

Trolley driver hires his own attacker

In Boston, trolley driver Thomas Lucey, 46, of Saugus, Mass., was indicted Feb. 21 for paying a man \$2,000 to attack him while he was on the job Oct. 30, 2016, so that Lucey could collect workers' compensation and disability insurance. The "attacker" wore a Halloween mask and carried a plastic pumpkin, from which police obtained fingerprints used to identify him and unravel the scheme, according to The Boston Globe. A grand jury in Suffolk County brought charges of insurance fraud, workers' compensation fraud, misleading a police investigation and perjury.

SUSPICIONS CONFIRMED

District Judge Joseph Boeckmann, 72, took a personal interest in the young men who came through his courtrooms in Cross and St. Francis counties (Arkansas) from 2009 to 2015 with traffic citations

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or misdemeanor criminal charges. The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette reported Judge Boeckmann routinely dismissed those charges pending "community service," which Boeckmann would set up through private phone calls with the men, assigning them to provide sexual favors or allow Judge Boeckmann to take pictures of them in "embarrassing positions; positions that he found sexually gratifying," a court document revealed.

Boeckmann, of Wynne, Ark., admitted to the charges in October and was sentenced Feb. 21 to five years in prison. Prosecutors had agreed to a lesser sentence in light of Boeckmann's age, but U.S. District Judge Kristine Baker ordered the maximum sentence, saying,

"He acted corruptly while serving as a judge. That sets his crime apart."

UNCLEAR ON THE CONCEPT

Washington State University senior Logan Tago, a football linebacker, received WSU's Center for Civic Engagement Fall 2017 Community Involvement award on Feb. 1 for 240 hours of service to the local community, reported the WSU Daily Evergreen -- service he was ordered to give as a stipulation of his sentencing in January 2017 for third-degree assault.

SPECIAL DELIVERY

At the beginning of February, several residents along a block in Marina, Calif., were hit by mail thieves. But the criminals probably didn't know

what hit them when they stole Rosalinda Vizina's package. SFGate.com reported that Vizina, an entomologist, had ordered 500 live cockroaches for a study she's working on. "I feel a little bad for the roaches in case they got smushed or tossed or something like that," Vizina told KSBW. "For the thieves, I hope they went everywhere."

TMI?

On Feb. 20, little Jameson Proctor was born in St. Louis and a radio audience listened in as he came into the world. Cassiday Proctor, co-host of the "Spencer's Neighborhood" show on The Arch in St. Louis, scheduled her C-section right in the middle of drive time and then invited listeners to share the moment when Jameson was born, at 7:45 a.m., through a broadcast phone call. "Our radio show is all about sharing our personal

lives," Proctor, 33, told The Telegraph. She also solicited ideas for names from her fans and received more than 400 submissions. "It was not something I wanted to keep private," Proctor said.

AWESOME!

The mining town of Kurri Kurri, Australia, cut loose on Feb. 24 with a new festival to draw visitors: Mullet Fest, a celebration of the infamous hairstyle and those who wear it. Local hairdresser Laura Johnson came up with the idea, which included contests (Junior Mullet and Ladies' Mullet categories, and so forth) and bands (the Stunned Mullets from Karuah).

Winner of the junior division prize, Alex Keavy, 12, told The Guardian: "It's not a hairstyle, it's a lifestyle." He pledged to use his \$50 prize to buy his girlfriend a pie. More than 180 contestants competed

for Best Mullet of Them All. Meryl Swanson, the local Labor MP and a contest judge, said she was "looking for pride, people embracing the mullet, finding self-worth in it."

CLOSE CALL

Flemington, N.J., cemetery worker Peter Ferencze, 59, was digging a grave at Hanover Cemetery on Feb. 20 when the 800-pound lid of a concrete burial vault fell on top of him, pinning him in the grave. Ferencze was treated and released from Morristown Medical Center after police and other first responders managed to lift the cover with straps, giving Ferencze enough space to squeeze out, the Morristown Daily Record reported.

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Annual egg hunt to hop over to Three Star Mall



BY LISA HOBBS
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(McMinnville, Tennessee)

Junior Auxiliary of McMinnville is putting a healthier twist into its annual Easter Egg Hunt. Some big changes are planned for this month. "We are revamping our Easter Egg Hunt to focus more on children's health than our traditional egg hunts of the past," said

Junior Auxiliary member Amanda Collier. The name Hopping into Health will remain. However, the event is hopping from Hickory Creek Elementary to Three Star Mall and skipping into the festivities will be a children's Health and Safety Fair and some "eggstra" fun activities. "We'll have the Easter Bunny available for

photo ops, healthy activities, and some traditional treats in addition to an egg scavenger hunt, all inside our Three Star Mall," said Collier. "Event chairs Suzy Casey and Wesley Cook have been working with vendors and health professionals in our community to bring this fun free event to our children." Event organizers are

seeking businesses or volunteers who would like to participate in a great event for children. Call 224-0350 or 247-3843 or email jamcminnville@gmail.com. The event will be at Three Star Mall on March 31 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Setup begins at 8 a.m. For more information, check the Junior Auxiliary of McMinnville Facebook page.

Junior Auxiliary is moving its annual egg hunt from Hickory Creek Elementary to Three Star Mall. It's set for March 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Easter Bunny will still be available for pictures with children.

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