

False Economy

I was less than impressed with the antics of Chief Finn in his column in last week's (April 14, 2011) *Review*. A modern vehicle with 85,000 miles is far from the end of its service life. There are residents in Boulder City making due with older vehicles with higher mileage. If Finn's 2005 black Crown Victoria was a "Police Interceptor" model, built by Ford with a beefed up transmission and suspension package, it should have gone 120,000 miles if driven responsibly. I still have the 1952 MG Roadster I purchased as a college student, but then, I know how to drive.

I had hoped that the switch to the silver 2007 Impala indicated that Finn was starting to mellow in his old age. I agree, the black Darth-Vadermobile did tend to stick out, especially at Starbucks and the Railroad Pass. Then I read Finn's account of his contact with one of our senior citizens. The intersection at Buchanan/93/Nevada Way is a mess. It is not uncommon to see drivers, of all ages, become confused there. Last week I saw one of BCPD's finest flip on their overhead lights, when they realized the stale yellow light had turned red, while driving from Buchanan onto 93. If Finn can find the offending party will he send them to DMV for a driving test?

If Finn is spending an hour or two per day driving around town we enjoy the distinction of having the highest paid patrol officer in all of Southern Nevada working for Boulder City. This practice may even overshadow the "golden thrones" being built in Bicentennial Park with its wastefulness. The best gas mileage Finn is ever going to get is when he "drives" his desk at work. That will also bring the best return to the taxpayers who pay his salary.

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