

EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 321AND CHESTERFIELD UNAPPROVED 266



MARCH 18, 2018

IT'S A NEW MONTH SO MORE MONEY IS GOING DOWN THE TOWN SQUARE DRAIN:



This time it is merely \$36,904. But the month is young. Here is the bill:



CONSTRUCTION CHANGE DIRECTIVE BREAKDOWN

Project Job #1181 - Town Square

CCD Title Ground Water/Saturated Soil Remediation

CCD #: 3

DATE:

Item	PHASE CODE	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QUAN.	UNIT PRICE	AMT.
1	2200	Labor and Equipment for Remediation on 12/6/17	LS	1	\$3,898.00	\$3,898.00
2	2200	Labor and Equipment for Remediation on 12/7/17	LS	1	\$3,388.00	\$3,388.00
3	2200	Labor and Equipment for Remediation on 12/8/17	LS	1	\$1,682.00	\$1,682.00
4	2200	Labor and Equipment for Remediation on 12/11/17	LS	1	\$3,755.00	\$3,755.00
5	2200	Labor and Equipment for Remediation on 12/13/17	LS	1	\$6,260.00	\$6,260.00
6	2200	Labor and Equipment for Remediation on 12/20/17	LS	1	\$5,420.00	\$5,420.00
7	2200	Labor and Equipment for Remediation on 12/22/17	LS	1	\$6,480.00	\$6,480.00
CCD SUBTOTAL						\$30,883.00
		General Conditions	Day	0	\$664.00	\$0.00
		Bond Cost	LS	1	\$309.00	\$309.00
		Brinkmann Builders Risk Insurance	LS	1	\$223.00	\$223.00
		Brinkmann General Liability Insurance	LS	1	\$238.00	\$238.00
		Brinkmann Fee	LS	1	\$2,162.00	\$2,162.00
		Development Fee	LS	1	\$3,089.00	\$3,089.00
OVERHEAD SUBTOTAL						\$6,021.00
TOTAL CHANGE						\$36,904.00

They tested the soil under the area for the storm water retention pond and found some of it was not acceptable and had to be replaced. I was happy to see in a cover letter with the bill they were actually calling this a "POND" and not a "LAKE" like consulting engineer George Stock called it for well over a year.

Now let's look at the money spent so far on the Town Square and the increase in the 2018 City Budget Deficit.

TOWN SQUARE COSTS

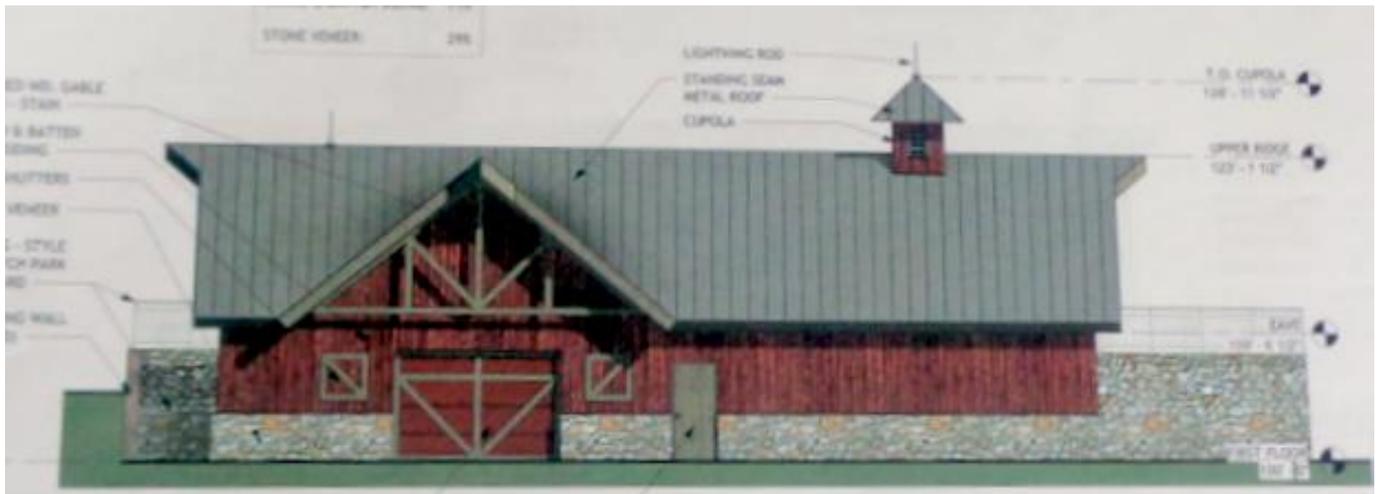
\$2,250,000 purchase price in January of 2015
 \$34,845 misc expenses including consulting fees
\$2,284,845 total spent at the end of 2016
+ 330,000 spoil sampling, engineering work, consultant fees 2017
\$2,614,845
+ \$5,759,208 2018 construction costs for grounds and stormwater retention pond
\$8,374,053
+ 340,000 unbudgeted for east side trail, contrasting paving stones and 2nd restroom
\$8,714,053
+ 156,386 approved 11/27/17 for payment to American Water to move water main
\$8,870,439
- \$810,000 purchase price by Brinkman Development for 2.4 acres zoned commercial
\$8,060,439
+ 40,000 approved on 12/11/17 for \$196,294 for second restrooms in Town Square. \$156,294 already budgeted. Additional \$40,000 for new Sanitary Sewer lines placement.
\$8,100,439
+ 25,000 Engineering design for Maintenance Building 01/08/18
\$8,125,439
+ 106 Coffee for the Dec 16 Town Square "Ground Breaking" added on 1/8
\$8,125,545
+ 27,000 Architectural Service for Town Square Pavilion add on 01/22/18
\$8,152,545
+ 33,200 2/6/18 Design revisions for Town Square 1st reading 2/12/18
\$8,185,745
+ 103,109 first read 2/26/18 sewer design revisions, asbestos removal from house

\$8,288,854 prior to demo and slope stability and seepage prevention.
+ 36,904 Soil testing, removal and replacement in area of retention pond 3/12/18
\$8,325,758

2018 Town and Country Budget Deficit

-\$6,242,773 Start 1/1/18
25,000 01/08/18 Engineering/Design for Town Sq Maintenance Building.
-\$6,267,773
27,000 01/22/18 additional architectural fees for Town Sq Pavilion
-\$6,294,773
33,200 02/06/18 Engineering Design changes Stock & Assocs.
-\$6,327,973
103,109 Asbestos abatement, redrawing sewer lines for MSD and seepage prevention
-\$6,431,082 First reading 02/26/18
36,904 Soil testing, removal and replaced under retention pond 1st read 3/12/18
-\$6,467,986

NEW DESIGNS FOR TOWN SQUARE: This seems like an ever changing area, the design of the pavilion and maintenance building at the Town Square. Here are the latest designs:



Maintenance building



Pavilion with picnic tables and restrooms

TOWN AND COUNTRY PROSECUTOR AND COUNTY JUDGE KEEPING LETTING OFF TOPPING ROAD CRIMINAL. If you remember in our December 31, 2017 Newsletter #310 we wrote about Bryce Glover, a 20-year-old from North St. Louis who has been living in a ranch house located at 1317 Topping Road, owned by Ed Imo of Imo's Pizza.



We also reported how on 8/11/17 he pled guilty to five felony domestic assault charges and one kidnapping charge in St. Louis Circuit Court. He was placed on a 5-year no record SIS probation term.

However he also had charges in Town and Country, certainly not as serious as those in St. Louis.

On **05/21/15** he was cited for doing 49 MPH/30 on Topping Road while operating a Chevrolet Lumina. Then on **08/29/16** he was cited as being a 19-year-old minor in possession of a cooler full of Seagrams in the back seat of a Honda Civic. Then he was charged for a third time on 10/18/16. He was cited for driving 56 MPH in a 35 MPH on Clayton Road at Hwy 141 while driving a Chevrolet Camaro.

STATE OF MISSOURI		DIVISION	
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TOWN AND COUNTRY MUNICIPAL COUNTY 1			
COURT ADDRESS (Street, City, Zip)			
1011 MUNICIPAL CENTER DRIVE DR, TOWN AND COUNTRY, MO, 63131			
COURT DATE	COURT TIME	COURT PHONE NO.	
07/09/2015	7:00 PM	(314) 432-1420	
I, KNOWING THAT FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS FORM ARE PUNISHABLE BY LAW, STATE THAT I HAVE PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT:			
ONABOUT (Date)	AT TIME	HWY CLASS	UPON / AT OR NEAR (LOCATION)
05/21/2015	2022 HRS	CST	NB CST TOPPING RD BE PVT DUBON LN
WITHIN CITY / COUNTY AND STATE AFORESAID,			
NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)			
GLOVER, BRYCE, AUSTIN			
STREET ADDRESS			
4 MAFFITT AVE			
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	
ST LOUIS	MO	63113	
DATE OF BIRTH	RACE	SEX	HEIGHT
01/28/1997	B	M	511
WEIGHT	CDL:		
155	STATE MO		
DRIVER'S LIC. NO.	YES NO		
EMPLOYER			
ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip)			
DID UNLAWFULLY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OPERATE/DRIVE <input type="checkbox"/> PARK <input type="checkbox"/> C.M.V. <input type="checkbox"/> WITH HAZ. MAT			
YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	STYLE
1996	CHEVROLET	LUMINA	4D
COLOR	REGISTERED WEIGHT		
BLU	MO 2016		
VEHICLE	REGISTERED WEIGHT	NUMBER	STATE
1997	HONDA	CIVIC (AND CRX)	4D
WHI	MO 2017		
YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	STYLE
1997	HONDA	CIVIC (AND CRX)	4D
WHI	MO 2017		
DID THEN AND THERE COMMIT THE FOLLOWING OFFENSE. THE FACTS SUPPORTING THIS BELIEF ARE AS FOLLOWS:			
EXCEEDING SPEED LIMIT 30 MPH ZONE			
STALKER CAR 2, FRONT ANTENNA, OPPOSITE, CLOSING			
<input type="checkbox"/> Subject taken into custody. (Complete "For Issuance of a Warrant" section on reverse side.)			
DRIVING	POSTED SPEED LIMIT	DETECTION METHOD	
49 MPH	30 MPH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STATIONARY RADAR <input type="checkbox"/> WATCH (AIR) <input type="checkbox"/> PACE <input type="checkbox"/> LASER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVING RADAR <input type="checkbox"/> WATCH (GROUND) <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER			

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08/29/2016	0407 HRS	CST	WB CST TOPPING MEADOWS BE CST TOPPING RD
WITHIN CITY / COUNTY AND STATE AFORESAID,			
NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)			
GLOVER, BRYCE, AUSTIN			
STREET ADDRESS			
1 TOPPING RD			
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	
ST LOUIS	MO	63131	
DATE OF BIRTH	RACE	SEX	HEIGHT
01/28/1997	B	M	511
WEIGHT	CDL:		
155	STATE MO		
DRIVER'S LIC. NO.	YES NO		
EMPLOYER			
ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip)			
DID UNLAWFULLY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OPERATE/DRIVE <input type="checkbox"/> PARK <input type="checkbox"/> C.M.V. <input type="checkbox"/> WITH HAZ. MAT			
YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	STYLE
1997	HONDA	CIVIC (AND CRX)	4D
COLOR	REGISTERED WEIGHT		
WHI	MO 2017		
VEHICLE	REGISTERED WEIGHT	NUMBER	STATE
1997	HONDA	CIVIC (AND CRX)	4D
WHI	MO 2017		
DID THEN AND THERE COMMIT THE FOLLOWING OFFENSE. THE FACTS SUPPORTING THIS BELIEF ARE AS FOLLOWS:			
MINOR IN POSSESSION OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR			
(SEAGRAMS COOLER CASE OF BOTTLES-UNOPENED. PLAIN VIEW BACK SEAT)			

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COURT ADDRESS (Street, City, Zip)			
1011 MUNICIPAL CENTER DRIVE DR, TOWN AND COUNTRY, MO, 63131			
COURT DATE	COURT TIME	COURT PHONE NO.	
11/17/2016	7:00 PM	(314) 432-1420	
I, KNOWING THAT FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS FORM ARE PUNISHABLE BY LAW, STATE THAT I HAVE PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT:			
ONABOUT (Date)	AT TIME	HWY CLASS	UPON / AT OR NEAR (LOCATION)
10/18/2016	1940 HRS	RT	EB RT HH BE MO 141
WITHIN CITY / COUNTY AND STATE AFORESAID,			
NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)			
GLOVER, BRYCE, AUSTIN			
STREET ADDRESS			
1 TOPPING RD			
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	
ST LOUIS	MO	63131	
DATE OF BIRTH	RACE	SEX	HEIGHT
01/28/1997	B	M	511
WEIGHT	CDL:		
155	STATE MO		
DRIVER'S LIC. NO.	YES NO		
EMPLOYER			
ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip)			
DID UNLAWFULLY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OPERATE/DRIVE <input type="checkbox"/> PARK <input type="checkbox"/> C.M.V. <input type="checkbox"/> WITH HAZ. MAT			
YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	STYLE
2013	CHEVROLET	CAMARO	2D
COLOR	REGISTERED WEIGHT		
SIL	MO 2016		
VEHICLE	REGISTERED WEIGHT	NUMBER	STATE
2013	CHEVROLET	CAMARO	2D
SIL	MO 2016		
DID THEN AND THERE COMMIT THE FOLLOWING OFFENSE. THE FACTS SUPPORTING THIS BELIEF ARE AS FOLLOWS:			
EXCEEDING SPEED LIMIT 35 MPH ZONE			
STK C9 FAMOV			
<input type="checkbox"/> Subject taken into custody. (Complete "For Issuance of a Warrant" section on reverse side.)			
DRIVING	POSTED SPEED LIMIT	DETECTION METHOD	
56 MPH	35 MPH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STATIONARY RADAR <input type="checkbox"/> WATCH (AIR) <input type="checkbox"/> PACE <input type="checkbox"/> LASER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVING RADAR <input type="checkbox"/> WATCH (GROUND) <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER			

OUTCOME: Glover hired a lawyer so the fix was in. On 1/25/18 after the city prosecutor Ed Sluys and County Judge Mary Ott should have been aware of Glover being on probation for 5-counts of Domestic Assault and Kidnapping. But they dropped the speeding charges to Illegal Parking with \$198 fines each and no points. The Minor in Possession of Liquor charge resulted in a \$200 fine.

NEW HOUSES PROPOSED FOR TOWN AND COUNTRY:

290 Point Conway Hill Ct: This would be the second house to be built on the old Adkin family estates and where U.S. Congressman Todd Adkin had lived. The house was approved by the ARB on March 12.



Oh My God! This one is a nice looking ranch house. **19 Summerhill.** This was also approved by the ARB on March 12.



PLANS FOR ORIGINAL SCHNUCKS STORE AND BREADCO NOW ON FILE: The plans to cut the old Schnucks Store later the mortgage division of a local bank in half and the construction of a new drive thru Bread Co are now at City Hall. The Architectural Review Board did not pass the Bread Co design on March 12 and continued it to April 9th meeting.

The site is at the northeast corner of Clayton Road and Woods Mill Road.



FRED MEYLAND-SMITH CLAIMS A POOL HOUSE WITH 1,055 SQUARE FEET IS HAVE OF A SMALL HOUSE. Fred has his head up his Town and Country SNOBURBIA ASS. Here for the fourth straight week are actual small houses the real people and families live in..



950 Square Feet Des Peres



864 Square Feet Kirkwood



930 Sq feet Kirkwood



816 Sq Feet Kirkwood



780 Sq Feet Shrewsbury



900 sq ft Brentwood

Some people has said I'm not being fair to Meyland-Smith since a 2,000 sq ft house is small in Town and Country and is as small as you can build in T&C. Surely he meant the 1,055 sq foot pool house is half the size of a small Town and Country house. Fred Meyland-Smith is a professional windbag. He takes every opportunity to use as many words as possible. So when he said the 1,055 sq ft pool house was half the size of a small house I have to take him word on it.



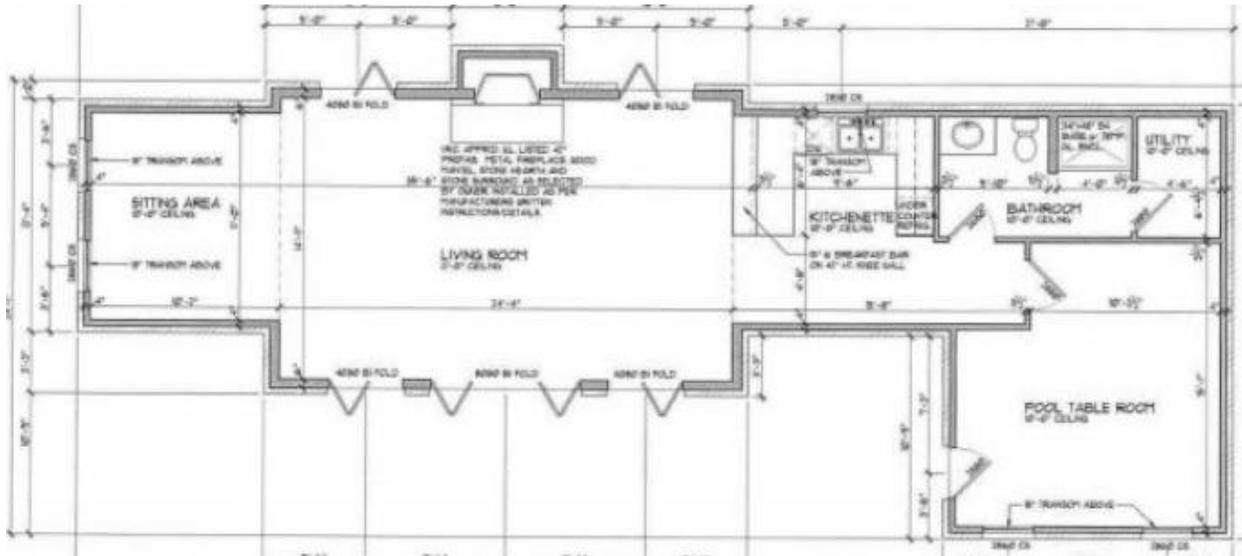
Fred Meyland-Smith



Proposed 1,055 sq ft pool house at 549 S Mason Rd

THE 1055 SQUARE FOOT POOL HOUSE BACK BEFORE ALDERMEN AND CONTINUED AGAIN: Monday night March 12.brought more discussion about the 1,055 square foot pool house behind a new house being built at 549 South Mason Road. A 300 square foot pool house is allowed without Conditional Use Permit. It was clear many alderpersons were uncomfortable over the size.

The owner of the house and proposed pool house is Steve McNair, President of specialty steel company Cold Dawn, that was founded by his grandfather in 1971.



Here is some of the debate:

Lynn Wright: It seems to be another house not a “pool house.”

Tiffany Frautschi: I don’t see anything with this that I associate with a “pool house.” It is bigger than my first house. I see no where to store pool equipment.

Lindsey Butler: It looks like a home or where someone could stay as a guest house.

Steve McNair: We swapped the idea of finishing our basement for this.

Frautschi: It is much more in height than allowed.

McNair: We copied the size so it matched the house. We wanted more than a place to change your clothes and use the bathroom. It sits on 1 ½ acres The reason it is so large is because the house is 5,500 square feet, with 3,500 sq ft on the first floor and 2,000 square feet on the second floor. If we had a 300 square foot pool house it wouldn't look right.



Steve McNair



Main House to be built

Wright: We don't want to turn places into second homes.

Jon Benigas: I'll ask for a continuation due to the size and we need to look at the landscape plan too.

Gussie Crawford: Second.

It was a 8-0 vote to continue the CUP request until the March 26 meeting.

DO YOU LIKE NEW SUBDIVISIONS OR DO YOU LIKE GREEN SPACE? The issue will be before the Town and Country Planning and Zoning Commission on Wednesday March 21 at 7pm.

The large empty ground at 1919 S. Mason (located across the street from the Thornhill and Mason Grove subdivisions) had a section of the southwest corner separated and a single family house is being built. The front portion is over 12 acres and half of that is designated green space woodland land. As we reported recently builder Rob Rehnquist wants to get the city to lift most of the green space designation so he can build a subdivision. Here is the property.



UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 266



March 18, 2018

MONARCH FIRE BOARD VOTES TO REHIRE FORMER FIRE CHIEF CHECK MARSONETTE AS A DEPUTY CHIEF: In August of 2016 then Monarch FPD Fire Chief Chuck Marsonette was suspended after he was arrested and charged with four felonies which allegedly occurred at his former employer Reliant Heath Care, the operators of a number of nursing homes in Missouri, headquartered in Maryland Heights. Here are the original charges:

- 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

Here is a link to our Newsletter #237 that includes full charging information from the court file. Marsonette was suspended without pay.

http://johnhoffmann.net/combined_129.pdf

Cary Spiegel moved up from his position of Assistant Fire Chief to Acting Fire Chief. Deputy Fire Chief Les Crews moved up from his position to Acting Assistant Fire Chief.



On February 8, 2017 Marsonette’s status was changed to Suspended with Pay as his 3-year contract required a conviction before he could be suspended without pay. For that time with back pay and regular pay and benefits Marsonette received over \$200,000 in pay and benefits. Monarch District Boar President Rick Gans said at the time the first charges were issued that if the charges were dropped or Marsonette was found not guilty he could return to work.

Marsonette was a pilot and head of safety for Reliant Care. On June 29, 2017 nine new felony charges were filed against Marsonette in connection with his employment with Reliant Care. Some dealt with him giving flying lessons in corporate aircraft. They were:

- Count: 01 FORGERY – CLASS C FELONY
- Count: 02 FORGERY – CLASS C FELONY
- Count: 03 FORGERY – CLASS C FELONY
- Count: 04 FORGERY – CLASS C FELONY
- Count: 05 TAMPERING WITH AIRPLANE 1ST DEGREE - CLASS C
FELONY
- Count: 06 TAMPERING WITH AIRPLANE 1ST DEGREE - CLASS C
FELONY

Count: 07 TAMPERING WITH AIRPLANE 1ST DEGREE - CLASS C
FELONY

Count: 08 FRAUDULENT USE OF CREDIT DEVICE (VALUE \$500 OR
MORE) - CLASS D FELONY

Count: 09 FRAUDULENT USE OF CREDIT DEVICE (VALUE \$500 OR
MORE) - CLASS D FELONY

To read the full charging document go to Newsletter #285

http://johnhoffmann.net/combined_177.pdf

At about the same time Marsonette had the new charges added and he now faced 13 felony charges, Reliant Care was facing some serious charges themselves.

On July 5, 2017 the Justice Department announced that Reliant Care would be paying back \$8,368,878 that they had falsely overcharged Medicare and for providing unnecessary medical treatment. This settlement came out to show Reliant Care had been stealing \$1.4-million a year from the taxpayers (U.S. Government) over six years.

Reliant Care also sued Marsonette in State Court alleging he stole \$33,000 as an employee. They later moved that lawsuit to Federal Court.

On December 31, 2017 Marsonette's 3-year contract with the Fire District expired. The 13-charges were still pending against him. The Fire District Board of Directors then hired Acting Chief Cary Spiegel as full time chief on a three year contract. Acting Assistant Chief Les Crews was made permanent Assistant Chief.

At the time Marsonette was hired as the interim fire chief and later promoted to fire chief it was questioned if the Board was aware of a 2008 DWI conviction in Camden County (Lake of the Ozarks) and a 2013 judgment against Marsonette in the amount of \$71,721 over an insurance claim regarding a sunken boat. None of that judgment has been paid.

CHARGES DROPPED: The St. Louis County Prosecutor's Office dropped all 13 charges against Marsonette on March 9, 2018 citing that Reliant Care no longer wished to prosecute Marsonette.

REHIRED: On March 13, 2018 at a closed meeting of the Monarch Fire District the Board of Directors voted 3-0 to rehire Marsonette as a Deputy Chief. Here is an email from Board President Rick Gans:

From: Rick Gans [mailto:gans.r@monarchfpd.org]

Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 8:33 PM

To: John Hoffmann; Jim Erickson

Subject: Vote at Monarch meeting tonight

Gentlemen

I just got home from the meeting. A vote was take and by a margin of 3-0, the Board voted to hire Chuck Marsonette as Deputy Chief of Operations (position formerly held by Les Crews and currently vacant) subject to pre-employment protocols for a salary equal to the current other deputy chiefs. He will begin when he clears the pre-employment protocols. I have paraphrased the motion, but it that is the essence of it. He did accept the offer.

Rick Gans

Director

Monarch Fire Protection District



Here is an email I received from Rick Gans the day before the vote laying out his position.

From: Rick Gans- 2285 [mailto:2285@rickgans.com]

Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 2:59 PM

To: John Hoffmann; Rick Gans- 2285

Subject: RE: Marsonette

John-

I have been very clear from the first until the last time I was interviewed about the charges and what happened. I said it to anyone who asked, including to the Channel 4 New audience when I was interviewed...if he is found not guilty in a trial, or if the charges are dismissed, I would bring him back. Yes, you are correct that his former position has been filled. And I only have one vote on a Board of three. So nothing is decided until the Board discusses this. If a vote is taken, it will be provided in accordance with the Sunshine Law. I expect that a vote will be taken.

Before you started covering local politics and Monarch specifically, I was accused of committing crimes having to do with the operation of the Fire District. This had to do with the District's self-insured health insurance and it was very obvious who was behind it. The accusers went to the County, State and Federal prosecutors trying to get them to charge or arrest or indict me and Dave Terschluse. We were forced to engage criminal defense council and fortunately the prosecutors looked at the accusations and determined no crimes were committed. I know what it is likely to be wrongly accused and to be made a spectacle of in the press and in front of friends and family. I have walked in those shoes.

We may never know why the prosecutors got the indictment against Chuck and we may never know why they were dropped. But they were dropped and from my perspective, it is over.

Rick

It is hard to imagine that the Maryland Heights Police Detective Unit, the Prosecutor's Office and a Grand Jury did not find some evidence that something happened. However, now that the cases have been dismissed it appears as if the 3-year statute-of-limitations have tolled and the charges cannot be refilled.

The last we checked the \$33,000 lawsuit filed by Reliant Care against Marsonette is still pending in Federal Court. It claims that Marsonette used a company credit card for personal expenses, including a trip to Italy, Las Vegas, California and to buy guns plus meals. However, compared with Reliant Care admitting they stole over \$8,000,000 in Medicare fraud you have to wonder how much longer before that is dropped.

An audit conducted by Monarch at the time of Marsonette's arrest showed nothing amiss during Marsonette's tenure as Fire Chief.

Speaking off the record a number of the Monarch command staff have stated that Marsonette was a good chief, easy to work for and well liked by the command staff. Most of us who covered Monarch found Marsonette was responsive to questions, helpful and very easy to deal with.

Marsonette's new salary will be \$109,264 annual. The salary was included in the 2018 budget of the fire district.



Left to Right: Ast. Chief Les Crews, Chief Cary Spiegel, Board President Rick Gans

We received this email from Chief Spiegel ref the work load from the empty Deputy Chief Position.

From: Cary Spiegel [mailto:spiegel.c@monarchfpd.org]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 10:26 AM
To: John Hoffmann
Subject: RE: question

John,

The current annual salary for Deputy Chief is \$109,264.00.

It is true Administrative Staff have been short-handed for a period of 18 months. Chief Crews, the Battalion Chiefs, and the remaining Administrative Staff have been doing a stellar job accepting additional responsibilities in order to get the work completed.

I am pleased to have this position filled once again and Chuck Marsonette does possess the skill and ability to do a great job. As you can imagine, the times have evolved resulting in increased demands on emergency services. Most of these increased demands fall to the office of 'Special Operations'. Chief Crews and Chuck Marsonette are the perfect individuals to prepare for such circumstances. Both have

a great networking skill in order to cooperate and coordinate with other emergency and public service agencies.

I am very pleased that Chuck Marsonette has overcome this challenge and I am equally happy to have a Deputy Chief of Operations once again.

As always, I am available for your questions or concerns.

Regards,
Cary Spiegel,

ANOTHER HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTOR VICTIMIZES CHESTERFIELD RESIDENTS: First it was Phillip Stoisch who went to his customer's house on 14272 Forest Crest Drive at 5 AM and shot both of the homeowners who were in bed through a closed bedroom door. The motive possibly was that they wrote a bad review on Angie's List about Stoisch's work.

Stoisch was in a police pursuit in Arkansas on Thursday 3/8/18 and shot himself at the end of the chase but was unsuccessful in killing himself.

Then on March 8, 2018 another person in the home improvement business was charged for committing a felony at a Chesterfield home.

Robert Primas, 24, of South St. Louis was charged with stealing \$70,000 in cash and gold coins after finding a safe unlocked in a Chesterfield home where he was doing a painting job. Primas was working at Keith Berger's house at 2370 Greenberry Lane in Chesterfield. Sounds like Primas is a good candidate for a bad review o Angie's List.



At the time of his arrest he claimed he had given some of the loot away but did lead detectives to \$21,960 in cash and six gold coins.

Here is the information from the Court Files:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
STATE OF MISSOURI

-VS-

ROBERT TIMOTHY PRIMAS
6324 ARTHUR AVENUE
SAINT LOUIS, MO 63139

Aliases:

Defendant

42 W

RACE: White
SEX: Male
DOB: 04/15/1993
HGT: 6'02"
WGT: 140lbs.
P.D.: Chesterfield
ORI Number: MO0959A00

CHARGES

Count: 01 STEALING - \$25,000 OR MORE - CLASS C FELONY

COMPLAINT

State of Missouri)
County of St. Louis)^{SS}

Comes now the State of Missouri by and through the undersigned Assistant Prosecuting Attorney on information and belief that there is probable cause to believe that the above named defendant committed the following crime(s):

COUNT: 01 STEALING - \$25,000 OR MORE - CLASS C FELONY

That Robert Primas, in violation of Section 570.030, RSMo, committed the class C felony of stealing, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.002 and 558.011, RSMo, in that between February 25, 2018 and March 6, 2018, at 2370 Greenberry Lane, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant appropriated U.S. currency and six Liberty Eagle gold coins, of a value of at least twenty-five thousand dollars, which property was owned by Keith Berger, and defendant appropriated such property without the consent of Keith Berger and with the purpose to deprive Keith Berger thereof.

570.030-034Y20172399.0

I, Ryan Broeker, DSN 0244, 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 between February 25, 2018 and March 6, 2018, at 2370 Greenberry Hill Lane, Robert Primas, White, Male, DOB 04/15/1993, 6'02", 140lbs, committed one or more criminal offense(s).
Count: 01 STEALING - \$25,000 OR MORE - CLASS C FELONY

The facts supporting this belief are as follows: Victim reported that \$70,000 in cash, along with several gold coins, had been stolen from a safe at his residence in Chesterfield. The safe had apparently been left unlocked. Defendant was identified as a possible suspect because he had been working inside victim's house at the time on a painting job. Victim contacted suspect directly and accused him of the theft, but defendant made no admission. Defendant was arrested on outstanding warrants. After initially denying involvement, he admitted to police (while being driven to the Chesterfield police station) that he could recover some of the stolen property. Defendant subsequently produced six of the stolen gold coins and \$21,960 in cash, which he had been keeping at a friend's house in St. Louis city. He confessed that he had taken all of the money in the safe and said he had given half of the money to a friend of his.

LOOK FOR A LONG SUMMER IF YOU DRIVER ON CHESTERFIELD PARKWAY:

The County Highway Department had promised to resurface Chesterfield Parkway in 2017. That did not happen. However, work such as replacing storm water grates has now started and more is to come before resurfacing begins in maybe July.

Here is how Chesterfield Parkway looked three years ago in April of 2015:



2015



2015



2015

For over three years the County Highway Department simply patched these car devouring potholes. The repaving was supposed to have been finished by the fall of 2017 but it never started. Now it is underway with lane closures to replace grates and drains.

2018:





RIPARIAN TRAIL EXTENSION: This could get very detailed and put readers to sleep. So, we will try and give the short version.

In 2017 the County Highway Department surprised almost everyone in western Chesterfield as the repaving of Baxter Road was about to start west of Clarkson Road. Suddenly the County announced it was going to reduce Baxter Road from four lanes to two and use the former lanes as bicycle lanes.

In one of many responses to the County, Chesterfield said it would expand the Riparian to include bike paths. County Highways eventually relented and repaved Baxter Road's four lanes of motor vehicle traffic.



The matter of the city expanding the Riparian Trail is back in front of the council. On February 22 at the Planning and Public Works Committee, Councilwoman Michelle Ohley voted against the proposal that passed 3-1.

“I don’t like or trusts TDDs,” said Ohley after her vote. “How can they say they will cover if it isn’t part of an agreement now.” This was in reference to part of the funding.

The item was on the agenda for March 5 City Council meeting. It was then continued.

“Getting a grant for a project we have not secured all the land for doesn’t seem right,” said Guy Tilman.

It was mentioned that Sach’s Properties, a major player in the Riparian Trail as the trail would go through parts of Chesterfield Village, was not talking to the city directly about a land donation and had their lawyer Mike Doster field any questions.

“It is not in the city’s best interests until we know what the conditions are,” said Mayor Nation.

SCHOETTLER ROAD PARK PURCHASE GOES TO SECRET EXECUTIVE

SESSION: The Parks Committee on Monday 03/12/18 voted to move the possible purchase of property on Schottler Road east of Logan University for a park to a secret executive session meeting that public cannot attend or read minutes of. Parks Chair Randy Logan, who has never shown an interest in costs or saving tax money or being transparent is behind this move.

You have to love transparency in Chesterfield. You can go into close session to discuss real estate sales or purchases. However this property had been on the market for a long time so there should not be a line of developers sticking their noses into a meeting room.



CHESTERFIELD POLICE BLOTTER: See what the police had to deal with last week.



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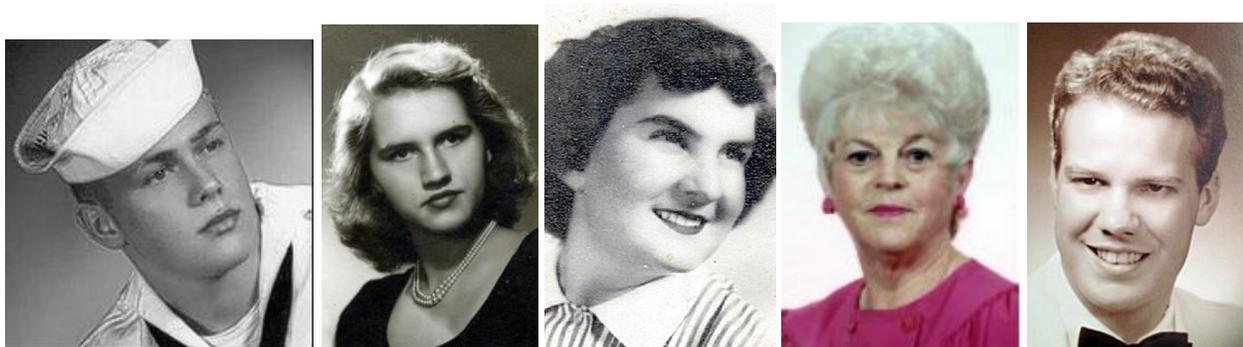
<u>Time of Occurrence</u>	<u>Generic Address</u>	<u>Business/Location Name</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>
03/13/2018, 0059 03/13/2018, 0059	CLARKSON RD & TROWBRIDGE RD	Clarkson Valley	Curfew
Brief Narrative Description: 16 yo male out after curfew after being stopped for a traffic violation.			
03/13/2018, 1620 03/13/2018, 1620	XX FOUR SEASONS SHPG CTR	Dierberg's	Larceny under \$750 Person
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took victim's purse while it was left in shopping basket.			
03/13/2018, 2254 03/13/2018, 2254	EDISON AVE & RHL DR		Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor
Brief Narrative Description: 19 yo male in possession of marijuana after being stopped for a traffic violation.			
03/12/2018, 0700 03/12/2018, 1200	14XXX TIENDA DR 14506		Property Damage Lawn Job
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject drove vehicle over common ground causing sod damage.			
03/12/2018, 0356 03/12/2018, 0356	14XXX TIMBERBLUFF DR		Overdose Accidental
Brief Narrative Description: 18 yo male and habitual drug user overdosed on heroin. Revised with Narcan administered by family. Transported to hospital for treatment.			
02/04/2018, 1120 02/04/2018, 1120	20XX BROOK HILL RIDGE DR		Fraud Identity Theft
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up a checking account.			
03/12/2018, 1447 03/12/2018, 1447	X FOUR SEASONS SHPG CTR	Dierbergs	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: 30 yo female concealed food items and left store without paying.			
03/10/2018, 1213 03/10/2018, 1213	1XX THF BLVD	Sam's	Fraudulent Prescription
Brief Narrative Description: 53 yo male used forged prescription in an attempt to obtain a controlled substance.			
03/12/2018, 2242 03/12/2018, 2242	OLIVE & I64 HWY W		Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor
Brief Narrative Description: 19 yo female in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation.			
03/11/2018, 0420 03/11/2018, 0420	I64 HWY E & BOONES CROSSING		Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor
Brief Narrative Description: 24 yo male in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation.			

03/11/2018, 1458 03/11/2018, 1500	15XXX OLIVE BLVD	Shell	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took carton of cigarettes and soda and ran out of store without paying.			
03/10/2018, 2128 03/10/2018, 2128	4X THF BLVD	Target	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed cell phone and left store without paying.			
03/11/2018, 1400	17XXX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT		
03/11/2018, 1530	RD	Steak N Shake	Larceny under \$750 Person
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took victim's purse after it was left unattended in restaurant booth.			
03/11/2018, 1710 03/11/2018, 1712	14XXX CLAYTON RD	Parkway West High School	Assault Common - Actual Assault
Brief Narrative Description: 39 yo female struck victim in the face after argument causing minor injuries.			
03/11/2018, 1900 03/11/2018, 1925	1XX THF BLVD	Best Buy	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took electronics and walked out of store without paying.			
03/10/2018, 1231 03/10/2018, 1231	9X LONG RD	Walgreens	Fraudulent Prescription
Brief Narrative Description: 53 yo male passed forged prescription in an attempt to gain a controlled substance. Subject also in possession of narcotic paraphernalia.			
03/09/2018, 1800 03/09/2018, 2130	17XXX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD	Chick Fila	Property Damage to Vehicle
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject put foreign substance in victim's vehicle gas tank causing damage to engine.			
03/09/2018, 0200 03/09/2018, 0200	1XX HEATHER RIDGE DR		Burglary Residential - Home
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered unlocked door to garage and took purse from inside residence. Purse later recovered nearby less cash.			
03/04/2018, 1511 03/04/2018, 1516	23XX BLUE HILL RD		Fraud Credit Card
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's debit card information to make purchases.			
03/09/2018, 1545 03/09/2018, 1545	18XXX OUTLET BLVD	Max Studio Store	Harassment/Threat Phone
Brief Narrative Description: 30 yo male made threatening phone call to victim.			
03/09/2018, 1658 03/09/2018, 1658	X FOUR SEASONS SHPG CTR	Dierbergs	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: 47 yo female concealed food items and attempted to leave store without paying. Further information showed subject was in country illegally but ICE would not issue detainer.			
03/09/2018, 2200 03/09/2018, 2200	1XX THF BLVD	Walmart	Larceny Over \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: 18 and 13 yo females and 10 yo male filled cart full of merchandise and walked out of store without paying.			
03/08/2018, 2043 03/08/2018, 2043	14XXX TIMBERBLUFF DR		Overdose Accidental
Brief Narrative Description: 18 yo male overdosed on heroin at his residence. Narcan was administered and subject was transported to hospital.			

03/01/2018, 1200 03/07/2018, 0830	15XXX OLIVE BLVD	Friendship Village	Larceny Over \$750 Business
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject forced entry into storage garage area and took various tools and HVAC supplies.			
03/07/2018, 1305 03/07/2018, 1305	3XX E CHESTERFIELD CTR	Drury	Stolen Vehicle Automobile
Brief Narrative Description: 20 yo female and another unknown subject took victim's vehicle after it was left running in front of hotel. Vehicle later recovered in St. Louis City.			
01/01/2016, 1200 01/31/2018, 1200	18XX ELMSFORD LN		Fraud Identity Theft
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up PayPal and Sprint accounts.			
03/07/2018, 2257 03/07/2018, 2257	14XXX OLIVE BLVD	Petromart	Larceny under \$750 Gas Drive Off
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject pumped gasoline and drove out of gas station without paying.			
03/07/2018, 0530 03/07/2018, 0945	6XX WATER WORKS RD		Assault Common - Actual Assault
Brief Narrative Description: 31 yo male struck and pushed victim down after argument causing minor injuries.			

The most interesting police/fire responses occurred on Thursday March 8, 2018 at 8:43 PM and again on Monday March 12, at 3:58 AM to the same house in the 14,000 block of Timberbluff Drive for heroin overdoses by the same 18-year-old.

FAVORITE OBIT PHOTOS:



Military uniform photos can be tough as often they don't change much over the years. The first photo is from the early 1950s.

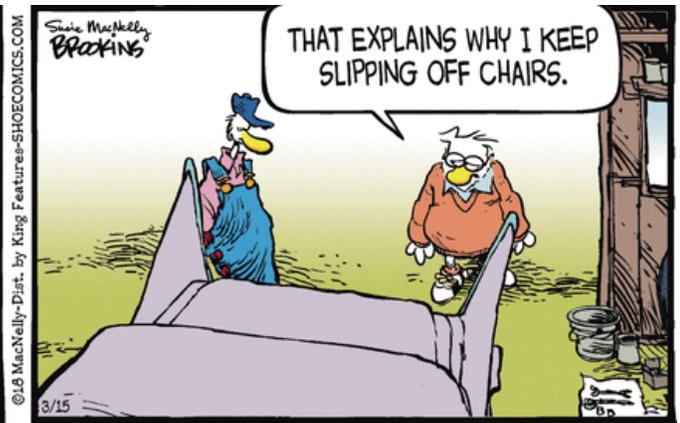
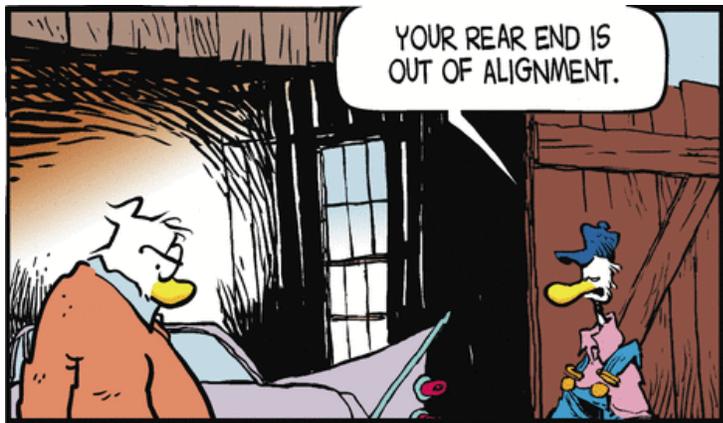
FOOD: When we moved back to West County from the Washington, DC area we immediately started going to Church Fish Fries every lent and had some of our favorite churches. However, eight years we decided to try some of the fast food restaurants' fish sandwiches. We found they were normally better than most of the church offerings and cheaper. The top two on our list over the last three years is St. Arby's at #2 and St.

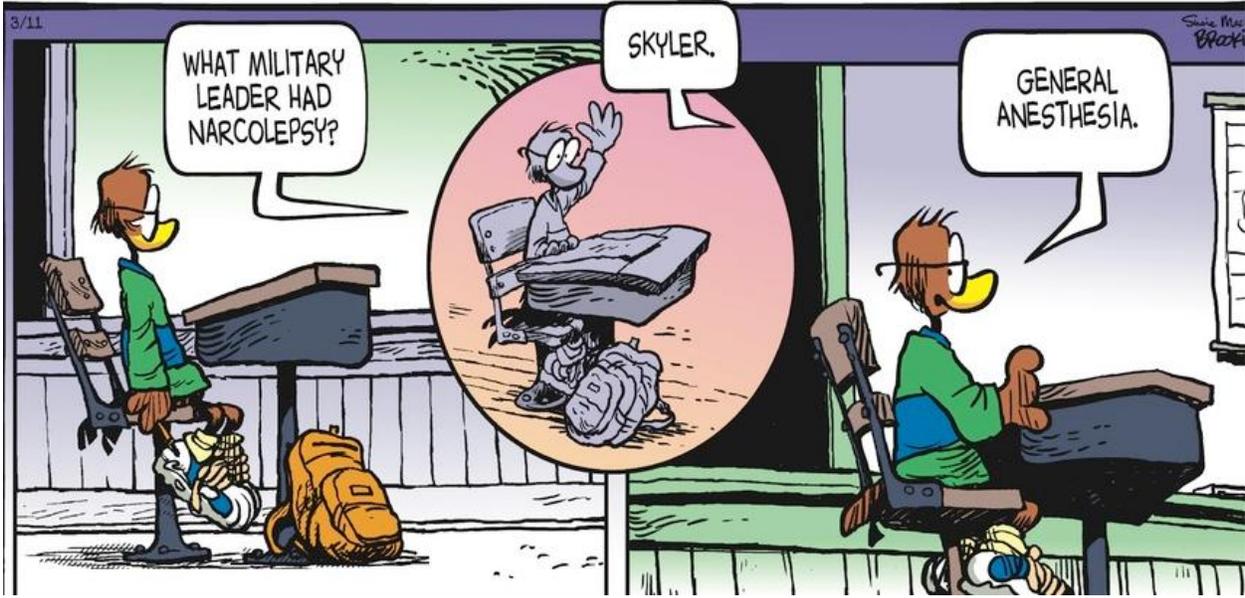
Culver's at #1. Culvers also offered Cod and Walleye plates with two pieces of fish with two sides instead of sandwiches.

We were surprised at a recent visit to Culvers that they are also offering Clam Chowder. It turns out it is only offered on Fridays during lent. A small order is \$2.79. I tried it last week. It was brought to our table piping hot and was hot down to the last bite. However it was pasty. If I was in a regular restaurant I might complain. But I was in a fast food burger joint so I kept my mouth shut and kept eating.



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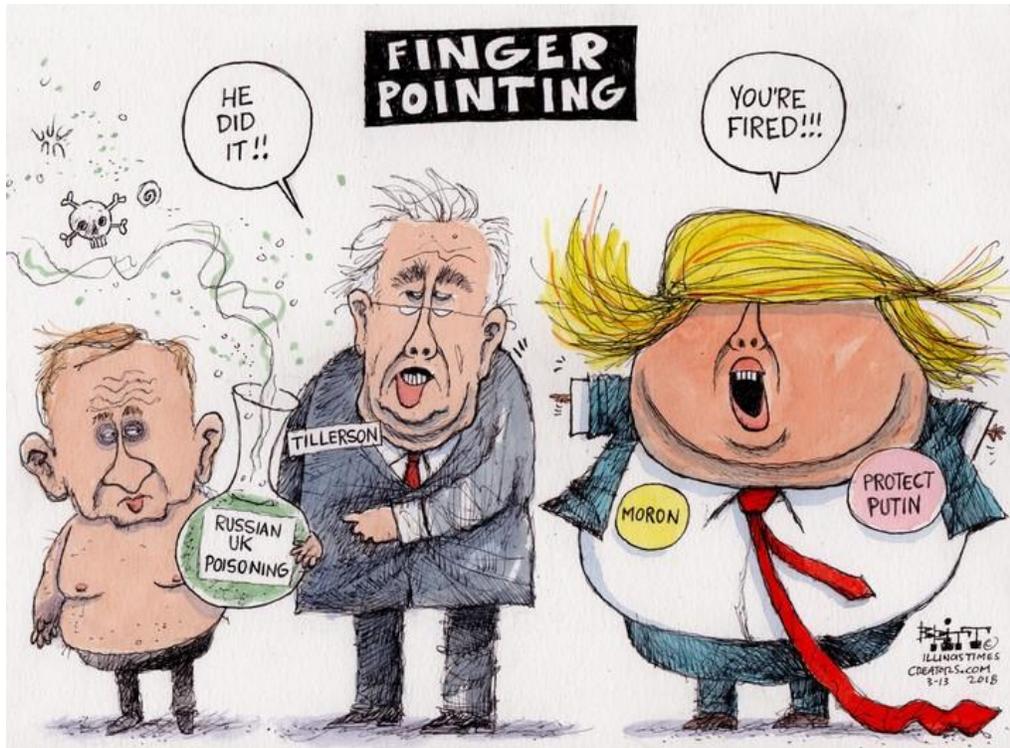




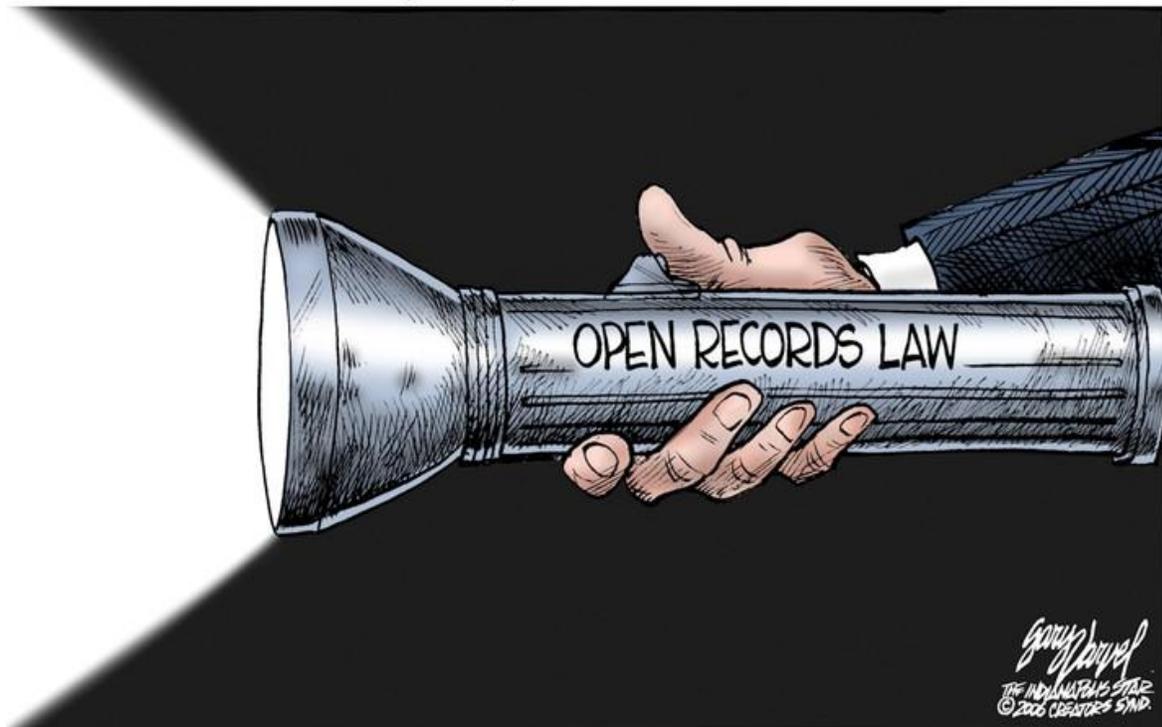
"The Bachelor," octogenarian version.

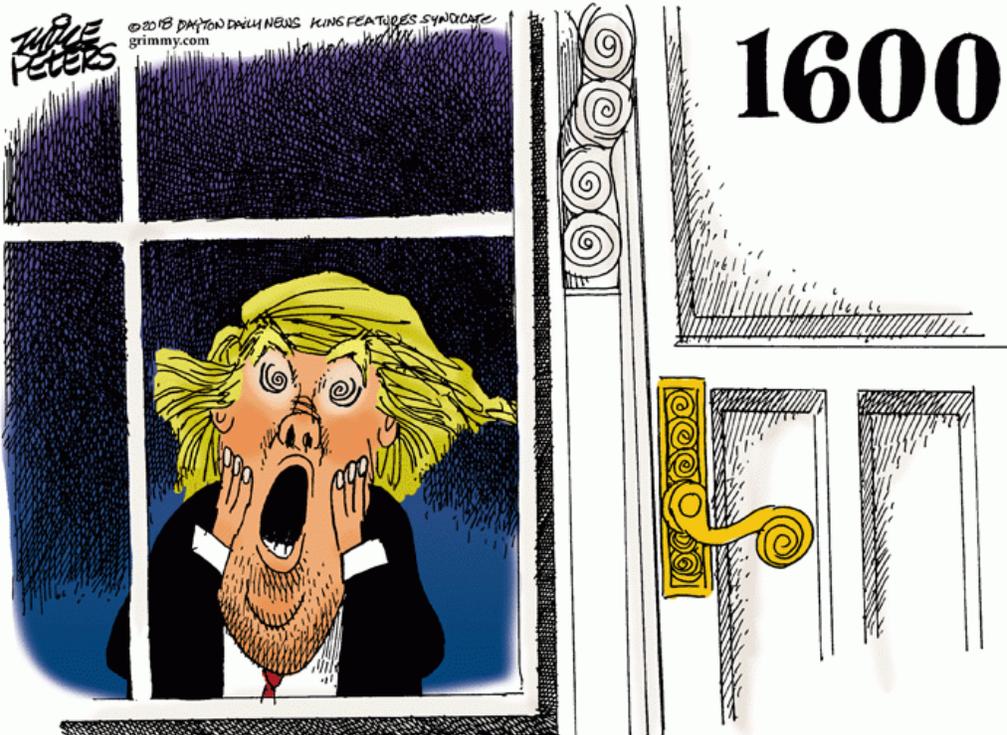






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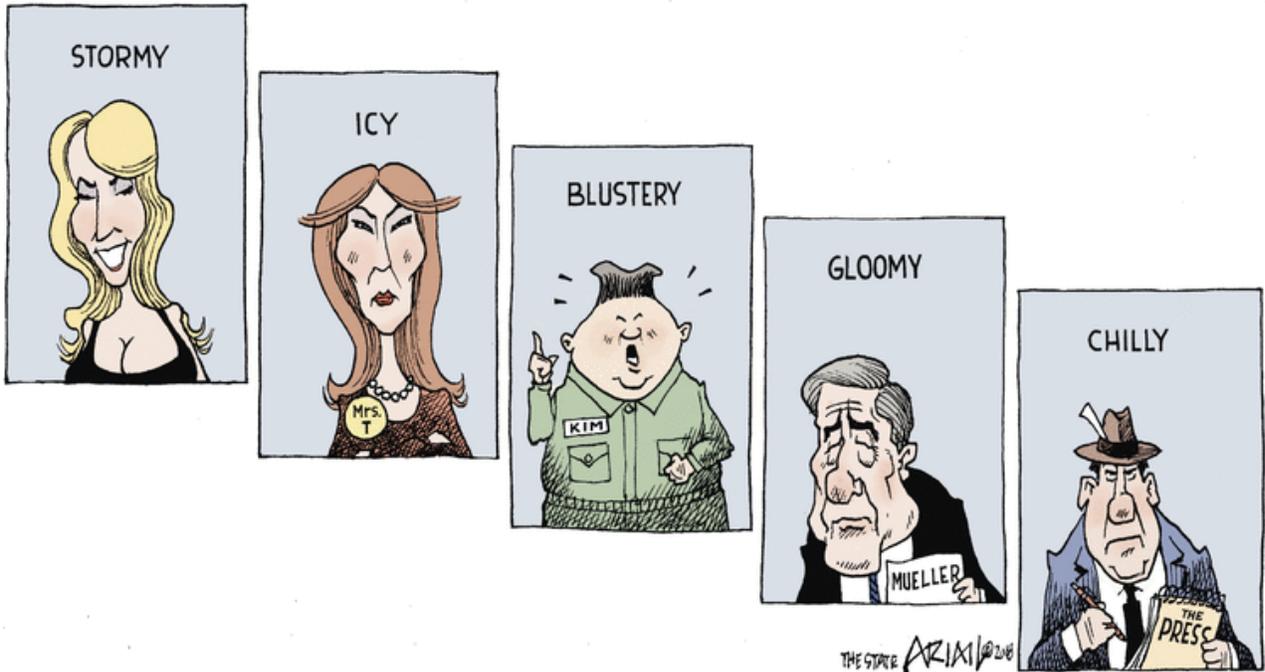




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