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By John Hoffmann

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WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY IN VICIOUS ATTACK ON POPULAR

WAITRESS: At 9 pm on Monday January 29, 2013 Smitty's waitress Nancy Seamen, a 23-year employee, switched from being a waitress to being both the waitress and bartender. A little before midnight as the bartender Nancy told Jayne Baning, 51, she had too much to drink and she could not serve her anymore.



Baning, of Manchester, broke a cocktail glass and used the sharp stem to attack Seaman. Nancy had serious injuries from the deep cuts on her face that affected her vision, smell, taste, teeth, nerves and facial muscles.

The Chesterfield Police responded and ended up issuing Baning a summons in city court for common assault. There was nothing common about this assault. I filed a complaint with Chief Ray Johnson. He assigned it to a detective. Chesterfield City Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer did not have a chance to reduce the charge to Littering and get a \$500 fine. Baning was charged with felony Assault and later indicted. The city charge was dropped.



Jayne Baning



Nancy Seamen one month after the attack before surgeries.



Nancy after multiple surgeries.

On Friday morning January 16 Baning, who had hired lawyer, Scott "DWI Head-on Wreck in his \$177,000 Bentley" Rosenblum, entered an Alford Plea to the charge.

In an Alford Plea the defendant doesn't admit guilt, but acknowledges there is ample evidence to prove they are guilty.

County Circuit Judge Michael D. Burton accepted the plea and then placed Baning on a five year Suspended Imposition of Sentence probation term. This means at the end of five years if Baning doesn't carve up someone else, she won't have this on her record. Of course Nancy Seamen has been sentenced to have medical issues for the rest of her life thanks to Baning.

A civil suit filed by Seamen against Baning was settled out of court on January 5.

CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY ALDERPERSONS CALL FOR A SUBDIVISION MEETING AND THEN DROP BOMBHELL: We understand from several sources that on Friday January 16 Town Square Task Force Chairman and Ward 1 Alderman Skip Mange and Ward 2 Alderwoman Amy Anderson met with a subdivision group and according to some in attendance mentioned that perhaps the city would sell off the front commercial property on the recently purchased Wirth property and then turn the back seven acres into a park. Next some at the meeting claimed they discussed the city buying up to 17 acres of land from Principia around the firehouse at Clayton Road and Mason possible for a new city hall.

However, Ay Anderson later denied this. She told me that Skip Mange was giving a slide show to the subdivision. Here is what she wrote:

Skip gave a short presentation of what the Town Square Task Force will do. I believe his slide was showing what areas will be discussed for future land planning and appropriate uses for property. The city is not considering purchasing Principia property.

This begs the question..."What do you mean...you believe? Weren't you there? Were you distracted and not paying attention?

However in an interview with someone in attendance they say Mange said "talks were underway with Principia." The homeowner also said that Mange had a slide with the specific 17 acres in question that the city was interested in.

All this is fascinating for the following reasons:

1. The Town Square task Force has not held its first meeting yet (first meeting set for January 29 at the Longview Park Farmhouse) but some members of the Task Force are going out and giving slide shows without the knowledge or approval of the Task Force.
2. Amy Anderson has had close ties to Principia having attended the Christian Science school and still has many friends with connections to the school. That is not disqualifying. That happens in any small town. Skip Mange is another story. He is currently on their payroll. With Mange talking about possible future land use at Principia...he should be doing that as a Principia employee and not an elected official. He clearly has entered an ethical minefield. There is little doubt this is a clear conflict of interest. Mange should step down. Of course he is the perfect person if you want to make an inside deal. But he is absolutely the wrong person if you want transparency and keep this above board.

He never should have been appointed by Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist Jon Dalton. But of course Dalton and ethics have never been very close. In 2005 Dalton as mayor was on the West County EMS and Fire Protection District payroll as a lobbyist. It was the same year he signed a \$17.5 million contract with the Fire District. In 2014 he was found in violation of the Missouri Ethics laws 27 times in campaign finance reporting.



Skip Mange and Amy Anderson

3. The city is coming out of 2014 where it ended with a \$1.8 million deficit. The city began 2015 with a projected \$1.2 million deficit. However it spent \$2.4 million to purchase the Wirth Property, which the Wirth Family had been unable to sell for a decade. Some at the meeting felt there is talk of another multi-million dollar land purchase this time with the Principia School.



Wirth Property

4. The city just voted to install solar panels on the city hall and police department, but is now telling residents that perhaps there is going to be a new city hall in the future. It was also mentioned that the city might purchase the land with no firm plan of what to do with it. What kind of responsible government would buy land with no plans of exactly what to do with it?

5. The City park department has one maintenance employee. The City is having trouble maintaining three parks with Preservation Park have serious maintenance issues, but now an elected official is suggesting adding another park.

FINAL 2015 LETHAL DEER CULLING REPORT STILL PENDING: Town and Country City Administrator Gary Hoelzer told us the city is still waiting for the final report from White Buffalo of Connecticut on the January 2015 deer management operation. Gary said it will be posted on the city's website and forwarded to me for our newsletter as soon as he receives it. Traditionally the reports are not delayed as White Buffalo doesn't get paid until the reports are filed. The reports will include the areas in the City where deer were shot and the post shooting census count.

100, the maximum number of deer to be shot and butchered with meat going to area food pantries, was reached this year thanks in part to no heavy snow events.

A HIGHLY EDITED RESPONSE TO THE DEER WHACKOS: On Monday January 12, I arrived at the Town and Country Board of Aldermen agenda meeting at about 6:25. As I was picking up copies of pending bills, a new reporter with KSDK was finishing up interviewing deer whackos Al Gerber and Barbara Ann Hughes, who had been saying how giving deer hysterectomies was the way to deer management and not shooting deer.

The new reporter was Christina Coleman, who we learned had been working for the past four-plus years for a TV station in San Antonio. From August through November of 2014 she was enjoying the River Walk in San Antonio and not the West Florissant Avenue Walk, where most St. Louis reporters found themselves. (With all the new and younger reporters being hired at KSDK...I keep waiting to hear reporter Judy to yell to reporter Mickey, "Let's all go to the barn and put on a newscast!")

When Gerber was done talking, I asked Reporter Coleman if she wanted to hear the other side of the story. I explained I was a former alderman who was on the board when the lethal management was approved. She took me up on it and I was mic'ed up.

I then went into a combination history lesson and comedy routine.

"Over population of deer destroy undergrowth where song birds, chipmunks and rabbits live causing them to be killed by predators. Who is going to hold candlelight vigils for Chip and Dale and Thumper?"

"The deer population explosion started on the East Coast around 1990 and reached Missouri before 2000, bring with it Lymes Disease."

"If you give deer hysterectomies, those deer are still dangers to motorist, do property damage and eliminate under growth which harms smaller wildlife."

Here is apparently the one clip they used.

"If you are driving on I-64 and hit a deer that is coming through your windshield do you really care if it is fertile or sterile?"

DEER-VEHICLE ACCIDENTS ARE DOWN FOR 2014: In December there were only seven deer-vehicle accidents according to police. This means 2014 came to an end with just 74 deer-vehicle accidents. That is down from 91 in 2013.

Here are December deer-vehicle accident locations:

- Dec. 02 8:45 pm Clayton Road west of I-270 (Ward 1)
- Dec. 07 6:20 pm Mason Ridge Road (Ward 3)
- Dec. 13 11:41 pm Clayton Road at Longview Park (Ward 3)
- Dec. 17 9:11 pm Conway Road east of Hwy 141 (Ward 4)
- Dec. 19 11:37 am North Outer 40 Road (Ward 1)
- Dec. 22 2:46 pm Hwy 141 at I-64 (Ward 4)

Dec. 29 8:55 pm Hwy 141 at Clayton Road (Ward 3)



2014 Deer Accident Locations

SB I-270 Between I-64 and south City Limits **6** (Ward 1)
NB I-270 Between I-64 and south City Limits **5** (Ward 1)
I-64 at I-270 **1** (Ward 1)
I-64 at Ballas **1** (Ward 1)
Clayton Road east of I-270 **1** (Ward 1)
Clayton Road between Topping and I-270 **2** (Ward 1)
Municipal Center Drive **1** (Ward 1)
South Outer 40 East of Mason **3** (Wards 1 & 2)
North Outer 40 East of Mason **1** (Wards 1 & 2)
Topping Road **2** (Ward 2)
Mason Road South of Clayton Road **5** (Ward 2)
Clayton Road east of Mason Road to Topping Road **4** (Ward 2)
I-64 at or near Mason Road **8** (Ward 2 or 3)
Clayton Road between Mason and Hwy 141 **6** (Ward 3)
Mason Ridge Road **1** (Ward 3)
Hwy 141 at Clayton Road **3** (Ward 3)
Woods Mill Road Clayton to Manderleigh **1** (Ward 3)
South Outer Forty Road Mason West to City Limits **2** (Wards 3 and 4)
Mason Rd north of I-64 **1** (Ward 4)
I-64 at or near Maryville Exit **2** (Ward 4)
I-64 at Hwy 141 **4** (Ward 4)
Hwy 141 From I-64 to Conway Road **2** (Ward 4)
North 40 Drive at Hwy 141 **1** (Ward 4)
Ladue Road **4** (Ward 4)
Old Woods Mill and I-64 Overpass **1** (Ward 4)
Conway Road Mason Rd to Hwy 141 **4** (Ward 4)

ALDERPERSONS CALLED "NEW MONEY" AND TOWN AND COUNTRY CALLED "PATHETIC" BY AN ALLEGED BUSCH FROM LADUE. Here is an email all the members of the Town and Country Board of aldermen received.

From: anna busch <annabusch41970@yahoo.com>

Subject: Deer Population

Date: January 13, 2015 at 12:27:54 PM CST

To: "Mayor@Town-and-Country.org" <Mayor@Town-and-Country.org>, "WrightLH@Town-and-Country.org" <WrightLH@Town-and-Country.org>, "Manges@Town-and-Country.org" <Manges@Town-and-Country.org>, "WelbyTJ@Town-and-Country.org" <WelbyTJ@Town-and-Country.org>, "WelbyTJ@Town-and-Country.org" <WelbyTJ@Town-and-Country.org>, "Andersona@Town-and-Country.org" <Andersona@Town-and-Country.org>, "Crawfordgb@town-and-country.org" <Crawfordgb@town-and-country.org>, "MeylandsmithFJ@Town-and-country.org" <MeylandsmithFJ@Town-and-country.org>, "RalloL@Town-and-Country.org" <RalloL@Town-and-Country.org>, "BenigasJ@Town-and-Country.org" <BenigasJ@Town-and-Country.org>

Reply-To: anna busch <annabusch41970@yahoo.com>

Dear Mayor and Alderman of Town And Country.

Having been a resident of St. Louis, specifically Ladue for close to 60 years, I can say your city is an embarrassment. We have researched each of you and one thing is common, you are all "new money".

You clearly only are thinking of yourselves. You might want to think about the fact that you choose to live there and have pushed these animals out. How about taking your children to watch the sharp shooters? Maybe have a fire and toast marshmallows....

Again, we talked about your little city at our club last night. It is quite a shame that you never learned how to be humans, just how to flaunt your money.

Again, it is quite comical that you feel that shooting a defenseless animal is the solution.

Someday you will have to answer to the high being about what your actions did, I hope you will be able to explain it so he will be able to understand why you felt it necessary to do what you have done.

Again, simply a pathetic excuse for a city, to have you represent your residents.

Now I was unable to find any Anna Busch currently in Ladue. I found two in South County and one in the Central West End. An ace IT detective was able to trace the email address not to Ladue but from someone in Eureka, Missouri through an architectural firm located in downtown St. Louis.

But regardless getting letters and emails like this one was a fun perks of being an elected official.

TOWN AND COUNTRY DOCTOR ADMITS BILKING MEDICARE OF \$1,000,000: Dr. Lawrence Iken of 14331 Manderleigh Woods Drive in Town and Country admitted in Federal Court on January 13 of cheating Medicare out of \$999,170 through fraudulent billing in connection with his podiatrist practice with offices in Creve Coeur and Manchester.

After his guilty plea Iken, 65, agreed to a judgment of repaying the \$999,170. He will also be sentenced in April for the felony fraud and could face up to 10-years in prison.

Iken has lived in his home in the Manderleigh subdivision for over 20 years.



BOARD OF ALDERMEN CLAIMING TO ADD VETERANS DAY AS CITY HOLIDAY...THEY ARE NOT ADDING IT...THEY ARE RETURNING IT...ALSO CITY DECIDED THAT AFTER 32 YEARS THEY WOULD HONOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. On January 12 the Town and Country Board of Aldermen voted to "add" Veterans Day as a paid city holiday. However, they are not really adding it, but merely returning it.

The city had honored veterans on November 11, but cancelled giving that day as a City holiday. The holiday was moved to the day after Thanksgiving. At the time the city was basically saying "To hell with service men and women" our employees need to shop. Now when they voted to return Veterans Day they also kept the day after Thanksgiving as a holiday, despite it not being a Federal holiday.

This is stupid because the day after Thanksgiving is often a busy day for police. In Town and Country there are only shifts covered with no admin support or specialty officers on duty. Besides getting 10 holidays off, employees are also given two "personal days off" they can use.

Also the City leaders continue to give days off that are not approved by ordinance. Again this year Christmas Eve was given as a day off to all employees. This costs a lot. Employees who might have used a vacation day or personal holiday for Christmas can save it. Also police who are working have to be compensated with future days off or extra day.

Linda Rallo, who sponsored the bill said, "I think it is important to honor civil rights and certainly Veteran's Day."

Nobody wanted to mention why they stopped honoring Veterans several years ago to include the Day after Thanksgiving as a holiday.

Only 32-years later Town and Country decided to honor MLK: Ronald Reagan signed the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Act into law for the Federal government in 1983. When this bill passed to have a city holiday on the Federal MLK Day, not one elected official mentioned how shameful that it has taken 32 years for the all white Board of Aldermen in the past. Regardless of you are a conservative, liberal, Republican or Democrat the fight for Civil Rights in the early 1960s, allowing Blacks to vote and attend State schools and Universities and striking down laws that discriminated against races were an important milestone in the history of the United States.

Costs: By not eliminating the Day after Thanksgiving as a holiday, these two days off will cost the City an additional \$17,500.

OUR TAKE: Add the two new holidays but take away the Day after Thanksgiving and stop giving Christmas Eve off making an unofficial City Holiday.

WATCH THE 2015 DEFICIT GROW:

2015 Town and Country Budget Deficit

-\$1,215,199	November 1, 2014 proposed budget with deficit
+ 25,000	December 8, 2014 Beautification Grants added to budget
-\$1,240,199	
+ 17,500	January 12, 2015 Addition of two more employee holidays
-\$1,257,699	

THAT WAS A LONG FIVE OR SIX DAYS: Back on December 6 a one-car accident knocked out not only the power, but the control wiring to the stoplights at the intersection of Clayton and Mason Road. Since Mason Road is part of the St. Louis County Highway system and Clayton Road is a mere municipal road even though it carries far more traffic than Mason Road...the stoplights are operated and maintained by St. Louis County.



By December 8 the County Highway Department told Town and Country officials, there were only four other similar lights in the County like those at Mason and Clayton and parts are difficult to get. They told they city they would have the lights back operating in five or six days.

On December 30th the lights were finally back on, but crews had to return on December 31 to tweak them. So in County Highway speak, five or six days is actually 22 days.

The interesting thing about the lights being replaced by a four way stop sign is that other than during rush hours, traffic flowed much better with the four-way stop signs. Too bad the County can't have the signals operating from 6-to-10 in the morning and 3-to-7 at night and be on four way flash for the rest of the day.

ONE OF TWO CARS STOLEN IN OVERNIGHT BURGLARY RECOVERED: On January 5 at 1 am two men broke into a house on Mason Grove, a one block long dead end street off of Mason Road just south of Thornhill Estates. They stole electronics and both cars that were in the garage. Police have not been releasing much information concerning the crime, other than the homeowners were home during the burglary.



One of the cars stolen was a Ford Escape. It was recovered on January 14 at Enright and Belt in North St. Louis after a short police chase. Two people were in the car and arrested by city police. However Town and Country police detectives eliminated them as the burglars who broke into the house. However, the detectives have developed enough evidence to establish one person as a suspect.

AND NOW FOR THE REST OF THE STORY: The second violent end to shoplifting at TJ Maxx in Des Peres in a month. In early December Des Peres cops were chasing a shoplifter in his car west on Manchester when the car ran a red light crashed and overturned. On Wednesday January 14 a Des Peres Police Sergeant shot twice at a car containing two shoplifters from T.J. Maxx that avoided roadblocks at the shopping center entrance by being driven on the sidewalk toward the officer.



Suspect Darnell Wilson

Here is an eyewitness account that was posted on the comment section of the Post-Dispatch that tells how one suspect caught himself.



[Katura Klaus](#)

I was at the stop light.. this is what I posted on my Facebook page.. I did not see any shots fired or the bullet hole on the windshield..... Excitement for the day. I was on Manchester in front of West County Mall and Edward Jones sitting at the stoplight. I was heading back home (east) and saw the police chase!! There was a black charger (guys being chased) by 2 police cars with sirens blaring. The charger got blocked in traffic at the stop light. They tried to go around and got stuck on the median. The guy in the passenger side got out of the car and put his hands up. The driver guy took off running. I saw him reach his left hand back towards his waist. In my head thought is he pulling out a gun? Nope. His pants were falling. They ended up at his knees and he got tripped up in his pants and fell as the police officer was running towards him with his taser. Police guy tackled him (not using the taser) and the light turned green and I went on my way. I guess if you are going to run from the cops, make sure your pants are pulled up.

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The driver who was shot was no stranger to police. He didn't have any arrest record from 2011 to 2014 because he was in prison. But here is Darnell Lamont Wilson's record. You will notice several gaps between arrests and of course this was when Wilson was our guest in the Missouri Prison System.

- 1/14/15 Felony Stealing (3rd or more offense) **St. Louis CO (Des Peres TJ Maxx)**
Assault on LE Officer
Resisting Arrest by fleeing
- 03/11/10 Police Pursuit **St. Louis County PD**
Fail to Yield To Emg Veh 16 days jail
Speeding 20 mph or more over limit 16 days jail
No valid Drivers License 16 days jail
Careless and Impudent Driving 16 days jail
2 counts Improper Lane Use 16 days jail
5 counts failure to Signal Turn or lane Change 16 days jail
- 03/11/10 Stealing Under \$500 1 year jail **St. Louis County PD**
Resisting Arrest by fleeing 4 years jail
- 05/04/10 2 counts felony Stealing 4 years jail **Des Peres DPS**
- 10/12/09 2 counts Forgery Probation later revoked 4 years jail **St. Louis Co PD**
- 03/26/07 Felony Assault 3 years jail St. Louis PD
Leaving the Scene of an Accident jail
- 12/11/06 Felony Drug Possession 17 months in jail St. Louis PD
- 11/18/06 Felony Stealing probation later revoked **Webster Groves PD**
- 11/09/04 Driving While Lic Revoked 1 year jail St. Louis PD

03/19/03 Felony Drug Possession 3 years jail St. Louis PD
 12/21/02 Driving with Suspended Driver's License 10 days jail **St. Louis County PD**
 OMV with No Insurance
 11/06/02 Felony Sealing 3 years jail **St. Louis County PD**
 02/25/00 Stealing Under \$500 Probation No Jail St. Louis PD
 01/24/00 2 Counts Felony Stealing 5 years jail **Warren County SO**
 02/05/99 Stealing Under \$500 3 months jail **Crestwood PD**
 01/22/99 Stealing Under \$500 3 months jail **Brentwood PD**
 09/13/98 Making False Declaration(giving false name) 120 days jail St. Louis City PD
 01/22/98 Stealing Under \$500 3 months jail **Cool Valley PD**
 01/30/97 Felony Stealing Probation St. Louis PD
 07/12/95 Driving with Revoked Drivers License 30 days jail St. Louis PD
 09/23/94 Auto Theft Probation St. Louis PD
 06/20/94 Driving with a Suspended Drivers' License 10 days jail St. Louis PD
 09/19/90 Distributing Drugs 5 years jail St. Louis PD

The accomplice in the theft was **Donnie Dismukes**. The Des Peres Police merely issued him a Municipal Court summons for stealing. The Des Peres prosecutor is none other than Tim Engelmeyer the Chesterfield prosecutor who reduces most stealing charges to littering. The Des Peres judge is Charles Billings who as a defense attorney gets prostitution charges reduced to littering for West County politicians. Like Wilson the gaps between arrests was when Dismukes was in prison.



04/28/01 Felony Drug Possession Probation St. Louis PD
 06/06/01 Felony Possession of Drugs 120 Days Jail St. Louis PD
 09/04/01 Felony Possession of Drugs 120 days Jail St. Louis PD
 Unlawful use of a Weapon 2005 Probation revoked 5-years jail
 09/23/03 Misdemeanor Possession of Drugs 30 days jail St. Louis PD
 04/15/03 Felony Possession of Drugs 10 years jail St. Louis PD
 03/18/04 Driving with Revoked License 4 days jail St. Louis PD
 03/30/04 Driving with Suspended License 60 days jail St. Louis PD
 05/30/04 Driving with Revoked License 60 days jail St. Louis PD
 06/09/04 Driving with Revoked License 60 days jail St. Louis PD

06/15/04	Failure to Reg Motor Vehicle	4 days jail	St. Louis County PD
	Driving with revoked License	4 days jail	
07/15/04	Felony Possession of Drugs	10 years jail	St. Louis PD
11/22/04	Trafficking in Drugs	Probation	St. Louis PD
	Felony Possession of Drugs		
01/15/08	Misdemeanor Drug Possession	90 days jail	St. Louis PD
11/05/09	Burglary	probation revoked 6 years jail	St. Louis PD
	Stealing		
05/25/10	Burglary	6 years jail	St. Louis PD
	Stealing		
	Destruction of Property		

GOLF CART OPPOSITION BEFORE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING: The first Police Commission meeting of the year was scheduled for March. However, the police department wanted approval for purchase of new police cars in February so a meeting was scheduled for Tuesday January 20 at 7 pm at City Hall.

Regular readers should remember that in September Alderdope Tim Welby and the president of the board of trustees of Welby's subdivision Thornhill Estates were at the police commission meeting. They said for the sake of "enhanced socialization" they wanted the city to approve the use of unlicensed golf carts on the streets of Thornhill Estates. Stevens lied and said there was widespread support of the golf carts.



Randy Stevens and Tim Welby all smiles over the need to enhance socialization with golf carts, until I spoke.

I happened to be at the meeting and spoke in opposition of the golf carts especially because of the narrow subdivision streets with numerous blind hillcrests and curves.

Besides being a police captain, I was also the safety officer and risk manager for a well known East Coast suburb. For five years until 2005 working for a large Washington DC suburban county government I used to review large scale city center building plans looking for safety issues for commuters and motorists. So I have an idea what safety issues are. I added that I doubted there was wide scale support for golf carts on the streets.

The Police Commissioners told Stevens to poll the residents and come come back. Stevens sent out of couple of emails where he got a 20% response from the 127 home owners. Of that Stevens claimed 50% was for the carts and 40% were against but he did not provide the exact numbers. The subdivision's next annual election is set for March, but Stevens apparently did not want this to be a ballot issue.

Now with the special January Police Commission on the calendar, Welby and Stevens have put the golf cart issue back on the agenda. In response to this homeowners in Thornhill have come out in opposition. Emails have been sent to Alderwoman Amy Anderson, the chair of the Police Commission and a petition drive has been started in opposition. Here are a few of the comments:

this is insane! I wrote the subdivision last time and told them NO - now we need to do it all over again?
CRAZY.

Is this topic going to be on the agenda of the annual meeting? If not why not since this involves the whole community? It appears to me there is no transparency. Last time we asked about this the votes were about even. There has been no details on how many voted. And how many yeah and nays. I think there are Big safety issues. Hills curves and landscaping for a lower profile vehicle cause concern. The houses in Thornhill where not built to store golf carts. I think overtime they will start to look junkie. This is not a golf community, or a community with golf paths. I'm thinking people like to walk or use their luxury vehicles.

My concern with them is that there will be an accident while a child is driving and that child or another in the cart will be injured or killed causing loss of life and a potential law suit to the neighborhood. I have experienced golf carts being driven by children in my daughter's neighborhood in FL. What happens is that children, younger than driving age, start driving the carts with other kids in them and before you know it some terrible accident occurs. You can't depend on parent's to keep this from happening either due to bad parenting or kids driving them when parents aren't aware. With all the construction trucks, service trucks, fast teenage drivers that go through Thornhill it is not will an accident happen but when will the accident happen.

I am against the golf carts for the reasons described in my wife's email of today to Amy Anderson. In addition, I wonder what additional risks of liability the residents of Thornhill and its Board of Trustees

might be assuming if they approve the golf cart proposal. It can be anticipated that some people, especially teenagers, will be careless or abuse the privilege. I don't see how any of the alleged minor benefits under the circumstances outweigh the risks of injury to the golf cart drivers and their passengers. The subdivision isn't that big. It will be healthier to walk, ride a bike, or drive a car with seatbelts. These modes of transportation have worked well to date.

I opposed this idiocy.

Where would they be parked, in the front yards on the grass?

I still don't understand the need for a golf cart in Thornhill, buy a mini Cooper to tool around in and then you could actually go on Topping or Mason Rd. to get groceries.



The above photo are police in suburban Nashville, Tennessee investigating a fatal golf cart accident where a teenage driver hit a brick mailbox.

UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 96



January 20, 2015

FINANCIAL DISASTER OVER...Cardinal Manager is the only defendant to have paid back his portion of loans for failed Chesterfield

development. In 2006 Major League catcher Mike Matheny's baseball career ended while he was with the San Francisco Giants due to a series of concussions. He would return to his Wildwood, Missouri home. Matheny having signed multi-million dollar contract deals had some money to invest.

Matheny's career in real estate and development investments did not go well. Matheny formed a Limited Liability Corporation of MIKRIS which stood for Mike and Kristen Matheny. There was a successful investment at Wing Haven in St. Charles County with two soccer players who had formed the MPD Partnership. One of the soccer players, Brett Phillips and Matheny plus another group, Monarch Holdings LLC, made an \$11 million investment in commercial property along I-64 in Chesterfield obtaining a bank loan from the Business Bank of St. Louis. This occurred just before the recession of 2008. The loans were not paid and interest grew steadily. A lawsuit was filed in June of 2010. Matheny was broke, lost his house in Wildwood and moved in with his in-laws in Chesterfield. However he has since gotten the Wildwood house back, but now it is back on the market.



He, his wife and their LLC were on the hook for \$4.4 million of the loan default plus interest.

Here is a link to the Post-Dispatch article from 2013 that lays out much of the dealings.

http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/cardinals-manager-mike-matheny-owes-millions-after-losing-legal-fight/article_0acb85ad-508c-5007-a4c4-b014a052a404.html

Matheny was hired to replace Tony La Russa as Cardinal manager for the 2012 season.

On December 19, 2013 Matheny, his wife and MIKRIS, LLC were dismissed from the default legal proceedings having paid their portion of judgment. The same could not be said for his partners.

Monarch Holdings, LLC is still on the hook for \$4,925,776. MPD Investments, LLC owes the Business Bank of St. Louis \$7,525,012.

Change in lifestyles: Since the investment disaster the one thing that public records show is that Matheny no longer feels the need to show his status by the cars he drives. Prior to the Chesterfield investments Matheny was driving Hummers, a BMW, a Cadillac and an Audi. In 2009 and 2011 Matheny was six months and three months late on his vehicle taxes. After the defaults he was driving 10 and 20 year old pickup trucks. In 2014 his newest car was five years old and there was not a luxury brand among them.

2004: 2003 Hummer
2002 GMC Yukon
2000 Ford Expedition

2005: 2004 BWM 745
2004 Ford Excursion
2000 Ford Expedition

2006: 2005 GMC Yukon
2004 BMW 745
2004 Ford Excursion
2000 Ford Expedition

2007: same as 2006

2008: 2004 Hummer H2
2007 Chev express Van
2004 BWM 745
2004 Ford Excursion
2000 Ford Expedition

2009: 2007 Cadillac Escalade
2007 Audi Q7

2000 Ford Expedition
plus four boats & jet skis and four trailers

2010: same as 2009

2011: 2007 Audi Q7
2000 Ford Expedition
2005 Ford Pickup Truck
1992 Ford Pickup Truck
plus three boats & jet skis and four trailers

2012: 2005 Ford Pickup Truck
2000 Ford Expedition
1992 Ford Pickup Truck
plus three boats & jet skis and four trailer

2013: 2009 GMC Yukon
2007 GMC Envoy
1992 Ford Pickup truck
plus three boats, jet skis and four trailers

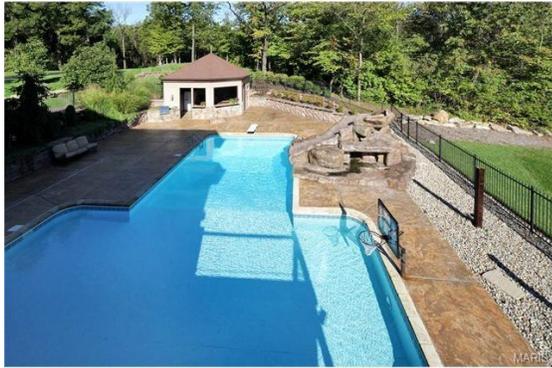
2014: same as 2013

MATHENY HOUSE AND 10 ACRES NOW ON THE MARKET: Matheny bought his property in Wildwood in 2002 and according to tax records built a large home on the property. It is reported the house has 17-rooms. Matheny's name was dropped from the title in 2010 and replaced with KSN Investments, LLC. However his vehicles are still registered in his name at the same address.

The Matheny house and grounds at 2034 Joes Way are currently listed for sale for \$1,925,000.

The 7,533 square foot house with 10,743 square feet of living space has seven bedrooms, six full baths and three half baths, plus only a four car garage.

The property includes a pool, a pond, basketball and tennis courts, plus a ball field and a tree house. Taxes are \$22,734.



BATTLE OVER MAYOR'S VETOES LIKELY TO BE POSTPONED

AGAIN: The Chesterfield City Council meeting on December 1 was the only meeting scheduled for the month of December.

At the meeting mayor Bob Nation made four line item vetoes, affecting the amount of employee year end gift cards, two new School Resource Police Officers for elementary schools, reducing employee pay raises in 2015 from 3-percent to 2.5-percent and killing a new Community Arts Unit under the parks Director.

At the time the council decided to wait until the January, 2015 to try and override nation's vetoes, despite Councilwoman Connie Fults wanting to have a special meeting a special meeting sometime in December. It turned out that Fults' suggestion made a lot of sense.



Connie Fults had a good idea, that everybody ignored.

At the January 5 City Councilman Derek Grier was absent and the Council voted six to one to continue the veto override vote to the Wednesday January 21 meeting. Barry Flachsbart voted to hold the vote now. I commented you never know what is ahead. You have one missing councilperson on January 5, but you could have two at the next meeting, or one could be injured or there could be a sudden death.

Now we have learned that both Ward-1 Councilpersons Nancy Greenwood and Barry Flachsbart will be out of town on Wednesday January 21st. Another continuance is likely.



Nancy Greenwood and Barry Flachsbart' seats will be empty at the next City Council meeting.

So even if all the vetoes are overturned (opponents need six votes to overturn a veto) Mayor Nation will have stopped each measure for at least 1/12 of the year.

NOW THERE IS A RACE IN THE MONARCH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT: Monarch Fire Protection District Board Chairman Robin Harris now has company on the ballot for the April 7 election. Kelley Miller has entered the race.

Miller lives at 13160 Strawberry Way in unincorporated St. Louis County, north of Olive Blvd. at the eastern edge of the Fire District. She has lived at the Strawberry Way address for less than two years.

She appeared at the November 20 board meeting and spoke during the "citizen comments" section of the meeting. She derided the board for rehiring Cary Spiegel as assistant chief and Chuck Marsonette as Interim fire Chief (he has since been promoted to Fire Chief).

It is clear that the pro Local 2665 Union Candidate is Kelley Miller to run against pro-taxpayer incumbent Robin Harris.

MEDIA WATCH: Both reporters and editors at the Post-Dispatch and the St. Louis Business Journal have once again stuck a Town and Country criminal into the City of Chesterfield. On January 13 the P-D and the Business Journal ran headlines and leads that Dr. Lawrence Iken who had stolen \$1,000,000 from the Federal government was from Chesterfield.

From the Post-Dispatch:

Feds: Chesterfield podiatrist admits health care fraud

10 hours ago • By [Robert Patrick](#)

From the Business Journal:

Chesterfield podiatrist pleads guilty to submitting false claims

Jan 13, 2015, 1:52pm CST



[Diana Barr](#)

Associate Editor-

HOWEVER, the Felon Doctor has lived in Town and Country on Manderleigh Woods Drive for 20 years. It is nice that bad reporting has moved another felon out of Town and Country and into Chesterfield.

ROBIN SMITH IS IN A TIME MACHINE: While reporting from Manchester Road in Des Peres on the police shooting of the driver of a getaway car that took to the sidewalk to avoid a police roadblock of the entrance/exit to a shopping center...she stated how the police sergeant drew "his service revolver" and shot the driver.

Robin...local police had not carried service revolvers for a quarter of a century.

I remember in 1992 when my Smith & Wesson .38 Combat Masterpiece that I bought from a Creve Coeur cop in 1974 and carried for 18 years was forcibly removed from my holster and replaced with a 9 mm Beretta semi automatic that I hated.

RESTAURANT REVIEW: The Brick Top's: Don't let a Frontenac address scare you away. I placed the Brick Top's in the same category as Annie Gunn's great food, great service and affordable if you go there for lunch. Just because it is at Plaza

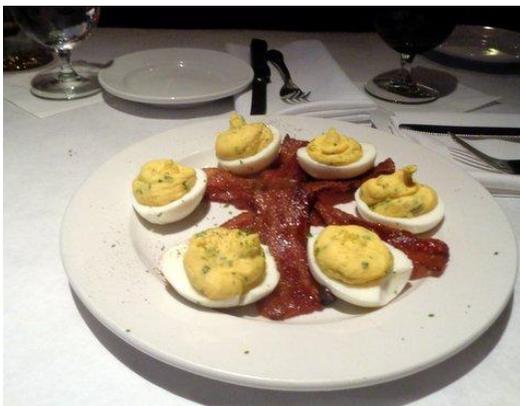
Frontenac and sits in front of Sak's Fifth Avenue is not a reason to think it is a credit card buster.

We had a table of four for lunch on New Year's Day. It was the first visit for everyone at the table. Everyone was happy about our choice and the one complaint was very minor when compared with the overall service, presentation and taste.



You don't see "deviled eggs" on a restaurant menu for appetizers plus "Millionaire Bacon." This was a must try at \$10. The deviled eggs were good. The filling was large, fresh and unlike most Deviled eggs, covered most of the egg. However the chef admitted they were lacking zest as a bottle of hot sauce arrived with the order. The suggestion from one of our diners who makes pretty good deviled eggs was to add some pickle relish. Of course she also uses Durkee's Famous Sauce with her recipe.

But what made the dish a huge hit was the "Millionaire Bacon," which was fried perfectly with a sweet taste thanks to a coating of sugar. It was so good I inquired if a BLT with "Millionaire Bacon" was on the Summer menu. I was told it wasn't. That's too bad.



My wife ordered the French Onion Soup (\$8) and a Palm Beach Salad (\$18). She reported that the French Onion Soup was as good as any she has ever had. While the Palm Beach Salad didn't look like much of a bargain for \$18 but once it was spread out on the bowl it was more than enough for one sitting and about 40-percent of the order was sent home. The salad consisted of lump crabmeat, poached shrimp remoulade, avocado, tomato and chopped egg. High marks were given for the salad.



Another diner ordered the Cobb Salad (\$16) with grilled chicken breast, tomato, avocado, chopped egg, blue cheese and bacon. Again once spread out in the bowl it was a huge amount of food and a portion went home with the diner hoping her son home from college, would not find it in the refrigerator before she had a chance to finish it.



Our third diner made an interesting choice. The day before he had stopped at an inexpensive Mexican restaurant in far South County and ordered fish tacos which he

thought were good and they were cheap, consisting of of fried cod wrapped up with some lettuce. Using this as a measure he ordered the Fish Tacos (\$15) which came with a side. He picked the garden salad for his side.

The blackened fish of the day was grilled perfectly and despite two fish costing four times as much as his meal the day before, he felt he got his money's worth.



For my order I asked our waitress for some consulting and if I should buy the filet medallions (\$18) or the chicken tenders' platter with two sides (\$14.00). She thought and finally said while the filet medallions are very good there is not much on the plate plus sides are al a carte. She said the chicken tenders are a favorite and come with two sides. I was allowed to substitute the cole slaw and French fries with other sides. I picked the twice baked potato and roast green beans.



I was fortunate that I did not eat breakfast. Two of the chicken tenders went home with some of my wife's Palm Beach Salad. The tenders were hand breaded and perfect. I did add some pepper to my twice baked spud...while the roasted green beans were a nice surprise on a cold January day.

Everything was perfect and we all vowed to come back. Then the one sour note occurred. While I paid with a credit card, the other couple paid with cash. Our waitress seeing that it was cash asked, "Do you need any change?"

You never ask that as a server. You always say, "I'll be right back with your change" and let the customer tell you if you can keep it. You never want to put the customer in the position of feeling like a cheapskate. In this case change was needed as he only had larger bills and not to bring change would be ripping off the customer.

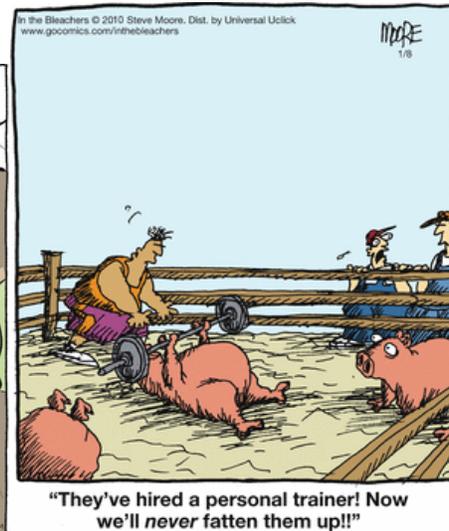
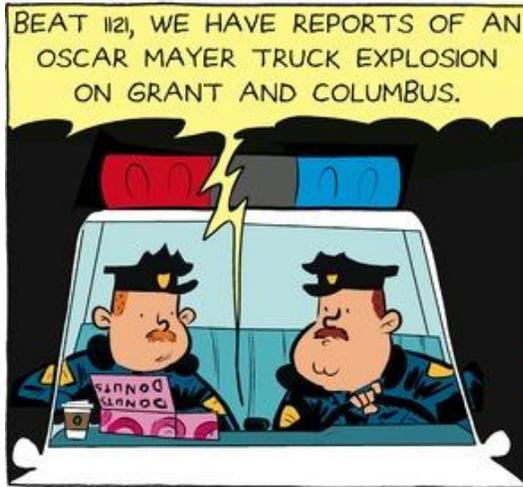
MUSIC: Wednesday night at Sasha's in Clayton.



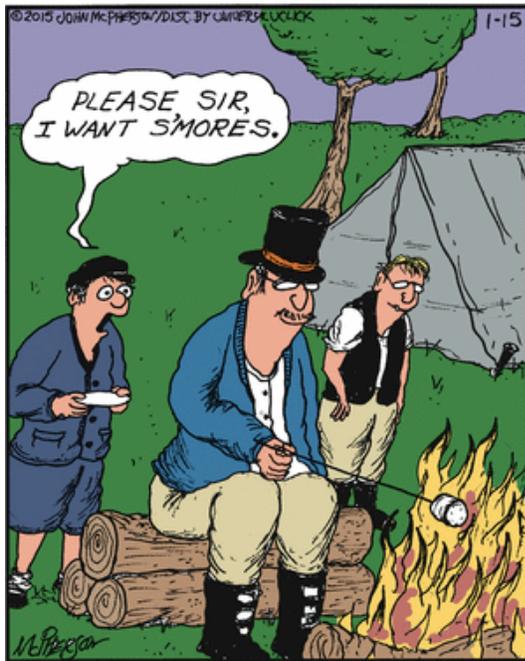
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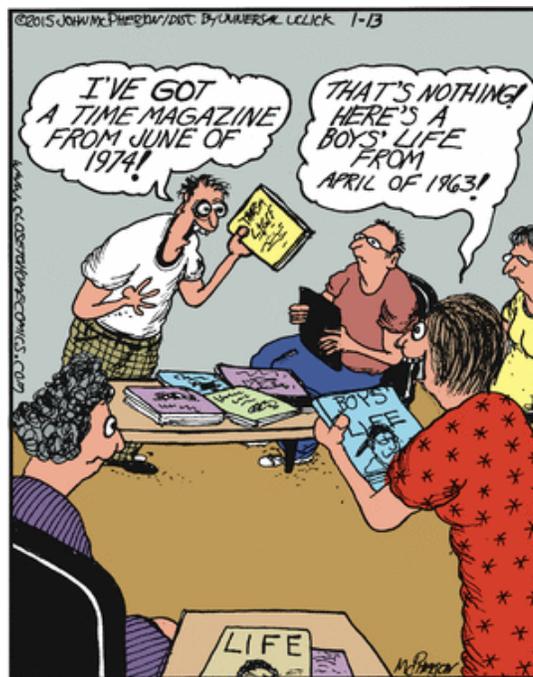
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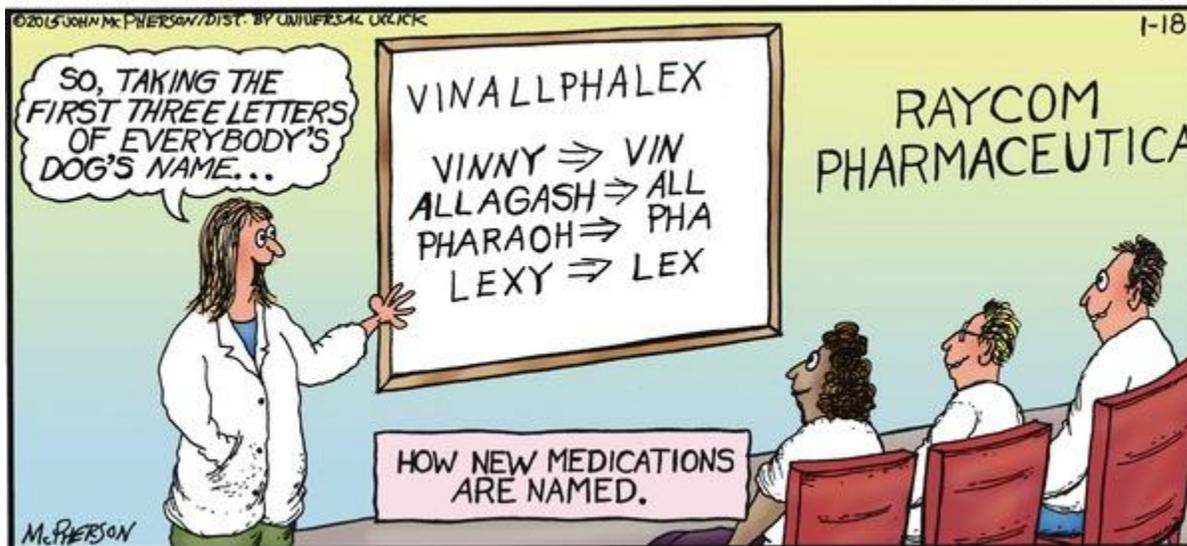
Oliver Twist goes camping.



To entertain themselves while in doctors' waiting rooms, the Snarkleys played "Find the Oldest Magazine."

CLOSE TO HOME

BY JOHN McPHERSON





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WERE SELF-PROCLAIMED
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WE CANNOT SAY
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INSPECTOR BARACK CLOUSEAU

