

EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 242 AND CHESTERFIELD 187



By John Hoffmann

September 12, 2016

MORE CHARGES DISAPPEAR AND THEN ANOTHER NEW ARREST FOR CEDAR SPRINGS FELON: Kalaun Gray of 14361 Cedar Springs Drive, a Town and Country gated community off of Woods Mill Road has had more felony charges dropped but two felony drug charges reinstated.



In September of 2015 Gray was arrested in Florissant for 2-counts of drug possession and Illegal Possession of a Firearm.

Gray had been charged in October of 2015 with the early morning robbery of a Bridgeton gas station-convenience store where he allegedly stuck a handgun into the ribs of a clerk. He was later charged with a Robbery after stealing a cell phone from a woman in Bridgeton he had choked.

Both robbery charges were dropped by the County Prosecutors' Office when the victims became reluctant to testify or cooperate.

Prosecutors in Warrensburg scheduled hearings to revoke Gray's probation for Illegal use of a Credit Card. But, they dropped the revocation as the charges in St. Louis County began to vanish.

Then the drug and firearm charges from Florissant were dropped. But on September 2, 2016 the same drug charges were reissued minus the gun charge.

Also on August 12, 2016 Gray was arrested for Felony 1st Degree Assault, but no formal charges have been issued yet.

So for all those people living in the gated Cedar Springs Subdivision, fear not you have not lost your resident felon. He is still living with his lawyer father, Anthony Gray, in your neighborhood.



14361 Cedar Springs Parkway

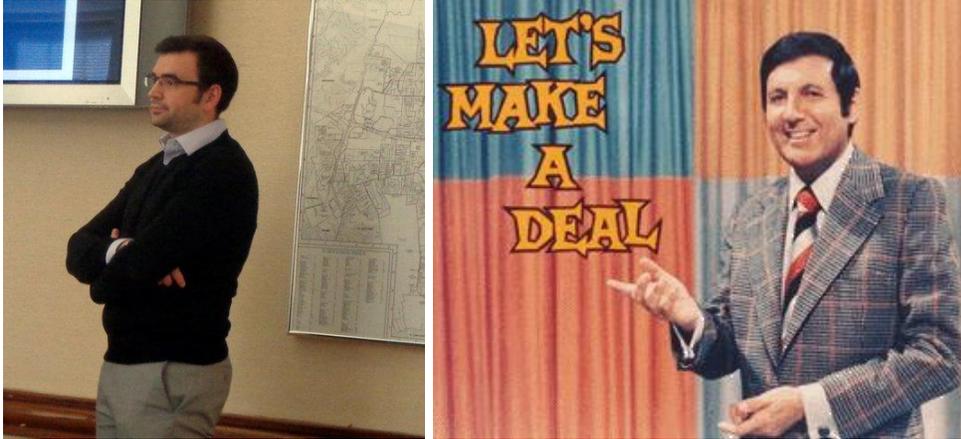
TOWN AND COUNTRY PROSECUTOR THINKS DOING 22-MPH OVER THE SPEED LIMIT IN A CONSTRUCTION ZONE WITH NARROW LANES DURING MORNING RUSH HOUR, IS NOTHING MORE THAN A PARKING VIOLATION.

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/s/ P.O. Wilson	00058		11/10/2015
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Russell T. Davis of St. Louis was driving a 14-year old Honda with Illinois license plates on Tuesday morning November 10, 2015 at 6:52 AM when he was clocked doing 72-mph in a 50 mph construction zone where the lanes were narrow along WB I-64 in Town and Country. Officer Wilson stopped him and cited him.

OUTCOME: Davis had the case moved to St. Louis Associate Circuit Court. There Town and Country prosecutor Ed Sluys instead of trying the case, reduced it from a 2-

point moving violation to an "Illegal Parking" violation that has no points associated with it and is not reported to the Missouri Drivers License Unit at DOR. Davis pled guilty to Illegal parking and was fined \$250. This is a very easy case for the officer to provide excellent testimony. There is no excuse to reduce this charge.



Ed Sluys, the English Town and Country version of Monty Hall.

Once again the City of Town and Country's prosecutor with the infamous Curtis, Heinz, Garrett and O'Keefe law firm has forced all of us good drivers to help underwrite the insurance of bad drivers by keeping moving violations off their record.

MAVERICK'S JURY VERDICT UPHOLD: Maverick Holmsley's verdicts of guilty in four counts of felony 1st Degree Sodomy were upheld on Tuesday September 6, 2016 by Judge Kristine Kerr after Holmsley's defense claim that a bailiff stopping an 80-year-old juror from leaving the jury room did not influence the juror to vote for Holmsely's guilt.



Maverick



Juror Hanna Colley

Testimony in the trial showed that Holmsley and five other Principia School students pulled sleeping 7th and 8th grade Principia students attending a summer football camp from their dormitory beds, beat them up and held them down while their anuses were probed with objects.

Juror Hanna Colley claimed a couple weeks after the trial she thought it was all a joke and just boys being boys and claimed a deputy sheriff assigned to the jury stopped her from walking out.

Colley was asked, as were all jurors in court, when the verdict was read if she agreed with the verdict and voted for guilty. She said yes to both questions.

At the special hearing Colley admitted the deputy sheriff merely stopped her and told her, she had to stay with the jury and never attempted to influence her vote.

Holmsley's sentencing is set for Friday September 30. It puts me in the mind of a TV jingle.

Who is the tall blond, pimply face stranger there?

Maverick is his name.

Riding the Christian Science trail to who knows where

Beating up 8th graders and sticking stuff in their butts is his game

Four of the co-defendants pled guilty to misdemeanor assault, where they received shock time in jail, plus probation terms. Only Joshua Brewer, of 6 Rutherford Place at the corner of Rutherford Lane and Clayton Road remains to be tried. Brewer is facing four counts of Felony Sodomy like Holmsley was. His trial is set for March 13, 2017.



Joshua Brewer



MORE COMMENTS FROM THE RESIDENT SURVEY:

The final section of the very long \$17,700 survey of Town and Country residents has comments under the title of "Is There Anything Else You Would Like to Add?" There was 348 more comments were left. In our last two newsletters we showed some of the comments under "Your Concerns" and "Town Square and Parks and Trails." We now finish up with "Anything Else."

Accept the fact that this is a bedroom community.

Alderman term limits

All other cities in the area have sewer lateral insurance. I've seen several laterals to the main sewers collapse in recent years at the home owners expense. Why are Town & Country lagging behind other communities.

Another comment, the city should consider offering a sewer replacement tax that provides for replacement of a broken sewer line on your property, saving the homeowner thousands of dollars. We are one of only 2 areas which don't offer this option in some form. Perhaps a city vote would be appropriate on this subject.

As a 30+ year resident of ward 1, I've probably emailed my aldermen 3-5 times over the years. So, I'm not a obnoxious, in-your-face resident. Never once have I received a reply.

BJC Pediatric Center should never have been voted in.

City government—they do not listen to the people. They seldom act on the citizen choices—Barnes Jewish building.

Craig Wilde is a great addition to your team, even though he's been there for a few years. Very considerate person.

Eliminate elected officials who have conflicting relationships

Encourage the aldermen and mayor to send out email updates. I get more frequent updates from John Hoffman.

Find solution to the deer population in town and country. / Eating our gardens and danger to the traveling on the road community.

Government does not need to artificially dictate a sense of community. If people want a community, it will evolve

Help us with the deer. We have two herds of 8 to 10 that eat all our plants. We have one idiot neighbor that feeds them! That should be illegal. I hit one with my car right by of my driveway.

I am becoming more and more disillusioned with living in T&C. I am dismayed by the lack of respect shown to citizens by the police and some city employees and elected officials (especially Craig Wilde and Lynn Wright). I would like to see more enforcement of traffic laws from both vehicles and bicycles (really a huge problem). I would also like to see police officers model appropriate driving behavior (follow the speed limit, not use a cell phone or texting when driving).

I hope the city comes up with stricter guidelines for new construction as it affects neighbors.

I would like something at the intersection of Ballas and Clayton that would be good for morning commuters like a starbucks, Tim Horton, Dunkin Doughnuts or a small independent.

I SUPPORT LEAF PICK-UP

I think the mayor's focus is no longer beneficial to our city.

I used to be very involved in the community....but that's when I thought someone was listening and cared.

I will repeat something I have said before. The ultimate unifying piece of a community is a high school. We can't really accomplish that, so some of our efforts to increase community is not money well spent.

I would like Town & Country to approve the ability to own and raise backyard chickens.

Intersection of Clayton and Mason needs widening and longer turn

lanes. This, and some enforcement, will stop people from cutting through Masonridge Road.

No more ugly sculptures. (ie. Longview Park)

Kill more deer-make killing the females (they bear more deer) a priority. Deer remain a serious threat to life and property in T&C.

Leaf removal from our curbs would be highly desirable (much more than chipping)

Leaf removal service like Frontenac

My road has little or no police supervision on a regular basis.

My comment re: better enforcement of traffic laws refers to my notice of an increase of speed on Clayton Road in the past year. It may have to do with the current construction on I-64. I often pull out of my street on Clayton Road with no one in sight approaching yet within seconds someone is right behind me & trailing extremely close.

No more parks, you're not very good at maintaining them. Sell the Wirth property, it was a bad idea from the start. Do something meaningful, like a sewer lateral program.

prosecutors and judges are too lenient on drunk drivers

Sell Preservation Park and Wirth to highest bidder. Approve Horton Bank development at Clayton & Ballas.

Sell the Wirth property to a private developer and concentrate on city services.

Speeding on Mason is uncontrolled. A car goes through the fence where Mason makes a 90 degree turn way too often.

Stop developing Town & Country

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just say "no". Stop adding nursing homes or allow city officials serve as lobbyists for nursing homes.

Subdivision entry gates should not be allowed. It's Town and Country Missouri not Beverly Hills California.

Having a mayor or alderman serve for multiple terms is not in the best interest of the community.

The black metal artwork/structure in the middle of the Longview Park is not a good fit for the traditional and country feel of the community an park.

the blighted corner at Ballas and Clayton is unfortunate and a "black eye" on our city. Too bad our aldermen voted down the excellent option of the Bank/Tim Hortons.

The city should enforce drunk driving laws and not offer no point plea bargains to offenders.

The Fire protection contract should go out for competitive bidding when the current contract ends. It should have been competitively bid this last renewal.
the sculpture at Long View Park looks like a lady dumpster diving. Get rid of it.

We need term limits. There seem to be too many "secure" deals that get passed by the council.

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Wondering if top leadership has become somewhat of a club versus a governing organization?

Would like to see enforcement of laws on the books, i.e., trash cans along Clayton Road.

Would like to see sewers along Clayton Road. If not possible, the maintenance of the ditches and culverts.

If you would like to see all the responses here is the link to the survey:

<http://www.town-and-country.org/DocumentCenter/View/1452>

UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 187



September 12, 2016

CHESTERFIELD WOMAN DRUG DEALER KEEPS GETTING ARRESTED. GUESS WHO HER DEFENSE ATTORNEY IS: Alyson Edwards, 23, has an address at 18257 Wild Horse Creek Road, a modest house in the high end of Chesterfield. Her parents, the owners Harry Edwards III and Cynthia have not paid their \$3,939 real estate taxes for last year yet. They have a lengthy five year record of judgments.

Alyson caught our attention due to the number of times she was being arrested for drug possession and drug sales. We wrote about her a couple of times. We now take a longer look.



07/29/16

March 29, 2016

March 12, 2016

November 12, 2015



September 25, 2015

07/29/16	Trespassing	
03/12/16	Domestic Assault	
11/11/15	Felony Possession of Narcotics	St. Louis County PD
07/14/15	Sale or Distribution of Narcotics	St. Louis County PD
12/16/13	License Revoked failure to take breath test after a DWI arrest	St. Charles County
11/20/10	DWI	Town and Country PD

Here is the Probable Cause Statement from a St. Louis County Narcotics Detective in her 2015 arrest where she and her boyfriend were selling Xanax:

Date: September 23, 2015

I, Joshua Weber, DSN 238A, St. Louis County Police Department, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true. I have probable cause to believe that on July 14, 2015, at 2131 Barrett Station Rd., Alyson Edwards, White, Female, DOB 01/01/1993, 5'06", 130lbs, committed one or more criminal offense(s).

Count: 01 DISTRIBUTION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE - B FELONY

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

Officers obtained reliable intelligence that suspect John Strain was selling Xanax pills in the St. Louis area. On July 14, 2015 Officers observed suspects John Strain and Alyson Edwards appear at 2131 Barrett Station Rd., with suspect Strain driving a Cadillac Escalade. Suspect Edwards was observed in the front passenger seat with a bag of pills on her lap. Suspect Edwards broke one pill in half and then provided Officer with 6.5 white rectangular pills, which lab analysis confirmed to be alprazolam, in exchange for \$40.00 in U.S. currency. Suspect Edwards immediately handed the currency to suspect Strain.

Joshua Weber, DSN 238A, St. Louis County Police Department

[Signature] Del. John 238A

As we reported in our October 18, 2015 newsletter Edwards, a accused felon living in Chesterfield is represented by Timothy ENGELMEYER, the city prosecutor who is supposed to keep the public safe from lawbreakers.



Engelmeyer

Edwards' facebook page is under the name Alyson Renee, using her first and middle names and dropping her last name. For someone facing felony charges I'm amazed it is still up. Here are a few photos:



Edwards' co-defendant is **John Dover Strain**, 24, of 16615 Overlook Hill Drive Ballwin. Below is **Strain's arrest and conviction record**.

- 07/29/16 Trespassing
- 03/12/16 Domestic Assault
- 04/28/15 2 Counts Felony Distribute Control Substance St. Louis County PD
03/07/16 Pled Guilty 5-year- SIS probation term
- 04/28/15 2 Counts Felony Possession of Controlled Substance St. Louis CO PD
03/07/16 Pled Guilty 5-year SIS probation term
- 07/14/15 Felony Distribute Controlled Substance St. Louis County PD
03/07/16 Pled Guilty
- 08/10/15 Felony Theft of a Credit Card St. Louis County PD
03/07/16 Pled Guilty 5-year SIS probation term
- 08/10/15 Felony Stealing Over \$500 St. Louis County PD
03/07/16 Pled Guilty 5-year SIS Probation term
- 08/10/15 Misdemeanor Fraudulent Use of Credit Card St. Louis County PD
03/07/16 Pled Guilty 2-year SIS probation Term

11/11/15 Felony Possession of Controlled Substance St. Louis County PD
06/13/16 Pled Guilty Placed on 5-year SIS sentence



John D. Strain 4/29/15 7/29/16

Strain pled guilty to eight, count'em eight felonies and was placed on a No-Record No-Fine, No-Jail probation. Five days after being placed on probation he was arrested for assault. He was arrested again a second time after being on probation, this time with Edwards for trespassing. How many breaks does Mr. Strain get before there is an actual conviction officially on his record?

Things at Edwards' house at 18257 Wild Horse Creek Road have to be interesting. Her father, **Harry F. Edwards**, is a regular in St. Louis County Circuit Court for tax and Div Employment Security Judgments. Here is a list of his recent court action:

05/16/11	\$506 judgment Div of Employment Security	Paid 03/20/14
05/18/11	\$1,098 judgment St. Luke's Hospital	not satisfied
06/17/11	\$514 judgment Div of Employment Security	Paid 03/20/14
08/25/11	\$453 judgment Div of Employment Security	Paid 03/20/14
02/06/12	\$2,682 judgment Div of Employment Sec	Paid 03/20/14
05/25/12	\$558 judgment Div of Employment Security	Paid 12/27/13
08/03/12	\$1,199 judgment Div of Employment Sec	Paid 03/20/14
08/03/12	\$674 judgment Div of Employment Security	Paid 12/27/13
11/09/12	\$1,615 judgment Div of Employment Sec	Paid 03/20/14
07/16/14	\$1,156 judgment Div of Employment Sec	not satisfied
11/05/14	\$1,105 judgment Div of Employment Sec	not satisfied
06/03/16	\$1,606 judgment Dept. of Rev Collections	not satisfied
07/13/16	\$1,308 judgment St. Luke's Hospital	not satisfied

**CHESTERFIELD MAN CONVICTED OF STEALING MEDICINE FROM VA PATIENTS
ARRESTED FOR AND CONVICTED OF VIOLATING A RESTRAINING ORDER:**

Richard Goldman, 62, who was living at 14600 Laketrails Court in Chesterfield was arrested in April of 2014 for Health Care Fraud and 2-Counts of Identity Theft while he worked as a nurse at the VA Hospital.

Goldman was directly stealing pain medication from patients, but also submitting paper work using patient information to a data base to get pain meds for his own use.

Three months later in a plea deal Federal prosecutors dropped the felony charges and Goldman pled guilty to a misdemeanor of Theft of U.S. Property. He was fined \$5,000 and placed on probation. That probation might be coming to an end if Goldman isn't careful.

On June 2, 2016 Goldman's wife Barbara, a retired counselor with the Parkway Schools sued for divorce.

On June 10, 2016 Richard Goldman was served a Ex-Parte Order of Protection prohibiting from contacting his wife or residing in the Chesterfield house.



Richard Goldman

His wife contacted the Chesterfield Police on June 11 at 10:21 am. She told Officers Budd and Adams that Richard Goldman was at the house and refusing to leave. She continued that after being served on June 10 Richard came to the house and asked to

remove his belongings. She said she left the house and told him he had to be gone by 10 am. Instead of packing and leaving on June 10 Richard stayed the night and was still there. (Judging from his mug shot it appears as if Richard may have been under the influence of something overnight.)

When he was contacted by Officers Budd and Adams, he had the Court Order served by a sheriff's deputy that day in his hand. According to the police report it stated:

I read the Ex-Parte that Richard had in his possession and explained to him that it clearly stated he was not to "Enter or stay upon the premises wherever the Petitioner (Barbara Goldman) may reside, place of employment or school located at (unless disclosure waived) 14600 Laketrails Court, Chesterfield Missouri 63017. See Ex-Parte #: 16SL-PN02684, which was filed in the 21st Judicial Court, St. Louis County, Missouri on 06/06/2016 and served by PO Queen, DSN: 259, on 06/10/2016.

Then came the lies! Goldman had also been served a copy of the court order by a Chesterfield police officer the day before. Again from the police report:

Richard stated he was told by the Police Officer he talked to yesterday that he could be there at 1000 hours to retrieve his belongings and a Police Officer would be there at that time. Richard stated the original copy of the Ex-Parte given to him by a Chesterfield Police Officer had a handwritten statement stating he had until 1000 hours to get his belongs. I asked Richard if I could see that copy of the Ex-Parte and he stated that copy was in his vehicle, but would not give me permission to retrieve it. I advised Richard that he should have called our station to ask if it was okay to stop by the residence.

PO Adams contacted PO Queen on his personal phone and asked him if he told Richard he could come to the residence and get his belongings at 1000 hours. PO Queen stated he had not told Richard that.

When you tell officers that you were served and the officer left a written note on the process paper saying you had until the next day to leave and then say the paper is in the car, but refuse to allow the police to get it, you are clearly lying and/or have something illegal in the car.

Then when the officer calls the officer you said gave you permission to be at the house an extra day and that officer denied ever saying such a thing, you are going to jail. Goldman was arrested and charged with a municipal violation of an Ex-Parte Order.

OUTCOME: On August 16, 2016 Goldman pled guilty to Violation of Ex-Parte Order in Chesterfield Muni Court. Judge Rick Brunk placed Goldman on a No-Fine, No-Record Probation term for one-year. It is a little late to try and protect Goldman's record or reputation. Even if he completes the Federal Probation (which he is having problems doing) and the Chesterfield Probation, his arrest, conviction and now this is on the Web forever. Brunk may as well have fined him \$200 to get his attention, but that would have not been like Brunk who bends over backwards to never actually convict anyone represented by a local lawyer. (We may have more to report on this story in upcoming weeks.)

CHESTERFIELD CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS IS STILL DRAPED IN A CLOAK OF SECRECY. Is there another Doorack in our future? You might think that after Elliott Davis and the KTVI "You Asked For It" news segment came to a Chesterfield City Council meeting in March, the new Council might be careful in hiding real estate deals from the public. Apparently they aren't! Perhaps the worst in this is long time Councilman Barry Flachsbart who appears to have sold "open government" down the river as he keeps voting for closed meetings.



Elliott Davis on the march at the Chesterfield City Hall

If you remember in 2009 the City Council voted to lease a vacant lot at Chesterfield Airport Road and Baxter for \$80,000 a year for 10-years and then have an option to buy it for \$1,000,000. For the first seven years of the lease the city has not used the vacant lot, costing it \$560,000, plus as part of the lease the City has been paying taxes on the property since it is not city owned. This boondoggle was pointed out by Elliot Davis.

The city did not announce the vote or the lease deal and it was not in the minutes, both required by Missouri Law. Yes, Chesterfield under then Mayor John Nations and City Administrator Mike Herring were violating Missouri State Law and keeping a stupid land deal a secret. This was pointed out by me.

Now for over three months the City Council has been meeting in secret executive session. The reason for the secret meetings at first was vague, but when pressed "real estate sale or lease" was given as the reason. I smell something rotten, especially since three councilpersons want to have discussion in public.

In August three councilpersons (McGuiness, DeCampi & Hurt) were voting not to go into secret session. "The citizens have a right to know how we want to spend their money," said Dan Hurt before voting not to go into Executive Session on a 5-3 vote.

At the September 7, 2016 City Council meeting councilpersons approved two prior secret executive session minutes and then voted to go into another secret session.

Also on the agenda of the cancelled Finance and Administration Committee meeting in August was an item to pass a bill to have engagement letters with three law firms. One of the law firms in the agenda item was Armstrong-Teasdale, for use in "special development, TIF, NID, TDD, CID and tax proposals." My Bull-Shit Meter was going off when the Interim City attorney Chris Graville told me that proposal was routine. It smells like they needed a special counsel for the real estate deal they keep going into Special Secret Executive Session and keep trying to hide from the public.

The nice thing on the evening was that Chris Graville did a 40 minute presentation on the Sunshine Law and pointed out to the Councilpersons that once a real estate sale or lease deal is completed all votes and minutes are immediately public records and must be posted and made available. Prior mayors and the last city administrator ignored this section of State Law.

BRIDGET NATIONS TRYING TO MAKE SURE THE PUBLIC DOES NOT ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY MEETING: It was announced that the first Public Health and Safety Committee meeting in a year **would be held at 7:30 AM** on Tuesday September 13.

Bridget Nations who is always late to meetings scheduled at 5:30, 6:30 and even Council meetings at 7 PM, is the 2016 chair of Public Health and Safety Committee, which is basically the "Police Committee." The City Hall is open from 8:30 am to 5 pm and evening meetings are normally scheduled for committee meetings. 7:30 AM meetings are not scheduled, until now.

When this time was announced, committee member Barry Flachsbart immediately announced he would not be able to attend. Flachsbart is a college professor and has

morning classes. That did not phase Bridget. Mayor Nation commented that they need to pass a law banning 7:30 AM meetings. He is right they should. Frankly two or three other members of the committee should not attend so there would not be a quorum and the meeting would have to be scheduled at a realistic hour.

If you were a member of the public how would you make a 7:30 AM meeting. Lots of people are normally still asleep or they just got up. Many people are getting their kids ready for school at 7:30 AM and of course there is heavy rush hour traffic.

All this does not seem to bother Nations. Even if no one from the public shows up you need to have meetings at reasonable times when the public can appear if they want to. It appears as if Bridget Nations does not give a shit about making sure the public has access to meetings.



Bridget Nations doesn't show up or shows up late for evening meetings, wants to punish council members, staff and the public by having 7:30 AM meetings.

We will have more on the September 7th Council Meeting in our next newsletter.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MOVED: In anticipation of an overflow crowd concerning the 300 Unit Luxury 40 Apartment proposal on South Outer Road at Schoettler Road the Planning Commission meeting for MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12 at 7 PM has been moved to the Doubletree Hotel Conference Center on Swingley Ridge Road behind the City Hall. The city is paying for the rental of the center. Really shouldn't it be the developer's cost instead of the residents?



CHESTERFIELD POLICE BLOTTER: The weekly roundup of what the police have been up to:

CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT Media Report August 31, 2016 - September 6, 2016

Time of Occurrence Generic Address Business/Location Name Incident Type

09/04/2016, 1710-1715 17XXX WILD HORSE CREEK RD Mobil **Property Damage to Business Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject damaged gas pump by breaking electronic screen.

09/06/2016, 2100 20XX CANNON HEIGHTS DR **2 Violation of Ex-Parte/Full Ord Ex-Parte Brief Narrative Description:** 52 yo male violated the conditions of a court order of protection by calling victim.

09/06/2016, 1643 13XXX OLIVE BLVD Steak N Shake **Assault Common - Threat Brief Narrative Description:** 17 yo male threatened victims after being refused to be rehired for job.

09/06/2016, 0115 20XX CANNON HEIGHTS DR **2 Assault Common - Actual Assault Brief Narrative Description:** 52 yo male and 47 yo female struck each other after argument causing moderate injuries.

09/05/2016, 0025 18XX SHADYWOOD CT **Overdose Accidental Brief Narrative Description:** 51 yo female accidentally overdosed on prescription medication when it was mixed with alcohol.

09/05/2016, 0110 7XX N GODDARD AVE **Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor Brief Narrative Description:** 26 yo female in possession of marijuana after being stopped for DWI.

09/03/2016, 1615-1714 18XXX OUTLET BLVD Saks Fifth Avenue **Larceny over \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: 50 yo female concealed clothing and left store without paying.

07/31/2016, 2058 - 08/29/2016, 1746 1XX THF BLVD Walmart **Larceny over \$500 Employer**
Brief Narrative Description: 19 yo female took cash and merchandise from employer while working.

09/05/2016, 1654 18XXX OUTLET BLVD Prestige Outlet Mall **Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor**
Brief Narrative Description: 18 yo male in possession of marijuana after being stopped for a traffic violation.

09/05/2016, 1630 18XXX OUTLET BLVD Saks Fifth Avenue **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: 24 yo female concealed shoes and left store without paying.

09/05/2016, 1730 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Charming Charlies **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: 21 yo female concealed watches and socks and left store without paying.

09/04/2016, 0047 CONWAY RD & S WOODS MILL RD **Drugs Possession - Felony**
Brief Narrative Description: 20 yo female in possession of Adderall and marijuana paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation.

09/04/2016, 0143 1XX BRIGHTHURST DR **Property Damage to House**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject dented victim's garage door.

09/03/2016, 2300-09/04/2016, 0900 14XXX WESTERLY PL **Larceny over \$500 from Auto**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle and took a watch and a purse.

09/03/2016, 2100-09/04/2016, 0800 14XXX WESTERLY PL **Larceny over \$500 from Auto**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle and took an iPod and sunglasses.

09/04/2016, 1342 1XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Dillard's **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: 34 yo male concealed clothing and left store without paying.

09/04/2016, 1130-09/04/2016, 1500 14XXX WESTERLY PL **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle and took loose change.

09/04/2016, 1300-1440 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Victoria's Secret **Fraud Counterfeit Bills**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects passed counterfeit currency at two stores in mall.

09/03/2016, 1532 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Victoria Secret **Larceny over \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took clothing from business without paying.

09/03/2016, 2130 14XXX COUNTRY RIDGE DR **Property Damage to Mailbox**
Brief Narrative Description: 26 yo male damaged three mailboxes in neighborhood.

09/03/2016, 1910 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Foot Locker **Fraud Credit Card**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's credit card information to make purchase.

09/01/2016, 2123 17XXX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD Phase II Investments **Larceny over \$500 Business**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject damaged and took copper wire to business electrical system.

09/02/2016, 1000 16XX TRADD CT **Fraud Identity Theft**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject accessed victim's financial account but did not change anything.

09/02/2016, 0917 7XX SPIRIT 40 PARK DR 125 **Fraud Scam**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject convinced victim to send money for fraudulent tax payment scam.

01/01/2014, 1200 13XXX WALFIELD LN **Fraud Identity Theft**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up loan account.

09/01/2016, 1200 12XX WINEMA DR **Larceny over \$500 from Residence**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took jewelry and cash from victim's residence.

07/29/2016, 1900-07/30/2016, 1900 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Chesterfield Mall **Fraud Credit Card**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's credit card to make purchases.

08/22/2016, 2250 1XX THF BLVD Walmart **Larceny over \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took electronics and ran out of store without paying.

09/01/2016, 1037 17XXX WHITE ROBIN CT **Assault Common - Actual Assault**
Brief Narrative Description: 53 yo female threw household items at victim after argument causing minor injuries. After arrest, marijuana and controlled substance located inside house.

09/01/2016, 1315 13XXX RIVERWAY DR D **Assault Common - Actual Assault**
Brief Narrative Description: 33 and 31 yo females pushed and threatened each other after argument causing minor injuries.

09/01/2016, 1415 2XX THF BLVD Lowe's **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: 53 yo female concealed power tool and left store without paying.

09/01/2016, 1300 17XXX BURNHAM CT **Fraud Scam**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject convinced victim to send money for fraudulent relative in jail scam.

08/30/2016, 2030-08/31/2016, 0650 3XX E CHESTERFIELD CTR Drury **Property Damage to Vehicle** **Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle.

08/30/2016, 2030-08/31/2016, 0700 14XXX TRAMORE DR **3 Larceny under \$500 from Auto**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicles and took sunglasses and emergency car tool.

08/26/2016, 0700 15XXX HITCHCOCK RD **Fraud Identity Theft**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit card account.

08/31/2016, 1230-1240 16XXX BURKHARDT PL YMCA **Larceny under \$500 from Person**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked locker and took money and credit cards.

08/31/2016, 1959 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Victoria's Secret **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting** **Brief Narrative Description:** Two 29 yo females concealed clothing and attempted to leave store without paying. Also in possession of other stolen clothing and prohibited theft device.

08/18/2016, 0700 - 08/29/2016, 0700 1XX VONBEHREN DR **Fraud Credit Card**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's credit card information to make purchases.

What was remarkable this week, it was the first police blotter all summer where the Sunglass Hut was not listed as a victim. However, Victoria's Secret was a shoplifting victim numerous times.

NEW BUSINESS FOR THE VACANT LESTER'S RESTAURANT AT 14810 CLAYTON ROAD. The Shack is coming to Chesterfield. It is a 7am to 2pm joint for breakfast and lunch. It is pricey. In Frontenac The Shack took over at the former location of The Pig, which was also the Frontenac Grill, a hair dressers and 40 years ago was a Coco's. They will be opening soon in Chesterfield.



Lester's closed on November 3, 2014. Next location for a Shack.

The Shack just received a liquor-by-the drink license. Let me repeat. They serve breakfast and lunch and are open from 7 am to 2 pm. How about a nice draft with those scrambled eggs? Instead of orange juice with that omelet how about a screwdriver?

Here is the link to their website with food and drink menus:

<http://www.shackstl.com/>

BIG GOVERNMENT VERSUS THE LITTLE GUY: The Fruit Stand was originally a Dunkin Donuts built in the 1970s on Manchester Road at almost Sulpher Spring Road and Baxter Road. For over 40 years it was owned by the Patel family and it has been many things other than a doughnut shop.

A year and a half ago it was sold to Keith Rapp, whose family for three generations has operated fruit stands in the region, usually under a tent in the summer. The old Dunkin Donut opened as "The Fruit Stand: on April 22, 2015.

Out in front of the business there had been a chalk board with daily specials, it was something that you would see at produce stands in the country.



We NEED our Sign!!!
Do you miss our Sign???
Please let the City of Manchester know!

In the world of Town and Country Alderman Skip Mange, this type of sign is a "period piece" with a connection to the past. Things went well for the Fruit Stand until a City of Manchester code enforcement arrived in February and wrote them a citation for having an inflatable on their roof to give attention that they were selling roses for Valentines Day. I don't like inflatables and I think the City of Manchester had a point and did a proper enforcement action, until last week that is. (Stay with me on this.)

The Fruit Stand was issued a citation and store manager Lorrin Charboneau went to Manchester City Court and was fined \$150. (Soon you will see some selective enforcement in the inflatable sign and other sign enforcement.)

The code officer then came back at the beginning of the summer. The Fruit Stand was issued two citations for the chalkboard sign.

According to manager Charboneau, those violations resulted in fines of \$400 each. They had an attorney the the lawyer fees were at \$2,000. The Fruit Stand's margin could not handle almost \$3,000 in legal loses. Charboneau told us they had been on a city agenda for a sign variance for last week. But suddenly without explanation they were removed for the agenda.

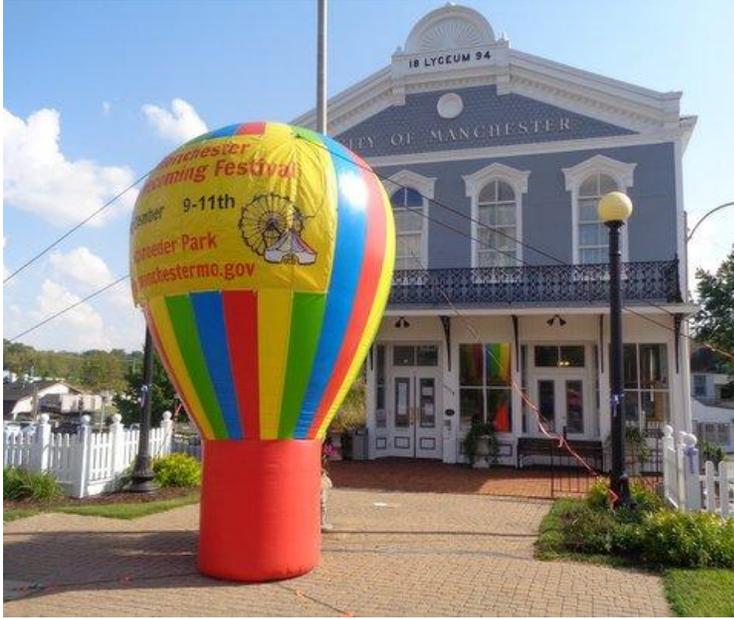
They have put signs on the door and at the checkout counter asking for Manchester citizens to contact alderpersons and attend meetings.



The Fruit Stand manger Lorrin

Charboneau.

IRONY: While the City of Manchester cited The Fruit Stand for having an inflatable sign with a \$150 fine, get a load as to what was in front of City Hall last week.



What was ruled illegal three blocks down the street, is apparently okay at City Hall. There was an inflatable advertisement there last week. Frankly a chalk board would be more appropriate than this inflatable balloon in front of a building from 1895.

Here is another one:



The Little Tokyo Steak House sign is totally illegal. Plus it has "inflatables" attached to it. Now in all honesty the Tokyo Steak House is very difficult to find in the half empty shopping center where Office Depot is located. It can only be accessed by east bound

Manchester Road traffic. Businesses in there have been known to go out of business in under six months. So the Tokyo Steak House needs all the help it can get, just like the Fruit Stand.

However, this sign is located directly next to the Manchester City Hall. The City has an illegal sign in front of City Hall and one next to the City Hall that they choose to ignore but are after the Fruit Stand.

Look what is being built across the street from The Fruit Stand:



Soon to open will be a Culver's burger place with a drive through and a LED sign on Manchester Road.

Lorin Charboneau at The Fruit Stand told me that some of her customers have said that Dierberg's, located next door in the Lafayette Center Shopping Center made the complaints about her chalkboard sign. But she said she didn't know if that was true.



However, keep in mind that the city that is punishing The Fruit Stand is the same government body that declared the Lafayette Center with a huge Dierbergs store, and many other stores and restaurants "BLIGHTED" in the last year. This was done because the landlord had not been keeping up with improvements at the shopping center and did not want to pay for them. Instead he got a CID tax so customers would pay for the improvements.

Manchester City Attorney Pat Gunn said it was a great deal that would not cost the City of Manchester anything. Gunn completely lost track that cities are people and the Manchester residents who shop at the only grocery store in town are getting screwed and it is happening by the Board of Aldermen who voted to allow it to happen.

PHOTOS THAT HAVE BEEN PUSHED BACK AND BACK: This spring and summer have been overflowing with news items. Normally in July or August I am searching for items for the newsletter. Not this summer. It has been one arrest, lawsuit, controversial local legislation after another. Here are a few photos and stories that have been pushed back from week to week that have been waiting to get in:

WELL DRESSED MAN: My wife will complain if I have on a sweater or polo shirt with a small hole, a pair of pants with a little wear around the bottom of pants. She will want to know what I'm thinking "wearing that."

That caused me to take this photo of a man waiting for his table at an expensive Italian restaurant in Creve Coeur while I was listening to a jazz group in the bar.



THE WOODPECKERS: I never knew we had so many woodpeckers around our yard and in the nearby woods until we put up a couple of woodpecker suet cakes. Here are five woodpecker photos and one winter Cardinal convention.



SQUIRREL PROOFING THE FEEDER: It's not squirrel seed, it is bird seed I'm buying. The little creatures had no problem climbing the thin stake pole the feeder was on, until my wife got ticked off enough that she bought some wide slick aluminum stovepipe that they cannot climb. Not too attractive, but effective.



AFTER THE 2016 DEER HARVEST: 210 deer were killed in January of 2016 by White Buffalo, contracted by the city to use bait feeding and sharp shooting to reduce the deer herds in town. 210 is a lot of deer, but the effort was not noticed in my neighborhood between Mason Road and Topping Road.

ITS BIRD SEED NOT DEER SEED:



Photo taken a few days after the end of the harvest.



This photo was taken about 4-weeks after the deer harvest.



A week ago

MEDIA: The Labor Day weekend edition of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch featured an article on a house built in 1869 in Webster Groves. As the Post-Dispatch always does, it did not give the readers an exterior photo of the house or tell you where it is actually located. It showed fairly modern furniture inside the house.

Here is the link to the article:

http://www.stltoday.com/lifestyles/home-and-garden/at-home-after-a-month-of-cleaning-webster-home-is/article_9a1c3148-435b-5757-b108-a4171e35ae8b.html

Here is the photo of the house.



If you are not going to tell people where it is or how the exterior of the house looks, please stop with your feature on unique "mystery" homes.

This one is on 8534 Big Bend not far from Swon Avenue. It sold for \$297,500 in 2014.

If the Post-Dispatch thinks it needs to protect the people in the house by not showing the exterior or tell the readers where the house is located, they should simply not run the feature. The old slogan of what a good reporter needs in a story is "Who, WHERE, when, what, why and how." If they are not going to supply that then don't run the story. Ladue News and Town and Style have features on houses all the time and they tell you where they are.

The Post-Dispatch real estate section (or what's left of it) shows houses and gives addresses all the time.

Here is a link to the Zillow posting, that gives you more info than the Post-Dispatch did.

http://www.zillow.com/homedetails/8534-Big-Bend-Blvd-Webster-Groves-MO-63119/2815753_zpid/

WYATT EARP:

Wyatt Earp, Wyatt Earp,
Brave courageous and bold.

Long live his fame and long live his glory
and long may his story be told.



Hugh O'Brien 1925-2016

I still have an album I got when I was about 6-years-old with all the TV Western Theme Songs. I'm sure I drove my parents crazy singing the above lyrics, not to mention Davey Crocket, We're The Texas Rangers, Jim Bowie and Maverick.

MUSIC: Lately the newsletter has been so crowded with crime and local politics that we quit listing any music adventures.

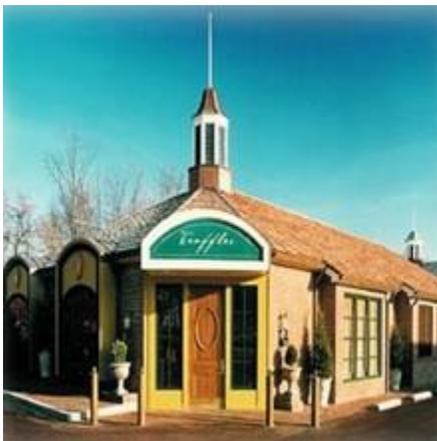
The last time we wrote about a Wednesday night at Sasha's there was a five piece finish to the night.

A week later on August 3 it was a sextet that closed out the night.



The following weeks the number of people who sit in went down where there were quartets and trios.

Then there was Truffles, the bar and restaurant in Ladue on Clayton Road near Price Road.



The last time before two weeks ago that we were at Truffles was over a year ago to see Anita Rosamond. With her personality, even if her fans are not there, Anita usually owns a room halfway through the first set. That was not the case at Truffles. 70% of the bar was ignoring her.

We returned two weeks ago to hear Trio Monaco. Julia Clemens is on stand up bass, Gina Otto on vocals, Robert Clemens on drums and Joseph on keyboards. (I know that

is four people, but they claim they are a trio, plus a vocalist.) We were surprised to find that the bar drinks were much more reasonable than the bar food we had last time.

When we arrived I parked my 2012 Honda Accord next to a Maserati on the parking lot. When we left the Maserati had been replaced by a stretch limo.

In the first set a few people were enjoying the American Standards with a jazz beat. The table of six rather loud people next to me were not. They were talking very loudly. They were replaced by another group of six for the second set, who were just as loud. However two tables of music fans were also replaced for the second set by six 30-something women from the limo, who were completely ignoring the music. Halfway through the set we escaped. The band was fine, but the noise from self centered rich people was deafening.



THE NEXT RAT PACK MONDAY: It is this Monday September 12 at the One-19-North in Kirkwood from 7:30-to-9:30. If you have never been it is a lot of fun and the food is good. Dean Christopher usually gets into the comedy in the second set when the crowd has thinned and his fans are left in the restaurant and paying attention. Unfortunately I don't think I will be there as it is the same night as the Chesterfield Planning Commission meeting and the apartment proposal for Schoettler Road.



RESTAURANT REVIEW REVISITED: In July three of us had lunch at the Sport Page Bar in Chesterfield and gave it a pretty good review for bar food. We would now like to revoke that pretty good review after a second visit.



In our first review everyone liked the Steak sandwich. Also the three eaters all commented on how good the deep fried potato chips were.

Here is what happened on a return visit. The Steak Sandwich order was met with a "Were out of steak sandwiches." This was not after a busy rush. This was on a Tuesday at noontime, when there were about a dozen people in there. The manager said, "We sold six on Monday it was crazy." Well if that is all you had on hand and could not replenish the supply by noon the next day that is pretty sad.

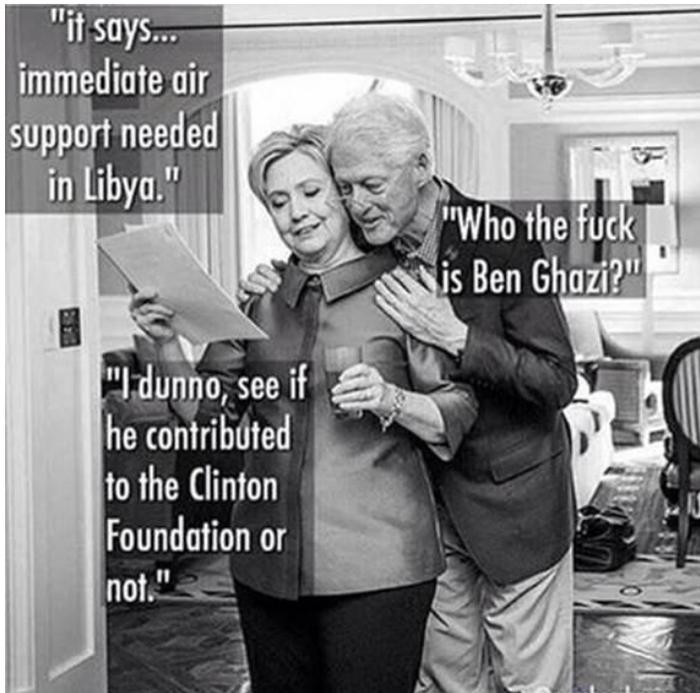
We switched to burgers and potato chips. A basket of chips came out before the burgers. There was nothing "chippie" about them. They were not done and were still soaked in grease. When the manager or waitress stopped by and asked how things were I started folding the grease soaked chips like I was doing Japanese Origami. I mentioned their chips were not much like any chip I knew. No one with the restaurant seemed to care or offer to get us a better order. We may as well have been drinking grease.

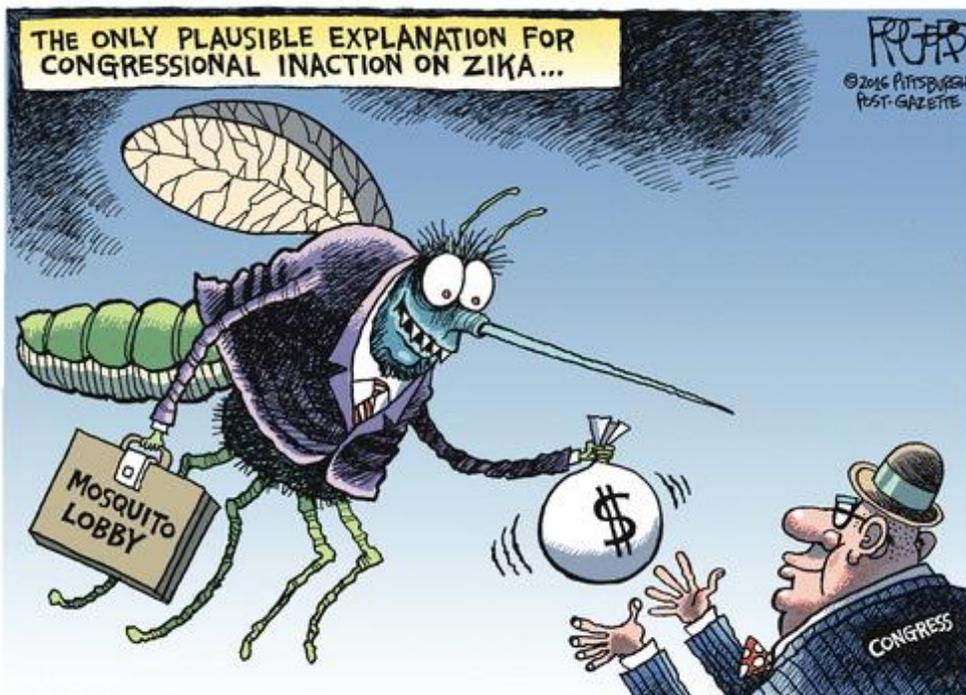
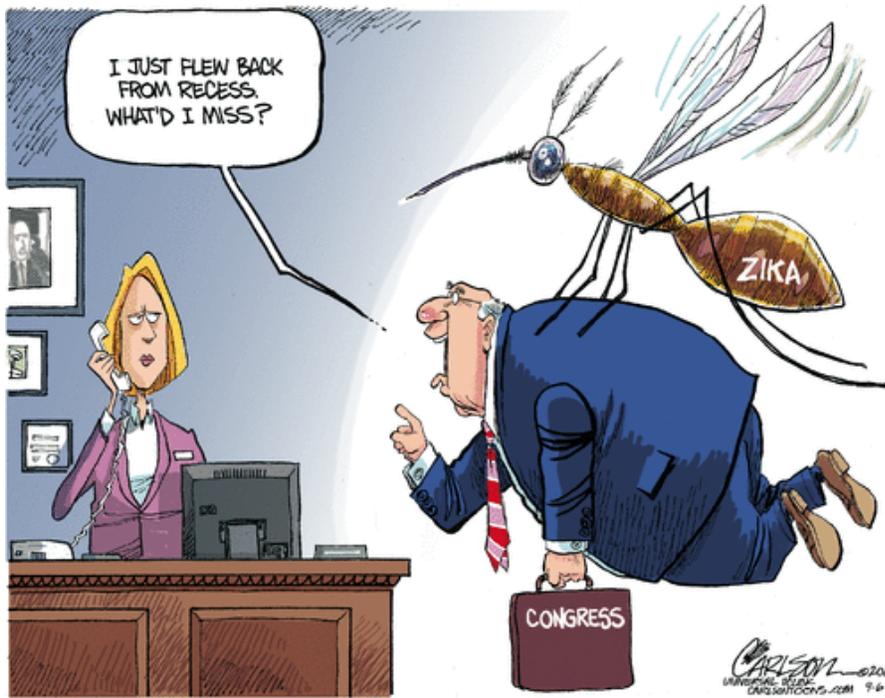
When the burgers arrived my cheeseburger was okay. My tablemate's hamburger was raw. The bright side is that there was a \$1 off the price of a burger if you ordered a beverage. We both had soft drinks and those were constantly refilled.

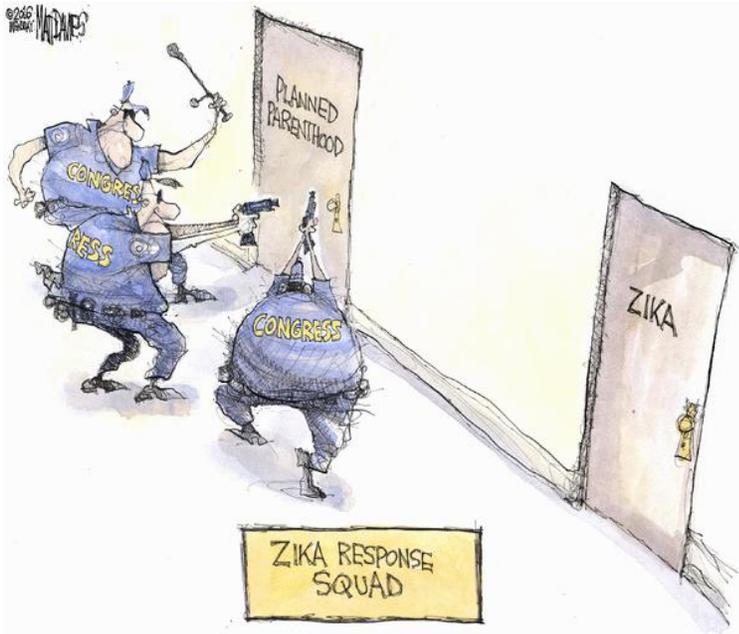
However after a second visit I can't recommend The Sports Page.

CARTOONS:











TRUMP IS AN IDIOT...

...A WHACKO, A BIGOT...

... A CONMAN & AN UNQUALIFIED LUNATIC...



WHO IS AN EMBARRASSMENT TO THIS COUNTRY!

