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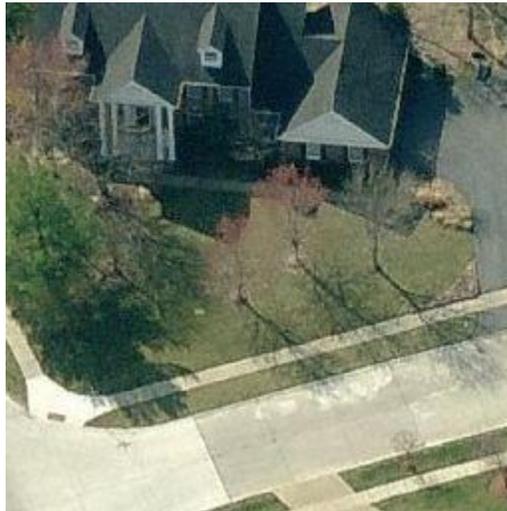


By John Hofmann

OCTOBER 08, 2014

READ THE FORMAL CHILD ABUSE CHARGES AGAINST CHESTERFIELD

DOCTOR AND ST. LUKES' DEPARTMENT HEAD: Dr. Carrie Morrison the head of breast imaging and mammography at St. Luke's Hospital and a Chesterfield resident, who lives at 17700 Sugarberry Court was charged with two felony counts of child abuse and a misdemeanor assault charge for three separate assaults on her 17-year-old daughter. One assault occurred in March and two were in September. All incidents reportedly occurred at the house.



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Read the complaint and court charges here:

Date: October 1, 2014

I, Carrie Brandt, DSN 0223, Chesterfield Police Department, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true. I have probable cause to believe that on September 23, 2014, at 17700 Sugarberry Ct., Carrie Morrison, White, Female, DOB 04/16/1961, 5'07", 116lbs, committed one or more criminal offense(s).

Count: 01 ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF A CHILD - CLASS C FELONY

Count: 02 ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF A CHILD - CLASS C FELONY

Count: 03 ASSAULT IN THE THIRD DEGREE - CLASS A MISDEMEANOR

The facts supporting this belief are as follows: On 9/24/2014, the victim, a minor, was hospitalized for bruising and swelling about her head and torso. The victim stated that the injuries were caused by her mother pushing her down a flight of stairs and beating her about the face and body. The victim later provided photos of injuries, specifically two black eyes, resulting from a March 2014 incident, and stated that her mother caused those injuries as well.

Carrie Brandt, DSN 0223, Chesterfield Police Department

[Signature] Det. Carrie Brandt 223

This case will likely be heard by a grand jury in December. Bond had originally been set at \$40,000 but it was reduced to just \$5,000 over the objections of the prosecuting attorney's office by Judge Dennis Smith to \$5,000. Here are the official charges from the Court File.



Judge Dennis Smith

FILED

OCT 01 2014

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

JOAN M. GILMER
CIRCUIT CLERK, ST. LOUIS COUNTY

-VS-

CARRIE MORRISON
17700 Sugarberry Court
Chesterfield, MO 63005

Aliases:
Defendant

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RACE: White
SEX: Female
DOB: 04/16/1961
HGT: 5'07"
WGT: 116lbs.
P.D.: Chesterfield
ORI Number: MO0959A00

SSN: [REDACTED]
OCN: K3007212
CASE ID: 189341700
RPT NO: 14-4797
CT. NO:
1456-CR08d2
\$40,000.
Bond

CHARGES

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- Count: 02 ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF A CHILD - CLASS C FELONY
- Count: 03 ASSAULT IN THE THIRD DEGREE - CLASS A MISDEMEANOR

COMPLAINT

State of Missouri)
County of St. Louis) SS

(HOLD FOR GRAND JURY)

Comes now the undersigned complainant, being duly sworn upon oath, and under penalties of perjury, and states that there is probable cause to believe that the above-named defendant committed the following crime(s):

COUNT: 01 ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF A CHILD - CLASS C FELONY

That Carrie Morrison, in violation of Section 568.060, RSMo, committed the class C felony of abuse of a child, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011 and 560.011, RSMo, in that on or about September 23, 2014, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant knowingly pushed M.M. down a flight of stairs and beat her about the face and torso, causing multiple bruises to M.M., a child less than eighteen years old, and, in the course thereof, the defendant caused M.M. to suffer from physical injury.
2606402.0

COUNT: 02 ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF A CHILD - CLASS C FELONY

That Carrie Morrison, in violation of Section 568.060, RSMo, committed the class C felony of abuse of a child, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011 and 560.011, RSMo, in that on or about March 31, 2014, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant knowingly forced M.M.'s head into contact with a metal table, causing black eyes to M.M., a child less than eighteen years old, and, in the course thereof, the defendant caused M.M. to suffer from physical injury.
2606402.0

COUNT: 03 ASSAULT IN THE THIRD DEGREE - CLASS A MISDEMEANOR

That Carrie Morrison, in violation of Section 565.070, RSMo, committed the class A misdemeanor of assault in the third degree, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011 and 560.016, RSMo, in that on or about September 22, 2014, at 17700 Sugarberry Ct., in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant recklessly caused physical injury to M.M. by shoving M.M. into a wall, causing a bruise to M.M.'s face.
1304113.0

The undersigned Prosecutor informs the Court on information and belief that the above offense(s) herein charged were committed.


Assistant Prosecuting Attorney MBE

Date

THEY ARE BACK! HOLD ON TO YOUR WALLETS...THE WEST COUNTY EMS AND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT IS INCHING CLOSER TO TRYING TO ANNEX THE CITY AGAIN:

Back in 2005 Town and Country Mayor Jon Dalton went beyond being ethically challenged to ethically bankrupt when he worked as a lobbyist for the city's provider of Fire and EMS services, The West County EMS & Fire Protection District. Then he went one step beyond basic unethical conduct when he negotiated a five year contract with WCEMS&FPD and then signed the \$17.5 million contract with the people he was billing earlier in the year.

Within three months of signing the contract the Fire District sent off-duty firefighters into the subdivisions of Town and Country with petitions and scare tactics trying to get the annexation of Town and Country on the ballot. Firefighters told residents they needed a second fire station because response time to areas off of Ladue Road and North Mason Road could take eight and a half minutes. Here is what they didn't tell residents:

1) At the time they were going door-to-door it had been over 18 months since there had been a structure fire in Town and Country. They answered less than 2 "fire" calls a day which normally involved false alarms or accidents on a highway. They responded to four ambulance calls a day, with the vast majority going to nursing homes where there were already health care professionals on the scene. Since 2005 these small numbers have actually gone down. Clearly there are not enough calls to justify a second fire station in Town and Country.

2) Alderwoman Linda Rallo expressed a concern about responses to Maryville University. Geez...they go straight on Mason and turn left at the North Outer Road or left on Conway drive another 120 seconds and they are at Maryville. A response time of 4 minutes. Keep in mind Maryville security personal have extensive first aid training. But Linda's concern was if Maryville increased in student size. Currently with only 4 ambulance calls a day I would think the chances of a quick response are good. However it could always happen if you or I need an ambulance the closest one could be on a call which would mean a delay to getting one to us. That is basically and simply put, "the way the mop flops."

3) In the current fire district presentation entitled "Blueprint 2025 A Safe Community" they show a map of the longer response times. Those are in the north end of Ward 4. HERE IS A NEWS FLASH...The north end of Ward 4 is not in the Fire District. It is in the City of Town and Country. The city government has hired the fire district for a lot of money to provide fire protection. The district, which has a union controlled fire board and they want to increase union jobs. A new fire station would mean more union jobs and current union members being promoted.

You build fire stations where the most people live or work. You don't build them next to open fields (Hunter farms) golf courses and tow and three acre lots.

If the fire district is really concerned they should come to the Board of Aldermen, the group that hired them. If they are so concerned about these response times they should stop providing service to Town and Country and just concentrate on their Fire District. Of course they would have to lay off one-third of their union work force...but if they are really concerned about this...it is exactly what they should do.

In 2006 to fund this goal of more union jobs, the Fire District tried to annex the city into the Fire District, meaning what was a free service provided by the city (with no property taxes) would be provided by the fire district which has a high property tax. This annexation ballot issue was withdrawn by the fire district due to building community opposition.

One person who was in attendance of the September 29 meeting had an interesting comment.

"It was like they (fire district officials) where trying to create a problem when there wasn't one."

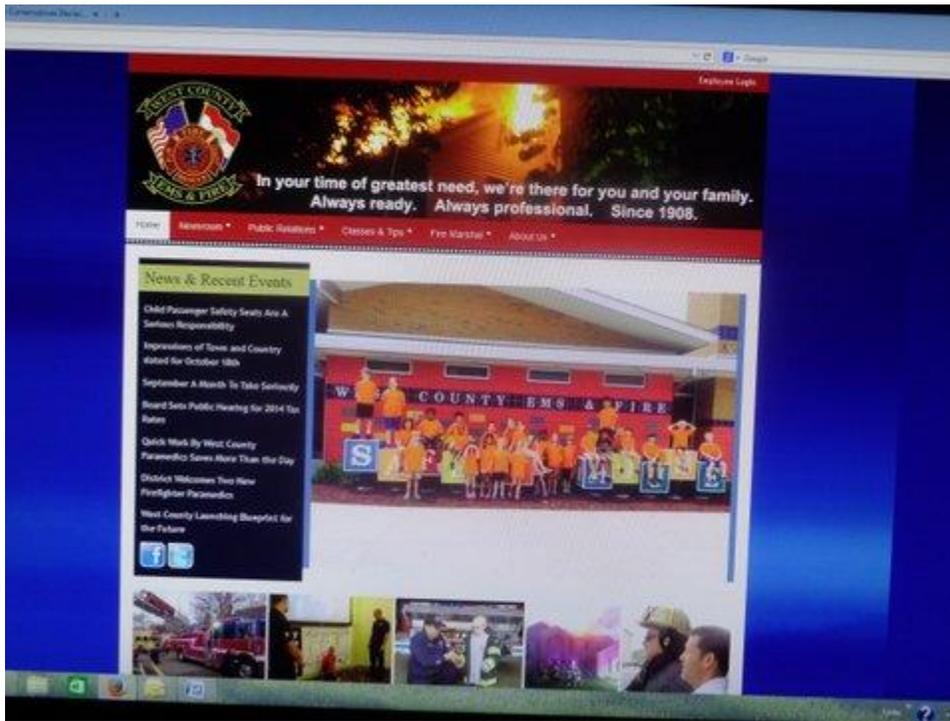
The question has been put to Alderwoman Linda Rallo who just finished knocking on every door in Ward 4 in her April election if any resident mentioned any concerns about fire or ambulance service.

"No, not one person," was what Rallo told us.

FIRE DISTRICT IS MAKING THIS A RUSE: Since Town and Country is not actually within the Fire District the customer to the fire district is the Town and County Mayor and Board of Aldermen. If they have a concern about response times, they should have gone to them before holding "Citizen Strategy" meetings. If they have extreme fears of not being able to efficiently respond to calls in Town and Country's northern city limits, they should not bid to renew their contract with the city and then lay off 1/3 of their union labor force.

SECRET MEETINGS: These "Citizen Strategy" meetings were not on the Fire District's website up to and a day after the September 29 meeting. The fire district also did not ask the city to place the meeting dates on the city's website. Since I started inquiring about the next meeting date suddenly it appeared on their website.

When a government agency goes out of their way to keep open meetings a secret...clearly they are trying to control things. On the Fire District Website below from the night of September 29th there was no mention of the meeting that had just occurred or the upcoming one.



NEXT MEETING: Town and Country residents should take the time to let the Fire District know what they think of this charade. The next "citizen" meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 16 at 6pm at Fire District headquarters on Henry Road in Manchester.



MILLION DOLLAR JOHN DIEHL THINKS THE MISSOURI LOTTERY SHOULD BE SHUT DOWN...HE HAS ALSO ACCPETED \$26,000 FROM THE CASINO INDUSTRY SINCE 2012. In a front page St. Louis Post-Dispatch story State Rep. John Diehl has come out for shutting down the Missouri Lottery.

The sad thing is that the Post-Dispatch Jefferson City reporter who wrote the story failed to tell the readers that Diehl had just accepted a \$10,000 campaign contribution from Pinnacle Entertainment, owners of Casinos. She also failed to mention

that Diehl has accepted \$26,000 from Casinos, gaming companies and even a slot machine manufacturer since November of 2011.

http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/education/legislative-leader-wants-missouri-lottery-put-to-a-vote/article_39c2bbc3-7794-5ed9-9cad-ee9b9bf1017a.html

It appears to many of us who have been following Diehl's money trail that he was simply paying back his longtime contributors by talking about getting 7-11, Circle K and Stop and Go stores out of the gambling business and force those people spending \$5 on lottery tickets into the casinos.

Here is a list of gaming companies that made contributions to Diehl in the last 2-years and 10-months:

\$10,000	09/03/14	Pinnacle Entertainment
\$1,000	06/17/14	Diamond Game Enterprises (maker of slot machines)
\$1,000	10/01/13	Isle of Capri Casinos
\$1,000	10/13/13	Isle of Capri Casinos
\$1,000	08/23/13	Ameristar St. Charles
\$1,000	08/28/13	Ameristar Kansas City
\$1,000	01/19/13	Pinnacle Entertainment
\$1,000	01/04/13	Isle of Capri
\$1,000	10/18/12	Pinnacle Entertainment
\$1,750	10/04/12	Ameristar St. Charles
\$1,750	10/04/12	Ameristar Kansas City
\$1,000	08/09/12	Penn National Gaming
\$500	12/30/11	Ameristar St. Charles
\$500	12/30/11	Ameristar Kansas City
\$1000	12/30/11	Penn National Gaming
\$1,500	11/03/11	Pinnacle Entertainment

DALTON WILL HAVE TO TELL CITIZEN GROUPS HE SHARES A SECRETARY WITH SOMEONE ELSE:

Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist Jon Dalton has been telling neighborhood groups he speaks to how important he is and how he shares a secretary with the next speaker of the Missouri House, John Diehl. Dalton who just left the Lewis-Rice law firm after being found guilty of 27 ethics violations is with Armstrong-Teasdale.

John Diehl has planted a story with a Jefferson City political website that he is leaving Armstrong-Teasdale and going to Husch-Blackwell.

Here is the one sentence item in the September 29 issue of the Missouri Scout:

Speaker-designate **John Diehl** is moving his law practice from Armstrong Teasdale to Husch Blackwell.

Dalton is now with his third law firm in 11 years. If he follows Diehl he can use Dion's 1961 hit The Wanderer as his personal theme song.

LOCAL RESIDENTS PART OF AN AREA WIDE PHISHING SCAM INVOLVING THE POST-DISPATCH. THE POST-DISPATCH IS SLOW TO REACT:



Above is an invoice I got for \$244.98 to renew my subscription with the Post-Dispatch. The Post-Dispatch did not send it, nor authorize it and was unaware of it.

Here is the first email the Post-Dispatch sent out the day after the fake invoices arrived.

From: Tom Livingston [mailto:TLivingston@post-dispatch.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 2, 2014 9:11 AM
To: johnhoffmann@charter.net
Subject: Important Information Regarding Your Subscription





ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

John Hoffmann
13309 Manor Hill Rd
Des Peres, MO 63131
Account

Dear John,

Recently, there have been reports of St. Louis households receiving mailings that appear to be renewal notices for St. Louis Post-Dispatch subscriptions. These mailings show a return address of 850 S. Boulder Hwy 355, Henderson NV 89015 and the name Associated Publishers Network. **The St. Louis Post-Dispatch has no relationship with this company**, and they are not authorized to offer subscriptions or contact you on our behalf.

If you have any questions about your account, please log in at www.stltoday.com/subscriberservices or call [314-340-8888](tel:314-340-8888).

Tom Livingston
Vice-President Circulation
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
tlivingston@post-dispatch.com

This is a transactional message from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch

I then sent an email to Mr. Livingston giving him the different billing address I had from White City, Oregon.

From: Tom Livingston [mailto:TLivingston@post-dispatch.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 2, 2014 10:28 AM
To: 'John Hoffmann'
Subject: RE: scam

John,

This company sends out notices under different names but their tactic is the same, we are pursuing this with our lawyers to get it stopped. Thanks for being a Post-Dispatch subscriber.

Tom Livingston
Vice-President Circulation
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Office (314) 340-8050
tlivingston@post-dispatch.com

IRONY: After week of complaining (correctly I might add) on its editorial pages how the Ferguson Police should have been more transparent and released information such as the strong arm robbery video involving Michael Brown and releasing the name of the police officer involved, Darren Wilson, sooner the Post-Dispatch dragged its feet 24 hours before letting readers on its website know about the scam. Even then they did not put the alert at the top of the webpage. Likewise when it finally appeared in the print edition it was not bold and above the fold.

The Post-Dispatch for two years have been reporting on delays in notifying customers of credit card breaches, starting with Schnucks waiting over two weeks to notify their customers. Apparently they did not learn anything from it.

POLICE DO A BETTER JOB OF REPORTING THAN THE NEWSPAPER

REPORTERS DID: I sent copies of the phony invoices to the Town and Country Police Department as they have a crime and scam alert notification system to residents. In less than 24 hours Capt. Bob Arthur and his staff sent out the following to residents who are signed up for police alerts.

From: TandCNotifier@town-and-country.org [mailto:TandCNotifier@town-and-country.org]
Sent: Friday, October 3, 2014 12:02 PM
Subject: Subscription Payment/Collection Scam

Subscription Payment/Collection Scam

A resident recently brought to our attention a scam related to his newspaper subscription for the St.

Louis Post-Dispatch. He received a notice of renewal in the mail from Publisher's Payment Processing stating he needed to send \$244.98 to renew his subscription to the Post-Dispatch. The notice stated his payment could be made by check or by credit card via their web-site. Fortunately, rather than paying the invoice, the resident contacted the Post-Dispatch who verified that the renewal notice was a scam.

According to the Post-Dispatch there have been numerous reports of St. Louis households receiving fraudulent renewal notices. The Post-Dispatch stated the mailing shows a return address of 850 S. Boulder Hwy 355, Henderson NV 89015 and the company name of Associated Publishers Network. Our resident's fraudulent invoice listed the business name of Publisher's Payment Processing with a telephone number of 1-707-266-6673.

We conducted an Internet search on Publisher's Payment Processing and discovered it has an "F" rating from the Better Business Bureau with a total of 876 complaints filed in the last 3 years. According to the BBB Publisher's Payment Processing has conducted business using over 60 alternate business names. The BBB reported the following about Publisher's Payment Bureau. "We recognized a pattern of complaints from consumers regarding improper billing and collection practices. Consumers alleged they receive bills from this company for magazines they currently have subscriptions for, implying it is time for renewal. However consumers claim the subscriptions are not expired, nor did they originally order through this company. Consumers further alleged the company's renewal advertisement states it has the lowest renewal fee, but consumers find that renewing directly through their magazine's publisher costs less. Consumers also claim the company charges a \$20 processing fee to cancel renewals." To read the full BBB report on Publisher's Payment Processing click or copy and paste the following link into your browser. <http://www.bbb.org/oregon/business-reviews/magazine-sales/publishers-payment-processing-in-medford-or-22673497>

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch is advising its customers who receive a suspect notice for renewal to check their account online at www.stltoday.com/subscriberservices or by telephone at 314-340-8888.

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS.

Here is what the Post-Dispatch provided readers: FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

October 03, 2014 10:00 am

Recently, there have been reports of St. Louis households receiving mailings that appear to be renewal notices for St. Louis Post-Dispatch subscriptions. However these notices are not coming from the Post-Dispatch and should be ignored.

Customers should ignore the mailings that show a return address of:

Associated Publishers Network

850 S. Boulder Hwy. #355

Henderson, NV 89015

(866) 437-7897

www.unitedpubex.com

Readers Payment Service (RPS)

P.O. Box 2489

White City, OR 97503

(707) 266-6673

www.publisherspayment.com

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch has no relationship with these companies. Tom Livingston, vice president of circulation for the Post-Dispatch says that these firms are not authorized to offer subscriptions or collect on behalf of the paper.

Customers with any questions about their account can log in to their account at www.stltoday.com/subscriberservices or call 314-340-8888.

It is strange and kind of sad when the police department puts out a more informative fraud alert with more details than the newspaper's article about how the newspaper's readers are about to be overcharged in a scam.

I also passed this information along to the Riverfront Times, where managing editor Chad Garrison wrote a detailed piece about scam for RFT website that four times longer than what appeared in the Post-Dispatch.

http://blogs.riverfronttimes.com/dailyrft/2014/10/post-dispatch_subscribers_targeted_by_scam_renew_now_for_only_24498.php

MASON RIDGE ADDED ANOTHER KINDERGARTEN CLASS BESIDES ANOTHER SECOND GRADE CLASS....HOWEVER MASON RIDGE DOES NOT HAVE THE MOST STUDENTS FROM OUTSIDE OF ITS BOUNDARIES. Besides adding a fourth second grade class one week after the start of the current school year due to additional special assignment students, another kindergarten class was added before the start of the school year at Mason Ridge Elementary. Keep in mind Mason Ridge and Henry were the two Parkway elementary school again named as Missouri "Blue Ribbon" schools.

A spokesman for the Parkway Schools cautions on people using the word "overcrowding" at Mason Ridge stating there is still room available for more students.

We also learned that while many refer to Mason Ridge as the "private school in the public school district" there is actually one other school with a higher percentage and

more actual special assignment students from outside of the school's boundaries than Mason Ridge.

That school is Barrett Elementary at 1780 Carmen Road in Manchester. Barrett has 56 students from outside of its boundaries representing 15% of its student population.

Here is the entire list of Parkway Elementary schools showing the student enrollment, special assignment students and the percentage of special assignment students at the school:

SCHOOL	ENROLLMENT	SPEC ASSIGN STUDENTS	PERCENTAGE
Barrett	375	56	15%
Mason Ridge	422	48	11.3%
Sorrento Springs	345	25	7.2%
Green Trails	413	29	7%
Wren Hollow	424	28	6.6%
Highcroft	328	19	5.8%
Henry	475	26	5.5%
Oakbrook	512	24	4.7%
Bellerive	365	16	4.3%
Claymont	487	19	3.9%
Carmen Trails	455	18	3.9%
Pierremont	412	16	3.9%
Ross	427	16	3.7%
Shenandoah Valley	434	12	2.8%
Craig	458	8	1.7%
Hanna Woods	404	7	1.7%
River Bend	396	6	1.5%
McKelvey	527	3	0.6%

GUILTY...IN KILLING BALLWIN GRANDMOTHER IN TOWN AND COUNTRY

WRONG WAY WRECK: Two years and eight months after spending an afternoon drinking in Clayton and then killing a 70-year-old grandmother in a auto accident, George Putney of 1324 Forrest Lane Court off of Wiedman Road was found guilty. Putney crossed the center line on Clayton Road west of Mason Ridge hitting the car driven by 70-year-old Ciby Kimbrough head-on killing her. Putney attempted to drive from the scene but his car was too badly damaged and only made it a block. Putney then fled on foot.



Putney's mug shot



In Better times six years earlier with wife Roxanne

Putney's attorney Paul D'Agrosa waived a jury trial and put on a two-day trial before Judge Michael D. Burton, who found Putney guilty of both Manslaughter and Leaving the Scene of an Accident. Sentencing is set for December 12, 2014.

ACCORDING TO JON DALTON...A BIG DEAL, A VERY BIG DEAL: There was an older woman in a sleeveless dress wearing spike heels arriving before the September 22 Town and Country Board of Alderman meeting. She was also wearing a tiara and a sash.

As Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist Jon Dalton and the board of aldermen entered the aldermanic chambers, Dalton stopped and shook hands with the lady wearing a crown. Then the meeting started.

"This is a big deal, a very big deal," said Dalton, who introduced the lady wearing the sash and crown. She was Deborah Gross, who lives in my subdivision across the street from Alderman Tim Welby. My wife had met her in 2009 and said she was a very nice and had worked in fashion retail for over 30 years.

Now she is Ms. Senior Missouri. Yes, a beauty contest for women over 60. This is such a "very big deal" I'm sure you have not heard of Ms. Gross or the women who wore the crown in 2013, Sonja Nelson-Stough of Ballwin. In 2012 it was Veronica Marie Hilyard, of University City, who wants people to call her "Doctor" because she has a PhD in Education. (We only call people "doctor" if they can write a prescription.)

The pageant has been held at the famous Florissant Civic Center.



Ms. Senior Missouri 2014



Ms. Senior Missouri 2013



Ms. Senior Missouri 2012

I have to wonder why people over 60 would want to wear heels, a crown and a sash. But then I figured it out. I'm over 60 and I produce a web publication that has many of the characteristics of a newspaper, make no money and take up hours of my time. (I do wear unattractive flat shoes through.) It is a hobby. I understand that, otherwise I would be watching way too much television. I have to figure this is a hobby for Mrs. Gross also.

However does it count as a big deal, a very big deal? No! The only way some senior citizen walking into the Town and Country City Hall wearing a crown would be a big deal would be if her last name is Windsor.



A clear drawback of being Senior Ms. Missouri 2014 would be having the right forearm and hand of diminutive Jon Dalton draped across your ass.

This year's Ms. Senior America contest will be during the mid week in October leading up to Halloween at the Resorts Casino Hotel in Atlantic City.

THE DEATH OF JERRY GARCIA HAVING AN EFFECT ON TOWN AND COUNTRY CITY

ATTORNEY: Steve Garrett, the City Attorney for Town and Country and numerous cities, big and little in North County has been showing up to meetings recently with a toned down look. Steve still has the slicked back hair and facial hair, but his ties have gone from "third alarm fire" loud to downright conservative.



Garrett in his company portrait. At two Board of Aldermen meetings in September.

We asked Steve what brought about the toned down look.

"Jerry Garcia isn't around anymore," was his reply. (Jerry Garcia hasn't been around for 19 years.)

SKIP MANGE NAMED AS CHAIR OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY TOWN SQUARE TASK

FORCE: Mayor John Dalton named the one alderman who has no problem in looking forward and wasting tax money...Skip Mange is to head his Task Force on what to do with the 8.8 acres of property the city just bought from the Wirth family \$2,250,000 . The property is located east of the Clayton Road and Mason Road intersection. Mange announced his appointment at the Conservation Commission meeting on Monday night. He added a citizen will be appointed as the co-chair.



Don't forget Skip is the guy as mayor who herded up deer and shipped them to Southern Missouri only to see them die an awful death due to capture myopathy. He also wants to buy a modern house hidden behind honeysuckle that was built on a Frank Lloyd Wright design . He has no conception that a suburban city should provide police, fire-EMS, safe streets, zoning and a couple of parks. If there is a way to waste money chances are Skip is nearby.

UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 93



October 08, 2014

INSIDE INFO: WRONG DATE FOR MEETING WASN'T AN ACCIDENT, BUT WAS INTENTIONAL. Last Thursday, the day after I ran the story about how the City of Chesterfield had posted a meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee for Monday September 29, but actually held it on September 22 I received a telephone call from someone in the know. I was told how their opinion was the posting of the wrong day for the meeting was done specifically to make sure I did not attend and report on the meeting.

This is a great honor, to think that city officials are actually paying attention and worrying about my reporting and commenting. It is also not a surprise. After all this is a government where the city's only administrator since 1989 did not have a problem with accepting \$250 tickets to a luxury box for a 2011 World Series game from the city's vendor for city wide trash service operating on a "no-bid" contract renewal.

Boy Councilman shows his ass and his low regard for ethics and the public: Prior to the start of the 6:30 City Council agenda review meeting on Monday night, I sarcastically asked Councilman Derek Grier if he planned to have the next Finance and Administration Committee Meeting on the day it is scheduled for or have it a week earlier without notifying the public, like he allowed to occur at the September meeting.



Here is how things went from there:

Grier: We followed the law and required procedures.

Hoffmann: You had the September 29 date on the city's website up for two weeks and changed it to September 22 the day of the meeting.

Grier: We followed the law and posted it in the lobby of city hall.

Hoffmann: Derek, in case you haven't noticed it is 2014. You are sitting there with an electronic tablet in front of you? Are you telling me you expect the public to drive to city hall to check when meetings are scheduled instead of checking the city's website? Do you want to increase fossil fuel consumption and produce more carbon gasses? Should I drive out to city hall everyday to see if you changed when a meeting is because you refuse to put it on the city's website?

Grier: We followed the law.

In the hallway before the meeting, Councilman Dan Hurt commented how many people in his ward read my newsletter. Then referring to the missed F&A meeting he said, "You missed a heck of a meeting. It was a real barn burner."

Another councilperson told me I should blame the right person, City Administrator Mike Herring.

THE PLOT THICKENS WITH A PACKAGE OF CHICKENS: Finding the truth can be difficult. In this case of the moved meeting dates I went to someone in a position in Chesterfield city government that has always been truthful to me in the past. Judy Naggiar the long time city clerk was a straight up player when I made a Missouri Sunshine Law Request for emails of staff and city council members concerning the coverage given them by the Chesterfield Patch.com. At the time five members of the City Council did not like the intense coverage Patch.com was providing readers of the Council or some of my columns. Ms. Naggiar sent me everything found in emails between staff, councilpersons and AOL editors regardless how bad it made them appear.

Judy retired in 2013 and was replaced by her assistant city clerk Vicki Haas, who like Judy has always been friendly and helpful with one little exception.

Sometimes the cover up is worse than the crime: Here is the complaint I filed with the Missouri Attorney General's Office Sunshine Law unit:

Originally the City of Chesterfield posted on the city's website that the next meeting of the Finance and Administration meeting would be on Monday September 22. This was posted by the first of September. By September 15 that date had been changed and it was posted the meeting would be held on September 29 at 5:30pm. On September 21 I rechecked the website and found the meeting was still scheduled for September 29.

On September 23 I rechecked the city's website and found that the meeting had been held on September 22 after the city's website claimed it was to be held on September 29.

I sent Mayor Bob Nation the following e-mail.

From: John Hoffmann [mailto:johnhoffmann@charter.net]
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 8:16 PM
To: 'rsnation@aol.com'
Cc: 'barryf@mst.edu'
Subject: question

Bob...Last week I know I checked the calendar and saw that the F&A meeting had been moved from 9/22 to 9/29. I put it on my calendar.

I check the calendar page on the city website today and see it went back to 9/22.

What's the deal?

John Hoffmann

Here is the email I received from Mayor Nation, later that same day. In this email Mayor Nation admits that up to the day the meeting was held on September 22, it was still posted on the city's website to be held on Monday September 29.

From: rsnation@aol.com [mailto:rsnation@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 8:37 PM
To: John Hoffmann
Subject: Re: question

John,

It's easier to try to explain on phone if you want to give me a ring. I may not be aware of what changes to scheduled date of meeting may have been. All I know is that the agenda was long and they were working on packet information until late on Friday. I happened to notice over the weekend that website said 29. I mentioned this to Finance Director on Monday. My best guess is that the mistake or oversight was inadvertent and due to newer employees coupled with the fact that there was so much going on.

Best Regards,

Bob Nation, Mayor
City of Chesterfield

In the mean time I wrote about the date switch in a weekly newsletter I produce and send to subscribers and post on a website. ##### called me and told me that the date switch was done to keep the public and the press from attending the meeting.

On October 6, 2014 prior to the City Council meeting I asked Councilman Derek Grier, who chairs the F&A Committee if they planned to hold the next meeting at a date different than was posted on the city's website. Grier responded by "We followed the law," meaning the announcement was posted in the lobby of City Hall.

On October 6, 2014 after the regular Chesterfield City Council meeting, I contacted City Clerk Vicki Haas in person and asked if she had the actual notices posted in the lobby of City Hall. She stated that she did not, that for committee meetings it was handled by that department, meaning the F&A meeting posting would have been done by the city's finance director or his staff.

Ms. Haas said she would contact the finance director and try and get them. The next day on October 7, 2014 at about 12:45pm I received a telephone call from Ms. Haas saying the finance director had dropped off two documents, one was a dated document for the meeting of September 29 and the other was the undated document for the meeting on September 22. I told Ms. Haas I would come out and pick them up. She said she would scan them and email them to me. She then said she wanted to call the finance director and see if he had a notice cancelling the September 29 meeting.

She then called me back at about 1:30 and said the finance director told her that the notice for the meeting on September 29 was a mistake and he took it down within two minutes of putting it up and meant to destroy it. Ms. Haas stated that since it was a mistake she planned to destroy it.

I cautioned her and suggested that she call the city attorney Rob Heggie before she destroyed anything. I added that it was a document and she could attach an explanation to it but should not destroy any documents.

She then said she would email the documents of the September 22 meeting and one for the August 25 meeting, but she would not release the document for September 29 meeting.

RIDING OFF INTO THE SUNSET...BUT TO WHERE? On Friday the City of Chesterfield received an email from Chesterfield Arts saying that in less than 24 hours they would remove the two nine-foot high one-ton Chinese horses that most people thought Chesterfield Arts had given to the city. On Saturday morning the horses were gone.



Here one day and gone the next.



It almost looks like graves where the horse once stood.

After running out of money Chesterfield Arts in July asked the city to buy the horses for \$250,000 to keep the organization viable. Only Councilwoman Connie Fults thought that was a good idea. Many including Mayor Bob Nation thought the horses which were given to Chesterfield Arts by the Adams Mark Hotel where they had decorated the downtown St. Louis hotel's lobby belonged to the City of Chesterfield . The city used taxpayer money to install them in front of city hall.

The City Council said WHOA to the \$250,000 request.

When I asked where the horses were going Mayor Nation said Chesterfield Arts would only say the sale was "confidential." This is an interesting way for them to treat the City of Chesterfield which had given Chesterfield Arts \$100,000 annually for art programs directed at or utilized by Chesterfield residents.

On the positive side: While some might think Chesterfield Arts stole the two horse that they had given to the City in 2011, I look at this way...The Chesterfield City Hall no longer looks like a giant P.F. Chang's restaurant. Since Chinese horses made no sense in Chesterfield...here are a few suggestions of sculptures to take their place:



How about a giraffe made out of scrap metal, or an elephant or maybe a rhino like this one Paris?

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Currently there is a special City Council meeting scheduled for Saturday October 11 at 9am to discuss staff reports regarding "The Arts." You might want to drive over to the city hall and checked the bulletin board and make sure the meeting date or time has not been changed...at least that is what Councilman Derek Grier would suggest you do.

Two councilmen, Dan Hurt and Bruce DeGroot mentioned they will do their best to be there for the whole meeting, but they have conflicts with youth sports.

MOONLIGHT 5K WALK/RUN FOR OCTOBER 11 CANCELLED: The event was supposed to be a run winding through the soccer and baseball fields at the city's huge recreation complex. It was cancelled because 50 people who signed up for it were not enough runners. They wanted 100. I don't know how you build on things if you cancel events. Only 10 or 20 I could understand, but 50 is a good number, especially in St. Louis when the Cardinals are playing October baseball.

If most of the 50 have a good time, they will come back next year and bring more people.

AMBASSADOR'S HOUSE FOR RENT: Wouldn't it be funny if Morie Lipowicz was appointed the next ambassador to Ireland. Of course that was not to be. It is St. Louis lawyer Kevin O'Malley from Ladue. His house at 66 Fair Oaks Drive is currently for rent for \$5,000 a month.

How do you get to be ambassador to Ireland? In O'Malley's case I'm sure that \$9,315 in contributions to the Obama election funds and \$5,500 to Claire McCaskill, plus big money to the Democratic party, congressional candidates including Lacey Clay and out of state candidates all helped show he was the right guy for Dublin.



66 Fair Oaks Ladue, MO

MOVING ON UP: Here is O'Malley's new house outside of Dublin for the next two years:



REAL ESTATE: \$5,750,000 will get you a full bathroom just seconds away. The 8,534 square foot house (with a 5,000 square foot finished basement) built in 1996 at 9746 Litzinger Road in Ladue is on the market. While only offering four bedrooms the place is advertised with NINE full baths. If you are obsessive about using the toilet or taking a shower this might be the place for you.



It last sold in 2002 for \$4,700,000. That is only an 18-percent price jump over 12 years.

Taxes on the place in 2013 were \$50,971. Now putting this in comparison the tax bill for Busch family mansion at Grant's Farm in 2013 was \$168,133. The Dennis Jones house on Twin Fawns and S. Warson Road in Ladue had a tax bill of \$112,028 in 2013. Still this place is in the top 60 of all residential properties in St. Louis County when it comes to taxes.

It turns out 2013 and 2014 have not been the best of years for one of the owners. The house has been owned by Stephanie and Randall Sterkel. They were divorced in January of 2014. Stephanie went back to using her maiden name, Schnuck.



Randy is a MD specializing in pediatrics. Stephanie is a shareholder of Schuncks supermarkets.

Also in the summer of 2013 Dr. Randy was arrested for DWI by the Town and Country Police and refused to take a breath test. In December he pled guilty to a reduced charge of Careless and Impudent Driving and received a cash fine.

So when you get your kid treated by a pediatrician and the bill arrives causing you to swallow hard...just remember some of these guys have to pay \$50,000 in property taxes.

MUSIC: THE RETURN OF THE SATURDAY AFTERNOON ANITA SHOW: I'm not quite sure what Smitty was thinking considering how the usual packed house for Anita Rosamond's monthly Saturday afternoon shows would fill every seat and barstool in the place, to not have her on the schedule for four months. (Of course she fills the place up at 3pm when it would normally be empty. The customers buy a meal and a drink and then stay at the table for 3-hours, so there is nowhere for paying customers to sit who come in at 5:15.)

Well finally Anita is back at Smitty's. This Saturday October 11 Anita returns from 2:30 to 5:30, Pork steak is the Blue Plate Special for the day. Let's hope there is not a Cardinal game on until after 5:30! It currently is scheduled for 7pm on Saturday.

Anita at Smitty's!



ROUTE 66 JAZZ ORCHESTRA AT THE SHELDON: The Route 66 Jazz Orchestra put on one of their better concerts at the Sheldon on September 30. The group appears once a year at the Sheldon on Washington Avenue just west of Grand. Sadly despite no Cardinal baseball to compete against, only about 60 people were in attendance. Their

next concert is not until December. The Christmas concert will be held at two venues. The first will be on December 10 at the Unity Church on Butler Hill Road between I-55 and Tesson Ferry Rd. A week later on Wednesday December 17 they will be at the Kirkwood Brewery Station on East Jefferson Avenue at Kirkwood Road. Here are some photos of the concert at the Sheldon.



Trumpeter Bill Simpson does a solo on D'Ann, a Sammy Nestico tune.



87-year-old baritone sax player Bob Probst (who used to with the Alvino Rey Big Band in the 1950s) starts the very jazzy version of Old Man River. (For more on Bob see: <http://patch.com/missouri/clayton-richmondheights/jazz-big-band-featuring-a-member-with-clayton-ties-to928a8d15b9#.VDBOghZGUs4>)



Dean Christopher doing a Sinatra version of "I Won't Dance"



Valerie Tichacek is Bewitched Bothered and Bewildered

YOU NEVER KNOW WHO IS GOING TO SHOW UP: One week you show up on a Wednesday after 8:30 and all you get all night is St. Louis's top jazz trumpeter Jim Manley and Chris Swan on the keyboard. Other weeks sometimes three and four different area musicians will show up and sit in for a song or two. That was the case last week.

Manley's trumpet sits on a table taking a rest, while Stu on the valve trombone and a guitarist join Chris and Arlen on the drums.



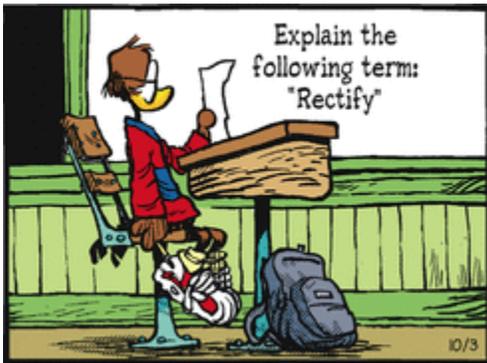
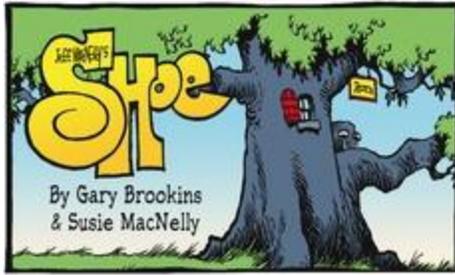
Later on Arlen gets a breaks on the drums while Chesterfield's Joe Mancuso does a vocal.

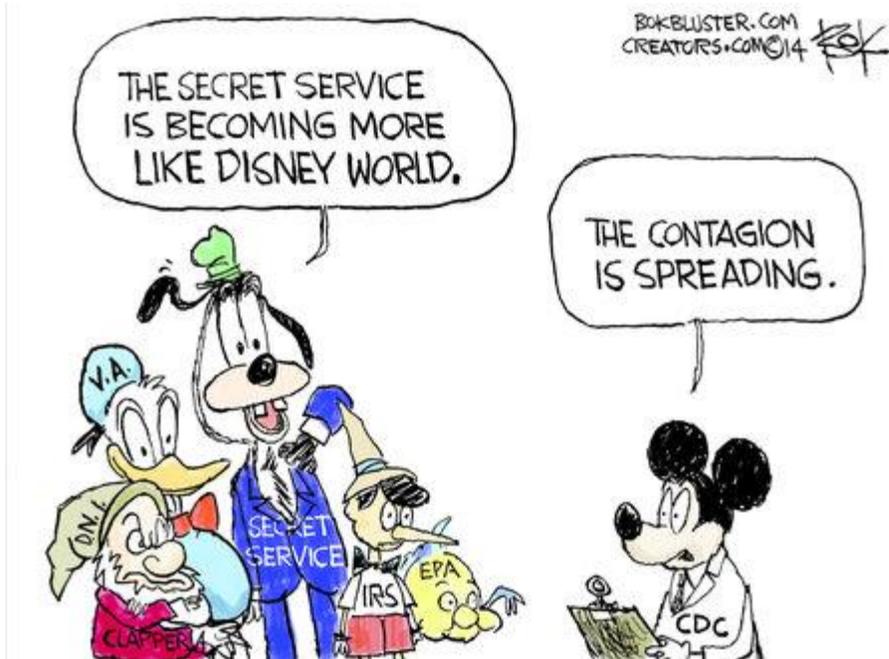


The two we missed where in the crowd who left before we arrived at 10 o'clock, were Town and Country Alderwoman Linda Rallo and her husband Nick.

CARTOONS:









"I HAVE COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN MY SECRET SERVICE."



