EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 214 AND CHESTERFIELD 159

By John Hoffmann

February 09, 2016

DEER HARVEST NUMBERS ARE IN: The city is still waiting for the final report from contractor White Buffalo on the January 2016 deer harvest, but the number of deer killed in each ward is in. Town and Country originally had contracted for While Buffalo to kill 175 deer between January 10 and January 31, plus do another deer census.

It quickly appeared that the number of deer in the community were much higher than last year's census indicated. The city then authorized White Buffalo to kill as many as 225 deer. The total final number was 210.

Here are the number of deer killed by Wards:

1	36
2	85
3	60
4	29
5	
TOTAL	210

WEST COUNTY HAS TIES TO THE ILLEGAL ARREST OF MAYORAL CANDIDATE IN PINE LAWN. On January 28, 2016 a Federal Court Jury found Steve Blakeney, 35, the former assistant police chief of scandal ridden Pine Lawn guilty of one count each of conspiracy against rights, deprivation of rights under color of law and falsification of records. The jury found he conspired with other officials in Pine Lawn to illegally arrest Nakisha Ford, an opponent against mayor and incumbent Sylvester Caldwell.

A bogus charge that Ford had stolen a campaign sign of Caldwell's from a store window was filed. Blakeney forced a local shop owner to lie about the theft. Ford testified that then Pine Lawn Police Chief Rickey Collins (who has a very tainted past), Blakeney, Pine Lawn prosecutor (later Director of Public Safety and now City Attorney) and **Town and Country resident Anthony Gray** came to her house and arrested her.

(In 1986 Gary changed his name from Anthony GAY to Anthony GRAY.)

Town and Country resident and Michael Brown family attorney Anthony Gray

She eventually pled guilty to "Littering" before Pine Lawn judge who at the time was **Dean Plocher**. Plocher was the treasurer of State Rep. John Diehl's campaign funds. Since Diehl resigned in disgrace over sex texting a 19-year-old intern Plocher has taken his place in the House of Representatives after a special election last November.

Dean Plocher

Protestors outside Plocher's Pine Lawn Court

Sylvester Caldwell was convicted in 2015 of extortion of the same merchant. He is now serving time in a Federal Prison. Blakeney will be sentenced in May. Former Pine Lawn Police Chief Rickey Collins was fired in 2013. His license to be a police officer in Missouri had been on probation after the Police Officer Standards and Training board found that a reported rape in the restroom of a Schnucks store on Natural Bridge Road by Collins of an employee as Collins was working off-duty as a security guard was gross misconduct. Collins and Blakeney sued Pine Lawn in Federal Court over their firings claiming to be whistle blowers and FBI informants.

The POST ruling did not allow Colllins to work for any Police Department in Missouri except Pine Lawn. Sylvester Caldwell later promoted him to chief.

Collins

Caldwell

It was Dean Plocher for years that kept this corrupt town afloat issuing fines and warrants for people not paying fines. He did such a good job raising money through excessive court fines that former Mayor Caldwell kept him on the bench. Over 40% of Pine Lawn's annual budget came from court revenue thanks to Plocher.

Now Town and Country residents living in the gated subdivision of Cedar Springs have Anthony Gray as a neighbor who apparently participated in the illegal arrest of Ms. Ford on trumped up charges. They also have his 26-year-old son Kalaun Gray, who is out of

bond for a gas station robbery with a gun in October and a robbery by force in December, as a neighbor. Town and Country residents also have former judge Dean Plocher as their rep at the statehouse.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PAYING TO STUDY A BALLWIN SHOPPING CENTER'S PARKING LOT. At the January 25th Board of Aldermen meeting $1,700 additional money was approved to increase the parking study of the Clayton Road and Mason in connection to the Town Square Project, plus additional studies along Mason Road and at the shopping center on Clayton Road and Henry Avenue in The City of Ballwin.

Why is the city spending money on a parking study in another community? Because Alderman Fred Meyland-Smith is obsessed with the overflow parking in the new shopping center on Clayton and Henry. Fred does not understand. The parking problem has nothing to do with the Italian restaurant Mia Sorella and the Circle 7 Ranch. It is all about the Circle 7 Ranch that is a popular sports bar and is also family friendly. The landlord only allows Circle 7 to be open for lunch Friday-Sunday so other tenants' customers will still have places to park during weekdays.

Meyland-Smith and Skip Mange in the past have said how they don't want a restaurant in the Town Square project that draws people from all over the county and is too popular. Good luck finding a businessman with a business model of "not doing too well."

There were additional new expenditures approved at the January 25 that were not in the 2016 budget. Here is our current tally of deficit spending:

2016 TOWN AND COUNTRY BUDGET DEFICIT

12/10/15 $656,195 deficit all budgets proposed budget

12/14/15 -$12,000 Lighted Flagpole for Longview Park
-$668.195

01/25/16 -$8,500 For additional parking studies along Clayton Road including in Ballwin
-$676,695

01/25/16 -$15,700 Cost over orig estimate for tennis court replacement at Longview
-$692,395

01/25/16 -$13,000 To hire George Stock & Assoc for engineering study of Town Sq
-$705,395

The deficit could go down later in the year if planned construction and repair projects are finished under bid and if there is an increase in sales tax revenue. However if some projects go overbid and if there is a decease in sales taxes the deficit will increase along with money taken from the reserve funds for unbudgeted projects

DEFIBRILLATOR AND PARAMEDICS ON CALL READY WHEN FRED MEYLAND-SMITH SAW THE PROPOSED NEW SIGN FOR MCDONALDS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED. I really think Fred Meyland-Smith would be better suited to be an alderman on Mackinac Island, Michigan since he at times appears to be living in the 19th century.

You see on Mackinac Island the only motor vehicles are two fire trucks, an ambulance and a police car. The cops normally patrol on bicycles. If they have an arrest they either walk them back to the police station or call for a horse drawn taxi. There are no LED Signs or message boards on Mackinac Island.

But here in Town and Country churches, businesses and schools have or want to have LED display signs that Fred has a hard time accepting. But now McDonald's wanted the below sign in front of the newly rebuilt Golden Arches on Woods Mill Road. The bottom portion would have been an electronic movie of products.

Besides this sign, the Parkway School District wants to put a LED sign in front of Mason Ridge School that will be the same size of the sign there where someone has to walk outside and hang black letters on a white background.

The February 22 meeting would have been entertaining listening to the shock and outrage of alderpersons, especially Meyland-Smith over the McDonald's sign. However, McDonalds dropped the sign request last week. The main sign had already been approved with the construction plans for the new building. I think staff may have told reps from McDonald's that the request for the electronic sign may either be continued until hell freezes over or very quickly voted down. After mulling it over the request for the new electronic sign was dropped.

JANUARY TOWN AND COUNTRY POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT:

Traffic crashes are up 22 in 2016 over 2015. However criminal reports, arrest and citations are all down. Here is a break down.

The following activity was reported by the police department during the month of Jan:

Jan 2016	Jan 2015	Jan 2014
Officer's responded to a total of **1904** calls for service and wrote a total of **208** reports, Including:	1399 214	
85 Vehicle Crashes	66	59
20 Criminal Reports	25	30
18 Driving While Intoxicated arrests (0 Felony, 1 Misd, 17 Ord)	15	23
28 Misc Arrests (Traffic Charges, Fugitive charges, Failure to Appear, etc)	53	55
383 Traffic citations issued	535	453
(**242** speeding)	360	296

Misd DWI

Painter, Kathryn (M) prior offender and out of venue

THE MINEO'S STORY: YOU PAY $110 FOR DINNER FOR TWO, MINEO'S PAYS OFF LAWSUIT $100 A MONTH. Perhaps you remember us writing about how the very expensive John Mineo's Italian restaurant in the Mason Woods Shopping Center at Clayton Road and Mason Rd was being sued by A Sound and Video of Valley Park for not paying a bill for equipment and installation.

Mineo's is a favorite spot for some of Town and Country's top phony-baloney socialites to be seen. The General Manager John Mineo, Jr. is an ex-convict.

He was convicted with high school basketball coaching legend Floyd Irons and another person, Mike Noll. Mineo, Jr. was a mortgage banker and used Irons as the front man to obtain mortgages on multiply properties often pocketing the loan money.
Mineo was sentenced to Federal Prison for a year and a day, which is the lowest amount of time required with felony convictions. He was also ordered to repay $653,147 to banks that were cheated in the scam.

As part of his plea deal Irons had to admit to Missouri High School Athletic Association officials that number of illegal players from outside the school boundary area and even from outside of Missouri he used while head coach at Vashon High School, a St. Louis Public School. Most of the State championship basketball titles won by Vashon High were stripped.

Here is a link to a good Riverfront Times article on the fraud:

http://www.riverfronttimes.com/newsblog/2008/03/25/floyd-irons-mortgage-fraud-saga-the-end-2614210

Now the lawsuit filed by A Sound and Video resulted in a consent judgment. The judgment was $2,207. That is between 40 and 50 meals at Mineo's. Instead of writing a check and paying it back, Mineo's is paying off the bill with $100 month payments that began on April 14, 2015.

In 2013 after the Charley B Trio played at Mineo's they were not paid. Instead the group's leader was told to "come back next week." More than two weeks later they were finally paid.

I have written in the past that after the dinner rush, Mineo, Jr. will hang at the bar where he appears to be an extra in an episode of the Sparano's.

Here is a copy of the Consent Judgment with the payment plan:

In the
CIRCUIT COURT
Of St. Louis County, Missouri

A Sound and Video
Plaintiff(s)

vs.

John Mineo et. al.
Defendant(s)

4/14/15
Date

14SL-AC25401
Case Number

31
Division

For File Stamp Only

FILED

APR 14 2015

JOAN M. GILMER
CIRCUIT CLERK, ST. LOUIS COUNTY

CONSENT JUDGMENT

Plaintiff(s) appear(s) [in person and/or by counsel. Defendant(s) appear(s) [in person] and/or by counsel. Defendant(s) consent with Plaintiff(s) to the entry of a judgment in favor of the Plaintiff(s) and against Defendant(s):

Wherefore, it is ordered, Adjudged and Decreed that the Plaintiff(s) have and recover from the Defendant(s) as follows:

CIVIL ACTION

In the amount of:

$ 2,207.33 Principal
$ _____ Interest
$ _____ Attorney's Fees
$ 2,207.33 **Total plus costs**

LANDLORD-TENANT ACTION

for possession of the premises at:

_____
_____
_____

and for rents to the date of judgment in the amount of $_____ plus costs.

☒ Stay of execution upon payment of $ 100 per month beginning ~~4/15~~ 5-1-15 until such time as $1,600 has been paid to Plaintiff. Defendants shall make reasonable efforts to set up direct debit with Plaintiff's attorneys office for the monthly payments.

SO ORDERED:

Judge
31
04/14/2015

Attorney
#63290
Bar No.

Address

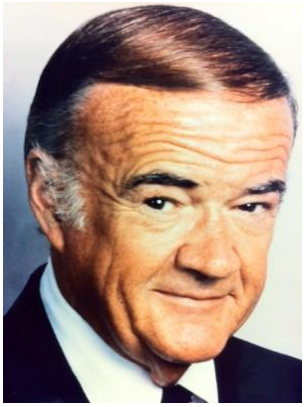
314-863-8833
Phone No.
Fax No.

(Attorney)(Pro Se Party)
4/10/15
Bar No.

4542 Wprne 63108
Address

314-361-5678
Phone No.
Fax No.

REAL ESTATE: An unusual find at an Estate Sale! The house of the late Mike Roarty, top ad man and marketing executive at Anheuser-Busch and his widow Lillian 2705 Convington Place in Town and Country off Clayton Road near Bopp is going on the market. The weekend of January 30-31 Davis Place held an estate sale at the house.

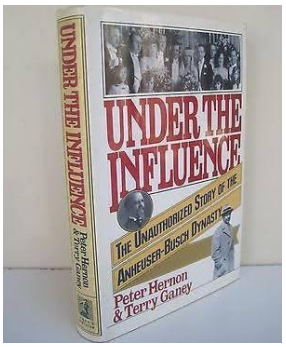


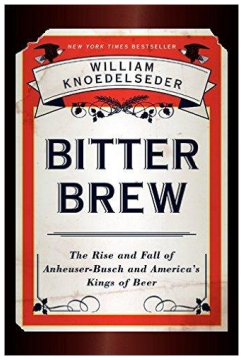
Roarty who was responsible for such classic beer ad campaigns and slogans as "This Bud is For You," Weekends Were Made for Michelob," "Give Me a Light," "Head for the Mountains of Busch," plus the Spuds Mackenzie campaign. However my favorite ad campaign of Roarty was a Michelob 60 second commercial with a very attractive lady walking into a jazz club with Frank Sinatra singing "The Way You Look Tonight." Here is link to the ad

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w171F7tND0o

Here is what I found on a first floor bookshelf that made me laugh. It was a copy of Under the Influence a 1992 book about the Busch family that went into great detail about the Busch family's scandals , divorces, crimes and buyouts. The book was written by Peter Hermon and former Post-Dispatch reporter Terry Ganey. A newer book titled Bitter Brew is more update and includes the dead woman in August Busch IV's bed in Huntleigh. But Under the Influence is much more detailed.

I bought a VCR of the 1944 movie Going My Way, that not only won the 1944 Oscar for Best Picture, but also best director (Leo McCarey), Best Actor (Bing Crosby), Best Supporting Actor (Barry Fitzgerald), Best Screenplay, Best Original Story and Best Song, " Swinging on a Star" (music Jimmy Van Heusen, lyrics by Johnny Burke). The song was a favorite with teachers for years ("By the way if you hate to go to school you could grow up to be a mule"…"If you don't care a feather of a fig, you could grow up to be a pig.") What a surprise to find a movie like this in an Irish guy's house.





I bought the copy of Under the Influence. I read it when it first came out and buy copies at estate sales to give to friends. However I never thought I would be buying a copy at the home of a former Vice-President of A-B.

UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 159

February 10, 2016

FORMER VILLA DUCHESNE TENNIS COACH PLEADS GUILTY TO STATUTORY RAPE AND SODOMY OF A STUDENT AT HIS CHESTERFIELD HOME: Javier Pozo the tennis instructor and former part time high school tennis coach at Villa Duchesne pled guilty 2-years 2-months after being charged with having sex with an underage female student at his home at 14625 Summer Blossom on the east side of Shoettler Road in Chesterfield.

Pozo, 47, pled guilty before Judge Michael Burton to Statutory Rape and was sentence to a SES probation term of 7-years. On the charge of Sodomy he pled guilty and was sentenced to nine-months in the County Jail and was given credit for time served of 10-days prior to making bail in the cases.

Pozo and his wife Nancy sold the house on Summer Blossom in 2014 after his arrest. They now live at 1682 Timber Hollow Drive in Wildwood.

We hope to have more on this case in a later newsletter.

CANDIDATE LOGAN TAKES A SHOT AT CANDIDATE POLITTE AND JANE CUNNINGHAM: Former Chesterfield Councilman Randy Logan who lost in 2013 to Dan Hurt getting only 25% of the vote is running again in Ward 3 to take the seat of Mike Casey, who decided not to run. His opponent is former 4-term former councilman Dr. Alan Politte, who is backed by Jane Cunningham and the local GOP.

At the February 1 meeting of the City Council Logan urged the council to do their jobs and not wait for after the elections to replace the city administrator and city attorney.

"It has come to my attention that Dr. Politte and Jane Cunningham want to delay certain appointments," said Logan. "This body is always one-year away from a 50-percent change. There may be political reasons why the Council should not do the people's business," said Logan.

Unfortunately for Logan one of the councilperson's who might have paid any attention to what he had to say, Bridgett Nations was not at the meeting.

Alan Politte and Jane Cunningham addressing the Council

Logan at the Feb 1 Council meeting. Logan arrogant enough in 2913 not to turn off his phone at an agenda meeting, but actually take calls.

Logan basically told the council to "be a man" and "do your jobs" and make the appointments because that is what the public expects you do to. The points of Politte and Cunningham were with at least a 25-percent change with Casey and Elliot Grissom not running for reelection and maybe more with Connie Fults facing a viable opponent in Tom DeCampi, why make an appointment the majority of the board could be against in eight weeks.

This is like the scenario in Ellisville back in 2013 when a new city council would surely turn down development plans for a Wal Mart. With Mayor Adam Paul having a vote on all issues the plans could be vetoed down. So the existing board, knowing they were about to be replaced impeached Paul to remove him and his veto. The impeachment was overturned and cost the residents over $100,000 in legal bills. The Wal-Mart store never got built.

A BILL WAS PREPARED TO HIRE A NEW CITY ATTORNEY AND THEN WAS NEVER CALLED. Mayor Bob Nation wants to have a search committee involved in hiring both a new city administrator and city attorney. While Nation doesn't choose the person for the City Attorney job, he has to approve the choice of the council.

At the February 1 Council meeting a bill was prepared and made public to vote to hire Daniel G. Vogel of the law firm Cunningham, Vogel & Rost. His hourly rate for attending meetings and handling up to 5-hours of inquires a month from councilpersons and staff would be $165 an hour. Other law firm members would charge between $145 and $190

an hour. Paralegals would charge between $80 and $135 an hour and senior attorney would bill between $195 and $335 an hour with Vogel garnering the $335 an hour rate beyond the first five hours.

Daniel Vogel

While it is sad that Vogel can't shave his chin, he has lived in the same house in Wildwood for 15 years. So he isn't a Ladue resident paying $20K a year in real estate taxes. He owns a 2013 Dodge pickup truck, he has three cars registered to him. Two Hondas and a Hyundai. The oldest car is a 1999 Honda Accord and the newest is a 2011 Hyundai Elantra. So at least he is not pissing money away on a Porsche or a $250,000 Bentley sports coupe like Ladue attorney Scott Rosenblum.

However the bill was never introduced. Before the meeting and after the meeting the Council met in closed secret session. We do believe that the ethically challenged city prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer is no longer being considered for the position.

CHESTERFIELD COUNCILS HIRES AN ATTORNEY TO WRITE A BILL FOR THE STATE LEGISLATURE. Here is a recommendation from City Administrator Mike Herring to hire an attorney, Rob Klahr to rewrite a senate bill that reportedly is "confusing" at a cost of $2,500.

PROPOSAL — LEGAL SERVICES RE: PROPOSED SALES TAX LEGISLATION
As requested by the City's lobbyist and endorsed by Mayor Nation, I secured a quote from Rob Klahr, an Attorney with Armstrong Teasdale (see attached), who serves as legal counsel for the Valley TDD Board. Mr. Klahr has previously done work for the City.

If approved by City Council, he would review legislation that has been introduced, in Jeff City, regarding the proposed "50% Cap", for an estimated total cost of $2500.

Apparently, from reading emails provided by both Mayor Nation and Mr. Brooks, the St. Louis County Municipal League has questions/concerns regarding the impact of that legislation on St.

Louis County and other cities in the Sales Tax Pool. Those concerns may, in fact, be baseless and/or potentially eliminated by a re-wording that Mr. Klahr may propose. Mayor Nation can provide further clarification at Monday's meeting.

If City Council wishes to authorize me to contract for his services, it would also be necessary to transfer $2500 from General Fund — Fund Reserves.

Please contact Mayor Nation, prior to Monday's meeting, if you have any additional questions.

The debate on this was interesting.

"This is to write the legislation correctly at the request of Sen. Schmitt.

"Is this worth the money, asked Connie Fults.

"I'm tired of throwing money at this. We are represented by elected officials who should write the bill," said Bruce DeGroot, who then flip-flopped and voted for it.

"We have spent around $200,000 on lobbyists since 2007. What I need to know is do we have a small chance of winning it (having the bill pass)," asked Mike Casey.

"If it passed we would see $272,000 in new revenue in the first year," said Mayor Bob Nation.

"It is back in Sen. Schmitt's Committee (Sen. Eric Schmitt of Glendale) and he killed it last year," said Mike Casey.

Here is how this vote broke down:

YEA	Nay
DeGroot	McGuinness
Fults	Grissom
Hurt	Casey
Flachsbart	

CHESTERFIELD WEEKLY CRIME REPORT:

CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
Media Report
January 27, 2016 - February 2, 2016

Close

Time of Occurrence	Generic Address	Business/Location Name	Incident Type
01/22/2016, 1730 01/25/2016, 1840	2XX THF BLVD	Total Hockey	Larceny over $500 Employer
Brief Narrative Description: 17 yo male gave unauthorized discounts on merchandise to customers who were friends.			
02/02/2016, 1325 02/02/2016, 1325	16XXX OLD CHESTERFIELD RD		Possession of Stolen Property License Plates
Brief Narrative Description: 55 yo male in possession of stolen license plates after being stopped for a traffic violation.			
02/02/2016, 1807 02/02/2016, 1807	14XXX CLAYTON RD	Briarcrest	Larceny under $500 from Residence
Brief Narrative Description: 27 yo female took checks from victim and forged them in other jurisdiction.			
01/30/2016, 1430 01/30/2016, 1448	17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD	American Eagle	Larceny over $500 Shoplifting (Retail Store)
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects concealed clothing and left store without paying.			
01/29/2016, 2030 01/29/2016, 2120	2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL	Finish Line	Fraud Credit Card
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects used victim's credit card information to make purchases.			
01/30/2016, 1800 01/31/2016, 1630	2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL	Victoria's Secret	Larceny over $500 Shoplifting (Retail Store)
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed clothing and left store without paying.			
01/01/2016, 1200 02/01/2016, 1400	18XX CLARKSON RD	Missouri Torah Institue	Property Damage to Business
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject damaged frame on outdoor storage shed.			
02/01/2016, 0600 02/01/2016, 0600	3XX CHESTERFIELD CTR 245	Business Masters	Fraud Bank Account
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject hacked into victim's email account and attempted to transfer money to another bank.			
02/01/2016, 1640 02/01/2016, 1640	2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL	Chesterfield Mall	Assault Common - Actual Assault
Brief Narrative Description: 34 yo male was intoxicated and appeared to have been assaulted. As officers and paramedics were treating subject, he made threats and then resisted arrest. Transported to hospital for other medical conditions.			
01/28/2016, 1705 01/28/2016, 1705	1XX THF BLVD	Sam's	Larceny under $500 Business
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took used car batteries from rear of business.			
02/01/2016, 1401 02/01/2016, 1401	17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD	Papaya	Fraud Counterfeit Bills
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject gave witness a counterfeit bill which she attempted to use at store.			
02/01/2016, 1427 02/01/2016, 1427	1XX THF BLVD	Sam's	Larceny over $500 Shoplifting (Retail Store)
Brief Narrative Description: 28 yo male took TV and walked out of store without paying. Subject also submitted a fraudulent prescription for a controlled substance prior to taking the TV. After arrest, subject damaged city property in the holdover cell while waiting transport to St. Louis County Intake.			
02/01/2016, 1425 02/01/2016, 1425	2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL	Lindbergh's	Larceny over $500 Shoplifting (Retail Store)

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects concealed clothing and left store without paying.			
01/31/2016, 0430 01/31/2016, 0430	6XX W CHESTERFIELD PKY	Chesterfield Police Department	Drugs Paraphernalia
Brief Narrative Description: 39 yo female in possession of marijuana paraphernalia that was discovered after she was placed in holdover awaiting pickup from another department.			
01/27/2016, 1530 01/27/2016, 1530	15XXX BLACK BIRCH DR		Possession of Stolen Property Other
Brief Narrative Description: 14 yo male in possession of stolen cellular phone.			
01/24/2016, 1000 01/30/2016, 1000	2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL	Gymboree	Larceny under $500 Shoplifting (Retail Store)
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject returned clothing for store credit. Later investigation showed the clothing as stolen the week before.			
01/31/2016, 1326 01/31/2016, 1326	2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL	Chesterfield Mall	Drugs Possession - Felony
Brief Narrative Description: 14 and 13 yo males in possession of marijuana paraphernalia after suspicious person check. 13 yo male also in possession of amphetamines and alcohol.			
01/31/2016, 1442 01/31/2016, 1442	17XX CLARKSON RD	Mobil	Fraud Credit Card
Brief Narrative Description: 37 yo female used a fraudulent credit card to purchase gift cards at gas station. After arrest, numerous other fraudulent gift and credit cards were discovered in her vehicle.			
01/31/2016, 1600 01/31/2016, 1600	CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD & CHESTERFIELD COMMONS DR		Assault Road Rage
Brief Narrative Description: 59 yo male threatened victim after road rage incident.			
01/31/2016, 1721 01/31/2016, 1721	2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL	Claire's	Larceny under $500 Shoplifting (Retail Store)
Brief Narrative Description: 12 yo female concealed jewelry, clothing, and makeup and left store without paying.			
01/31/2016, 2050 01/31/2016, 2050	5XX OAKLAND HILLS DR		Larceny under $500 from Auto
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject damaged victim's vehicle in an attempt to make entry.			
01/30/2016, 1410 01/30/2016, 1410	18XXX OUTLET BLVD	St. Louis Premium Outlets	Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor
Brief Narrative Description: 43 yo female and 46 yo male in possession of marijuana and narcotic paraphernalia. Also in possession of stolen clothing.			
01/29/2016, 1800 01/29/2016, 1800	20XX WINTERHAVEN CT		Assault Common - Threat
Brief Narrative Description: 15 yo female threatened victim via online messaging.			
12/07/2015, 1200 01/27/2016, 1200	11XX NOONING TREE DR		Fraud Identity Theft
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit card accounts.			
01/30/2016, 2030 01/30/2016, 2030	BRIGHTHURST DR & CRYSTAL SPRINGS DR		Drugs Paraphernalia
Brief Narrative Description: 17 yo male in possession of marijuana paraphernalia after suspicious vehicle investigation.			
01/30/2016, 1900 01/30/2016, 2135	4XX THF BLVD	Galaxy Movie Theatre	Larceny over $500 from Auto
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle and took a purse, clothing, and stereo equipment.			
01/30/2016, 1600 01/30/2016, 2305	16XXX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD	Annie Gunns	Larceny over $500 from Auto
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle and took a purse.			
01/28/2016, 1630 01/29/2016, 0945	17XX WESTMEADE DR	Westmont Apartments	Property Damage to Business
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject damaged two storage sheds on apartment complex property.			
01/29/2016, 2026 01/29/2016, 2026	2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL	Chesterfield Mall	Tobacco Violation

Brief Narrative Description: 17 and 16 yo males in possession of tobacco after suspicious person check.			
01/27/2016, 1130 01/27/2016, 1130	3XX N WOODS MILL RD	Parkway Central High School	Liquor Violation MIP
Brief Narrative Description: 15 and 14 yo females in possession of alcohol while on school property.			
01/28/2016, 1053 01/28/2016, 1053	I64 HWY E & LONG		Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor
Brief Narrative Description: 24 yo male in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation.			
01/28/2016, 1245 01/28/2016, 1315	16XX CLARKSON RD	Bread Co	Larceny under $500 from Auto
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle and took a gym bag containing clothing.			

01/28/2016, 1615 01/28/2016, 1630	4X CHESTERFIELD MALL	Macy's	Larceny under $500 Shoplifting (Retail Store)
Brief Narrative Description: 20 yo female concealed clothing and left store without paying.			
01/28/2016, 1955 01/28/2016, 1955	1XX THF BLVD	Walmart	Larceny under $500 Shoplifting (Retail Store)
Brief Narrative Description: Two 16 yo males concealed BB guns and a coffee drink and left store without paying. Also in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia.			
01/28/2016, 2149 01/28/2016, 2149	EDISON AVE & LONG RD		Drugs Paraphernalia
Brief Narrative Description: 21 yo male in possession of marijuana paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation.			
01/08/2016, 1200 01/27/2016, 1920	16XXX WESTBORO CIRCLE DR		Larceny under $500 from Residence
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took prescription medication from victim's apartment.			
01/27/2016, 0740 01/27/2016, 0740	14XXX CLAYTON RD	Parkway West High School	Liquor Violation MIP
Brief Narrative Description: Two 15 yo females and one 16 yo female in possession of alcohol while on school property.			
01/27/2016, 0126 01/27/2016, 0126	1XX RIVER VALLEY DR	River Bend Community Center	Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor
Brief Narrative Description: 21 yo male in possession of marijuana after suspicious person check at closed community building.			
01/26/2016, 1800 01/27/2016, 0700	10XX NOONING TREE DR		Property Damage to House
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject spray painted graffiti on side of house.			
01/26/2016, 1945 01/26/2016, 1945	6XX SPIRIT DR	Mohela	Harassment/Threat Phone
Brief Narrative Description: 44 yo male made threatening statement to customer service representative of business.			
11/29/2015, 1215 11/29/2015, 1215	16XXX OLD CHESTERFIELD RD	Chesterfield Antique Mall	Checks Account Closed
Brief Narrative Description: 30 yo female passed a closed account check to business.			
01/13/2016, 1200 01/13/2016, 1200	16XXX MARCROSS CT		Fraud Deceptive Sale/Advertising
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject sent victim a fraudulent check in an attempt to convince victim to send money back.			
01/27/2016, 2145 01/27/2016, 2145	21XX WHITE LANE DR		Assault Common - Actual Assault
Brief Narrative Description: 46 yo male pushed victims after argument causing no injuries.			

REAL ESTATE II We reported last week how Lutheran Senior Services had taken over the Cedars of Town and Country hoping to tap into the Town and Country and Chesterfield areas. LSS is known for higher upscale units for senior living, assisted living and nursing care units.

The day after I posted that story I drove by the facility on the South Forty Outer Road almost to Mason Road. I found that LSS was wasting no time and put up new temporary signage.

The facility has about a 40-percent occupancy rate. One entire floor is empty. LLS is planning to remodel and upgrade that floor first, move residents into the improved rooms and then work on the other levels.

The LSS folks are going to have to battle bad word of mouth about the Cedars of Town and Country but are wasting no time in getting the job done.

THE HOT STOVE LEAGUE is the time after the last football game and seven weeks before the start of the baseball season It was known as years ago when baseball fans sit around a pot belly stove at the back of the general store and argue about the upcoming baseball season.

From 1998 to 2005 I was a baseball writer covering teams in five different minor leagues on the East Coast. I wrote game day stories for a website and newspapers, weekly columns in six different newspapers and a monthly magazine column. I liked the minor leagues better than the major leagues because the players were happy to talk to reporters, which isn't always the case in the big leagues. Also the stories were much more compelling because most of the players I would write about had no chance of ever making it to the big leagues. I thought it would be interesting for some of the readers of this newsletter to get a shortened version of a feature on a player followed by what they are doing now.

The first player is Matt Minter. When people ask what the most interesting story I ever wrote in eight years of covering 140 games a year, the one about Matt Minter is the first that comes to mind.

Matt grew up in the suburbs of San Francisco and dreamed of pitching for the hometown Giants or A's. But his mother got transferred to Houston, Texas. Matt played high school baseball but without going into too much detail admitted he was not focused. He did an early enlistment into the Marines Corps in his junior year of high school and went into the Marines upon graduation a year later. Since he was joining the Marines he did not bother to take any college placement tests.

"Out of high school I needed direction. I was confused. The Marines was what I needed," Minter told me in 1999.

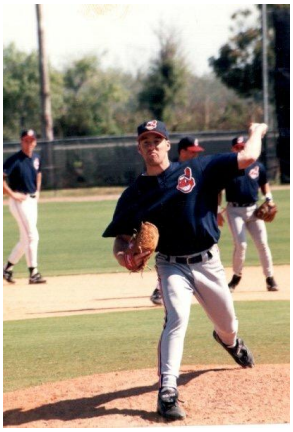
Prior to entering the Marines he did take a pre-induction exam. Apparently he scored near the top of the test. When he finished basic training he was shipped to the University of Illinois where he was enrolled in meteorological classes to do weather forecasting. After a semester at Illinois he spent the next 3 1/2 years rotating between Marine Airbases and field units. His duty stations included Japan, civil-war torn Somalia and finally Hawaii.

"My last three months in the Corps I was in Hawaii. I hadn't touched a baseball in four years when I decided to join a city recreation league team with players between the ages of 18 and 50," said Minter.

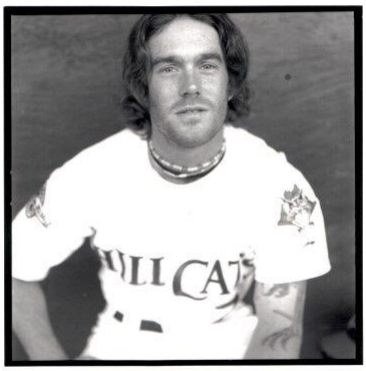
"Being left handed I did most of the pitching for my team. The coach of the University of Hawaii saw me and wanted me to enroll, but I hadn't taken the SATs in high school. He sent me to Lassen Junior College in Northern California. (Athletes without SATs could establish an academic record at a JUCO and be eligible for a sports scholarship after a year.) The day I was discharged I was on a plane to California," said Minter.

The Lassen JUCO baseball team played in the California JUCO World Series (The teams from California were so good they played in a State Championship and not with the rest of the JUCO teams in the U.S.) Minter was seen by baseball scouts and was drafted by the Cleveland Indians in the 54th of the 1996 draft. In less than a year from leaving the Marines Minter had signed a professional baseball contract.

He was successful in 1996 in the New York-Penn short season league where he went 2-1 with 3 saves and a 2.50 ERA. The next year Minter was in the full season South Atlantic League (SALLY LEAGUE) with a 5-3 record and 2 saves when he blew out his elbow and had to have Tommy John surgery. He missed the 1998 season.



After the surgery and rehab the Indians released Minter and the Pittsburgh Pirates signed him. He was pitching the High-A Carolina League for the Lynchburg Hillcats in 1999. When I interviewed him in June he was having an excellent season with a 2-0 record and a 3.46 ERA with 24 strikeouts and just seven walks. Unfortunately the second half of the season did not go as well for Minter as he finished with a 3-2 record and a 5.03 ERA. He was released by the Pirates at the end of the 2000 spring training.



In 2000 and 2003 he played in a total of 43 games for two non-affiliated teams in independent leagues. He also spent 2002 in the Taiwan Major Leagues.

Matt is now a financial services advisor in the State of Washington.

Here is an update from Matt on what he has been up to in the 17 years since I wrote that article about him that appeared in the Gazette Newspapers and on a baseball website.

Greetings Mr. Hoffman –

Thanks for the inquiry.

Yes, I would be that same LHP from 1999.

Can you believe how fast 17 years goes by?!?!

Getting over baseball is the hardest thing that a minor league player can ever do. There comes a point where the player has to evaluate their future, whether they hang on to a dream or participate in the real world.

After the season at Lynchburg, I had a great Spring Training with the Pirates, but was let go with only 1 day left in camp. That was the beginning of the end.

2 seasons in independent ball and 1 season in the Taiwan Major Leagues (2002) was the point where I decided to hang them up.

Leaving baseball and pursuing a more long-term realistic strategy was the best decision that I ever made.

To get where I am today, I worked several entry level positions (Roof sales, Telecom sales, Web storage sales, Call Center for Fidelity Investments, Financial Advisor for Morgan Stanley Smith Barney).

I went back to college in 2008 and finished my Bachelor Degree in Financial Services.

Today I am a partner in a Financial Planning firm (Series 7, Series 66 and CFP).
Most baseball players would probably agree that the competitive spirit is always there, guiding us to employment that offers some sort of competition (SALES!!).

Baseball is now a thing of the past, I have lost the enjoyment of watching and playing. Golf is now my athletic vehicle.

I still have your original article clipped out and saved in my scrapbook (Marines to Baseball). It continues to play a big part in my memory. Thank you.

Warmly

Matthew H. Minter

LPL Financial Consultant

NEXT WEEK THE COMPELLING STORY OF RICK SHORT.

BREAKING NEWS

BURGLAR HITTING AREA HOMES ARRESTED SUNDAY BREAKING INTO A HOME IN FRONTENAC. Robert Lee Delp, Jr., 48, was arrested by Frontenac Police on Sunday for burglary and stealing. Delp was arrested by officers responding to an alarm sounding call at a house off of Geyer Road on Sunday February 7, 2016.

There have been a rash of burglaries in Town and Country along Clayton Road from the edge of Frontenac to Topping Road and down Ballas Road into Des Peres for over two months.

At the time of Delp's arrest in Frontenac he gave the address of the Missouri Department of Corrections Halffway House on First Street in St. Louis.
This is awfully familiar as in 2011 Delp was arrested by the Town and Country Police for committing burglaries on Ballas Lane and Country Aire along Ballas Road. At the time of those offense Delpt was living at a MoDOC halfway house. By the time he was arrested he was back in prison and the County Prosecutor did not pursue the cases.

At the time he was arrested for committing two stealing offenses anda Burglary 1st Degree (while people in house) he was living at the same halfway house.

Amazingly St. Louis Judge Joseph Dueker set bond of a longtime convicted burglar still serving a sentence at a halfway house who has a history of committing felonies while at a halfway house during pre-release, at a mere $20,000.

Here are some of Delp's past arrests:

Offense Date	Crime	Police Agency	Conviction date and Sentence
06/07/11	Burglary 2nd	Clayton PD	PG 12/14/12 7 years Prison
06/07/11	Stealing O/500	Clayton PD	PG 12/14/12 7 years prison
06/21/11	Burglary 2nd	Clayton PD	PG 12/14/12 7 years prison
06/21/11	Burglary 1st	Clayton PD	PG 12/14/12 10 years prison
06/21/11	Robbery 1st	Clayton PD	PG 12/14/12 10 years prison
05/22/11	Burglary & Stlg	Town & Ctry	charges dropped in plea deal
04/30/11	Burglary & Stlg	Town & Ctry	charges dropped in plea deal
01/09/06	Stealing O/500	St Charles Co	PG 11/13/06 Probation
		Probation Revoked	03/09/09 7 years prison
12/28/05	Stealing O/500	Town & Ctry	PG 01/16/09 5 years prison
12/28/05	Stealing O/500	Town & Ctry	PG 01/16/09 5 years prison
12/20/05	Burglary 1st	Town & Ctry	PG 01/16/09 5 years prison
11/07/05	Misd Drug Vio	St. Charles Co	PG 10/19/06 5 days in jail

We hope to have more information about these cases in future newsletters.

I think we can all see a problem with the Missouri Department of Corrections and Board of Parole. Delp was supposed to be in prison until 2022. Even if he had 50-percent of his sentence reduced he would not be out until December 2017. Instead he is breaking into houses in January and February 2016.

THORNHILL HOME PLANS HAVE NEIGHBORS UPSET! SOME RAISE ISSUES WITH SUBDIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Thornhill subdivision residents are none too happy about the plans of a giant house proposed to be built at 13354 Thornhill Drive. The prior owner of the property is none too happy with his upset neighbors.

Above is the planned house that has not yet been approved by the Architectural Review Board and the existing home. Neighbors are not happy about the size of the house as it closes in on side property boundaries and set back lines. Residents in the Mason Grove subdivision where million dollar houses are built on rock from a former quarry are worried about storm water runoff.

There was an impromptu meeting of some neighbors, the new owners and the former owner of the property.

The former owner of the property is Abid Nisar who owned the property under several different guises.

Nisar lives in the "Thornhill Marriott" at 13300 Thornhill Drive. He is an oncologist who had his licenses to practice in Illinois and Missouri suspended after he was convicted of illegally bringing into the United States unapproved and mislabeled cancer drugs from the Middle East. He was also forced to pay back Medicare $1,000,000 in billings for unapproved drugs. He recently lost a civil suit filed by a former patient over the use of unapproved drugs and had a $488,753 jury award against him.

Nisar bought the property in question at 13354 Thornhill in 2004. In 2005 he sold it to ANS Properties, LLC. The principle officer of ANS Properties is Abid Nisar.

In 2010 ANS Properties sold the house to West County Properties. The principle officer of West County Properties is none other than Abid Nisar.

In 2014 West County properties sold the house to Muhammad Attique. During the 10 years the Nisar and his LLCs owned the house it was an on again and off again rental. County tax records show the **current 2015 taxes of $6.754 have not been paid**.

Muhammad Attique

The house that he and wife "Neelan Khan" own in unincorporated West County at 379 Arbor Glen Drive **has an outstanding tax bill of $4,539**.

379 Arbor Glen Dr

Attique has several businesses associated with him. He is listed as an owner/principle of the Imran Pharmacy on Arbor Glen (his house) and according to lawsuits at 3737 N. Kingshighway Suite 100 St. Louis, IRM Enterprises which he is the resisted agent with an address also at 379 Arbor Glen Drive and Advanced Pharmaceuticals at 16907 Lewis Spring Farm Road in Wildwood where he is one of four principles.

The meeting called at the last minute was held on the parking lot of the Thornhill Swimming Pool. We were told that while Attique tried to answer questions, Nasir got upset with neighbors and told them they had no right to ask questions.

The plans for this house had been before the Architectural Review Board in December and were not passed. The matter was continued to January and then at the applicant's request in January were continued to February.

At February ARB Meeting residents mention subdivision trustees not being open with homeowners and a possible conflict of interest. On February 8 at the Architectural Review Meeting, despite a request to continual the proposal to March by Attique's architect 15 Thornhill residents showed up.

A number of them spoke about the need for proper landscaping and appropriate designs that fit in the neighborhood. However there are currently four monster size houses recently built in the subdivision all by Pakistani nationals that only match themselves and not any of the other 116 homes.

However Steve Hamilton, a former four-term Town and Country alderman spoke and mentioned that Thornhill Trustees are not notifying residents about the proposal or sharing plans they received. Service director Craig Wilde asked for all the residents to give him their email and he will notify them when revised plans are submitted.

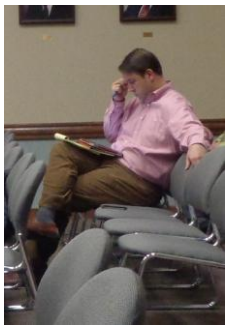
The problems with the Trustees of the Thornhill subdivision date back to 2014 when Randy Stevens the president of the Thornhill Trustees came to two Police Board meetings and lied to commission members about there being overwhelming support for

residents to be able to drive golf carts on the subdivision streets. In fact after another resident did a professional survey of residents it turned out to be overwhelming support AGAINST golf carts.

When two trustees were reelected in April and they asked Stevens to step aside as president due to his lying to the police commission and residents, he refused to. They both resigned. One was Steve Hamilton's wife, Ann Hamilton.

Now some residents are mentioning that trustee Tim Walsh, a lawyer who ran for alderman in 2015 against Tiffany Frautschi and lost in a landslide, has represented Muhammod Attique in past legal dealing. (We could find nothing on casenet, but that only involves actual lawsuits.)

Only a few subdivision residents were notified of the meeting with Attique, Nasir and the site's architect at the swimming pool parking lot on January 31. That has added another layer of distrust between residents and trustees.

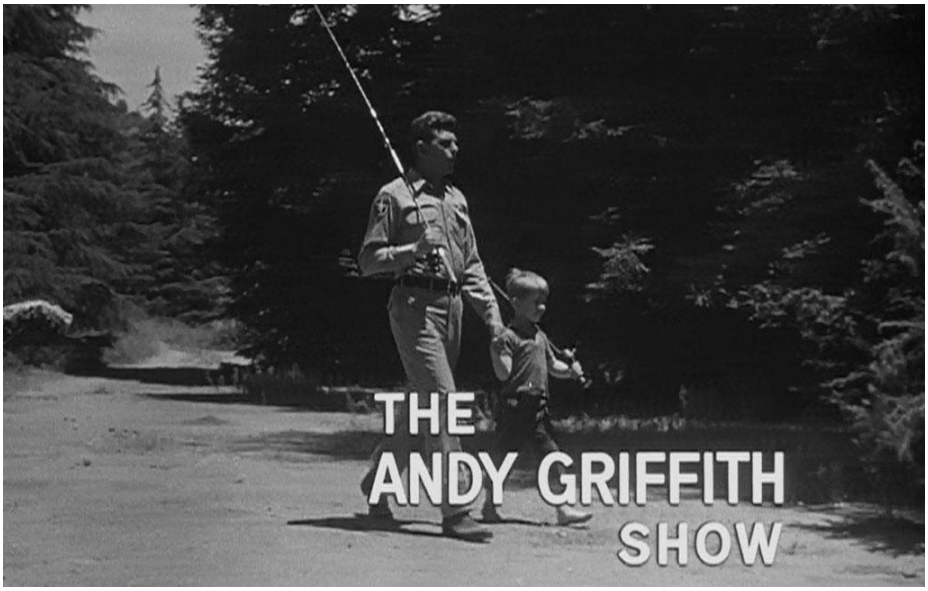


Randy Stevens (left) having a laugh with former alderman Tim Welby before being told NO to golf carts by the police commission . Tim Walsh in a 2015 photo, currently accused of a possible conflict of iinterest..

The ARB board voted to continue the matter to their March 14 meeting.

MUSIC: One of the musicians that appeared at our Ground Hog Day Party posted this video of Andy Griffith singing lyrics to the theme music of the Andy Griffith Show with a band behind him. It was kind of fun if you used to watch the show.

http://www.superstarmagazine.com/superstar-rewind-andy-griffith-sings-rarely-heard-lyrics-for-his-show/



GROUND HOG DAY PART II: These are some excellent photos by Valerie Tichacek from our Ground Hog Day party at the Riverbend.

Two crooners, Charley B and Jerry Moser yuk it up.

Dean Christopher

Famous St. Louis architect Ralph Fournier, who designed the modern contemporary houses in Arrowhead in Chesterfield, Greenwich Green in Town & Country and Tan-Tar-A in Lake of the Ozarks

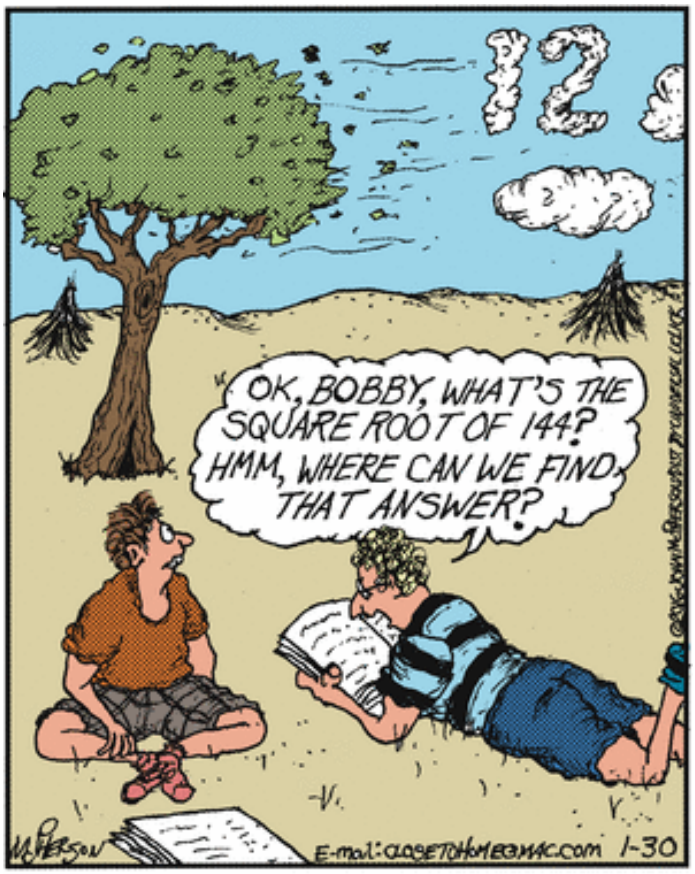
Snarlin Arlin on the drums

Jim Manley on the trumpet

Larry Johnson on the sax

Chris Swan doing his Uncle Fester look on the keyboard

CARTOONS: My favorite cartoons of the week.



Bob Dylan: The early years.

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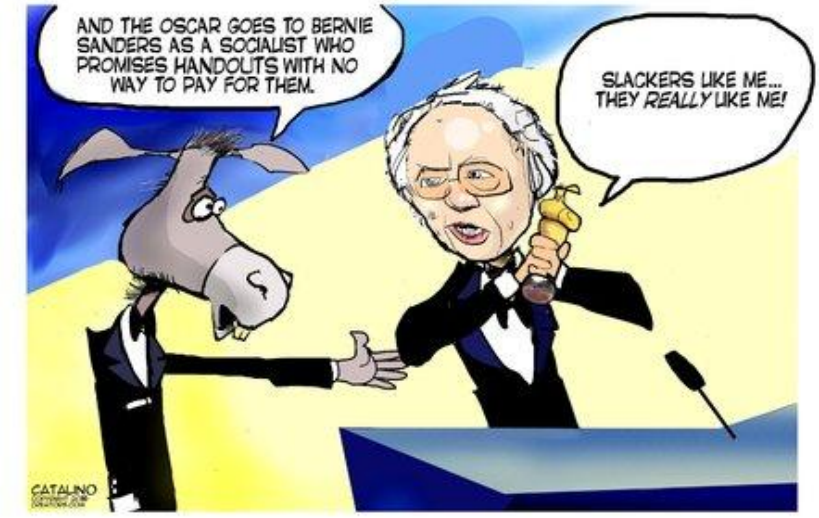
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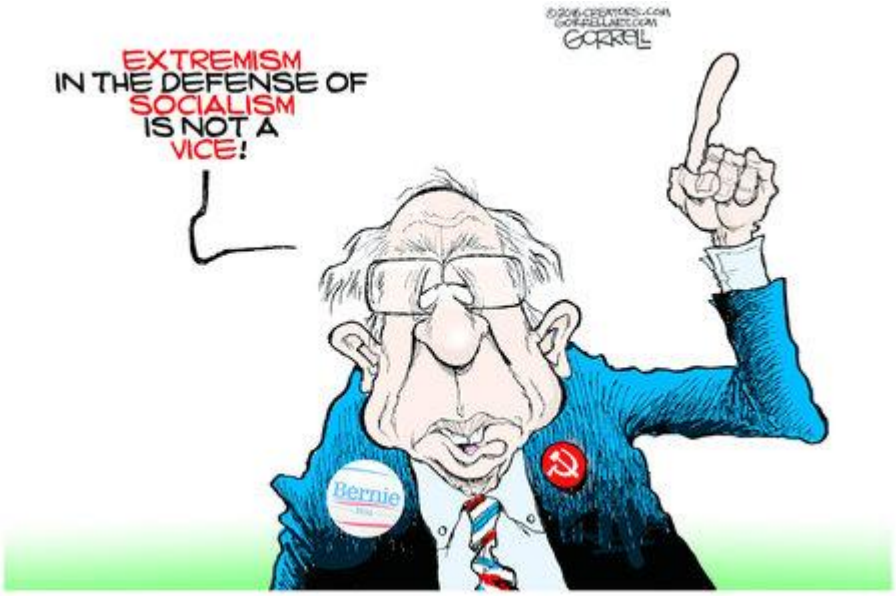
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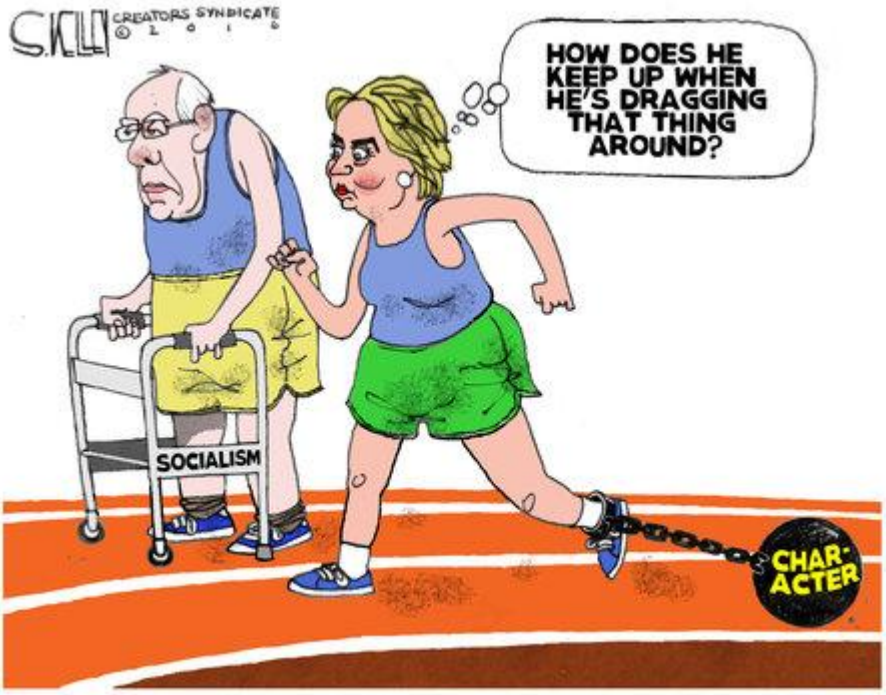
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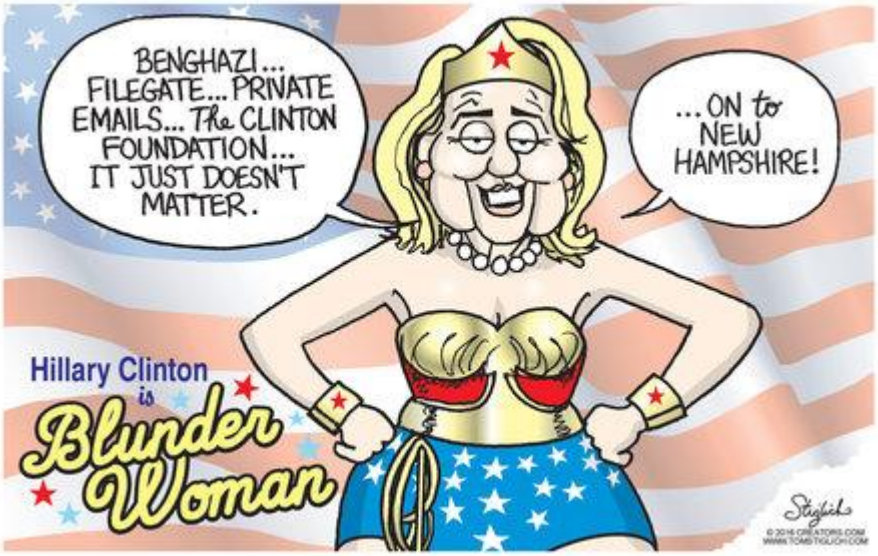
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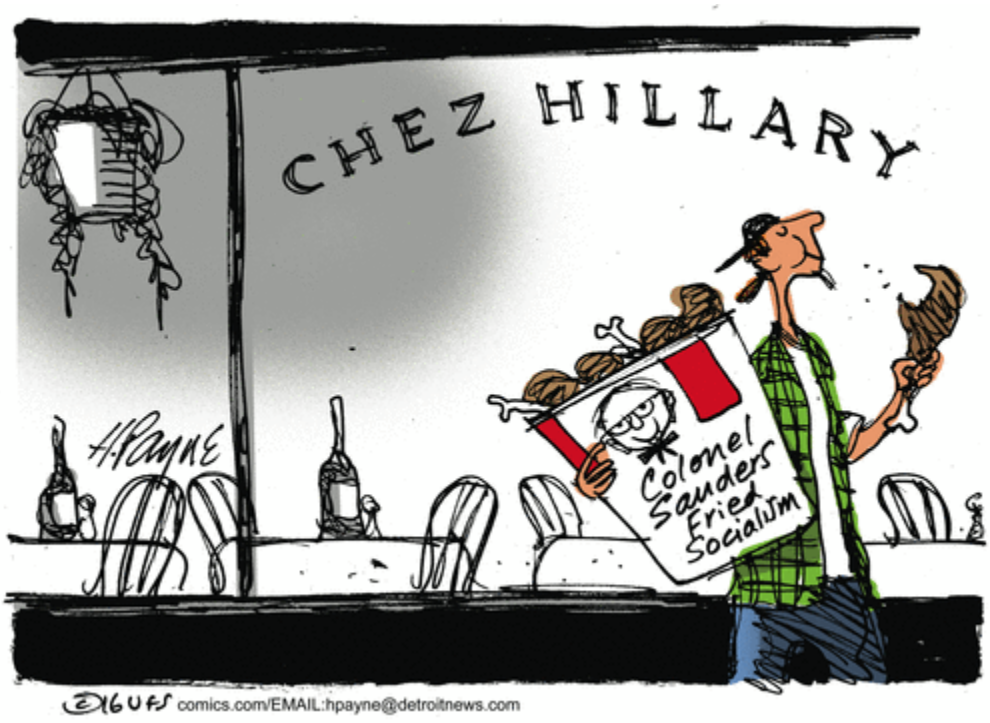
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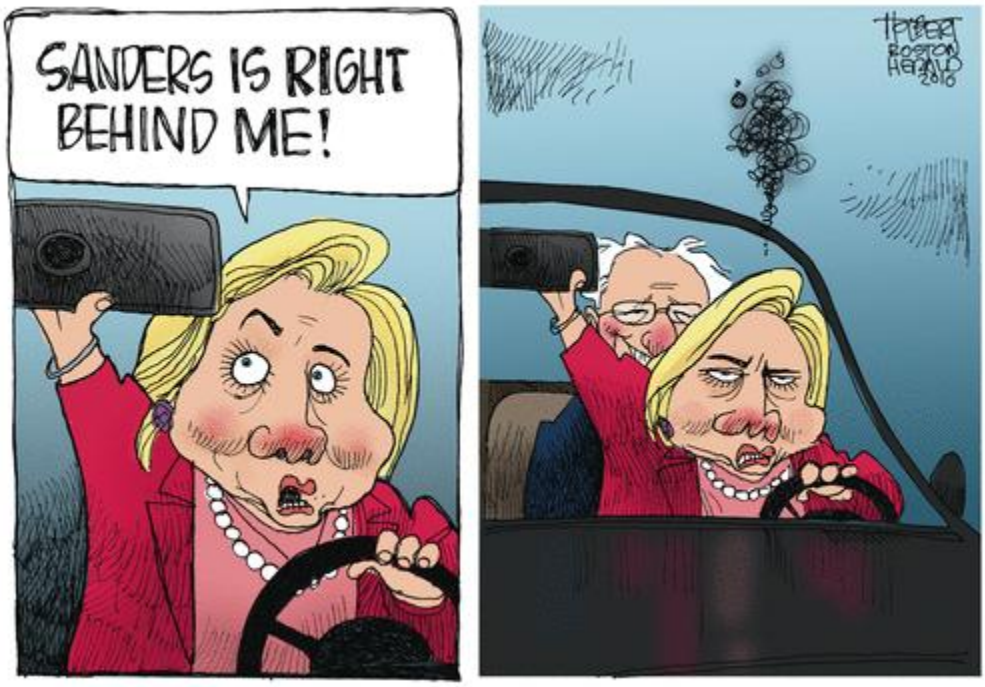
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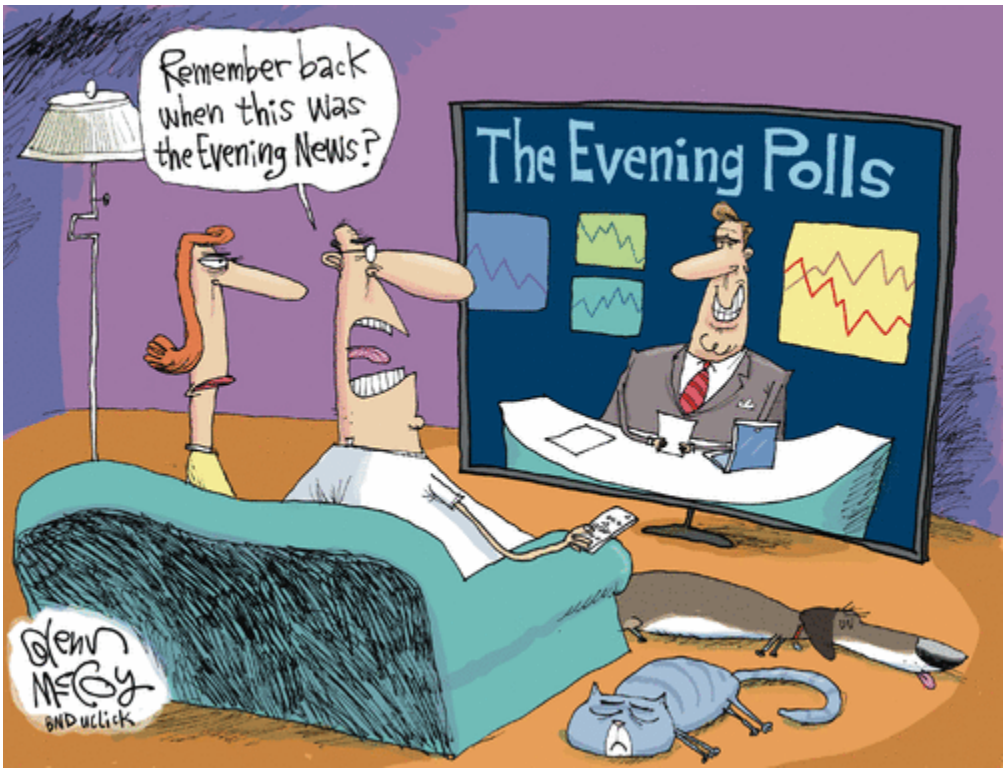
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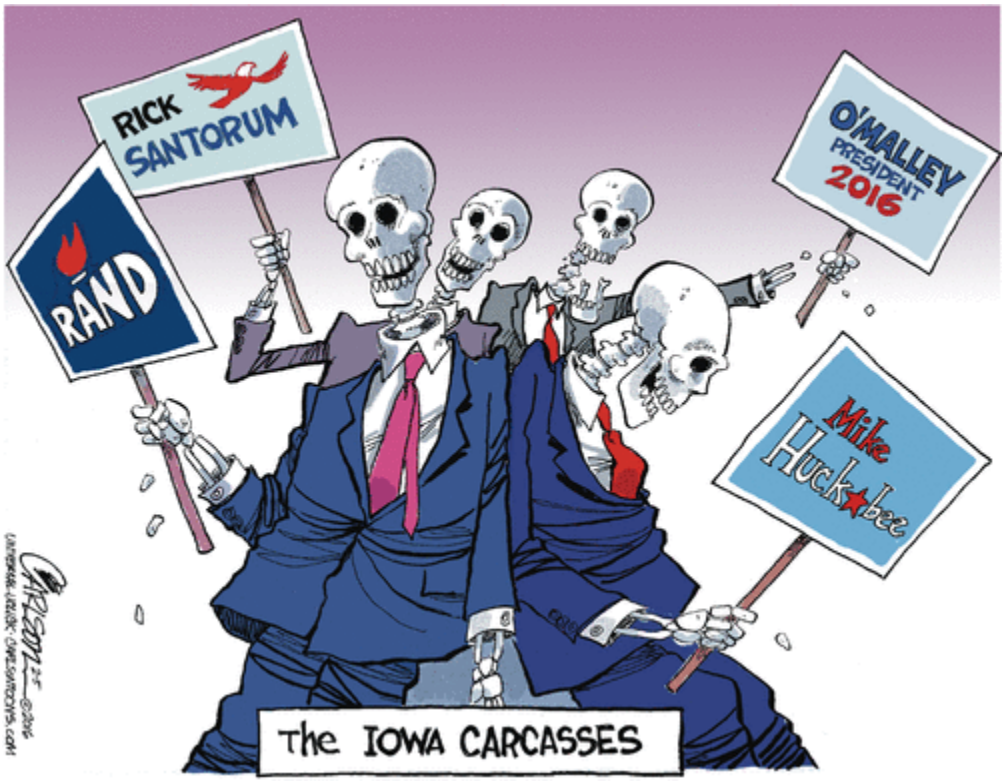
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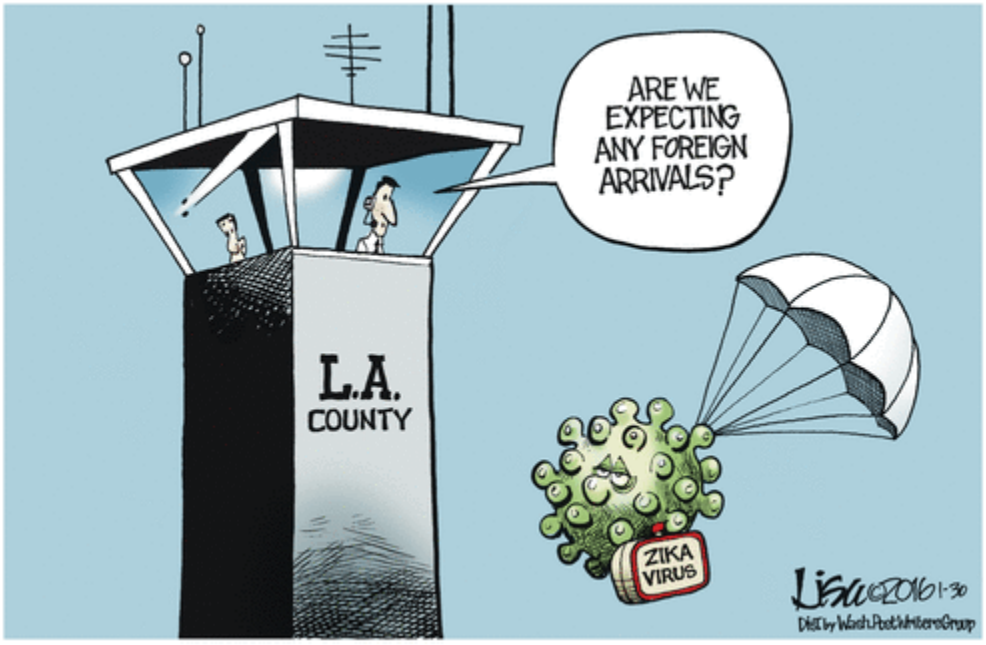

I have read Blondie ever since I was a little kid and went to the comic section first followed by the sports. Now the comics are last, once my wife finishes the Sudoku. I read Blondie out of force of habit. I rarely post any comic here that runs in the Post-Dispatch, but so few people subscribe now, I'm making an exception. Also I would never post a Blondie strip. Dagwood runs into Mr. Beasley going out the door. Dagwood fixes something to eat. Blondie and Tootsie trick Herb and Dagwood into watching football so they can go to a sale. However one recent Blondie cartoon featuring Dagwood as the office manager for Dithers and Co made me laugh!