES probation	Richmond Heights PD
07/19/11	Criminal Charge amended to littering \$250 Fail to Yield to Police Car \$375 fine	Olivette PD
03/02/12	Misd Stealing PG 1/23/14 sent to 6-months jail Served 10 days and placed on 2-year probation	Richmond Heights PD
07/23/13	Felony Stealing PG 1/16/14 sent to 7 years prison But served only 120 days and then placed on 5-yr SES probation. 9/11/18 Probation violation warrant issued.	St. Louis County PD

09/19/15	Robbery PG 08/25/16 sent to 7-years but only Served 120 days and then placed on 5-year probation. Probation Violation Warrant issued 11/13/18	Chesterfield PD
08/05/17	Felony Stealing Over \$750 pending	Chesterfield PD
05/15/18	Speeding 87/60 & Fail to Yield to Police car warrant	Webster Groves PD
05/30/18	Unlawful Possession of a Firearm pending Receiving Stolen Property	Maryland Heights PD
11//15/18	Felony Stealing/Felony Resist Arrest/	Chesterfield PD
12/23/18	Stealing 4-Counts of Possession of Stolen Property Possession of Theft Device Resisting Arrest	Richmond Heights PD

**Chesterfield Officer makes arrests and saves life:** The officer who pulled Bolden out of the travel lanes on I-64 should get some credit and he was not mentioned in the court file as the officer dragging Bolden out of traffic on I-64. It was Jason Bromwich.



Officer Jason Bromwich

**BETTER TOGETHER NOT ON THE AGENDA BUT THE TOPIC OF PROPSOED COUNTY-CITY MERGER DOMINATED DISCUSSION AT LAST CITY COUNCIL MEETING.** For our out of town readers 142 years ago the citizens of St. Louis voted top separate from St. Louis County. Voters in the sparely populated St. Louis County also thought that was a good idea. Now with the City having finance, crime, providing service issues; there is a push to merge back with the County. Besides Washington, DC the only cities in the United States not located in a County or Parish (Louisiana's form of counties) are St. Louis and Baltimore, Maryland. Baltimore has the same issues as St. Louis concerning money, crime and services.

Let's start off with some more recent 30 and 35-year-old background.

In 1983 Town and Country doubled in size when it annexed to the west of its original city limits. The reason why the proposal passed with residents who had been in the unincorporated areas was two fold. The first was zoning control, to keep areas bordering their residential areas from being home to office complexes and shopping

centers. The other reason was POLICE SERVICES! The County Police response times were extremely long and the investigative services often ignored certain crimes due to manpower issues.

The area outside of Town and Country response times were often an hour or more on a busy weekend night. Some calls, like a genetic “suspicious auto” never even got answered.

In 1988 when the City of Chesterfield incorporated the issues were the same.

Now in 2019, the Town and Country and Chesterfield Police Departments are providing excellent police services, with fast response times and excellent investigative services. However, County Police Chief Jon Belmar wants to take that away by creating a city-county police department and go back to the days of bad police services.

City services in Town and Country and Chesterfield are also far more responsive compared with County operations. As bad or as inept as some politicians have been, the Town and Country city staff has always been excellent.

With the replacement of the city administrator in Chesterfield several years ago, the same can be said for Chesterfield.

Here is what the group “Better Together” is proposing (although we are waiting for their written report that has been delayed since last August):

- 1) Eliminate city police departments and have a massive area wide police department.
- 2) Have a new layer of government called a “metro city” with 33 council members.
- 3) Claim that this is a State wide issue (which it isn't) and have a state wide ballot issue (since no way a merger would pass in St. Louis County it has a better chance to pass if rural and Kansas City voters were included.) However this violates the Missouri Constitution. (Const. of 1875, Art. IX, § 26 (Adopted November 4, 1924).) This section states that the decision to reunite St. Louis City and St. Louis County is to be decided by residents of the city and the county and not voters across the state.

“Better Together” is one of 74-year-old billionaire Rex Singuefield’s projects. While Rex has many ties to his birth place of St. Louis his actual home address is outside of Westphalia, Missouri (population 389) in unincorporated Osage County.

**The day before the meeting:** Chesterfield mayor, Bob Nation was interviewed by the Post-Dispatch. Here is his primary comment:

“The plan is ludicrous, thoroughly short sighted, absolutely un-American and unfair.”

**Monday Jan.7 Agenda Review Meeting:** The agenda for the regular meeting was short with nothing controversial. This meant the agenda review meeting was over early. Ward-1 Councilwoman Barb McGuinness led things off about Better Together.



“Should we talk about “Better Together? Excuse me while I choke,” said McGuinness. I tried to find the telephone number to “Better Together” and I couldn’t find it. I asked our city administrator and he couldn’t find it.”

Mayor Bob Nation spoke next.

“I told Channel 4 (KMOV-TV News) that we need to meet with “Better Together” but they haven’t been interested. I think their report that was supposed to be out in August is coming out on January 21,” said Mayor Nation.



Mayor Nation

Usually city administrators and city attorneys don't speak unless they are spoken to by an elected official. That was not the case in this agenda review meeting.



Mike Geisel



Chris Graville

"My guess is there are a lot of trial balloons going up. The people of the State should not be hoodwinked," said Mike Geisel. "You (the city council) already passed a resolution against it. Changing the way we do things is a very negative way. I was also disturbed by reading the remarks of Chief Belmar (wanting to get rid of city police departments for one massive department)."

"The State MUNI League doesn't think it is a given it will be on the ballot," Geisel added.

"A lot of Missouri and people of this County are going to look toward Chesterfield," said City Attorney Chris Graville.

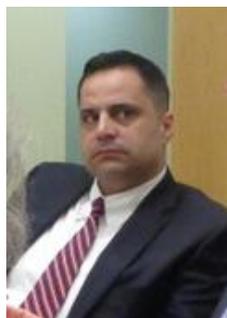
**GRIZZLY ADAMS TO A HARDY BOY:** Chesterfield City Attorney went from looking like a cross between Grizzly Adams and Iranian Diplomat in November of 2018 to one of the Hardy Boys from the 1956 Walt Disney TV series in January of 2019. When we asked Graville said he did it at the request of his mother-in-law who has much better fashion sense than the lawyer.



Graville Nov 2018



Dan Haggerty



Graville Jan 2019



The Hardy Boys 1956

**CHESTERFIELD RESIDENT AND UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI SENIOR COULD MAKE A GOOD POLITICIAN. HIS FACTS WERE JUST A LITTLE OFF:**

Ellis Markman of Park Valley Drive in Chesterfield was the only speaker in the public comment section of last Monday's meeting.



Markman, wearing a T-shirt promoting his frat house's fall party, was upset about the current condition of the Chesterfield Mall, one of the largest malls in Missouri by square footage is almost empty with Macy's being the only large tenant left. The mall had about 100 tenants 10 years ago and has about 17 now.

"The food court is closed," said Markman. Not quite, there is still a Philly Cheese steak shop left.

"All the restaurants are gone," he said. In fact the Cheesecake Factory on the west end of the mall next to the movie theaters is still drawing a lot of customers.



He did mention that Chesterfield Mall was featured in a recent article (Dec. 17, 2018) in the Wall Street Journal about dying malls. We checked this and Mr. Markman was 100-percent correct. The article even had a quote from City of Chesterfield City Administrator Mike Geisel commenting on the lonely Santa Claus at the mall that a woman felt so sorry for she got friends to come to the mall and pose for photos with him, .

Chesterfield City Administrator Mike Geisel is glad to see Santa getting more attention. “They have an excellent Santa there at Chesterfield Mall,” he says. “He’s an underutilized asset.”



Hearing that the local mall Santa was lonely, Jessica Barber, center front, and her coworkers went to visit him. PHOTO: JESSICA BARBER

Markman was requesting that the city do something to save the mall. When he was finished Mayor Bob Nation asked him if he had any suggestions and reminded him, “This is private property. We can’t spend public money on private property.” These were somewhat unusual words from a man whose city has given TDD and CID sales tax money to two Outlet Malls that many feel have caused the current status of Chesterfield Mall, plus a hockey rink. (It should be noted that when two of the measures were passed Nation was not mayor and opposed the measures, however he has since support other special tax money going to projects in Chesterfield Valley.)

**CANDIATE FILES AGAINST BARB MCGUINNESS IN WARD 1:** Patricia Vietmeier, 69, of 186 Kendall Bluff Ct has filed against Barb McGuinness for the Ward-1 Chesterfield Council seat. McGuinness was the chair of the Planning Commission when Chesterfield was first incorporated in 1988. She has been on the Council since 2015 after the death of her friend, former mayor and councilwoman Nancy Greenwood. Greenwood who had cancer recommended that McGuinness replace her.

Her husband is David Vietmeier, they drive an Audi and a Hyundai and their taxes are paid.

She appeared at two City Council meetings in 2016 speaking against the appointment of Mike Geisel as City Administrator.

On April 28, 2016 at a Special City Council meeting about hiring an outside company to do either a national search or do a special validation study of Mike Geisel to take over as City Administrator, a position he had been doing in an acting capacity for five months, Vietmeier spoke and wanted the city to avoid the "Old Boys Club." This is from our Newsletter #226:

Patty Vietmeier spoke next and urged the Council to do a candidate search and to be sure to include women candidates.



Patty Vietmeier

Here is what she said at the August 22, 2016 Council meeting just before the swearing in of Giesel as City Administrator from our newsletter #240:

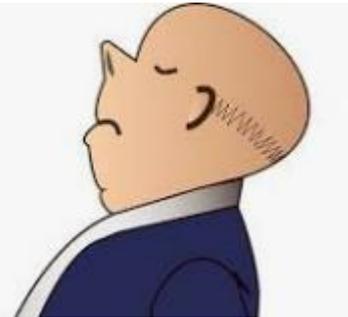
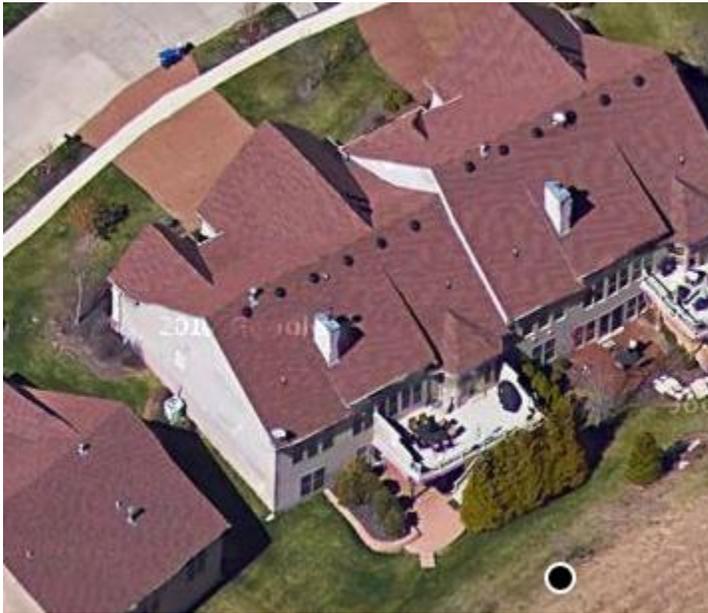
"I'd like to recommend that the City Administrator position go to some fresh outside leadership. Keep Geisel in his current position and also get new leadership. We don't want business as usual," said **Patty Vietmeier**.

She has connections with the local Republican Party folks. She was not happy with the censure of Mayor Bob Nation. She was one of the folks upset over the attempt to impeach him. However I'm told she was also upset with his turn around toward special

tax district. I think that Barb McGuinness voting for several Nation proposals and appointments might have been what got her to run.

However, the folks in Ward-1 are an independent lot. I think someone associated with local Republicans might carry more weight in Wards 4 or 2. McGuinness is very popular with a lot of people and subdivision groups in Ward-1. It is hard to vote against a person running the last Velvet Freeze Ice Cream Shop.

Vietmeier's house is actually a town house in a gated subdivision. (Welcome to snoburbia)



**NO RACE YET IN THE MONARCH FIRE DISTRICT:** With just three days left to file, Jean Millner has no opposition for her seat on the Monarch Fire District Board.



Millner opening a sealed bid that arrived in a box at Wednesday January 9 Fire District Meeting.

The Bids were what we used to call ambulance and in today's Fire Service Speak they are called "Life Support Vehicles." Here were the two bids received.

\$260,642 American Response Vehicles Columbia, MO

\$262,821 Horton Emergency Vehicles Grove City, Ohio

**WESLEY BELL SHOWS HE HAS NO EXPERIENCE FOR THE JOB:** When Wesley Bell took office as the new St. Louis County Prosecutor he made an amazing mistake by firing veteran 30-year assistant prosecutor Kathi Alizadeh, who handles cases before the Grand Jury, including 4-years ago the Michael Brown/Ferguson case. In that case the Grand Jury refused to indict Ferguson Police Officer Darren Wilson.

At the time of her firing Alizadeh was preparing the grand jury case against Thomas Bruce, the man charged with shooting and killing a customer at the Catholic Supply Store in West St. Louis County who refused to give him oral sex at gunpoint.

Since the grand jury meets in secret Bell, a former Ferguson city council member, should have no idea how Alizadeh handled the case since the deliberations of the jury were secret. However Alizadeh was vilified and attacked by the liberal media, especially MSNBC.

Instead of firing a long time staff member who just joined a labor union Bell should have simply transferred Alizadeh and had her handle Highway Patrol traffic ticket cases until she decided to retire.



On Tuesday Bell held a news conference stating he wanted to directed more staff toward violent offenders and use more drug treatment. He also favors expanding drug court and DWI Courts special programs.

Here is a quote from the Post-Dispatch:

“So we intend to aggressively prosecute serious and violent crimes, and those low-level, nonviolent offenders we want to make sure that we give them the tools in the toolbox so that they don’t become violent offenders.”

Chesterfield has to deal daily with an invasion of thieves, many stealing due to drug additions, but many other simply stealing because they are crooks. The city prosecutor has shown a lack of any desire to prosecute thieves or drunk drivers if they hire a lawyer he drops stealing charges to “littering” and for drunks he puts them on a No-Record probation and reduces the moving violation to “Illegal Parking.” Now Mr. Bell is talking about reducing his staff who prosecute the people who hurt local retailers’ profits and often even assault employees trying to stop them from stealing.

Concerning drunk drivers, the local prosecutors in Town and Country and Chesterfield have shown almost no desire to actually put on a trial. In Europe drunk driving laws are very strict and there are few repeat offenders. There is a difference between drug addicts and DWI drivers. Drug addicts have to do something to buy more drugs. It is perfectly legal to get intoxicated; you just have to not drive. If you’re drunk you can call a taxi or Uber. The idea that Mr. Bell plans to be even more lenient than the courts already are is frightening. Drunk drivers kill lots of people every year.

### **RESAURANT REVIEW: Espino’s 17409 Chesterfield Airport Road 12/27/18**

We have eaten at Espino’s located in a strip center in Chesterfield Valley several times. I like it but I’m not much of a Mexican food expert. The one thing I can say about the place, whether it is a weeknight or a weekend the place is always crowded at dinner time.



The reason we were at Espino's besides having good meals there in the past was the fact that Anita Rosamond was performing (as a single). We arrived on Thursday December 27 at 6:40pm. It was difficult getting through the front door.

Anita was just inside the bar with her back against a window and her keyboard in front of her and a speaker to the side. It was almost impossible to see her. There were so many people with their names on the list for a table in the dining room standing around. It begged the question, with crowds this big, why do they need entertainment?



Here is the crowd waiting for a table in the bar.



Here is Anita trying to give a waive to us at the end of the bar.

Anita's normal fans are, let's say at the upper end of middle age and beyond. This crowd did not meet that description.

When it was decided we were going to eat at the bar, a basket of chips and sauce quickly arrived.



My wife had earlier had something to eat, so she did not want a full meal. Even though still being a “fat guy” although 40-pounds less than a year ago, I can’t eat like I used too. I ordered the Steak Taco Dinner of three soft tacos with cheese hidden between two taco rolls, slices of steak and onions. There was not a lot of messy or highly spicy sauce, so I liked my taco a lot. The plate came with refried beans and rice, plus guacamole, sour cream, and some tasty pico de gallo. (\$14.35)

My wife ordered Guacamole (\$8.95) and a “Top Shelf” brand margarita at \$8.75.



The soft taco entre became a clean plate. I had one taco, my wife had one and when Anita took a break and sat with us she had the third taco. We all liked them. Strips of

streak can be chewy and tough, but these were tender with a hint of seasoning and with the onions made them tasty at least to my palate.



Between my wife and Anita the Guacamole was gone.

The only down side on the night, besides the crowd was the middle-aged lady bartender who was borderline rude and no fun to interact with.

Espino's is a bit on the pricey side for a little place in a strip mall, but locals clearly like the place and I have never had a bad eating experience there.

**Speaking of Beans and Rice!** Every couple of months if we are going to Sasha's on DeMunn in Clayton to listen to jazz on Wednesday night featuring a trio lead by Jim Manley on trumpet, we will dine out before showing up for the music at a favorite spot in Brentwood at 8101 Manchester Road. Sparing no expense my favorite place is Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen (chicken joint) where we get red beans and rice and usually chicken strips.



The staff, who apparently all take the Metro or busses from the nearby Metro Station on Manchester at Laclede Station Road because we never see cars behind the building, are always nice. We had planned to order three chicken strips and split them, plus our own sides of red beans and rice. I have to say if the Popeye's is on their game, their Red Beans and Rice is as good as any I have had in New Orleans.

On this night there was a New Year's sign in the window advertising the good luck dish of blacked eyed peas. When I began to order all my ala carte items, A.J. the ast. manager at the counter stopped me and said it would be cheaper if we ordered a basket with 4-pieces of chicken strips, a biscuit and a side. He saved us a couple of dollars. The basket should come with one biscuit. Ours came with two. My wife wanted to try and black eyed peas and the night manager came over and said, they (Popeye's) didn't send very much and there is only one small dish left. She gave them to us at no charge.

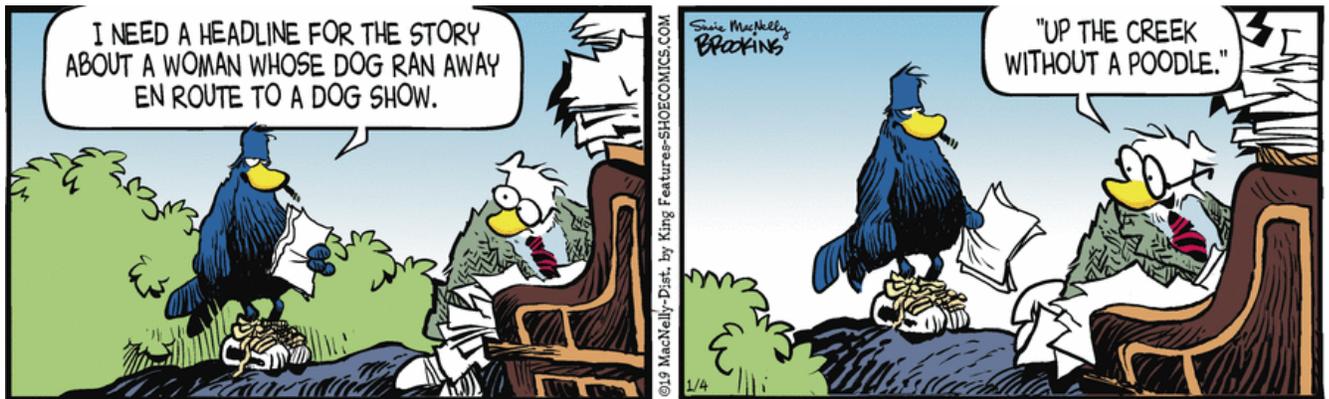
The bill was \$8.80. I left a \$2.20 tip, something a little unusual at a fast food place.



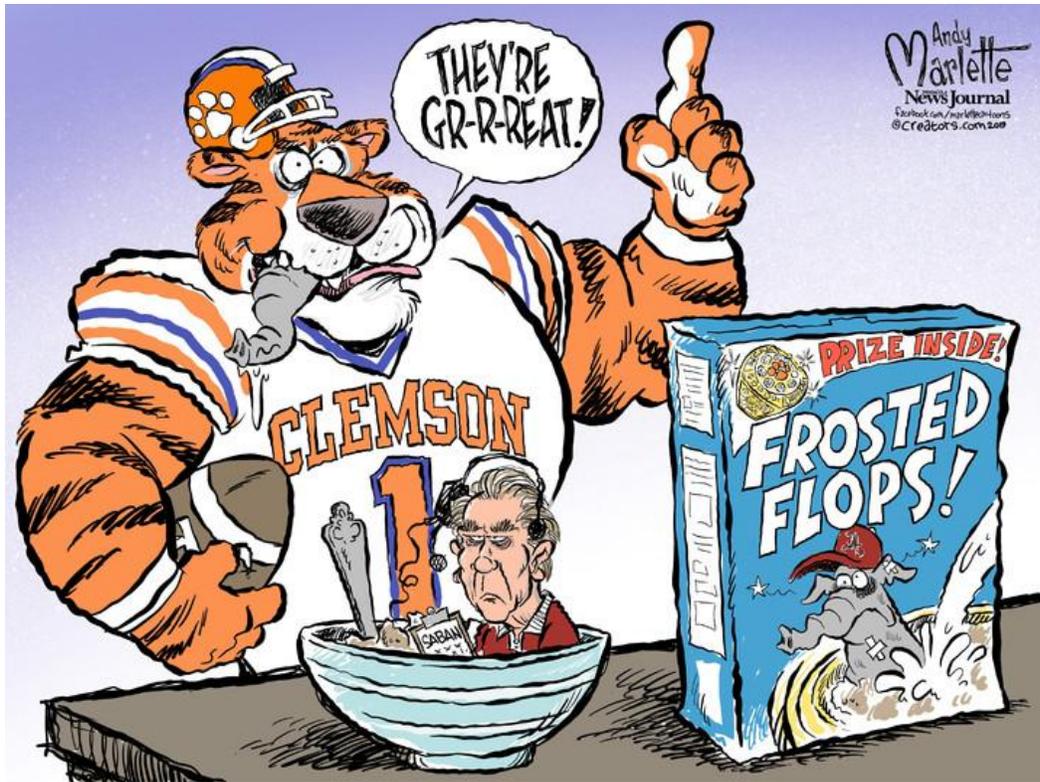
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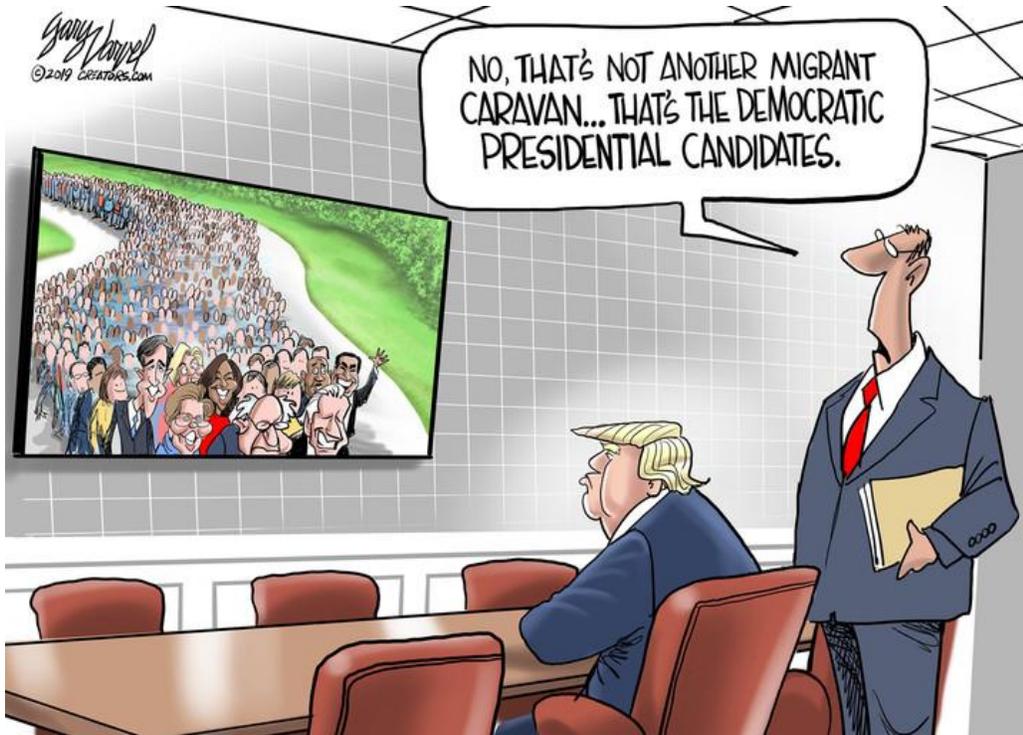


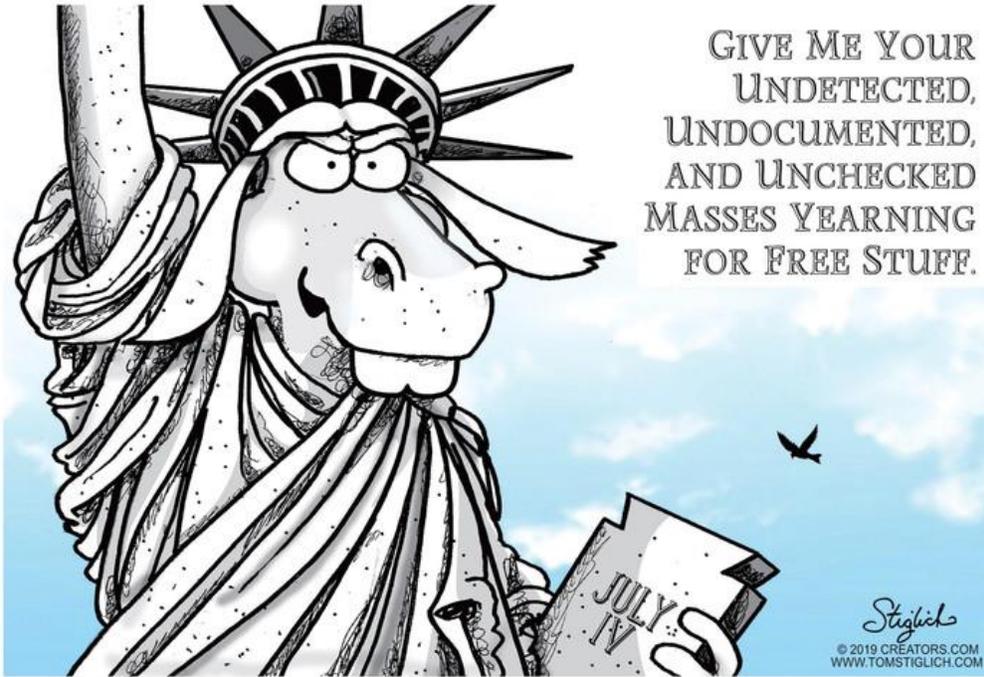




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