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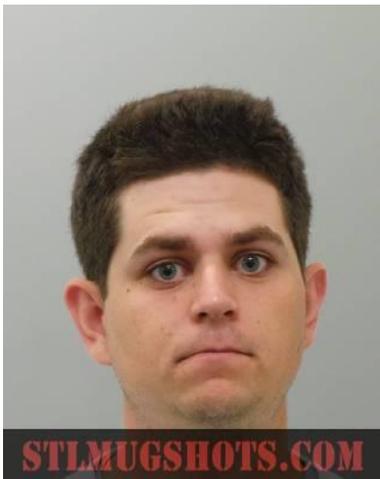


By John Hoffmann

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I-64 IS SHUT DOWN FOR WRONG WAY DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVER GOING EAST IN WESTBOUND LANES FROM CHESTERFIELD TO ALMOST FRONTENAC. COUNTRY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE REFUSED TO PROSECUTE AND SENT CASE TO TOWN AND COUNTRY MUNI COURT: At the early Saturday morning hour of 4:55 am there can be a surprising number of motorists on I-64. The West County Police Dispatch Center found that out on February 15, 2014 when it was flooded with calls about a wrong way driver on I-64 going east in the westbound lanes from Chesterfield Parkway into Town and Country. The West County Dispatch Center handles police calls and radio traffic for Town and Country, Creve Coeur and Frontenac police departments.

Officer Fowle of the Town and Country Police was the first officer to observe the silver 2008 Ford escape travelling in the wrong way in the fast lane of I-64 between Mason Road and I-270. It was later determined that the car was being driven by Patrick Dillion Schless, 24, of Creve Coeur.



Patrick Dillion Schless

Officer Fowle witnessed several near misses as westbound traffic in the fast lane swerved to avoid Schless. Fowle driving east in the eastbound fast lane pulled next to Schless with his lights flashing, siren sounding and his spotlight waving ahead to get westbound motorists to pull to the right to avoid a head-on collision.

Schless was not stopping as he approached I-270. Fowle radioed ahead for Frontenac and Ladue Police to close down the westbound lanes of I-64. Fowle could see Schless turning his head and looking at him but not slowing down to stop.

Finally with the highway shut down, Schless stopped near Ballas Road. Here is what Fowle wrote in his report what happened next:

I immediately made contact with the driver. The driver would not comply with my requests to open or exit driver's side door. He eventually shut his vehicle off, removed the keys from the ignition and placed them on the passenger seat. The driver unlocked the doors, exited his vehicle and was placed into handcuffs.

The driver was identified by his Missouri Operators License as Patrick D. Schless W/M 05/25/1989. I immediately noticed a strong odor of an intoxicating beverage about Schless. I explained to Schless the reason for the traffic stop and informed him that he was under arrest for DWI and Wrong Way Driving. Schless admitted to drinking a few intoxicating beverages that evening. Schless' eyes were watery, bloodshot and glassy.

Prior to his car being towed a search revealed a large amount of marijuana in a lunch box and a digital scale on the front seat and another bag of marijuana on the rear floor. The odor of just smoked marijuana was in the car. Schless was by himself.

Officer Fowle noted at the police station that Schless' pants were unzipped, he had a strong smell of intoxicants on his breath, his eyes were bloodshot, glassy and watery, that he was mumbling when talking, his balance was uncertain and he swayed when standing. A breath test showed that Schless' BAC level was .13%.

In an interview at the police station Schless changed the "few drinks" to "a good 10 or 11."

INTERVIEW — RECORD PERSON'S RESPONSES				
WHAT TIME IS IT NOW? 3:30 OR 4 AM	WHAT IS THE DATE? THE 15th OF FEB	WHAT DAY OF THE WEEK IS IT? SATURDAY	WHAT CITY (COUNTY) ARE YOU IN NOW? ST. LOUIS, MO...TOWN & COUNTRY	
WHEN DID YOU LAST EAT? AT 8 PM		WHAT DID YOU LAST EAT? MAC AND CHEESE, APPLE AND A HOSTESS DEVIL'S FOOD CAKE.		
WHAT WERE YOU DOING DURING THE LAST THREE HOURS PRIOR TO CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT? I WAS AT A BAR FOR A COUPLE HOURS.				
WERE YOU OPERATING THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE CRASH OR STOP? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
HAVE YOU BEEN DRINKING? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	IF YES, WHAT WERE YOU DRINKING? BEER AND WHISKEY			
TIME STARTED 10:15 PM		TIME STOPPED 2:30 AM		
HOW MUCH? GOOD 10 OR 11 DRINKS	WHERE? THE POUR HOUSE, TALAYNA'S		ARE YOU UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
HAVE YOU USED MARIJUANA OR ANY OTHER DRUG, LEGAL OR ILLEGAL, IN THE LAST 72 HOURS? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	IF YES, WHEN? 10 PM TONIGHT	WHERE? AT A BUDDIES HOUSE	HOW MUCH? A JOINT	IF YES, WHAT? MARIJUANA
DO YOU HAVE ANY TEMPORARY OR LONG-TERM PHYSICAL OR MENTAL CONDITIONS? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	IF YES, EXPLAIN:			

Schless had a prior DWI conviction in 2011 in Creve Coeur and at the time of his arrest had a drug possession charge pending in University City.

Schless was released to what had to have been very proud parents, with no citations being issued as Fowle was going to apply for charges with the State Prosecutor Attorney's office in Clayton.

At the time of his arrest the then 24-year-old Schless was working at the Town and Country McDonalds.

Despite St. Louis County Prosecuting Bob McCulloch calling for tougher prosecution of drunk drivers, a member of his staff refused to issue a DWI warrant against Schless despite Schless having a prior DWI conviction. A felony warrant was issued for the drug possession.



County Prosecutor Bob McCulloch appears to be all talk or is not communicating well with his staff when he tells the press the how courts need to get tougher on drunk drivers and his staff refused to issue a warrant for DWI and driving on the wrong side of an Interstate Highway against Patrick Schless.

From Officer Fowle's report:

On 06/19/2014, St. Louis County Prosecutor James Maher issued a warrant against Patrick Schless for Felony Drug Possession. Prosecutor Maher advised me to forward all other charges with this case to the Town & Country Municipal Court.

Municipal summonses were issued to Schless for DWI (140057943), Wrong Way Driving (140057944) and Drug Paraphernalia (140057945). The summonses were delivered to Schless by Lt. Nelke to his home address on 6/26/14.

OUTCOME: If you read our bi-annual feature "Drunks and Thieves" you know that most DWI cases get reduced or placed on no-points, no-fine no-permanent record probation. That was not the case with Schless. For a change Town and Country prosecutor Brian Malone did not turn anything into a "Parking Violation" and Judge Dean Waldemer did not issue any probation sentences. However there's not even a weekend jail term either. On July 9, 2015 Schless pled guilty to the DWI and Driving Wrong a a Divided Highway. He was fined \$500 for the DWI and \$100 for Wrong Way Driving. That is a \$100 for doing something that could have easily resulted in the death or serious injury of someone. He received a full 12-points on the DWI and the conviction is permanent.

Concerning the drug possession charge, on April 23, 2015 he pled guilty to a reduced charge dropped from a felony to a misdemeanor before Judge Steven Goldman. He was sentenced to one year in the country jail, but was immediately placed on a 2-year Suspended Execution of Sentence Probation Term for 2-years.

Schless has had a serious connection with alcohol dating back to high school according to his facebook pages. You might think he would have deleted all these photos after his arrest and prior to sentencing. But he didn't. Apparently the photos featuring him drunk and with bottles and cans of booze are too important to him.





Photos from his college days

Patrick (Left) when he was 18 from his facebook photos.

Photos from Schless' Facebooki album titled "2007 CBC Prom."



TOWN AND COUNTRY MAN CHARGED WITH FELONY LEAVING THE SCENE:

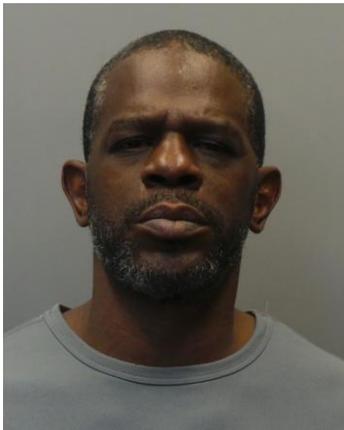
James Dolan of 1870 S. Mason Road on May 12, 2015 was charged with Felony Leaving the Scene of an Accident with Injury that occurred in Kirkwood on March 18, 2015. The next hearing is scheduled on August 6 in Clayton. We will follow this case and report the details once there is a disposition.



QUICK CHANGE ARTIST ARREST: I have often said and the reality of it has not changed...Do Not Do A Crime In an Area Without Much Crime! The police officers and detectives have plenty of time to work on catching you.

55-year-old John Brown found that out after he decided to hit the West County Phillips 66 station/convenience store and Target on April 13 between 8:30 and 8:45 pm using a quick change scheme.

Brown of West Cote Brilliante Avenue in North St. Louis was arrested a month later on May 15 by Town and County Police Detectives.



Here's a portion of Brown's record that we were able to find:

04/13/15	2 cts Stealing U/\$500	City Court summons issued	05/15/15	Town & Country
04/08/15	Felony Stealing Over \$500	Charged	05/06/15	St. Peters PD
04/06/15	Felony Stealing Over \$500	Charged	07/20/15	Chesterfield PD
04/02/15	Misdemeanor Stealing	Charged	07/24/15	St. Peters PD
03/28/15	Felony Stealing 3rd or more Offense	Charged	06/30/15	St. Louis County
12/18/14	Felony Stealing 3rd or more Offense	Charged	07/06/15	Des Peres
01/05/08	Felony Drug Possession	Sentenced 5 yrs MDC	4/6/09	St. Ann
01/11/90	Felony Armed Robbery	Sentenced 20 yrs MDC	2/6/90	St. Louis County
	Armed Criminal Action	Sentenced 10 yrs MDC	2/6/90	St. Louis County
09/12/89	Misdemeanor Stealing	Sentenced 1 yr	MDC 2/6/90	St. Louis County

09/07/89 Armed Robbery

Sentenced 20 yrs MDC 2/6/90 St. Louis County

09/07/89 Armed Criminal Action

Sentenced 10 yrs MDC 2/6/90 St. Louis County

Town and Country charged Brown with citations to municipal court. I have to believe Town and Country detectives issued the citations instead of asking for a felony warrant as part of a deal with Brown. I did that once in 1979 when I was a detective in Rock Hill and stopped a transvestite who was suspected in stealing over a thousand dollars in clothes from stores in Plaza Frontenac. I offered a deal of muni court citations instead of a felony arrest in exchange for a key to the trunk and a statement if the clothes were there. They were in the trunk. I recovered the clothes, issued the suspect a citation for Possession of Stolen Property. The suspect never showed up to court. Frontenac picked up the suspect and filed their own charges.

Since Chesterfield and Des Peres followed the Town and Country arrest with felony theft charges, plus one earlier from St. Peters I have to think the same will happen with Brown. If he did show up what kind of sentence would he get? Credit for time served sitting in the County Jail in Clayton on the other charges? Maybe a \$100 fine? Wait this guy doesn't have any money to pay fines. He is a drug addict who has been stealing for three months.

The one thing that is consistent with Brown is that when he is not living at a Department of Corrections Prison he is always living on West Cote Brilliante. He has used the same address for over 26 years when he is arrested.

PLANS TO EXPAND THE WEST COUNTY PHILLIPS 66 CONVENIENCE STORE:

The owners of the Phillips 66 gas station/repair garage/car wash and convenience store at Clayton Road and Woods Mill Rd have plans turned in at the Town and Country City Hall to add 800 square on the south end of the building which is part of the convenience store.



PLANNED LARGEST HOUSE IN TOWN AND COUNTRY GETS APPROVAL FROM BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TO BE TOO TALL:

I'm not sure exactly what was the overwhelming need was but the Board of Adjustment approved the variance in the planned home the architect has called, "The Largest House in Town and Country" at 13704 Clayton Road. The 18,375 square foot house is 45.5 feet tall. Town and Country ordinance restricts houses to be no more than 40 feet in height.

Normally to get a variance from the Board of Adjustment you need to show a hardship or unique circumstance why you need a variance from the building code.



I could not see a hardship or anything unique about meeting the 40 foot maximum requirement, but apparently the Board of Adjustment did as the variance was granted on July 20 on a unanimous vote. A number of people were at the hearing about the house. They were neighbors concerned about storm water runoff issues and not the height of the house.

A NOTE FROM A READER: John,
Is Amy Anderson going for the Sarah Palin look?



Amy



Sarah



Tina Fey as Sarah



South Park

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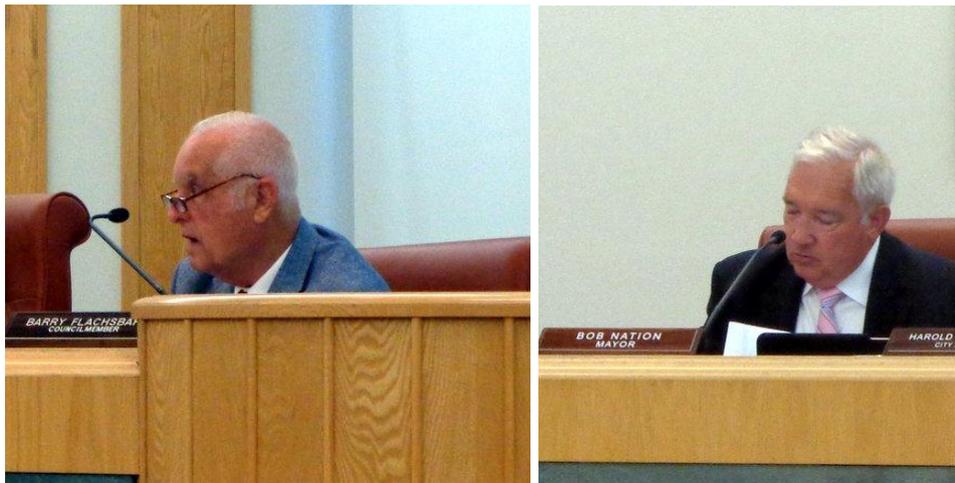
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BILL BEFORE COUNCIL TO GIVE MAYOR 50% RAISE IN 2017 IS VOTED DOWN BEFORE IT HAD FIRST READING: Some snide remarks then ensued. The bill was to give whoever is mayor in 2017 a 50% pay raise from \$12,000 a year to \$18,000. Senior Councilman Barry Flachsbart who is chair of the Finance and Administration Committee brought up the the proposal in a June meeting that we missed while on vacation, but that Flachsbart described as "contentious."

Mayor Bob Nation brought up the need for pay raises for the mayor and councilpersons in 2014 at a F&A meeting, citing the increased time that is required for both positions.

Flachsbart originally wanted to double the mayor's pay to \$24,000, but that was whittled down to \$18,000. He also wanted to raise the councilpersons \$6,000 annual pay and that was defeated. It has been 26 years since there was a pay raise to the mayor or the council.

"The mayor has an enormous amount of work he has to do," said Flachsbart, who was interim mayor for six months after John Nations resigned in midterm to take a \$250,000 a year job (now \$325,000) to head up Metro Transit after he help get a majority "yes" in West County for a transit tax increase.



The increase would not affect Mayor Bob Nation in his current four-year term.

The vote on Monday night was not technically for or against the pay raise. It was simply to place the bill before the council for a first reading with a vote at the August 3 City Council meeting.

The bill failed to be place on the agenda on a 2-6 vote with only Flachsbart and Bruce DeGroot voting for it.

Councilpersons Connie Fults, Mike Casey, Elliot Grissom all endorsed Mayor Nation's opponent in the 2013 election. Bridget Nations, wife of former Mayor John Nations appears not to be a big fan of Mayor Nation. This means almost anything the mayor is for has a good chance to get four "no" votes.

SNARKY TIME: It was interesting that Councilman Dan Hurt who voted for the bill in committee and then against it at the Council meeting gave one of his typical long

winded speeches where he made a number of good points why the position of mayor deserved a raise. He finally said the vote should be made next year and not now.

Councilman Bruce DeGroot said he thought now was a good time to vote on the bill by a group of disinterest persons. DeGroot meant that the current Council does not who will be on the council or who will be running for mayor.

This immediately brought about a snide remark from Councilperson Bridget Nations.

"I don't think you know who is disinterested or not," she said in a tone dripping in snarkiness, apparently missing the logical point DeGroot had just made.



ONCE AGAIN THE NEW CITY ATTORNEY TAKES OVER THE MC JOB FROM THE MAYOR. After the vote to keep the mayor's pay raise from reaching the floor to be voted it continued to be discussion. That is until the new City Attorney Harry O'Rourke proclaimed, "There was a motion. It was voted on and it failed. Let's move on!"



Harry suddenly is acting like that crazed city attorney for the 35 years in Manchester, Pat Gunn. Harry has taken over the Mayor's job of running the meeting or being the master of ceremonies. Good city attorneys are to be seen and not heard unless there is a question.

What Harry killed was the discussion between councilmen for and against the pay increase bill.

ANTI-DRIVE THRU: In the agenda meeting before the regular meeting Barry Flachsbart who has voiced opposition to drive thru restaurants in the past, voiced concerns about a bill approving the site of the Grove Assisted Living facility that also approved up to four drive thrus for specific types of businesses if they were to be built on the property.

The access to the property would only allow room for two drive-thrus for banks or restaurants. Flachsbart wanted the bill to be amended to say they would only be two drive thru businesses on the property at any time, but four different types of businesses could be eligible.

This caused Mike Casey to comment,

"I don't have a problem with four, five or 25 drive-thrus. I don't know why Mr. Flachsbart continues to be upset with drive-thrus," said Casey who led off with the first snarky comment of the evening.



The developer didn't have any problem with the site being restricted to only two drive thru from a four possible choices of establishments.

BILL FOR EXTRA VACATION FOR EMPLOYEES WITH 25-YEARS ARE MORE IS TAKEN AWAY: The City Council killed a resolution that would have given employees with 25-years or more seniority an extra week of vacation totaling five weeks a year.

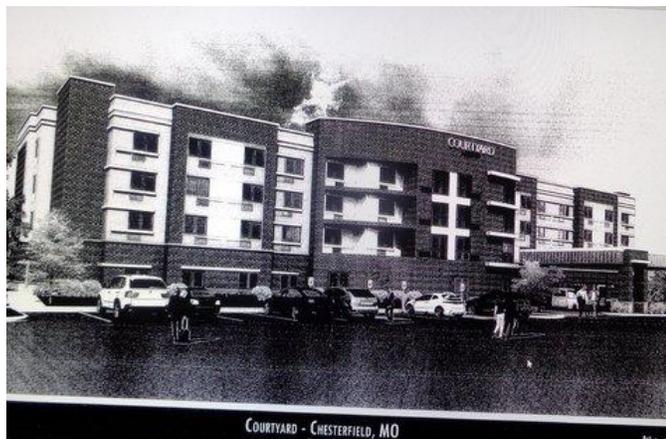
It turns out they already get the one extra week, sort of. The resolution was to give them simply a fifth week of vacation. However they already get five long-term service days, which they can take as vacation, have the pay equivalent placed in their 401K plan or take the money in their paycheck.

"Why wasn't that section of the manual brought up to us when it was before us in the Finance and Administration Committee," asked Dan Hurt. Mike Geisel, the city services director who has been with the city since the first day of incorporation said that it was in a different section of the personnel manual.

"You assume we were aware of the city policy," chided Hurt.

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT FOR CHESTERFIELD VALLEY GETS ONE NO VOTE: The site development plan for a Courtyard by Marriott was approved on a 7-to-1 vote with Councilwoman and former mayor Nancy Greenwood voting against it. I asked her why she voted against it after the meeting and got the normal frankness you come to expect from Greenwood.

"I think it's an ugly building," said Greenwood.



RIVER BEND SUBDIVISION MEETS CITY'S REQUIREMENT TO CLOSE RIVER VALLEY ROAD: When the residents of came to the city asking that the main street

through the subdivision be closed at the Maryland Heights city limits before Maryland Heights approved a large residential and mixed use retail plus light industrial projects in the Howard Bend flood plain, the city staff told them they needed to do something. That something was to obtain easement rights from two property holders so the city could install a large cul-de-sac.

On Monday night at the Chesterfield Council meeting Allison Harris from River Bend spoke to the councilpersons and announced they had received easement rights from two property owners for the cul-de-sac including the River Bend Bath and Tennis Club.

ICE CREAM BRIBE SOLICITATION: As we have mentioned many times before there are times Dan Hurt could do everyone a favor by not trying to be funny. Upon hearing this he strongly suggested possibly with tongue in cheek or ice cream spoon in pocket, that the neighborhood needs to hold a party for the city council and serve Velvet Freeze Ice Cream. An active member of the neighborhood group is Barb McGuinness, who owns the last existing Velvet Freeze on West Florissant Road in Jennings. She was in the audience and shouted back at Hurt, "Nice to hear your buying."



ON A POSITIVE NOTE: It was a unanimous vote to give City Clerk Vicki Haas a new four-year term. Haas replaced Judy Naggiar, the long time clerk who resigned in mid term. Haas was the assistant clerk and was selected to complete the remainder of Naggiar's term.



THE NEW SECOND CITY HALL...WHERE THERE ARE NO MINUTES AND QUORUMS AND VERY LITTLE ROOM FOR THE PUBLIC: After the July 20th Chesterfield City Council meeting it was like being in the lobby of a high school gym after a basketball game. "Are you going to Chili's?"

"Yeah, I'll be there!"

"See you there."



The Missouri Sunshine Law prohibits a quorum of elected officials meeting without public notice of the meeting. There is an exception for "social events" but no government business shall be discussed.

I went to Chili's about 30 minutes after the meeting and found there was a quorum of elected officials and several quorums of council committees. If you think maybe the city

attorney, Harry O'Rourke might set them straight and suggest smaller "social gatherings" you would be wrong. He was there among them. A matter of fact he seemed to be the biggest cheerleader trying to get everyone to go the Chili's after the meeting. I asked him about it and his reply was "The burgers are great at Chili's"

Who else was there? None other than former mayors Bruce Geiger and Jon Nations, who were sitting together. Since O'Rourke assured me this group would not be talking about any city issues, I'm guessing the call up of minor leaguers by the Cardinals was probably a hot topic or how they were looking forward to Oklahoma at the Muny.

However, I have learned from people who have gone to Chili's after meetings that if some general issue is the topic nothing might be said, but if someone brings up a specific local issue others at the table will remind them that they can't talk about it. Someone at the July 20 get together told me they discussed National politics, Donald Trump and family stuff. They assured me they never discuss city issues.

But if a meeting got over early before you could not get there and you wanted to make a statement to the Council you might want to head to Chili's. To bad they don't mix it up and only head to a national franchise while skipping locally owned joints, like Miller's Crossing, Smitty's or The Hanger. They all have good burgers.

DRUNK DRIVER WHO CRASHED PICKUP TRUCK AT OUTLET MALL WITH TWO SMALL CHILDREN HAS BEEN ARRESTED AGAIN FOR DWI: Maybe you remember last summer when we featured **Donald RAFALOWSKI** in one of our Drunks and Thieves articles that looked at police arrests and prosecutions or lack of prosecutions in the local courts.

It was the start of the Christmas shopping season in 2013 when Rafalowski was drunk, driving his pickup truck with his two small children as passengers and crashed into a sign at the Taubman Outlet Mall parking lot.

He refused to take a breath test, told arresting officers that he did not know how his kids got in his pickup truck. He was charged with DWI and Careless Driving.

I wrote how I was amazed that the Chesterfield cops did not also charge him with Endangering the Welfare of a Child.



Rafalowski's attorney moved the case to Clayton, but City Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer reduced the Careless Driving citation to "Illegal Parking" and Rafalowski's was given a SIS no-fine and no-points probation term on the DWI. He left court with no-points on his record for driving drunk with his kids in the vehicle and crashing into a fixed object. Now we see that Rafalowski has been arrested again for DWI. This time on April 15, 2015 he was arrested by the Cottleville PD in St. Charles County. We will track this case and update you once it has run its course in the St. Charles County courts.

I am convinced that these no-points DWI deals that Tim Engelmeyer specializes in, only encourages repeat incidents of drunk driving. Sure he is the prosecutor in Chesterfield and the judge in Creve Coeur, but he has to give these deals since he is also a defense attorney and wants to get the same deals for his clients. The Chesterfield and Creve Coeur city councils need to put a stop to these deals.

OKAY I'M A LITTLE LATE ON THIS ONE; ESTANCIA IS CLOSED AND EMPTY: It apparently closed as I was gone for three weeks. The Mexican restaurant moved in where Tahoe Joe's Steakhouse had been. They opened in April of 2014, run by the former manager of the wildly popular Hacienda in Rock Hill. The reviews were all over the place.

It closed in early June. When I stopped by there in mid-July it had been stripped and the interior was completely empty.



NON PARTISAN SEXUAL ANTICS AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT JEFFERSON CITY STYLE FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE. MANY ELECTED LEADERS BELIEVE VOTERS HAVE SENT THEM TO THE CAPITAL TO HIT ON COLLEGE INTERNS AND HAVE AFFAIRS: On the left is Democratic State Senator and former House minority floor leader Paul LeVota, 47. (Independence). Two interns have come forward, one from 2010 when LeVota was a leader in the House and one this year while he is in the Senate. We have to wonder if Bill Crosby hasn't considered moving to Missouri and running for state rep.



On the Left Dem Paul LeVota



Liquor has appeared in reports about both LeVota and Diehl but no Cosby like drugs.



On the right former speaker of the house John Diehl, in front of a board of the sex texts to an intern.

LeVota had a female intern, Taylor Hirth, when he was a house leader, who has stepped forward to back up the the complaint made in 2015 by Alissa Hembree. Hirth was a student intern from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. She said LeVota made sexually suggestive propositions to her, sent her sexually suggestive texts (which

she saved) and after being rebuffed was mistreated in the office by LeVota. She produced saved texts from five years ago.

Alissa Hembree, a college intern from LeVota's alma mater of Central Missouri State University said she cut her hair to keep LeVota from feeling it and telling her what nice hair she had. He also hit on her by sending texts. In a familiar sounding scenario to the John Diehl scandal, Hembree said the LeVota suggested she stay at his condo rather than driving home after she had been drinking at a party put on by a lobbyist. Once at his condo she said he tried several times to get her into his bed. Democratic leaders across the state were calling for LeVota to resign on Thursday July 23. LeVota lasted 24 hours longer than Diehl, who resigned one day after news accounts were made public. LeVota lasted two days before resigning from his Senate seat on Friday July 24.

Victims of LeVota



2015 Intern Alissa Hembree



2010 Intern Taylor Hirth

The Women of the Diehl Downfall



Intern Katie Graham.



Staffer to Dem Governor Jay Nixon and later a lobbyist Brittany Burke

A rehash on the John Diehl scandal started when the Kansas City Star received sexually charged texts between Diehl, 49, and Katie Graham, a 19-year-old coed intern from Southern Missouri University. Diehl refused to comment to the Star for two weeks and the story broke in May two days before the end of the regular session. Diehl resigned within 24 hours.

A month later the St. Louis Post-Dispatch broke a story where Lobbyist Brittany Burke, 29, went to Diehl's Jefferson City apartment in a highly intoxicated condition in April of 2015. She had been at a bar with lobbyists and Diehl earlier in the evening and went to Diehl's after she thought she had been raped. She told police that she and Diehl had an affair in 2014.

A FOOL AND THEIR MONEY ARE SOON PARTED. FOLLOW THE MONEY!

News reports of Central Missouri University pulling all their interns in Jefferson City that were assigned to LeVota's office and filing a sexual discrimination complaint concerning conduct toward interns hit the papers in March. Let's see what moronic businesses and special interest groups gave money to LeVota after the handwriting was on the wall.



LeVotas's wife Nancy is his treasurer and filed the reports.

03/06/15	\$1,000	John Bardgett & Associates	Lobbyists	Chesterfield MO
03/24/15	\$1,000	BNSF Railroad		Kansas City, MO
03/25/15	\$ 500	Governmental Services Group		Jefferson City

03/25/15	\$1,000	MO Optometric Assoc.	Jefferson City
03/25/15	\$ 300	Teamster Local 838	Kansas City, MO
03/25/15	\$ 250	IBEW Local 124	Kansas City, MO
03/25/15	\$ 500	Sheet Metal Workers Local 2	Kansas City, MO
03/25/15	\$ 500	CVS	Northbrook, IL
03/25/15	\$ 250	Vinograd Winery	Sugar Creek, Mo
04/19/15	\$ 300	Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers	Gladstone, MO
04/21/15	\$ 250	MO Independent Bankers	Liberty, MO
04/30/15	\$ 500	Int Union of Elevator Contractors	St. Louis, MO
05/01/15	\$ 500	Electrical Workers	St. Louis, MO
05/05/15	\$ 500	CWA PACE	Washington, DC
05/13/15	\$ 125	Kansas City Chiefs Football Club	Kansas City, MO
05/18/15	\$ 100	Gas Works 5-6	University City, MO
05/28/15	\$ 600	Home Builders PAC	Creve Coeur, MO
06/01/15	\$ 750	Safer Families for Missouri	Jefferson City, MO
06/02/15	\$ 125	Hunt Midwest	Kansas City, MO
06/03/15	\$ 250	MO State Council of Machinists	Bridgeton, MO
06/03/15	\$1,000	Yonke Law	Kansas City, MO
06/23/15	\$5,000	Simmons, Hanly & Conroy	Alton, IL

LeVota pays Courtney Cole of Excelsior Springs, MO \$600 a month as a political consultant. You might think the one thing that Courtney should have hammered on as a consultant was "Don't send texts to female interns."



Consultant Courtney Cole

We rechecked former Speaker of the House John Diehl's campaign contribution filing and he is still claiming "limited activity" for the second quarter and he accept no money in April of the first two weeks in May before the news broke about sex texts to interns.



"HOW DID YOU KNOW I'M A STATE LEGISLATOR?"

REAL ESTATE: 9847 Litzinger Road for a mere \$6,650,000. The house is owned by Matthew and Toni Ratteree. Last year the Property taxes on the house were just \$54,614, having gone down from 2013 when they were \$60,604.



We wrote about this house in January 2014 in Ex-Alderman Newsletter 112. We pointed out that the couple has a condo with an oceanfront view in Naples, Florida.





8171 Colony Bay Dr. Naples, FL

They purchased the Naples Condo in 2014 for \$3,230,000.

The house was listed in 2013 at \$7,100,000 with no takers. Matt, 60, and Toni, 52, have had some problems paying the taxes on time over the years. In 2013 they were 4 months 22 days late with the taxes. In 2011 they were 11 days late.

The house or should we say "compound" was built in 2006. The couple received a \$4.7 million loan from the Business Bank of St. Louis in 2007. The house has five bedrooms. That comes out to \$1,330,000 per bathroom. It has seven full baths which puts you at an average of \$950,000 per full bath. Another drawback is that the garage only holds five cars.

The house sits on 3.4 acres which can be a drawback if you are having trouble with the taxes. I'm guessing you are looking at \$120-to-\$150 each time the grass is cut. It has been back on the market for 48 days. It was at the same price of \$6,650,000 in 2014.

Getting back to Toni...she has a resume online as an actress. She lists as her credits being an extra in The Layover, The Dark Days and in a Missouri Lotto commercial.

Here is a link to Toni's online resume that includes important information like her dress size is a 4 and shoe size is a 9.5.

<http://azaleaagency.com/talent/toni-ratteree/>

According to Toni's Facebook page she is still living at the Naples Condo.



April 2015 facebook post



Toni in a less elegant in Edward Jones print ad

AND ACROSS THE STREET: The 14,000 sq foot house at 9746 Litzinger that was listed at a mere \$5,750,000 just sold. It had been owned by Randall and Stephanie Sterkel.



If you remember we wrote about Randall before. He was arrested for DWI, Speeding and Lane weaving on I-64 by the Town and Country Police. Sterkel is a pediatric doctor. He refused to take a breath test. His lawyer got the DWI reduced to Careless Driving. His mug shot below would indicate that justice was probably not served as he sure looks drunk.

His wife had filed for divorce in 2012 and it was granted on January 2, 2014. Only his name appeared on the deed at the time of sale. Taxes were \$51,524 in 2014.



Stephanie Sterkel is the only child of Ed and Marilyn Schnuck. In the same block along Litzsinger are two other homes owned by Schnucks. 10 years ago the Sterkel house was listed at 53rd on the list of houses with the highest property taxes in metro region. Stephanie's cousins, Scott Schnuck was at 36 on the list and Todd was at 38. In fairness to grocery competition Robert Dierberg's home on Kehrs Mill Rd was 24 on the list.

AND JUST DOWN THE ROAD: 10 long blocks east from Ladue and a \$6,650,000 house are these two very cool post-WWII Lustron kit homes on Litzsinger Road in Brentwood. The 1,000 sq ft homes originally cost between \$8,000 and \$9,000. Lustron started in 1947 to provide housing for WWII vets. They went bankrupt in 1950 amid a U.S. Senate investigation into loan frauds. There are a number of these homes in Webster Groves also. I'm not aware of any in Ladue.



Taxes on one of these in the last ten years has gone from \$814 to \$1,885.

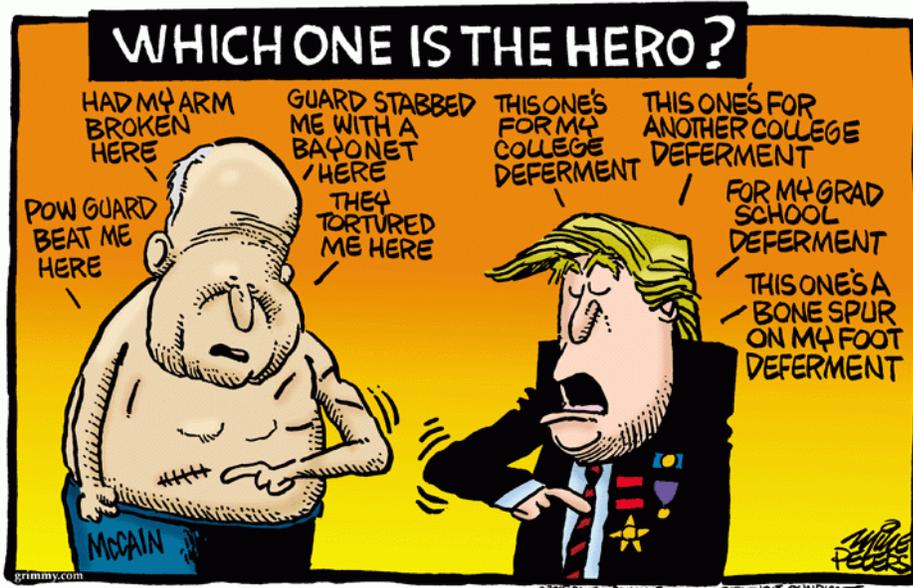
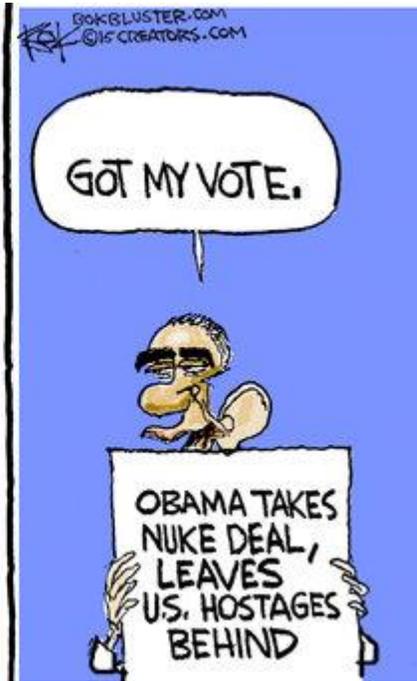
MUSIC: Last Chance for Larry Johnson on the Sax. for the second week in a row, Larry Johnson joined the crowd at Sasha's for Wednesday night jazz. If he makes it this week, it will be Larry's last visit until the holidays. As a music teacher at three different schools or universities Larry's summer ends early in August.

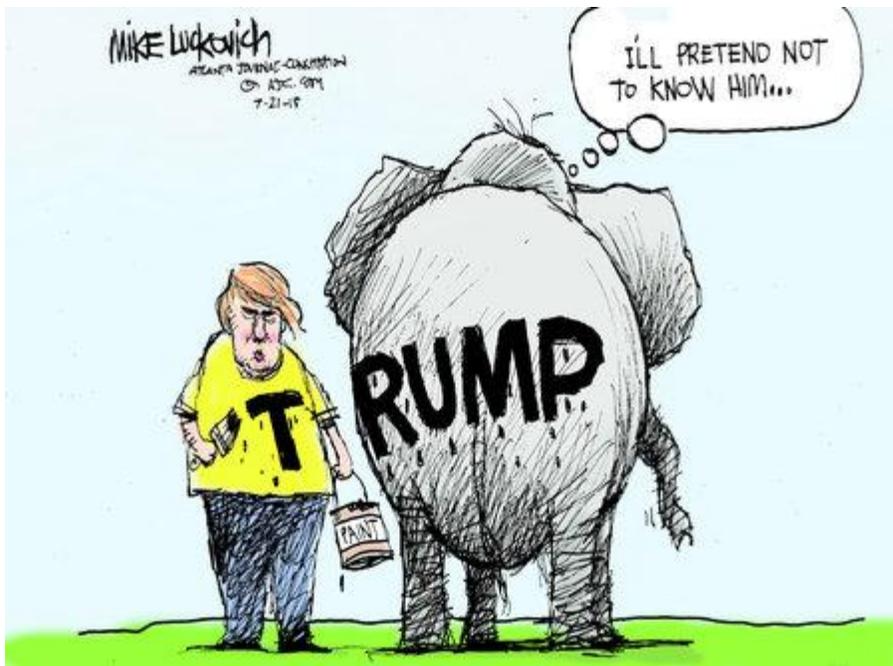


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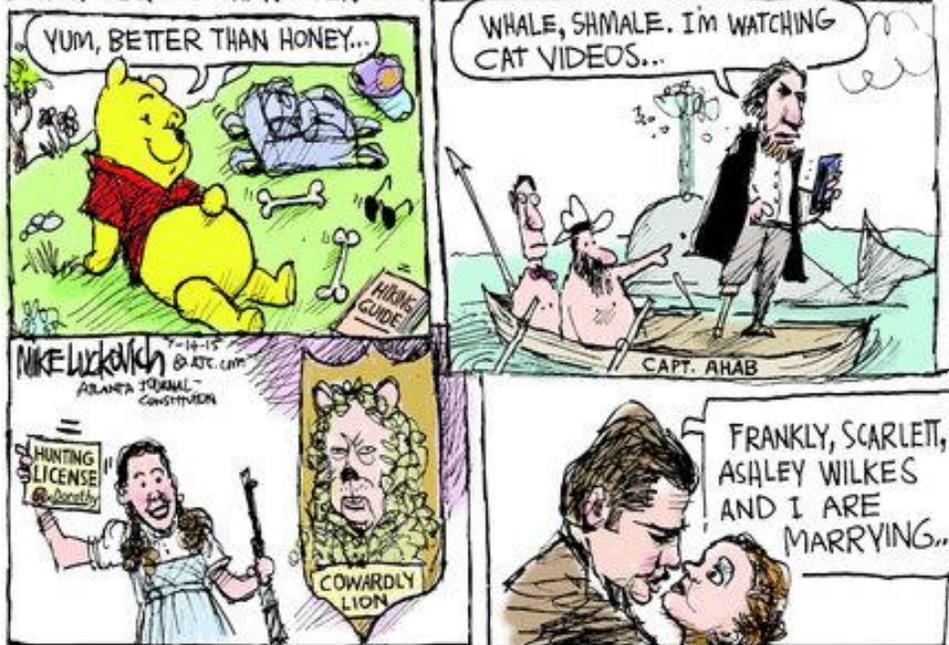


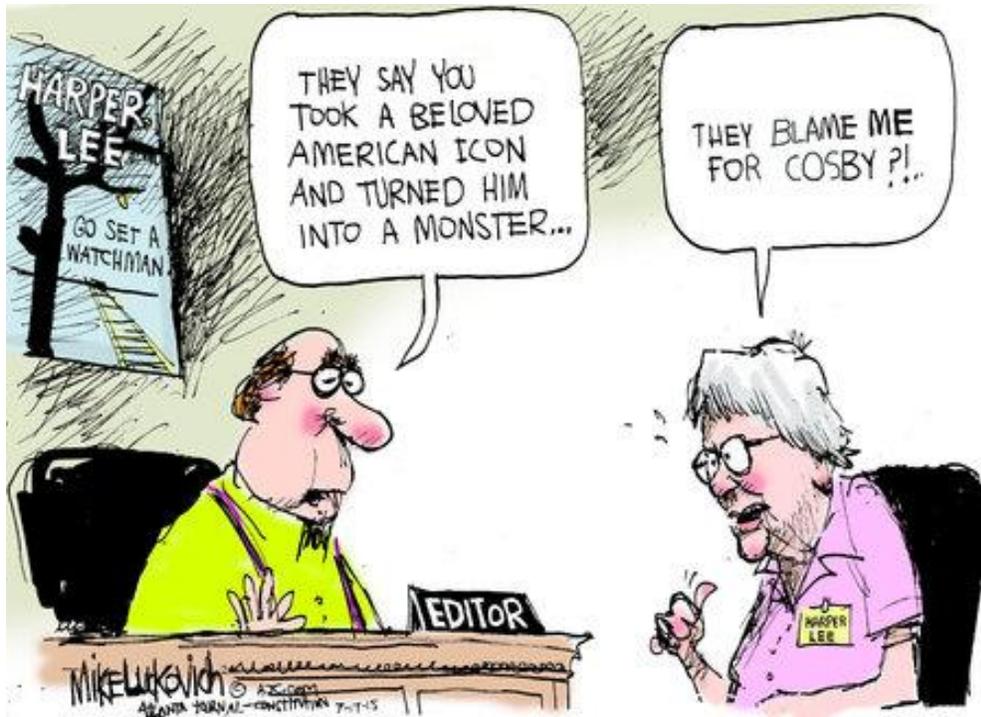




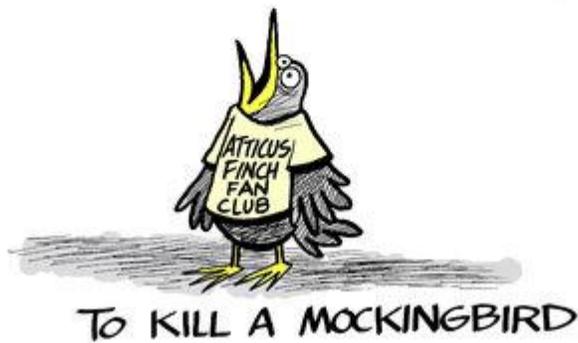


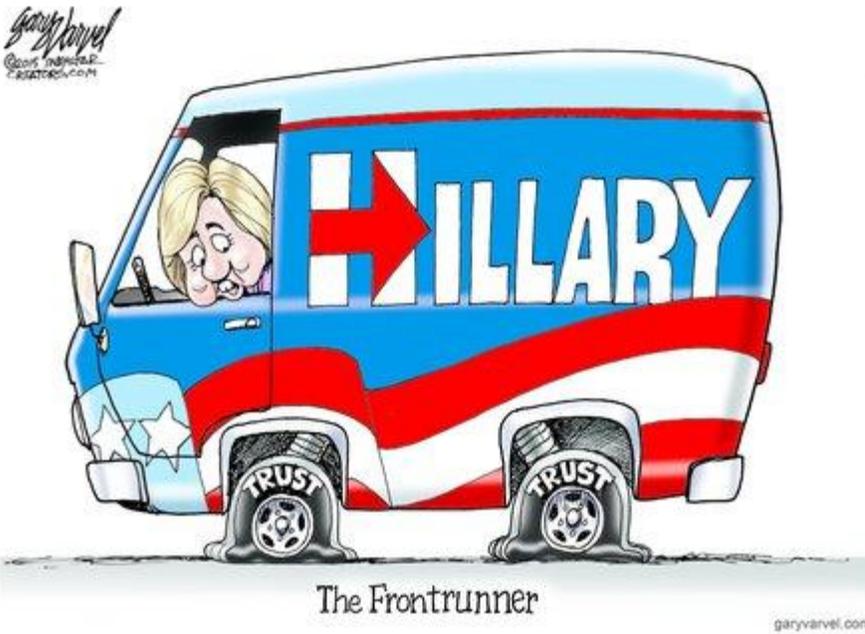
IN HARPER LEE'S 'MOCKINGBIRD' SEQUEL, ATTICUS FINCH IS A RACIST.
OTHER SEQUEL CHARACTER SHIFTS -





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