

## EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 201 AND CHESTERFIELD 146



By John Hoffmann

November 1, 2015

**THIEVES WASTE NO TIME AT TOWN AND COUNTRY CROSSING:** On Saturday around 11 am October 17 this black-male stole the wallet out of the purse of a white-female shopper at Whole Foods at Town and Country Crossing. Credit cards from the purse were almost immediately used. Usually suspects flee the area of the theft and use the credit cards at location away from the original crime but quickly as possible before the cards are cancelled as stolen.



That was not true in this theft. Credit cards of the victim were used three times by three different white women in the same shopping center at the Target Store.

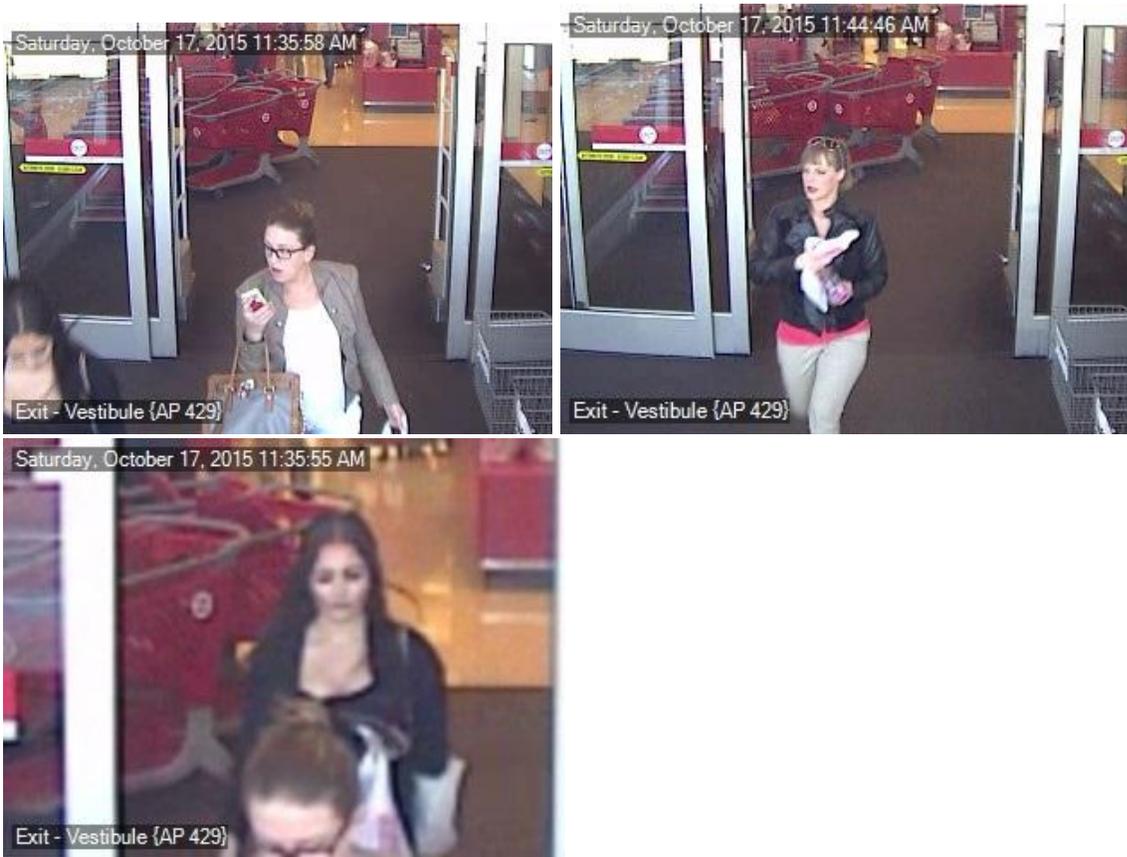
I remember when I was a police officer in the Washington, DC area and Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader-Ginsburg had her purse snatched as she was walking near the Watergate where she lived.

Later that night and the next day a very thin black-female heroin junkie was passing her card credits in Virginia suburbs. Ok so a couple of retail clerks have no idea about Supreme Court Justices. But isn't the name Ginsburg a enough of a clue to ask for a photo ID? It would be like someone stealing Oprah Winfrey's purse and a white-female meth addict missing a few teeth started using Oprah's credit cards.



So in the Town and Country caper it was black male theft suspect and not only a white woman, but several of them taking turns using the stolen cards at the Target.

Here are their photos:



**POLICE FRUSTRATED OVER THE LACK OF MEDIA HELP:** The above photos we have posted were sent to media outlets as soon as the police had them. Between three TV newsrooms and the Post-Dispatch, only KMOV Channel 4 used the photos.

**TOWN AND COUNTRY ALONG WITH CHESTERFIELD ARE LISTED ON THE BUSINESS INSIDER WEBSITE'S TOP 50 SUBURBS TO LIVE IN THE UNITED STATES.** The Business insider news website on October 20 posted a list of the 50 best suburbs in America. The only cities from Missouri to make the list consisted of three along the Snoburbia-Clayton Road corridor and Glendale.

Here are the St. Louis suburbs:

## 47. CHESTERFIELD, MISSOURI

**Population:** 47,568

**Great Schools score:** 9

Chesterfield is a booming residential and business community located about 25 minutes from Downtown St. Louis. Residents enjoy two top-rated public school districts, a top-50 rated hospital (among other quality healthcare providers), and a household median income of \$95,945.

## 41. GLENDALE, MISSOURI

**Population:** 5,913

**Great Schools score:** 6

The City of Glendale is known for its gracious homes, most of which are one-family units and old country homes dating back to before the Civil War and even to the early pioneer farming days. Affordable housing, a median household income of \$100,189, and a commute time of around 19 minutes make the city prime for families.

## 31. CLAYTON, MISSOURI

**Population:** 15,862

**Great Schools score:** 9

West of St. Louis, the city of Clayton balances a busy downtown with quiet residential neighborhoods. The average commute time is about 16 minutes and there are several nearby

interstates. Parents flock to the community for its award-winning public school system and private institutions, including Washington University and Fontbonne University.

## 24. TOWN AND COUNTRY, MISSOURI

**Population:** 10,876

This town is as quaint as its name. It promises three charming parks and has a median household income of \$169,671. The poverty rate here is under 3% and crime is virtually nonexistent.

## 3. LADUE, MISSOURI

**Population:** 8,519

**Great Schools score:** 7

Established in 1936, Laude is a quintessential small town with quaint fashion boutiques, gourmet dining, and antique shopping. The town's poverty rate is a low 1.6% and the median household income is \$176,369.

Here are some other well known suburbs on the list.

46. Palo Alto, California
38. Deerfield, Illinois
34. Los Altos Hills, California
29. Carmel, Indiana
28. Hinsdale, Illinois
27. Mercer Island, Washington
20. Cherry Hills Village, Colorado
18. Los Altos, California
16. Dublin, Ohio
5. Atherton, California
1. New Albany, Ohio.

Ohio led the list with eight suburbs. None of the toney suburbs of New York, Boston or Washington, DC made the list.

Here is the link to the article and list:

**<http://www.msn.com/en-us/money/realestate/the-50-best-suburbs-in-america/ss-BBmhUYG>**

## **POLICE COMMISSION VOTES FOR NEW LOUD NOISE ORDINANCE:**

At a special meeting of the Police Commission the members tackled one specific subject. A new noise ordinance!

Currently excessive noise from loud parties, people insisting on having sound systems blasting at poolside, jerk teenagers parked on a street with the car stereos blasting with the bass thumping all had to be enforced under the peace disturbance ordinance.

Courts have ruled that you cannot disturb the peace of an on-duty police officer, meaning a neighbor would have to sign a complaint against a neighbor, despite the fact the noise was clearly excessive.

Under the proposed ordinance noise would be measured using a decibel meter the same way a car's speed is measured by a RADAR or LASER speed gun. The officer can write a citation without anyone else signing a complaint if the noise is so many decibels at or beyond the property line.

Residents can get a permit for outdoor music events, such as a wedding reception or graduation party, but the permits expire at 10 pm on weeknights and midnight on weekends.

Normally Chief Pat Kranz and his staff do most of the research on a subject. But on the noise subject Commissioner Susan Crandall did a huge amount of research and was handing out scientific papers and gave audio demonstrations of different sound levels.



Susan Crandall always the best dress member of the Police Commission, holding her own decibel meter at the meeting.

Commission Chair Amy Anderson once again ran the meeting in a backward manor. A number of residents interested in the issue were present. Anderson did not ask for any comments on the topic prior to the Commission discussing and voting of the matter. She then asked if anyone had comments.

One might think it some residents might have a good idea or provide a problematic scenario for the Commission to consider. But Amy did not let that happen.



Amy Anderson searching for a clue

Amy has turned into a politician and not a neighborhood representative. Late in 2014 she asked me to have people from Thornhill to call her with their opinion but don't tell she asked for them to call. It was on the golf carts in subdivisions issue and she didn't want to piss off anyone of either side of the issue. When people called her she refused to tell the Police Commission about the contacts. It told me that Amy was all about Amy.

**NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY BUT LOOKS GOOD AT TOWN AND COUNTRY CITY HALL.** Washington University was ready to discard a nice set of conference tables and chairs. The spouse of a Town and Country employee who works at WU wondered if the city could use them. Suddenly the City has a nice move up in conference room furnishing at no cost to the residents.

**Before:**



**After**



## **PARKS COMMISSION TALKS ABOUT VOTING TO RECOMMEND ALDERMEN SELL PRESERVATION PARK:**

"I'll say what everyone else is thing. It (Preservation Park) needs to go away," said Parks Commissioner Adam Bauer at the October meeting.

"If we decided that Preservation Park is not the right park and we sell it we can use that money for trails in Ward 4," said Parks Chair Alderwoman Lynn Wright.

**PARKS DEPARTMENT HAS NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS USING PARKS:** If you remember a month ago we wrote about attending the Parks Commission meeting where Parks Director Anne Nixon complained about professional photographers becoming aggressive with staff who were in the way of their shots while they were working and complaining of hoses and equipment that they wanted moved. Also photographers would blocked trails, paths and bridges for shoots so the public could not use them. Nixon also mentioned that many professional photographers were advertising on the web about doing photo shoots at Longview Park.

Parks Director Anne Nixon now has a policy for photographers using the parks:

**City of Town & Country**

## **Parks and Recreation Department Photography and Videography Policy and Permit**

We highly value our park users and want to ensure a pleasant experience for them. Visitors are welcome in all public areas. Photographers may not block pathways or visitor access to any area of a park.

Photographers, both non-commercial and commercial, are responsible for any damage to park property, including landscaping and hardscaping, resulting from or arising in connection with their activities. The City of Town & Country, its employees and its volunteers assume no, and shall have no, responsibility for the safety or protection of persons or property while engaged in photography activities.

### **Hours and Availability**

Saturday through Thursday-Dawn to Dusk

Fridays-After 5 PM

Volunteers and staff tend to the gardens in each park throughout the week. Their work ALWAYS comes before that of photographers. Photographers may not interfere with the work of park staff or volunteers in any way.

### **Weddings and Private Events**

Wedding ceremonies, receptions or other private events booked at the Longview Farm House have priority for photography during their rental time.

All commercial photographers must apply for a one-year photography permit which is free of charge.

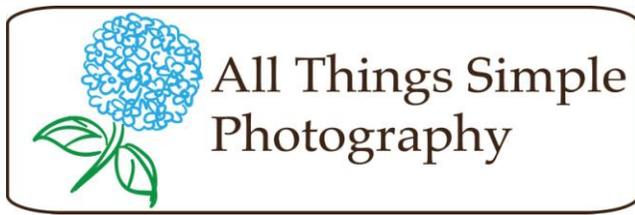
## **PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER WHO ADVERTISED LONGVIEW PARK SHOOTS UPSET WITH MENTION IN NEWSLETTER.**

I did a quick Google search of professional photographers advertising on their websites using Longview Park for a background. I included some of these in the article that was included in Newsletter 193. One of those ads on a website was that of All Things Simple Photography. I included it with four others in an attempt to verify the statement of Parks Director Anne Nixon.

[http://www.johnhoffmann.net/combined\\_85.pdf](http://www.johnhoffmann.net/combined_85.pdf)

This is what I found from All Things Simple after a Google search:

`I met the {P} family at Longview Farm Park for our session...and oh my goodness they have some super cute kids! We explored the park for a bit and finished up with a quick peek at the horses.`



That resulted in the following post I received on facebook.

**[Katrina Sonja Dalbey](#)**

Dear John, My name is Katrina Dalbey and I am a photographer with All Things Simple, Photography. I was wondering if you would please contact me by phone to discuss your use of my photographs and logo without my permission on your blog. My phone number is 314.495.2183. I just had a client send me the link to your blog and I am saddened to see my name connected with behavior not appropriate for park use. I have NEVER damaged plants, spoke in a unkind manor to volunteers or been in the way of any park patrons while shooting sessions at Longview Farm Park. I always take great care to share the space and respect the property. I would like my information removed from your publication and to please let your blog followers know that this was a mistake to use my image and logo. Again, your use of my images is a Copyright violation and was done without my permission. Please contact me as soon as possible. Sincerely, Katrina Dalbey

Here was my one and only response:



[John Hoffmann](#)

Katrina:

First of all I never accused you of doing anything improper but the photo on your website would clearly show you blocked a bridge for public use. I was checking for websites that were advertising photographing people in Longview Park. You were doing exactly that.

My newsletter is non-commercial so if I used an image from your website I did not profit it from it. I took a screen shot of your site. You put your logo in a public place, just like advertising on the right field wall at Busch Stadium. In fact you were advertising a commercial service and I used that post in a NEWS article.

You did not protect your images from being copied and again you put it in the public's view. I was responding to a comment from a public official made at a public meeting.

All my assets including bank accounts, brokerage accounts and property deeds are protected in Trust Status. So if you want to file suit for copyright infringement for something that I made no money from and could legally photograph from my screen, go right ahead. I do thank you for giving me some filler material for a future newsletter

### **CITY GIVES \$5,000 TOWARD SUBDIVISION'S \$60,000 ENTRANCE MAKE OVER.**

Earlier this fall the City of Town and Country agreed to take over Ballas Court as a city street. That means in future years all the residents of the city will pay to do maintenance on the single street that goes around the subdivision. If that wasn't enough the subdivision also came back and asked for a \$5,000 Beautification Grant as the subdivision plans to spent \$60,000 to redo the entrance.

If you drive the circle that consists of Ballas Court you will find more new very large homes than the original 2,500 to 3,000 square foot ranch houses.



Frankly I'm amazed that the residents want to spend \$60,000 on the entrance. The two brick walls look like they just need some updating. Of course the idiot that planted bushes and flowers in front of a sign they want people to be able to see should be permanently removed from "The Grounds Committee" of the subdivision. Also they need to drop "Private Street" from their signs since it is now a city street.

**ANOTHER SUBDIVISION GETS MONEY TO COMBAT "UGLY STREET SIGN DISEASE."** Back when I was on the Board of Aldermen the Chatsworth subdivision on Clayton Road was awarded an almost \$5,000 Beautification Grant with only one "No" vote...mine. Most of the money was going to be spent at the end of the subdivision on a cul-de-sac that the public could not see. The rest of the money was going to a subdivision sign and a new stop sign because the ones provided by the city were "too ugly" according to the La-De-Da residents.

Now let's fast forward seven years. Across the street from Chatsworth Place is Greenwich Green. It is actually two different subdivisions. The front is a number of American contemporary homes designed by famous St. Louis architect Ralph Fournier (Ralph was a bomber pilot in WW II and came to St. Louis after the war to study architecture on the GI Bill at Washington University. He is 93 and lives in Brentwood. I would suggest if you have never looked at these unique homes to drive by on some afternoon.)

The back section of the subdivision is the New Woodfield subdiviison. This group wants a different street sign other than the "ugly" standard city street sign.

At the first Aldermanic meeting in October Town and Country's official Gadfly Mariette Palmer spoke claiming the people in the front of the street did not like the sign the people from the back of the street wanted to put up. The mayor suggested they get together and discuss it before the next BOA meeting.



At the next meeting on October 26 Palmer claimed the easement areas where they want to put the new sign belonged to the front subdivision and not the New Woodfield group. She also said that some of the people who said they liked the New Woodfield proposal had health issues and did not understand the petition they were signing.

Rachel French, a trustee from New Woodfield, countered Palmer stating that they talked to people in the front of the subdivision twice, before and after the October 12 meeting and they all had no problems with the sign proposal.

The Board of Aldermen voted 8-0 to give rich people \$2,756.48 in matching funds for their new street sign/subdivision entrance sign despite the fact one is already provided by the city.

### **TOWN AND COUNTRY REAL ESTATE:**

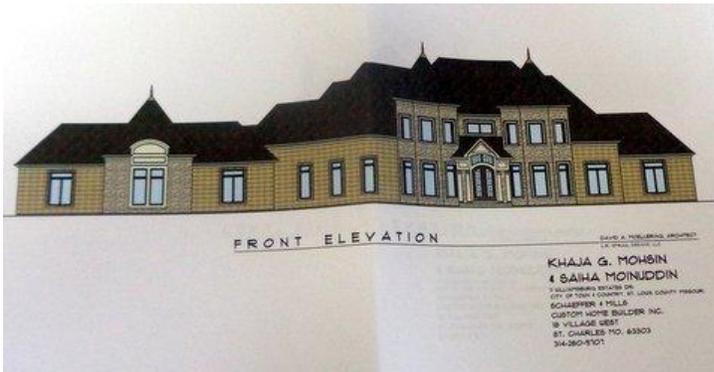
**HERE TODAY AND GONE TOMORROW JUST AS SOON AS THEY GET A DEMO PERMIT:** The builder for a new house at 13354 Thornhill Drive got the permits to disconnect utilities from the County but failed to get a demolition permits from the City of Town and Country and his work was stopped on Monday October 26 by a T&C Building Inspector. There are no plans on file for the new house, but those plans are not required to obtain a Demo Permit. People were renting this house as recently as three weeks ago. Now all the trees on the lot have been bulldozed down.



**HERE TODAY:** 11 Williamsburg, the first house on the south side of the street when you enter off of Mason Road is not long from this world either. Very soon Williamsburg will have more new massive house than the original ranch style homes.



Coming Soon to 11 Williamsburg this 5,664 square foot house that looks a lot larger.



**IT IS BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS:** Okay it was October 26, it was around 65 degrees, the World Series had not started yet, Halloween was five days ahead, with Veterans Day and Thanksgiving in the next month. But I watched as a crane was putting up a new outdoor Christmas Display in the front of Maria de Villa on Clayton Road and Weidman. I know there will be a radio station playing Christmas songs the day after Halloween and I know several people who will listen to it. However, I wait until Turkey day to get out of any Christmas decorations and CDs.

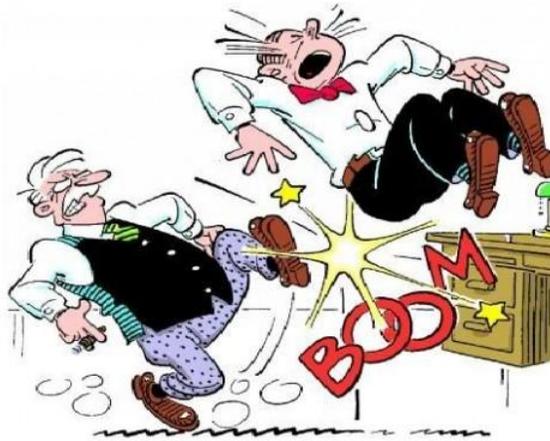


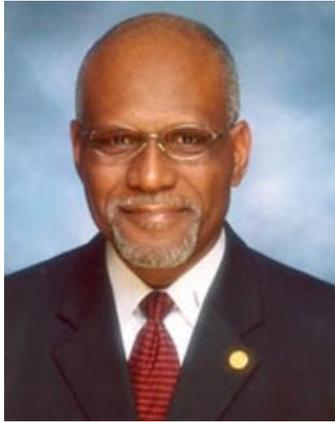
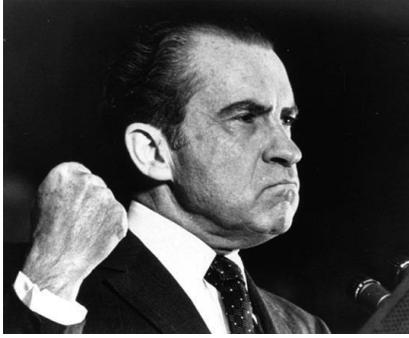
# UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 146



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**KNOWN PEOPLE WHO SWEAR AT WORK:** We could fill up page after page of well known real and fictional characters who swear at work. A number of them people American's love to watch. A big difference with Bob Nation is that he does swear, but he does not assault people or lie or steal. I mean "The Swearing Mayor" was a volunteer pilot for Wings of Mercy.





KMOX and the Riverfront Times reported then County Executive Charlie Dooley dropping a barrage of F-Bombs at a closed door talk with campaign supporters complaining about the County Chief of Police and other employees against him.

No one of the County Council tried to impeach him or censure him.

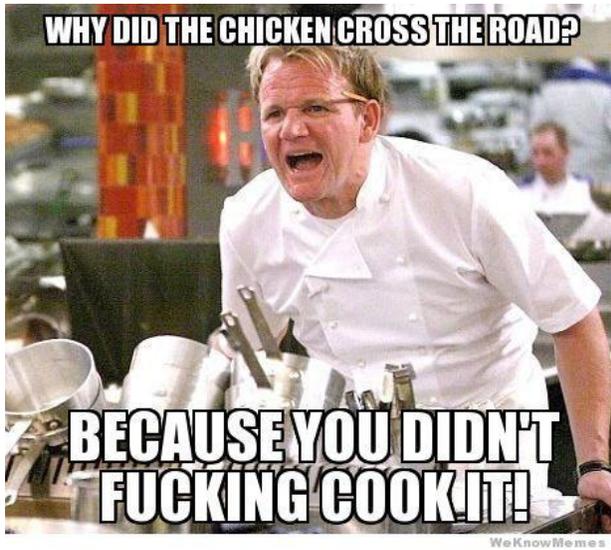


Sen. Maria Chappelle-Nadal

Missouri State Senator Maria Chappelle-Nadal (D) called Missouri Governor Jay Nixon a "Fucking Coward" on the floor of the senate and on social media. There was no attempt to Censure her.

Swearing is industry language. For as long as we're alive it's not going to change. You've got to be boisterous to get results.

**Gordon Ramsay**



**SO MUCH FOR PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY!** A week before the Show Cause Hearing of Mayor Bob Nation for the Council Censure the event is not on the City's website or the website's calendar. We did contact the city clerk and she said it is still on for Wednesday November 4 at 5:30 pm, but added that posting it on the website would be handled by City Administrator Mike Herring and City Attorney Harry O'Rourke.

This is interesting because at the last City Council meeting when Mayor Nation brought up his desire for rule changes that would make the city more transparent and give citizens more input, Herring made a point to interrupt and sing the praises of the staff making things transparent. Apparently Herring doesn't want too much advance notice for this one certain event. You would not want the public to know too much.

**THE TAX POOL PROBLEM:** All the councilpersons have voiced opinions or voted on issues showing they are all unhappy with how the State Legislature mandated shared sales tax pool that only affects St. Louis County has kept 54-percent of sales tax generated in Chesterfield from reaching the Chesterfield coffers.

Members of the Council are upset about Nation slamming his hand down at a meeting of mayors, dropping a swear word and leaving over their position on the tax pool leaving Chesterfield with just 46% of the sales tax money generated in the city. Likewise when he exchanged words with former County Executive Charlie Dooley's chief operating officer, Garry Earls at a gas pump, critics claimed Nation was stalking him. However, Earls lives in Chesterfield.



If anyone was stalking Earls it was more likely TV

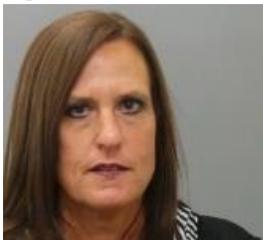
You Paid For It reporter Elliot Davis.

The Post-Dispatch is also reporting how Nation filed suit to overturn the Sales Tax Pool legislation to the ire of other mayors. Nation did so only after an 8-0 vote from the City Council instructing him to do so. Nation as mayor is the front guy, but he is doing the work of Council and they have now turned on him in the Sales Tax Wars by complaining about his methods.

That said, the Mayor and the Council need to lighten up on the Sales Tax Pool issue. It was on the books when Chesterfield was incorporated as a City so it is no surprise. The city's 46-percent take on local sales tax is a lot thanks to three mall and a huge strip center with multiple large Box Stores. Plus the city created other sales taxes with money going to only Parks and Capital Improvements where the city keeps all or the majority of the money raised.

The fight and lawsuit to try to keep all the sale tax revenue like every other city in Missouri outside of St. Louis County is a fine cause, but the elected local officials need to know there will be loud opposition from cities that depend on the 54% of Chesterfield sales tax that is split between them.

**FRAUD CHECK WRITER CLEARLY OLD SCHOOL:** Two weeks ago we reported how Chesterfield resident Jennifer Stauffer, 45, of 1446 Westmeade Drive had her probation revoked on 11 Check Forgery cases from Creve Coeur after new charged were filed against her in for Fraud Checks in Chesterfield.



In total Stauffer has been convicted 32 times for Felony Bad Checks or Forgery.

This caused me to wonder what her MO is to where she gets caught so often and has spent time in prison. I obtained the charging document from Chesterfield and found that her method of operation is simple and stupid. She opens an account at one bank with a small amount of money and then opens an account at another bank on a check from the first written for far more money than is in the account. Here is the Chesterfield Police Detective's probable cause statement.

Date:

I, David Krumm, DSN 0273, Chesterfield Police Department, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true. I have probable cause to believe that on May 26, 2015, at 101 Hilltown Village Center and 15965 Manchester Road Jennifer Stauffer, White, Female, DOB [REDACTED]/1970, [REDACTED], [REDACTED]bs, committed one or more criminal offense(s).

Count: 01      PASSING BAD CHECKS - CLASS C FELONY

Count: 02      PASSING BAD CHECKS - CLASS C FELONY

The facts supporting this belief are as follows: Defendant confessed to executing a scheme in which she deposited one check (in the amount of \$700.50), drawn on an account with First Bank that was opened the same day with a \$20 deposit, into an account at U.S. Bank, then wrote a check in the amount of \$700.00 from the U.S. Bank account and deposited that check into the First Bank account. She then made two withdrawals (in the total amount of \$600) the following day, before either of the checks could clear. Defendant admitted that she had presented the checks knowing that they lacked sufficient funds to be paid.

David Krumm, DSN 0273, Chesterfield Police Department

**DRUNK AND THIEVES ALL IN THE SAME CASE:** I was in law enforcement for a good part of my adult life and carried a gun on my hip for about 33 years. During that time I never had a gun in my car that was not attached to me. So car thefts from parked cars always amaze me. But the victim is a victim, even if they are dumb victims.

That was the case in the overnight hours between January 3 and January 4 2015. Joseph Hunze was moving into the house at 631 Claymont Estates Drive over the weekend. He had left two .9 mm semi automatic handguns in his car. One in the glove box and one in the center console. Both were loaded, one with eight rounds and the other with 17 rounds.



631 Claymont Estates where the cars were stolen from a parked car

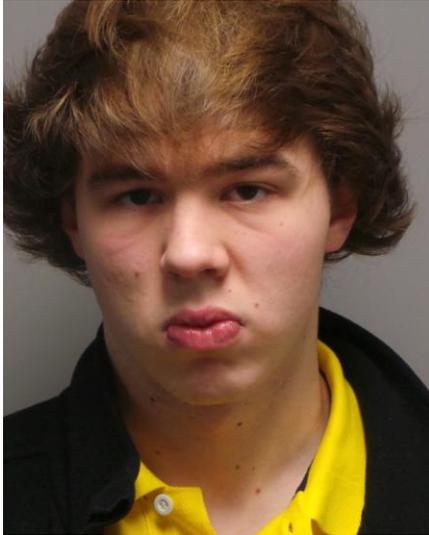
Twenty three days after the theft there was a break in the case.

On Tuesday January 27 Officer Schneider of the Ellisville Police recovered drugs and one of the two stolen guns from 631 Claymont Estates during a traffic stop. He notified the Chesterfield Police and Detective Ovca responded to the Ellisville Police Station.

The person arrested by the Ellisville PD said he had been in fear of harm after an incident at a party. He said he traded drugs and \$150 for the gun from his friend Richie Lovelace. He told officers that Lovelace and Matt Lutterman of Chesterfield told him that stolen the guns after breaking into cars. He told officers he believed that Lutterman still had the other gun.

Det. Ovca determined the suspects were:

Matthew Lutterman 19 of 16244 Lone Cabin in Wildwood and Richard Charles Lovelace 17 of 16607 Green Needle Court in Ballwin.



Lutterman



Lovelace

Det. Ovca was joined by Chesterfield Police Detectives Eric Wittman and Ryan Broeker and went to Lutterman's house on Lone Cabin Drive. There they contacted a cooperative mother by phone who called her son and told him to come home. She also told officers where they should search if looking for something hidden by her son.

Upon arrival I informed her of my investigation, and the information which led me to believe M. Lutterman was in possession of the gun. She advised we could search wherever we needed to, and that she believed he would hide something like that in the garage due to the fact that she tries to search his room on occasion. She advised her ex-husband [REDACTED] would meet us at the residence, and would get Matt to come home as well. She advised she could not leave the second residence to return home due to animal welfare issues. She stated she was the owner of Matt's car as well.

Once Matt Lutterman arrived he agreed to talk to the detectives, but lied, claiming he did not have the gun and was only the driver the night of the car break-ins.

Detectives kept pointing out inconsistencies and Lutterman finally admitted he had the gun. This from the police report:

We continued to press M. Lutterman about the discrepancies in his story as I began searching the trunk of his car. I located a black leather change purse which contained \$2.12 (192 pennies, 2 dimes). He admitted that the coin purse was taken during the "car hopping". I again asked about the gun, and he uttered "Fine I'll go get it!". I stopped M. Lutterman and advised him to tell me where it was, that he would not be allowed to retrieve it. He advised it was in the attic above the garage, and he would need to direct me to it as it was under the insulation away from the entrance.

I climbed the ladder and he instructed me to walk on the rafter to the left of the opening until I reached the end. I was able to observe the black grip of the pistol under the insulation, and retrieved it. I found it to be a Glock 17 S# SES317. A safety check of the weapon found it to have no rounds in the chamber, and 15 in the magazine. I asked M. Lutterman if he had anything else taken that night, and he said he had a pair of Oakley sunglasses. He then took Detective Wittman to retrieve the sunglasses.



16244 Lone Cabin in Wildwood and the garage where the last gun was recovered.

The next day on January 28 Det. Ovca and Detective Jim Dammrich went to the home of Richie Lovelace and arrested him for the theft. Once back at the police station Lovelace agreed to speak with the officers and told them that he and Lutterman were drunk and high on prescription drugs. This is from the police report:

I asked him to tell me what happened on the night of 01-03 into 01-04-15. He advised he along with [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and Matt Lutterman had been drinking at a party and taking "K pans" (slang for Xanax). Lovelace

said they all decided to go car hopping. He advised they were all taking turns acting as look outs, and checking cars. He stated he had gotten some change, and a Magellan GPS unit. I asked about the stolen guns. He advised at that point, Matt Lutterman and ██████████ were the ones checking vehicles and found the guns. He stated Matt kept the Glock, and ██████████ had gotten the Springfield 45. He advised he bought the Springfield from ██████████ for \$175.00 with the intent of selling it for a profit.

Lovelace said he did not know what Lutterman had done with the Glock, but he sold the Springfield to ██████████ for a \$150.00 "rig" (bong), some other pipes, and \$75.00 in cash.

A third suspect who was a juvenile was developed and later arrested.

**OUTCOME:** Matthew Lutterman was charged with two counts of felony theft of a firearm. On August 3, 2015 he pled guilty to both charges and was given a SIS probation term (at end of probation with no violations charges would disappear) for five years by Judge Michael Jamison.

On August 31, 2015 **Richard Lovelace** pled guilty before Judge Robert Cohen to both counts of Theft of a Firearm. He was represented by a public defender. Immediately upon pleading guilty Lovelace was sentenced to one year in jail.

It is interesting that that white kid with a private attorney got a probation term. However, the black kid from the same West County area with a public defender who pled guilty to the same crimes got a jail sentence. I don't know what Lovelace's juvenile record was if he had one. He had no prior adult charges that we could find.

**OTHER OFFENSES:** What is amazing with Lutterman's sentence is that he was arrested again for stealing prior to sentencing. I'm not sure that is more amazing, what Ellisville Judge Donald Kenneth Anderson did or the probation sentence from Judge Cohen.

On May 19, 2015 Lutterman was arrested for shoplifting at Kohl's Department Store in Ellisville. He appeared before Judge Donald Anderson on August 5, 2015. Despite being out on bond for two counts of Felony Firearm Theft from January 27, Anderson allowed the theft charge to be reduced to LITTERING. Lutterman was fined \$300.

Likewise Judge Cohen gave Lutterman a generous SIS probation term despite the fact that Lutterman was arrested while out on bond for another theft and had pled guilty prior to his plea and sentencing in front of Cohen. Lutterman should have received a

Suspended Execution of Sentence probation term possibly with a shock jail term of a week or so to get his attention.



Donald Anderson



Bob Cohen

**ANOTHER SOLAR PANEL BATTLE MAY BE OVER:** We have been writing about about the Babbs of Clarkson Valley fighting to install and then keep their solar panels since 2012. They beat the City of Clarkson Valley costing the city well over \$100,000 in legal fees along with their HOA. The view of the Babb's house from the street in summer or winter it is hard to see the solar panels.



A file photo of the Babb's house without foliage.

Now a Wildwood family, Susan Hanley and Brian Hauge have finally won a court case allowing them to keep their solar panels installed on their house. The couple won in a trial in 2014, pointing out that the HOA did not restrict or require permission for Solar Panels when they were installed. The HOA appealed to Missouri Court of Appeals and lost there on October 20, 2015.

This tidbit is from the Midwest Energy News website with an interesting remark from the homeowners lawyer Steve Jeffrey:

**Subdivisions built decades ago, before the advent of residential solar installations, almost inevitably will have no mention of solar panels among the features they prohibit, Jeffrey said. That would mean that, without a revision of the deed restriction, it would be difficult for an association to make a case for the removal of a solar array.**

**THE MUG SHOTS OF JAMES O'NEAL:** There is a internet provider that shows you mug shots of people arrested in the St. Louis area. They give the name, charge, the suspect's zip code but not the arresting department. There are a lot of photos of James O'Neal which we eventually tracked down to living in the trailer park on the South 40 Outer Road in Frontenac. However we have only been able to find one arresting agency, that being Frontenac for a drug possession charge. But the arrests and mug shots keep coming.

Here is the current 2015 James O'Neal collection:



10/25 Solicit W/O Permit 10/05 Stealing U/\$500 10/02 Solicit W/O Permit 08/21 Solicit W/O Permit



07/27 Drug Poss 07/21 Stealing U/\$500 06/11 Tampering W/Auto 04/25 Stealing U/\$500

**THE LAST BROADCAST:** Since 44 years ago I was a full time radio disc jockey, I still pay attention to the business when I can. Ed Walker was a mainstay in Washington DC radio. For 23 years he and Willard Scott were the Joy Boys of Radio, before Willard joined the Today Show. Ed has been blind since birth, but you would never know it listening to him on the radio. He read copy typed on a Braille typewriter flawlessly.

Here is a link to a video of Ed and Willard's last program in afternoon drive-time as the Joy Boys of Radio. (Willard and Ed met each other as broadcast majors at American University in the early 1950's.) Sitting in between Ed and Willard is a young Gordon Peterson, who later became a Washington, DC news anchor and the longtime host of the national Inside Washington Sunday talk show. The clip is only seven minutes and worth your time if you like the way radio used to be or a big fan of Willard Scott.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q9lxNqYIbUE>



Ed Walker on left and Willard Scott with hair on the right.

For the last 25 years Ed did a Sunday night show called the Big Broadcast on WAMU, a NPR station. The program consisted of Ed playing classic radio shows like The Jack Benny Program, Burns and Allen, Fiber McGee and Molly, Our Miss Brooks, Gunsmoke with William (Cannon and Jake and the Fat Man) Conrad as Matt Dillon, Dragnet and Johnny Dollar a radio who-done-it featuring an insurance investigator instead of a cop.

On Sunday evenings if I was late after filing a sports story about an afternoon game I would often take a long way home to listen to Ed and the Big Broadcast.

Last week at 83 after 65 years in radio, Ed Walker, a member of the National Radio Hall of Fame, found himself dying of cancer in Sibley Memorial Hospital in Northwest DC. The radio station set up a studio in his hospital room and he recorded the final Big Broadcast show. He got out of the hospital bed because sitting up straight would make his voice sound stronger.

Here is a link to the Washington Post article

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/style/ed-walker-spent-65-years-on-the-radio-his-last-program-was-unlike-any-other/2015/10/22/13f37a3e-783b-11e5-b9c1-f03c48c96ac2\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/style/ed-walker-spent-65-years-on-the-radio-his-last-program-was-unlike-any-other/2015/10/22/13f37a3e-783b-11e5-b9c1-f03c48c96ac2_story.html)



Ed Walker in recent years.

Walker died on Monday October 26 the day after his final show was broadcast on WAMU.

Here is a link to his obit:

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/ed-walker-wamu-personality-who-burnished-radios-golden-age-dies-at-83/2015/10/26/373c905c-7be2-11e5-b575-d8dcfedb4ea1\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/ed-walker-wamu-personality-who-burnished-radios-golden-age-dies-at-83/2015/10/26/373c905c-7be2-11e5-b575-d8dcfedb4ea1_story.html)

Here is a link to Ed's final four-hour show. His voice is gone having left him earlier in the year, but his timing was still on. Frankly it is a chore to listen to this.

[http://wamu.org/programs/the\\_big\\_broadcast/15/10/25/the\\_big\\_broadcast\\_oct\\_25\\_2015](http://wamu.org/programs/the_big_broadcast/15/10/25/the_big_broadcast_oct_25_2015)

**MUSIC:** So my wife, Diana, went down to Steelville, MO for four days of Plein Air painting. But on Friday night October 23, all the artists got tickets to go see **Blood, Sweat and Tears** at the Wildwood Springs Lodge. None of the original members from 1970 are still in the group but she loved the concert.

She sent me this blurry photo and the following review:

What a fabulous concert in a very intimate setting. 90 minutes of non stop favorites. Trumpeters where Fisher and Mason. Drummer was from New Zealand and he was twirling his sticks in the air while playing incredibly fast. He received an immediate standing and shouting ovation. I have never seen such an incredible concert.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO LUPPY:** Yes Back to the Future Night was also Chris "Luppy" Swan's birthday and he was playing the keyboard at Sasha's on Wednesday October 21. That meant a lot of musicians showed up. which is good because as strange as it sounds but a graduate from Greenville College needed a ride home.



Here is the very talented Meredith Hammer on the trumpet with Luppy. and then with Jim Manley

Chris shaved his head for his birthday and frankly there were a couple of times it was like being in Back to the Future because I thought I was looking at Jackie Coogan and I kept looking around for John Astin or Carolyn Jones to walk in.



Chesterfield's Joe Mancusco



Laura Green doing the Nearness of You



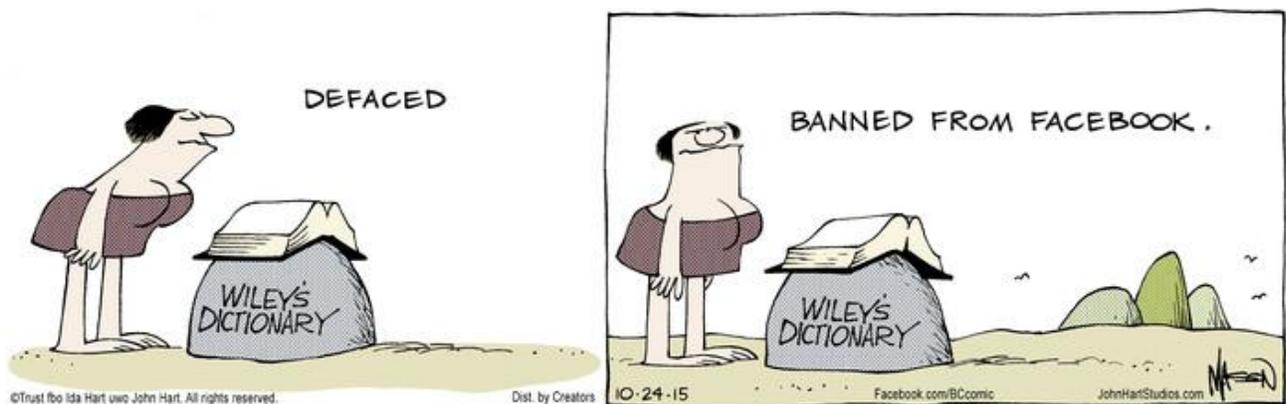
The Rev. Scott Standifer and sax man Joe Bayer join Luppy.

**BUSINESS:** This sign was going up last week on the building that 45 years ago was a low end steakhouse (maybe Bonanza) more recently was a bad Chinese Restaurant and then Marshall's Bistro which was open about two months before going out of business. It is in the National Way Center where Office Depot is located in a former National Food Store along with the Tokyo Steakhouse and a NAPA Auto Parts store.

The problem with the location is that it is not visible from either Manchester Road or Highway 141 and you can only access it from EB Manchester Road or by turning left of Old Meramec Station Road from WB Manchester and then going around the block.



## CARTOONS





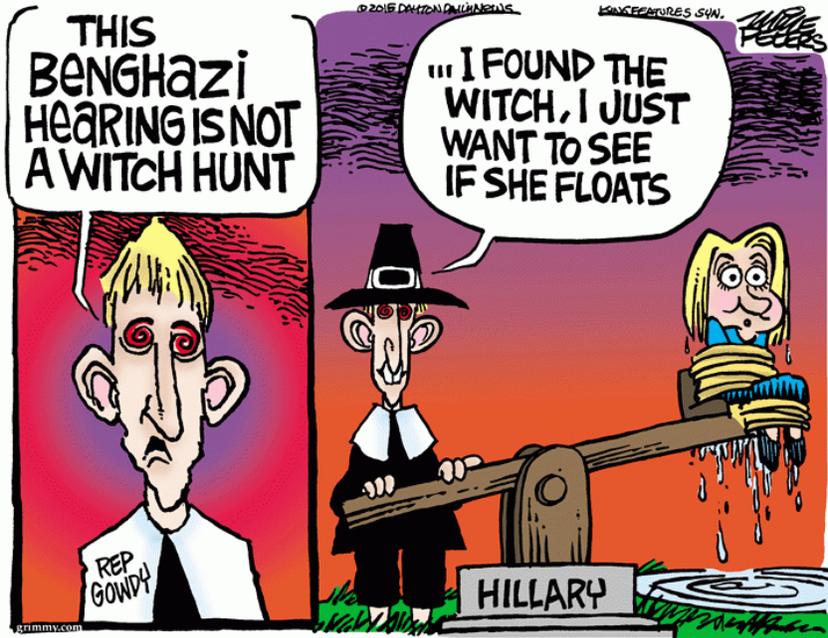
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