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By John Hoffmann

August 8, 2016

PILOT OF TEXAS HOT AIR BALLOON THAT CRASHED HAD BEEN A CHESTERFIELD RESIDENT WITH FELONY DWI AND DRUG DEALING CONVICTIONS:

Alfred G. Nichols IV, 49, was the pilot of the hot balloon that crashed in Texas killing Nichols and 15 passengers. He lived for a long time at 14828 Grantley off of Schoettler Valley Road in Chesterfield.

He was also well known to police in West County as a chronic drunk driver and a drug dealer. It is more than ironic that his privilege to drive in Missouri has been revoked for over 19-years. Normally that also means you can't get a license in another state. But Nichols was licensed by the FAA to pile up to 15 people in a basket and take them airborne.

On June 1, 2007 Nichols was arrested by the Town and Country Police for Felony DWI, Driving While Revoked and Failure to Drive on Right Side of Road. He pled guilty to all charges on July 12, 2010 and was sentenced to a "shock" jail time of 120 days followed by 7-years probation. It was not his first DWI arrest in Town and Country. He also had a Felony DWI arrest in 2000.

In his 2007 DWI arrest of Nichols here is Cpl. Wolfe's overall description of Nichol's condition after he stopped him June 1 at 1:59 AM for lane weaving on EB I-64 and then onto SB I-270 on:

OFFICER'S OBSERVATION MADE PRIOR TO ARREST/CUSTODY (Check appropriate boxes) and add any pertinent remarks:

BREATH	ODOR OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE:	<input type="checkbox"/> FAINT	<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRONG	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	
	ODOR OF MARIJUANA/CHEMICAL:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO			
EYE(S)/PUPIL(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NORMAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WATERY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLOODSHOT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GLASSY	<input type="checkbox"/> STARING	<input type="checkbox"/> DILATED
	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> SLOW REACTION TO LIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL EYE			
BALANCE/WALKING	<input type="checkbox"/> UNCERTAIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWAYING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STAGGERING	<input type="checkbox"/> STUMBLING	<input type="checkbox"/> FALLING	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:
SPEECH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLURRED	<input type="checkbox"/> CONFUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> INCOHERENT	<input type="checkbox"/> STUTTERING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUMBLING	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

This is from Cpl. Wolfe's report on first contact Nichols:

I stopped the vehicle and asked the driver for his driver's license, at which time he stated he did not have one, and that he was revoked. The driver identified himself as NICHOLS, ALFRED G. 4TH W/M 01-20-67. While speaking to Nichols, I detected a strong odor of an intoxicating beverage about his breath. I also noticed that his eyes were watery, bloodshot and glassy, and that his speech was slurred and mumbling. I asked Nichols if he had been drinking, and he stated "not too much".

I asked Nichols to perform some field sobriety tests, and he agreed. I conducted the alphabet test and the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus test, at which time Nichols stated "I'm done".

Nichols refused to complete field sobriety tests before his arrest and refused to take a breath test at the police station. He refused to answer any more interview questions after his second answer. His first answer was correct. The second one was very wrong until he corrected himself:

INTERVIEW — RECORD PERSON'S RESPONSE	
WHAT TIME IS IT NOW?	WHAT IS THE DATE?
2:30 AM	THE 32ND/ NO THE 1ST
WHAT DID YOU LAST EAT?	

He was charged with Felony DWI and driving on a Revoked License. (It had been revoked for nine years.) It was the second time he was charged with Felony DWI by the Town and Country Police.

In 2000 on March 17 at 2:38 (that was the night of March 16 and into the first two hours of St. Patrick's Day) Officer Fowle of the Town and country Police was dispatched to assist St. Louis County Police Officer Bryan DeNoyer who has stopped Nichols driving in his BMW for lane weaving on SB I-270 in Town and Country.

Officer DeNoyer asked Officer Fowle to take over the case and use him as a witness.

Officer Fowle's report indicated Officer DeNoyer had been following Nichols' BMW since Ladue Road in Creve Coeur watching him weave over three lanes.

The following is from Officer Fowle's police report:

P.O. Denoyer then stopped the vehicle just south of Clayton Road and contacted the driver, a subject who identified himself as Alfred G. Nichols, (white male, 1/20/67). P.O. Denoyer stated that he told Nichols why he had stopped him and Nichols then admitted to drinking alcohol that evening. P.O. Denoyer stated that Nichols had difficulty putting on his shoes, getting his license out of his wallet and even walking.

Upon my arrival Nichols was seated in the front passenger seat of Denoyer's patrol car and I asked him to exit the vehicle. I could smell a strong odor about Nichols' person that appeared to be that of an intoxicating beverage and his eyes were bloodshot, watery and glassy. Nichols showed difficulty getting out of the police car and swayed as he stood. I then asked Nichols if he had been drinking that evening. Nichols replied, "You would only be assuming that I was drinking." I then informed Nichols of the above information. I then asked Nichols if he would be willing to perform several field sobriety tests. Nichols replied, "No, now what do you have on me? You're only assuming that I've been drinking."

A record check at the scene through Creve Coeur Police dispatch revealed that Nichols had six active warrants through St. Louis County Police. One warrant, (99CR-2125B), was for a felony drug distribution and was verified by St. Louis County police employee Schaefer, DSN 3182, (Ref: W40335188).

At the Creve Coeur police station where Nichols was taken due to holdover space, he refused to take a breath test.



2007 Mug Shot

He also refused to answer any booking questions. When you refuse to answer booking questions you sit in jail until you do answer. You don't post bail and don't get released until the questions are answered.

Nichols refused to answer any questions on the interview section of the A.I.R. Nichols also refused to cooperate with giving all the information needed for the booking process and therefore he was held overnight at Creve Coeur Police Station. Nichols was eventually booked, processed and issued the proper D.O.R. paperwork. Nichols driver's license was already revoked, (D.O.R. #CH99051079 dated 12/11/99) from a prior D.W.I.

Here are Nichols' five DWI arrests plus his drug arrest information and conviction info:

10/02/89	DWI	Kirkwood PD
	02/15/90 Pled Guilty fined \$400	
01/24/97	Excessive Blood Alcohol (reduced from DWI)	Missouri Highway Patrol
	12/07/98 Pled Guilty Fined \$300	
07/01/99	Poss of Controlled Sub with intent to deliver	FBI
	09/27/02 Pled Guilty sentenced to 10-years prison	
11/07/99	DWI Misdemeanor	Des Peres DPS
	09/27/02 Pled Guilty sentenced to six-months jail	
03/17/00	Felony DWI	Town and Country PD
	09/27/02 Pled Guilty misdemeanor DWI sentenced to 1 year Co Jail	
	Motion made to set aside guilty plea and sent denied 12/16/05	
06/01/07	Felony Drunk Driving	Town and Country PD
	Driving While Revoked	
	Failure to Drive on Right Side of Road	
	07/12/10 Pled Guilty to all sentenced to 120 Days Co Jail and 5-yr probation	

Nichols also had four moving violations (3 by MSHP 1 by County Police) reduced to parking violations upon pleas of guilty.



facebook photo



House at address on Grantley in Chesterfield that Nichols used 20 years when he was booked for DWI and Drug Dealing.

Both of Nichols' Town and Country DWI arrests are posted on our home page under Police Reports, at <http://johnhoffmann.net>

An article by Doug Moore of the Post-Dispatch centered on the BBB complaints and a lawsuit against Nichols for an injury suffered on a hard landing in a Jefferson County balloon ride.

http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/pilot-of-crashed-hot-air-balloon-in-texas-had-long/article_ce17566d-fd1b-58ff-be15-56578b94295b.html

NO THAT WAS NOT SANTA CLAUS COMING TO TOWN! IT WAS CAR CLOUTERS AND A CAR THIEF: In the early morning hours of December 24, 2015 a number of unlocked cars in driveways were ransacked. And the nice folks at 1 Roclare Lane in Town and Country did everything but gift wrap and include a Christmas Card in the brand new black 2016 Ford Escape, that was left in the driveway with the keys in it. Not only the keys, but also an I-Pad!



Not Santa, but a Christmas Eve car thief Timothy Issa

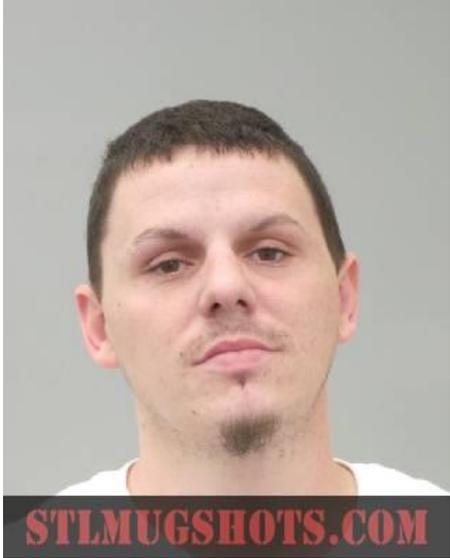


Not Santa but still beloved



Santa Claus

Yes, the resident at 1 Roclare Lane in Town and Country left the brand new Ford Escape parked on the driveway, unlocked with the keys in along with an I-Pad. On the morning of Christmas Eve 2015 she discovered the car was gone.



Not Santa's Helper, but a car thief's helper, Mark Brister



Santa's helper Buddy the Elf



The scene of the crime, 1 Roclare Lane

The Ford Escape was found by St. Louis Police Officers on December 30 in South St. Louis on Taft St. near S. Grand. It was back in the hands of the victim on New Year's Eve,



Meanwhile Town and Country police detectives had developed a possible suspect in all the Christmas Eve morning car cloutings. (In St. Louis lingo a Hoosier is not someone from Indiana, but a dumb redneck from the sticks and "car clouters" are car burglars.)

At 9:30 on January 2, 2016 a Town and Country officer went to the Glendale Police Department where Timothy J. Issa, 27, of South St. Louis. He was being held in connection with car break-ins. He was arrested by the Town and Country officer and transported to the Town and Country Police Station.

The next day a little after 12 noon a Town and Country detective interviewed Issa, who confessed to stealing from many unlocked cars, leaving his cell phone in one of the cars he was stealing from and was unable to call his accomplices to pick him up so he took a bus back to South St. Louis. Much of his statement was false including the part where he claimed someone else that stole the Black Ford Escape. Here is the statement from the police report.

***Issa admitted to entering and rummaging through "hundreds" of vehicles during the early morning hours of 12/24/15. Issa stated he was driven to the area(s) in question by Mark Brister (See Additional Party) in a white, Ford Taurus. Issa also stated that Daniel Clements (See Additional Party) was also with them and entered into and rummaged through an unknown number of vehicles. Issa went on to state that, other than being the driver, Brister did not participate in any of the thefts. Issa stated Brister would stop the car when asked to do so and that he and Clements would then exit same, enter / rummage through cars in the area, and then return to where Brister was parked.

***Issa stated after he accidentally left his cell phone in one of the vehicles he had entered, he was unable to locate Brister and Clements. Issa stated he later walked to the area of Manchester Road, East of I-270, and waited for the bus. Issa stated he took same back to an apartment (S. Grand and Delor Street) that he is currently sharing with Clements and another individual only identified as "SteveO". Issa stated he could not remember what time he got onto the bus or what time he returned the apartment.

***Issa stated when he arrived at the apartment, Clements was already there. Issa stated Clements told him that he (Clements) stole a car and drove same to the apartment.

Town and Country detectives contacted and arrested Daniel Clements. He denied being with Issa or breaking into cars on Christmas Eve and he stated he had just met Issa at the time of the crimes. Clements was released.

Next Mark Brister turned himself in to the Town and Country Police. He stated that Issa told him he needed some money to get high and asked him to drive him to West County on December 23. Brister said it was only him and Issa and Clements was not involved.

Brister was not charged.

On Sunday January 10, 2015 Issa was in jail at the Crestwood Police Department having been picked up driving a stolen car from Ladue.

Town and Country Detective Hunt was later contacted by Glendale Sgt. Saraniakis who stated that he interviewed Issa earlier in the day and Issa confessed to him to stealing the Ford in Town and Country and then lying to Det. Hunt claiming Clement had stolen the car, when in fact Clement was not even there.

Issa was later formally charged with Felony Auto Theft.

Here are some of the arrests and convictions involving Issa that we were able to find.

Background:

Date of Offense	Offense	Arresting Department
04/19/09	Domestic Assault	Jefferson County SO
	Pled Guilty 03/15/12 Probation revoked 01/29/13 sent to 60 days jail	
04/20/10	Leaving the Scene of a Motor Veh Acc	Jefferson County SO
	11/08/11 Pled Guilty Probation revoked 01/28/13 sent to 90 days jail	
08/22/11	Felony Stealing	St. Louis County PD
	01/22/13 Pled Guilty Probation revoked 11/08/13 sent 1 year prison	
11/23/15	Stealing Motor Vehicle	St. Louis County PD
	06/03/16 Pled Guilty sentenced to six years prison	
12/07/15	Felony Stealing	St. Louis County PD
	06/03/16 Pled Guilty sentenced to six years prison	
12/08/15	Stealing a Motor Vehicle	St. Louis County PD
	06/03/16 pled guilty sentenced to six years prison	
12/10/15	Stealing a Motor Vehicle	St. Louis County PD
	06/03/16 pled guilty sentenced to six years prison	
12/23/15	Stealing a Motor Vehicle	Town and Country PD
	06/03/16 pled guilty sentenced to six years prison	
01/01/16	Felony Stealing	Kirkwood PD
	06/03/16 Pled Guilty sentenced to six years in prison	
01/05/16	Felony Tampering With a Motor Veh.	Hillsboro PD

01/10/16 Felony Tampering with a Motor Veh Crestwood PD
06/03/16 Pled Guilty sentenced to six years prison
01/10/16 Leaving the Scene of a Motor Veh Acc Webster Groves PD
06/03/16 pled guilty sentenced to 4 years prison

OUTCOME: AFTER PLEADING GUILTY TO EIGHT FELONIES OF THEFT, AUTO THEFT OR TAMPERING (DRIVING A STOLEN AUTO) Issa was sentenced to six years in prison on June 3, 2016. He has one charge pending in Jefferson County. He has other offenses that were combined. He was not charged with the stolen auto offense in Ladue, because he was charged with a felony Tampering charge when arrested in Crestwood driving the car stolen from Ladue.

Side note: The owners of the house at 1 Roclare Lane were Keith and Marie Baker until the divorce in 2014 and the house was in the name of only Keith Baker. (Marie returned to her maiden name of Willis.) The person calling the police reporting the auto theft was Keith Baker. The victim of the theft and owner of the new Ford Escape was Dottie Niewald, 49, who also lived 1 Roclare Lane. The house was sold on June 20, 2016 to Zerihun Bunaye and Mihiret Belihu for \$1,175,000. The house has seven bedrooms and nine baths with an indoor and outdoor pool.

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MONARCH FIRE CHIEF ARRESTED FOR THEFT AND EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGES FROM HIS PRIOR EMPLOYER. Things at the Monarch Fire District had seemed to quiet down from two years ago when members of the Firefighters Union were routinely putting up informational pickets in front of HQs, normally before meetings on real or made up concerns.

The latest unpleasant situation was when married Captain Andy Stecko was fired for striking a female firefighter/paramedic while off duty at a Chesterfield Bar while intoxicated. See police report on our website at http://johnhoffmann.net/hangar_030416.pdf

So it came as a bit of a shock on Tuesday August 2, when Fire Chief Wayne "Chuck" Marsonette was arrested for four counts of theft from his former employer Reliant Care Management of Maryland Heights, which oversees the operations of 15 nursing home and mental health facilities in Missouri. He was also a pilot and flew planes for The Big Blessing, LLC. (connected to Reliant Care) off-duty from his job at Monarch Fire through the end of 2015.



Here is the court probable cause statement filed that lays out all the alleged crimes:

Date: August 5, 2016

I, Sean Fanning, DSN 0153, Maryland Heights 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 December 29, 2015, at 1869 Craig Park Court, Wayne Marsonette, White, Male, DOB 11/09/1969, 6'04", 240lbs, committed one or more criminal offense(s).

Count: 01 THEFT/STEALING (VALUE OF PROPERTY OR SERVICES IS \$500
OR MORE BUT LESS THAN \$25,000) - CLASS C FELONY

Count: 02 THEFT/STEALING (VALUE OF PROPERTY OR SERVICES IS \$500
OR MORE BUT LESS THAN \$25,000) - CLASS C FELONY

Count: 03 THEFT/STEALING (VALUE OF PROPERTY OR SERVICES IS \$500
OR MORE BUT LESS THAN \$25,000) - CLASS C FELONY

Count: 04 THEFT/STEALING (VALUE OF PROPERTY OR SERVICES IS \$500
OR MORE BUT LESS THAN \$25,000) - CLASS C FELONY

The facts supporting this belief are as follows: Defendant, Wayne Charles Marsonette, was employed by Reliant Care Management Co. (RCMC) as a director of safety from 2010 to June 14, 2014. Marsonette was employed with a RCMC subsidiary, The Big Blessing Inc.(TBB), as a pilot from 2010 until December, 2015. Marsonette was provided with a company credit card to use for business related expenses, and the company paid the credit card company directly. Marsonette was also given a \$160/month stipend to cover a cellular phone.

Between August 1, 2012 and December 29, 2015, Marsonette appropriated US currency of a value of over \$500, by using his company issued (RCMC) credit card for personal, not work-related, expenses such as the purchase of personal items, firearms, meals and personal travel expenses such as trips to Italy, Las Vegas and California. A further audit of his credit card and expense records show that Marsonette charged his ATT cellular bill to the company credit card and kept the \$160 cell phone stipend for himself. The audit also showed that Marsonette submitted expense reports and received reimbursement for hotels, meals and retail purchases that were charged on the card and thus paid directly by RCMC to the credit card company.

Between December 16, 2013 and July 14, 2014, Marsonette used TBB aircraft to give flight lessons to T.S. Marsonette was permitted to use TBB aircraft to give lessons but was obligated to reimburse TBB for the flight time and plane use. Marsonette charged T.S. a fee for the lesson and the flight time and T.S. paid over \$10,000 for lessons and flight time. Marsonette altered records of flight time for the TBB aircraft that he managed as aviation manager to cover the hours used for flight lessons and did not reimburse TBB for the use of the aircraft.

Sean Fanning, DSN 0153, Maryland Heights Police Department

I did find it interesting that Det. Fanning's Probable Cause statement was dated the day after the warrant was issued and Marsonette was arrested.

Marsonette was originally hired as an interim fire chief after the resignation of the Union backed Chief Tom Vineyard. Vineyard was hired by the Pro-Union Board of Directors. He came from the small Wellston Fire Prevention District renamed the Mid County Fire

District. It operated a single firehouse staffed by a single pumper crew, with no ambulances or heavy rescue vehicles. He was hired to take over a fire district with six stations a large EMS ambulance fleet, rescue boats and an airport in the district.

When the Board of Directors changed from pro-Union to pro-Taxpayer with the election of Jane Cunningham, Vineyard went to a St. Charles County District where the board just switched to pro-union.

Marsonette was brought in as an interim chief. He did a very good job and was promoted to fire chief.

However there were two things in Marsonette's background that perhaps should have been red flags.

On July 12, 2008 Marsonette was arrested by the Highway Patrol in Camden County in the lake of Ozarks region for DWI. He also refused to take a breath test.

On 11/25/08 he pled guilty to DWI and was fined \$550, sentenced to six months in jail, but had the jail time stayed in lieu of a 2-year probation term.

A single DWI conviction alone should not necessarily disqualify someone from a job with a fire department. However Marsonette had another court action that maybe should have raised a second red flag.

On 11/09/12 a lawsuit was filed against Marsonette by the Old Republic Insurance Company. On 02/11/13 there was a default judgment against Marsonette for the sum of \$71,721. According to computer court records that judgment has not been satisfied.

Marsonette was making \$148,269 a year in base salary plus benefits. As a side note Marsonette has a Missouri POST Police Officer's License and has been a reserve officer in Lincoln County.

On Wednesday night August 3 the Monarch Board of Directors responded by not just suspending Marsonette with pay pending the outcome of legal or Board action, **but they suspended him without pay.**

In a closed session prior to a regular meeting the board voted 3-0 to suspend Marsonette without pay. Board President Rick Gans announced at the open meeting that if Marsonette was cleared of all charges he would receive back pay. He waffled a bit if Marsonette would return as Chief if he was cleared.

He also said there was a 3-0 vote in closed session to hire a forensic auditing firm to specifically look at Marsonette's credit card use and other expense account items. The District had just had an annual audit that found no areas of concern.

I have to say that in the last two years Marsonette himself and his staff have been wonderful to work with obtaining information for articles. The above charging document and the Circuit Court Statement of Charges are posted on our website.

MISSING FROM THE FUN: Jane Cunningham was not present for the open meeting. She attended the closed meeting by Skype and voted for the no-pay suspension.



THE ASSHOLES FROM TVLAND: KSDK had a camera guy who was recording the statements from Gans and a news conference afterwards. Channel 5 did not use any of his material. Channel 2 and Channel 4 sent a crew with Katherine Hessel and Cory Stack as reporters. Meanwhile Jim Erickson of West Magazine and I were there both having covered Monarch since at least 2012 on a regular basis.



Katherine Hessel is the daughter of St. Louis Lawyer John Hessel. She has been covering news in St. Louis for eight months. She is a pretty face. I have never seen her at a Monarch meeting.

Cory Stark is from the West County area having attended Marquette High School, which the KMOV website claims is in Chesterfield, but it is actually in the City of Clarkson Valley. I don't remember seeing Cory at a Monarch meeting.

These two are rude assholes. When Gans started to take questions they refused to let me or Erickson get a question in. Finally I simply out shouted Hessel. Come on, I have been a college sports PA announcer since 2001. I do have a loud voice. I have also covered Congress and the Justice Department as a reporter while living in Washington, DC. I'm going to get my questions asked, whether they like it or not.

Hessel and Stark claimed "Citizens from the fire district wanted answers to questions." Here are the citizens they interviewed:

- 1) Kelly Miller, who was the Firefighter Union backed candidate that ran against Robin Harris two years ago.

- 2) Kim (Evans) Porter the former Monarch Board president who was backed by the Union. It was Evans who promoted Sean Porter from Captain to Battalion Chief despite the fact several candidates were rated higher on the promotion list. It was later determined in court depositions that she was having a sexual affair with Porter at the time. When the new pro-taxpayer board was elected Porter, no longer under protection of the union contract, was fired and a captain above him on the promotion list was promoted. Evans and Porter have since married.

Also Marlyn Flauter, another pro-union person was interviewed. There were no citizens or residents at the meeting who were not associated with the Fire Union. Of course Hessel and Stark did not have a clue and they did not try to get any background from the two people who have been covering Monarch for five years.

These folks plus a Union Shop steward were the only folks attending the meeting.

FINALLY: I asked Gans if the District or the Board of Directors were aware of \$71,000 judgment against Marsonette? Gans said he was not on the board when Marsonette was hired. I then asked if he was now aware of the judgment. He said "no."

I then asked if he was aware of Marsonette's DWI conviction. He said he was not.

I am amazed these two things did not come out with a vetting investigation before Marsonette was hired. I'm more amazed that the Fire Union did not find this information and bring it up.

CHESTERFIELD CITY COUNCIL LIKES ITS SECRETS, THE PUBLIC BE DAMNED! We are pretty sure the Chesterfield City Council which has gone into secret session at least three times in July and twice already in August and taken secret votes that they have not announced.



You are suppose to disclose votes taken in secret session unless the votes deal with things like building security, anti terrorism policies, and personnel issues. Other reasons such as real estate and litigation you need to disclose the votes after the property is bought/sold or the lawsuit is over. Below is the link to the exceptions listed in Missouri Law.

<http://www.moga.mo.gov/mostatutes/stathtml/61000000211.HTML>

Secret meetings have become an issue. The stupid \$850,000 lease of the Doorack Property at Baxter and Old Chesterfield Airport Road, a piece of property valued under \$250,000 and currently at \$215,000 being leased for 10-years at \$85,000 a year. This was done in secret by the Council and City Administrator back in 2009 and was never made public in official Council minutes until record requests for lease agreements were made.

More recently the secret votes and agreements to hire Kevin O'Keefe of the law firm Curtis, Heinz, Garret and O'Keefe, famous for longtime representation of Ferguson, with a firm's partner censured and placed on probation by the Supreme Court and other embarrassments. Council members who were opponents to Mayor Bob Nation were trying to hide the fact that they wanted to impeach him for swearing in a closed office. The Council also the violated State law by not obtaining a contract with O'Keefe.



Attorney Kevin O'Keefe who is supposedly an expert at Municipal Law at a Chesterfield meeting regarding the impeachment of Mayor Nation. He was hired without a contract that is a violation of Missouri law.

In October of 2015 the City of Chesterfield was providing completely different answers to the same Missouri Sunshine Open Records Request. I asked for the vote to hire Kevin O'Keefe. In a letter from interim city attorney Harry O'Rourke I was told there was no record of a vote. In the same week to an identical request from Jane Cunningham resulted in O'Rourke saying there was a 7-1 vote on July 7, 2015 to hire O'Keefe and a 7-0 vote on September 9 to increase his pay.

Being suspicious, cynical and not trusting, I either asked or emailed seven of the nine elected Chesterfield officials who would have attended these secret executive sessions. I asked the simple question that required only a yes or no answer. I specifically did not want to know what the meetings were about, what was discussed or what was voted on. I just wanted to know if any votes occurred in July secret closed executive sessions.

I don't want to embarrass any one or get any one in trouble. Here are the responses I received or was told in person. I only received two definite answers.

"I want to say yes, but I'm not sure."

"I won't say one way or the other."

"There were two votes."

"I don't recall any."

"The answer is probably yes. I am not trying to be evasive, but we have had a lot of meetings lately. I am confident that if there were votes the results would not be intended for public information due to the subject matter covered by sunshine provisions of 610.021. Sorry I can't be more helpful."

"Yes"

"I am sorry that I am behind in my email replies. It is not personal. I am behind in many and trying to catch up. We have had more than one executive session and more than one topic. These executive sessions are very sensitive lately and it would make me much more comfortable to get these answers from our attorney. If he does not make public information available to you, please let me know and I will talk to him. "

I also sent the following Sunshine Open Records Request to the City Clerk:

From: John Hoffmann [<mailto:johnhoffmann@charter.net>]
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2016 12:50 PM
To: Vickie Hass <VHass@chesterfield.mo.us>
Subject: Missouri Sunshine Open Records Request

July 25, 2016

TO: Vickie Hass, City Clerk
City of Chesterfield

REF: Missouri Sunshine Law Open Records Request

This is a request concerning any vote taken in any Executive Session of the City Council of the City of Chesterfield in the month of July 2016.

This request covers the motion (item or topic) of the vote taken and the results of the vote.

Thank you,

John Hoffmann

Here is the reply:

From: Vickie Hass [mailto:VHass@chesterfield.mo.us]
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2016 4:01 PM
To: John Hoffmann
Cc: Amanda Miller
Subject: RE: Missouri Sunshine Open Records Request

Mr. Hoffmann,

We are in receipt of your request dated July 25, 2016. At this point in time, any motions made and votes taken during July 2016 executive sessions are closed records pursuant to Section 610.021(2). We will notify you when these records are available to the general public or if the City Council votes to make these records available.

Vickie Hass
City Clerk
690 Chesterfield Pkwy W
Chesterfield, MO 63017-0760
Phone: 636-537-6716
Fax: 636-537-4798

The Chesterfield Council and Mayor Bob Nation did the same thing that Town and Country Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist Jon Dalton does when going into closed secret Executive Session. They both named all the exceptions to the Open Meeting Law and ask for a vote. When I was on the Town and Country Board of Alderman, I would insist that Dalton give the one specific reason for a closed session and not all of the possible ones. In the last two weeks Chesterfield has changed and started naming the reason for the closed session.

I contacted Monarch Director Jane Cunningham, who spent 12 years in Jefferson City as a legislator, reference her opinion of the Sunshine Law and open meetings. She did agree with me but put the question to Matt Hoffman, Monarch's Board attorney (same as a city attorney) and he directs the Fire District in a very different and more open manner than the City of Chesterfield.

Here is Matt Hoffman's response:

The vote is typically posted at the District and is also available upon request.

Also, the open minutes after a closed session state that a vote was taken, which also gives the public and media notice of a board action.

Matt Hoffman

This policy seem much more open and much friendlier to the public and taxpayers.



Monarch Attorney Matt Hoffmann



Jane Cunningham at the dais at a City Council meeting expressing concern on chesterfield procedures

THREE COUNCILPERSONS TRY TO GET INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC BUT ARE VOTED DOWN: Something very unusual occurred at the August 1 meeting of the Chesterfield City Council. First at the agenda meeting Councilwoman Barb McGuinness wanted a better posting on city websites of the secret Executive Sessions and what the general topic would be under discussion. That request was sent to the Finance and Admin Committee. There was then a discussion started by Tom DeCampi about councilpersons making public what was discussed in closed meetings. He was told he could do that in open public session by making a motion. Next came the votes!

In the agenda review meeting there was a motion to go into secret closed Executive Session. The vote was 6-to-2 with McGuinness and DeCampi voting against going into closed session. Dan Hurt paused for several seconds before voting to go into executive session.

The next vote came at the open Council meeting. At the end of the meeting there was another motion to go back into secret closed Executive Session. Hurt said he felt that the residents had a right to know how the council was about to spend their tax money. He joined McGuinness and DeCampi and voted against going into Executive Session. After the 5-3 vote they all went to the back room and back into a secret meeting.



Hurt and McGuinness

CITY IS SUED OVER FORMER PERVERT COP TAKING GROIN PHOTO OF 18-YEAR-OLD ARRESTED FOR A MISDEMEANOR ASSAULT AND EXCESSIVE PAT DOWN SEARCH: If you thought former Chesterfield police officer David Cerna was just the Steven Spielberg of Chesterfield men's restroom videos and of glory hole action at his St. Charles home, you'd be wrong.



The men's restroom at the Clarkson Road Mobil-on-the-Run was like a Hollywood soundstage to Cerna.

On July 22, 2016 attorney Gonzalo Fernandez filed a lawsuit against former Chesterfield Police Officer David Cerna and the City of Chesterfield for groping then 18-year-old Ryan Wille, making him do an unnecessary strip search and then secretly videoing his genitals and then putting the video online on a male porn website.

Wille was arrested for a peace disturbance and minor assault charge by Cerna on Christmas Day 2013. Here is what is alleged in the lawsuit:

6. On or about December 25, 2013, the Defendant, David Cerna, was on duty as a licensed and uniformed Chesterfield Police Officer and, in his capacity as a Chesterfield Police Officer, responded to a call regarding an altercation near Plaintiff's home in Chesterfield.

7. Officer Cerna placed the Plaintiff under arrest and transported him in his police vehicle back to the Chesterfield Police Station.

8. The Defendant Cerna took the Plaintiff, Ryan Wille, who had just turned 18 years old, to a back room of the police station where, under the guise of performing a body search and pat down, used his hands to touch Ryan Wille's genitals and used a camera to take secret video footage of Ryan Wille's exposed genitals. This video footage was later uploaded to the internet and was made accessible to public viewing.

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Cerna pled guilty to multiple charges in St. Louis County and St. Charles. He was sentenced to one-year in the County Jail for misdemeanor Invasion of Privacy and four years probation for Felony Invasion of Privacy. He is currently residing in the County Jail and that is where the lawsuit papers were served.



For the charge of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor (his hidden camera caught kids going to the bathroom at the gas station too) the judge did not amend the charge or sentence. He was placed on probation but the charge remains on his record. Cerna is appealing the sentence because it would designate him for what he is, A Sexual Offender, and require him to register with the State annually. It is still amazing that County Judge Gloria Clark Reno did not sentence him to several years in prison.

The other thing that was interesting is that Chesterfield Mayor Bob Nation, as the leader of the city, is also a named defendant in the lawsuit, as if this conduct was okay with Bob Nation.



The lawsuit accusations are too long to put in this newsletter, but it is on our website's homepage at

http://johnhoffmann.net/cerna_lawsuit.pdf

The lawsuit asks for \$25,000 in damages.

As someone who was in law enforcement for 30 years, I have to say that I found it strange that fellow officers and supervisors didn't notice something a little odd about Cerna and report it up the chain of command. He worked as a Chesterfield cop for four years.

PARKWAY ELEMENTARY AST. PRINCIPAL SUES CITY AFTER TRIPPING ON SIDEWALK IN HIS CHESTERFIELD SUBDIVISION: Daniel Guariglia, 58, of 14531 Debbenham Lane is suing the city of Chesterfield for \$35,000 after he trip on an uneven sidewalk in his subdivision.

Guariglia, the assistant principal at Henry Elementary School claims he tripped and fell on the sidewalk in front of 1557 Candish Lane while taking a walk in his neighborhood. He is claiming he suffered \$35,676 in injuries and is asking for \$25,000. This is from his lawsuit:

5. That on or about the 10th day of October, 2015, plaintiff was walking on a sidewalk owned and controlled by the City of Chesterfield in St. Louis County, Missouri and while using due care and caution was caused to trip and fall due to an uneven portion of said sidewalk which as a result was not reasonably safe for those using the sidewalk, located in front of 1557 Candish Lane thereby sustaining severe injuries and damages.

6. That as a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid fall plaintiff fractured his hip and further, plaintiff's neck, shoulders, back, knees, limbs, and all of the bones, joints, muscles, tendons, ligaments, nerves, skin, and organs were caused to be severely punctured, bruised, contused, lacerated, sprained, strained, fractured, dislocated, and rendered swollen and inflamed; and the use, movement, and function of the aforesaid injured parts have been severely and permanently impaired and diminished; as a result thereof plaintiff has suffered, and will ever suffer in the future, severe pain and mental anguish.

7. That as a further direct and proximate result of the aforesaid fall and the injuries resulting thereof, plaintiff has undergone certain reasonable and necessary hospital and medical care and treatment, for which plaintiff has been caused to incur or become indebted for the approximate amount of Thirty-Five-Thousand Six-Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars and Twelve Cents (\$35,676.12); and plaintiff will be caused to undergo further such care and treatment in the future and to incur or become indebted for further such large sums.

8. That the aforesaid fall and the resulting injuries and damages sustained by plaintiff were directly and proximately caused by the negligence and carelessness of defendant in the following respects, to-wit:

- a.) A portion of the sidewalk was cracked and raised and as a result was not reasonably safe for pedestrian travel, and
- b.) Defendant knew or by using ordinary care could have known of this condition, and
- c.) Defendant failed to use ordinary care to remove, barricade, or warn of said dangerous condition, and
- d.) As a direct and proximate cause of such failure plaintiff sustained damages.

Guariglia lives in an older subdivision where the sidewalks are all cracked here and there and some raised by tree roots growing under them. I went and took some photos of the general condition of the sidewalks and found them to be cracked and raised in places throughout the subdivision.



Scene of the fall on Candish Lane

Other sections of sidewalks in the neighborhood





Now frankly considering the condition of sidewalks throughout the subdivision Guariglia should have known about any hazards if he paid any attention at all. If he walks in his neighborhood he has to know about the condition of the sidewalks and should have been careful.

The sidewalk has been patched but still has a tripping hazard in front of his house on Debbenaham:



Cities cannot replace all older sidewalks at once. They have to budget for it and do so many in a year or do patch work when sections of sidewalks get really bad.

MONARCH FIRE PROTECTION ADDS MOST EXPENSIVE AMBULANCE YET, BUT IT IS STILL \$280,000 CHEAPER THAN WEST COUNTY EMS & FPD AMBULANCES.



The newest ambulance for the Monarch FPD is coming in at about \$320,000 but is on a lease agreement. That is \$280,000 cheaper than the Military like ambulances used at West County EMS & FPD. The International truck and Horton Ambulance Box has a lift apparatus that can lift stretchers from the ground into the ambulance, saving paramedic's backs when dealing with fat people.

The vehicle also has an urea controlled exhaust system that burns the normal exhaust, so engine can run in the field or in an engine bay without creating carbon monoxide.

Deputy Chief Nick Harper said additional future ambulance replacement will involve Ford models that are under \$200,000 fully equipped.

ELECTIONS: The local state representative races were interesting.

All three candidates endorsed by the phony non-existent "Missourians For Life" won! Each of the candidates' mailer's claimed they were "The Only Candidate Endorsd By Missourians For Life"

Missourians For Life lost its corporation standing with the Secretary of State Office in 2008. A fictitious name registration with the Secretary of State Office expired in 2013.

Bradley Harmon of St. Charles has 18 phony PACs on file with the Ethics Commission. Only seven are active. "Missourians for Life" is really "Bradley Harmon for Life" and Bradley knows how to pick winners.

Derek Grier, Bruce DeGroot and Jean Evans all used the phony "Missourians for Life" endorsement and they all won.

The Grier vs Mike Allen race was for all the marbles in the 100th District as no Democrat filed to run in November. Grier and Allen both are connected to area home builders or commercial developers, neither real popular right now in West County.



Grier



Allen

Grier also claimed to be a "Pro Life" candidate, which I found amazing coming from a member of the Christian Science Church and a graduate of the Principia High School and College which only allows Christian Science Church members to attend. Since the Christian Science Church members don't believe in medicine, doctors or hospitals, I find it hard to believe how a member can claim to be "pro life." I could believe it if they claimed to be "Pro Early Death."

However, as someone who was beat by a Christian Science candidate I can attest that they can get the vote out among their own. However, I think that Grier probably spent more time knocking on doors than Allen did.

Grier got 59% of the vote winning 3,330 to 2,336.

We felt that when the candidates filed for the 4-way race in the **101st District**, **Bruce DeGroot** might win. It was three women candidates and DeGroot. I felt the women might split the woman vote. The top contender of the women was **Noreen McCain**. However McCain was so far to the right she was going to lose moderate Republican votes. The other question was who would take the Ascension Catholic Church Parish. Both DeGroot and McCain attend church there with McCain taking out ads in the church bulletin.

McCain had far more endorsements than DeGroot, including church member and recently elected city councilman Tom DeCampi, Mayor Bob Nation, former State Senator Jane Cunningham and Monarch Fire District Board member Robin Harris. But DeGroot had an exhaustive door-to-door knock-a-thon even missing critical city council meetings to knock on doors.



My prediction came true on a split vote among women candidates. Here are the totals:

DeGroot	1,965	37%
McCain	1,597	30%
Gassel	1,233	23%
Krieger	483	9%

BAD DAY FOR JANE CUNNINGHAM: August 2, 2016 has to be a day that former Senator and current Monarch Fire Director Jane Cunningham would love to forget. I'm not sure who had a worse election day Rex Sinquefield or Jane. I'm guessing it was Jane. Rex still was a billionaire at the end of the day.



The day started with the arrest of the fire chief, she voted to hire in 2014, on four felony counts of theft against his former employer. Then

the local Republican candidates that she endorsed including working the polls for, all lost. She did better in some state wide races.

Jane was backing Noreen McCain and sending out negative mailers against Bruce DeGroot. She was also backing Mike Allen for rep and Rick Stream for State Senator. Stream lost to Andrew Koenig 13,756 to 12,129.

Cunningham backed Stream in 2014 in the race for County Executive. The Republican Stream got a lot of protest votes from Black North County Democrats upset with Democrat Steve Stenger over his comments of the Michael Brown shooting in Ferguson. Stream made what should have been a a landslide for Stenger a very close contest.

The only way Jane could have a worse day would be if all Democratic candidates won all the races during the November General Election in heavily Republican West County.

WEIRD SIGHT: You would have thought a polling place that serves a large number of Republicans would have had a lot of campaign workers outside the poll on August 2. However at the Good Shepherd Church on Mason Road there was only one person from 9 am to 3:30 handing out material. The young man from North County was working for John Bruner and he was there all day from 6 am to 7 pm. He said there was two other people were there in the morning for short periods of time. He said one of them was Dean Plocher, who is running in the primary unopposed. He said the only break he took besides going into to use the bathroom, was a 15-minute break to go to Subway and get a sandwich.





POLICE BLOTTER: Here is what the police were dealing with last week:

CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT Media Report July 27, 2016 - August 2, 2016

Time of Occurrence	Generic Address Business/Location	Name Incident Type
08/02/2016, 0129	22XX SUNLEY CT	Burglary Residential - Garage
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered side door to victim's garage but did not take anything.		
08/01/2016, 1600-08/02/2016, 1135 11XX WOODCHASE LN E		Stolen Vehicle Automobile
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took victim's vehicle which was left unlocked with keys inside.		
07/21/2016, 1200	1 MONARCH TRACE CT 304	Fraud Identity Theft
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to obtain health insurance.		
08/02/2016, 2009 1	7XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Coach	Larceny over \$500 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects grabbed purses and ran out of store without paying.		
08/02/2016, 2055 18XXX OUTLET BLVD St. Louis Premium Outlets		Child Endangerment Leaving Child in Vehicle
Brief Narrative Description: 38 yo female left child in vehicle while she went into mall. Child was unharmed. Notification made to DFS.		
07/31/2016, 1900-08/01/2016, 0630	7XX ALRICK DR Property	Damage to Vehicle
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject slashed all four tires on victim's vehicle.		
08/01/2016, 1200 16XXX BAXTER RD 325	Doctor office of Stanley Librach	Harassment/Threat Phone
Brief Narrative Description: 21 yo male made threatening statements to doctor's office after being refused treatment.		
08/01/2016, 1503 18XXX OUTLET BLVD	Saks Fifth Avenue	Robbery With Gun
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed clothing and attempted to leave store without paying. After being contacted by store employee, subject threatened him with gun but did not display any weapon.		
07/27/2016, 0000-07/27/2016, 1900 WILD HORSE CREEK RD & WOODCLIFFE PLACE DR		Property Damage Neighborhood Association
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject damaged neighborhood entrance signs.		
07/25/2016, 1240 14XXX SCHOETTLER MANOR CT		Fraud Identity Theft
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit card account.		
07/31/2016, 1000-1900 18XXX OUTLET BLVD J Crew		Larceny over \$500 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed sandals and left store without paying.		
07/30/2016, 0035	CEPI DR & CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD & SENTRUS PL	Tampering with an Auto
Brief Narrative Description: 19 yo male in possession of stolen vehicle out of St. Louis City. Also in possession of marijuana.		
07/30/2016, 1255 18XXX OUTLET BLVD	Sunglass Hut	Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed sunglasses and left store without paying.		
12/22/2015, 0000-07/30/2016, 1429	17XXX GREYEAGLE CT	Fraud Identity Theft
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit card accounts.		
07/30/2016, 2145	LYDIA HILL DR & VETERANS PLACE DR Chesterfield City Park	Assault Common - Actual Assault

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects struck victims after argument causing no injuries.
07/29/2016, 1250 173XX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT Culver's **Assault Road Rage**

Brief Narrative Description: 62 and 52 yo males threatened each other after road rage incident in parking lot.
07/29/2016, 1616 1XX THF BLVD Best Buy **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**

Brief Narrative Description: 26 yo female concealed security camera and left store without paying.
07/29/2016, 1710 14XXX CLAYTON RD Circle K **Stolen Vehicle Automobile**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took victim's vehicle after it was left running in parking lot. Vehicle later recovered in East St. Louis, Illinois.
07/29/2016, 2025 18XXX OUTLET BLVD 500 Saks off Fifth Avenue **Larceny over \$500 Shoplifting**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects grabbed clothing and ran out of store without paying.
07/29/2016, 2229 N WOODS MILL RD & OLIVE BLVD & WOODS MILL RD Dierberg's **Drugs Paraphernalia**

Brief Narrative Description: 23 yo male in possession of marijuana paraphernalia after suspicious person stop.
07/27/2016, 1830-07/28/2016, 0645 14XXX DEBBENHAM LN **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle and took a knife.
07/27/2016, 2030-07/28/2016, 0645 14XXX DEBBENHAM LN **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle and took a wallet.
07/27/2016, 2000-07/28/2016, 0700 14XXX TIMBERBLUFF DR **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle and took ear buds and cosmetics.
07/28/2016, 0930-1000 13XXX OLIVE BLVD Steak N Shake **Larceny over \$500 Person**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took victim's cell phone which was left unattended at restaurant.
07/28/2016, 1250 17XXX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD Sprint **Property Damage to Business**

Brief Narrative Description: 21 yo male damaged store sign after altercation with store employee.
06/27/2016, 2116 15XXX MEADOWBROOK WAY DR **Larceny under \$500 from Residence**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took debit card from victim's residence and used it to withdraw money.
07/28/2016, 0945 2XX S WOODS MILL RD St. Luke's Hospital **Fraud Theft of Services**

Brief Narrative Description: 25 yo female used false information to obtain controlled substance in hospital.
06/14/2016, 1200 21XX COURTLEIGH LN **Fraud Credit Card**

Brief Narrative Description: 42 yo female used victim's debit card without permission.
07/27/2016, 0000 13XXX COLISEUM DR **Property Damage to Vehicle**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle but did not take anything.
07/26/2016, 1900-07/27/2016, 0551 12XX CREVE COEUR CROSSING LN **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle and took a purse.
07/26/2016, 1900-07/27/2016, 0551 12XX CREVE COEUR CROSSING LN **Property Damage to Vehicle**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle but did not take anything.
07/26/2016, 1900-07/27/2016, 0551 12XX CREVE COEUR CROSSING LN **Property Damage to Vehicle**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle but did not take anything.
07/26/2016, 1900-07/27/2016, 0551 12XX CREVE COEUR CROSSING LN **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle and took loose change.
07/26/2016, 1900-07/27/2016, 0551 12XX CREVE COEUR CROSSING LN **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle and took loose change.

07/26/2016, 2200-07/27/2016, 0545 10XX TOREADOR DR **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicles and took a wallet.

07/27/2016, 0200- 0500 13XXX CANTINA DR **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle and took an I Pad.

07/27/2016, 0200-0500 13XXX CANTINA DR **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle but did not take anything.

07/27/2016, 0200- 0500 13XXX CANTINA DR **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicles but did not take anything.

07/26/2016, 2200-07/27/2016, 0600 13XXX MATADOR DR **Property Damage to Vehicle**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle but did not take anything.

07/26/2016, 2200-07/27/2016, 0855 13XXX CANTINA DR **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle and took credit cards.

07/26/2016, 2200-07/27/2016, 0855 13XXX CANTINA DR **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle but did not take anything.

07/26/2016, 2200-07/27/2016, 0855 13XXX CANTINA DR **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle but did not take anything.

07/26/2016, 2200-07/27/2016, 0600 13XXX MATADOR DR **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject forced open door on victim's vehicle and took a GPS unit.

01/01/2016, 1200-07/20/2016, 1200 17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD **Larceny over \$500 Business**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took compressor and trailer from construction site.

06/04/2016, 0500-07/27/2016, 1030 15XXX ISLEVIEW DR **Burglary Residential - Home**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's home and took picture of sleeping daughter. Suspect believed to be daughter's boyfriend.

07/27/2016, 1700 8 FOUR SEASONS SHPG CTR Dierberg's 1700 **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: 26 yo male concealed cosmetics and left store without paying. Subject also provided false ID to officer.

CRIME OF THE WEEK: At least 14 cars were broken into by overnight car clouters on July 26-27 in the West Hills Condo Association off of Olive Blvd where all parking is on the street.

SPORTS: USA RATES THE ST. LOUIS CARDINALS LAST IN LIKEABILITY: USA
Online Sports Contributor Luke Kerr-Dineen ranks the 30 major league teams for likeability. For years the New York Yankees have owned last place in this category. This year they climbed out of 30th place to 29th. They were replaced by the St. Louis Cardinals.

It used to be the opposite. The Cardinals were considered the best team, best organization with the best fans in baseball. For 25 years from the 1960s that I attended games the fans would actually politely applaud a great catch by an opposing player and rarely ever rag an opponent. That has changed but I don't think that is the reason for the drop in likeability by other teams' fans.

First of all Whitey Herzog was hard not to like. The same was true with Red Schoendienst. Tony LaRussa was easy not to like. He was even hard for some Cardinal fans and players to like.

When I was a baseball writer on the East Coast covering a few major league games and about 130 minor league games a year I could tell when the opinion of the Cardinals began to change. In the late 1990s when people would find out I was from St. Louis they would ask what it was like to go to Cardinals games as if Busch Stadium was a magical place. By 2003 they would just say how much they hated the Cardinals.

You add in a number of years of success the dislike by other fans only grows. Then you have all this "Cardinal Nation" stuff and out of towners will really hate the Cardinals.



Luke Kerr-Dineen

Luke Kerr-Dineen has nothing against Missouri. He rates the Kansas City Royals as the team with the most likeability despite winning the World Series. Here is the link to his piece.

<http://ftw.usatoday.com/2016/07/ranking-all-30-mlb-teams-by-likability>

Here are the two teams that finished next to last and last.

29. New York Yankees



Any team that's nicknamed "the Evil Empire" is always going to be extremely low on this list. So many World Series titles, so many home grown legend, so much money thrown the way of other teams' best players, so much glory. And somehow, they've managed to stay unlikable even when the team isn't good. They really are the worst. Well, almost...

30. St. Louis Cardinals

Do we really even need to explain this one?



REAL ESTATE: PERHAPS THE MOST INTERESTING PROPERTY ON THE MARKET IN TOWN AND COUNTRY AND CHESTERFIELD 14800 Sugarwood Trail off of Schottler Road near Logan University.

This is a 7 bedroom modern contemporary house build by Burton Duenke for himself in 1966. While the house technically is 5,700 square feet it has over 8,300 square feet living area, with seven bedrooms and 10 full baths. It sits on 4.53 acres and has a guest house. Instead of using a local architect known for Mid-Century Modern Houses, Duenke brought in an architect from California for a "California Modern" style.

The asking price was \$1,499,900 on July 6. It dropped to \$1,399,900 on July 25. Four acres alone in West Country could go for as much as \$2,000,000. The one drawback for a quick sale is the fact it would be nice if you had four-to-eight horses for the eight stall stable and Dressage Arena.

The covered entryway to the front doors includes a waterfall feature, stream with large Koi fish.





The house has a five-car garage, but if you have more cars and fewer horses you could always use some stalls in the stable.



Here is a link to a video of the property.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3VF6M09QBmY>

Here is a link to 41 photos of the property.

https://www.coldwellbankerhomes.com/mo/chesterfield/14800-sugarwood-trail/pid_13303856/

MUSIC:

SASHA'S GOES FROM TWO TO FIVE AND MORE: We always say that you will never know what you get on a Wednesday night at Sasha's on DeMun Avenue in Clayton. The management is paying the duo of Jim Manley on trumpet and Chris Swan of keyboard for three sets of jazz. Some nights it is just them, but other nights it can be a lot of people. On Wednesday July 27 there were seven different swell musicians and singers that performed and Chesterfield's Joe Mancuso showed up minutes after the last song.



This is the very talented 22-year-old Andrew Meyer from Webster Groves on the trombone with Chris Swan on the keyboard and Jeff Schunk on the drums.



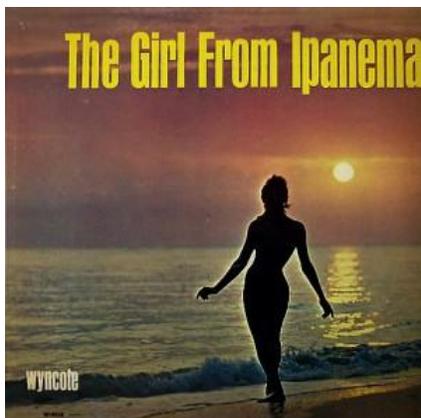
Jazz Singer Erika Johnson doing some scat and having some fun with Joe Bayer.



Five pieces for the big close

RAT PACK MONDAY: It was the usual Rat Pack Monday with Dean Christopher at the One-19-North in Kirkwood on August 1. Dean did the first set of an hour with mostly songs but with some comedy mixed in. However there were some diners there who were not paying attention and not there for the show. They kept talking. They all left after the first set and the second set started at 9pm with about 35 people left, all there to see Dean. That's when the comedy started.

At one point Dean did the Girl from Ipanema which he does straight and as a comedy bit. He stopped and wondered why the old Ipana toothpaste company didn't have the Girl from Ipana? (Bristol Meyers owned Ipana, a 70-year brand, and withdrew it from the market in 1970.) I shouted up that was because Bucky Beaver was Ipana's marketing mascot and having Bucky Beaver and the "Girl from Ipana" might be considered a little R rated.



A little later Dean said, "John this one is for you." I thought, "great it would be Daffy Duck singing Beyond the Sea." Boy was I let down when Dean sang it as Elmer Fudd. Sure there was a lot of spraying just like Daffy, but there was all that stuttering. However, as Elmer Fudd at least six I-Phones came out to record the event. Including one of the musicians. Jim Manley stepped off the stage and sat at the front table and recorded it on his I-phone.



RESTAURANT REVIEW: The Stackhouse! Maybe Pancakes would have been a good idea, because the BBQ wasn't.

When I mentioned I was going to try The Stackhouse, several people asked if it was a Pancake place that served breakfast all day.

It's not. Which is too bad.

The Stackhouse replaced Miller's Crossing on Olive near Hogs Hollow. Miller's went out of business earlier this year. When Jean Whitney and I ate there on Friday July 22, they had a limited menu as part of a soft opening with a grand opening set for August according to our waitress.



Some might say to give them a couple of months. But others say they want to know what a place is like. Being on a soft opening with a limited menu (on copy paper) you would think the Stackhouse would be sure their limited fare was excellent.



Our waitress told us that the "Stackhouse Pork Wings (\$9 actually pork shank) were very popular. So we decided to split the Pork Wings and a half order of ribs (\$13).

The waitress told us there was no freezer in the kitchen. Just refrigerators and ice machines and everything is fresh.

We were a little shocked there was not a lunch menu. All the the few regular entrees were \$10 or more. This was another way to discourage people from coming back.



The Pork Wings arrive and looked great. However there is good reason pork shanks aren't on many menus. The meat was tough and difficult to chew.



Half slab with fries and garlic bread.

The menu claimed the ribs were dry rubbed and smoked by the "Pit-Master". They were not quite as advertised.

The ribs were covered in sauce to the point where you could not see the ribs at all.

We quickly determined that half of the half rack was uneatable as the meat had been incinerated to the bone. The half where there was meat, it was dry and very unpleasant. It reminded me of ribs that you were served at a friend's house that you ate just to be polite.

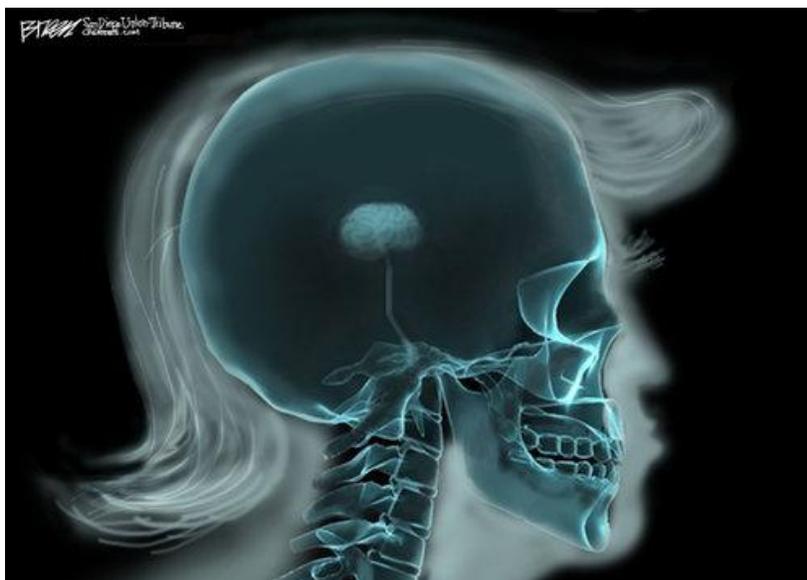
I was amazed the restaurant would let these ribs out of the kitchen. If you are new you want to be honest with your customers and you certainly don't want to serve them something BAD. This marketing idea has not reached the staff of the Stackhouse. \$13 for bad ribs makes you feel ripped off. Instead of toothpicks on the way out they need to offer you complimentary dental floss.

One of the sides at the old Miller's Crossing that was great was the home made baked beans. Those are gone. We tried the garlic bread because it is something you don't see every day listed as a side. It might have been the highlight of the meal. The fries were fair at best.

The other thing on the plus side was the size of the refillable soft drink glasses. They were huge and the Coca-Cola products tasted fine.

For me to return to The Stackhouse there has to be a reason to go besides the food.

CARTOONS: For a month the best political cartoons all featured Hilary. This week that changed. Now for some equal time!





Miami Herald
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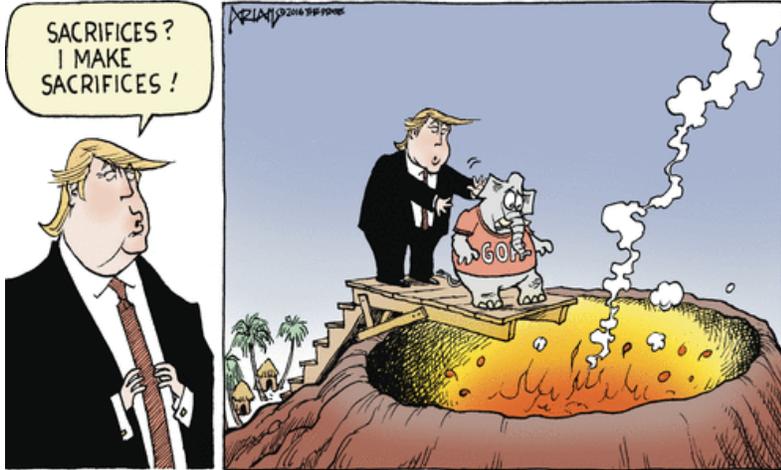
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