

EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 168 AND CHESTERFIELD 113



By John Hoffmann

March 9, 2015

OH CANADA! TIM HORTON'S COMING TO TOWN AND COUNTRY... REVISED PLANS SUBMITTED FOR CLAYTON AND BALLAS ROAD:

Several months ago we showed readers plans for a commercial development on the northeast corner of Clayton Road and Ballas Road. Those plans have changed significantly and new plans for a bank, a coffee shop and offices have been submitted to the Town and Country planning offices and are on the agenda for the April Planning and Zoning meeting.





According to the St. Louis Business Journal the coffee shop will be Tim Horton's the popular coffee/donut and sandwich chain north of the border. The bank will be Reliance Bank.

The plans have been submitted by Clayton and Ballas Property, LLC headed by Christopher Pelligreen, who is associated with the bulk oil and pipeline company Omega Partners III at 540 Maryville Center. Pelligreen lives in Des Peres.

CHILD ABUSE CHARGES DROPPED AGAINST CHESTERFIELD

DOCTOR: On February 11, 2015, the St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office quietly dropped the two felony and one misdemeanor child abuse charges against Dr. Carrie Morrison.



Morrison, who lives on Sugarberry Court in western Chesterfield, is the head of breast imaging and mammography at St. Luke's Hospital. Originally the charges against the 53-year-old Morrison were filed in October after her teenage daughter sought treatment for head and upper torso injuries and the police were notified. The teenager also had photos of her with two black eyes that she reported her mother caused in March.

It was a bit of surprise to see the charges dropped as the prosecutor's office originally fought Morrison's bond reduction from \$40,000 to \$5,000.

Here are the original complaints in the case that we originally posted in October laying out the facts in the case

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

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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-CRO8d2
\$40,000.00
Bond

CHARGES

- 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

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


Assistant Prosecuting Attorney MBE

Date

BOARD OF ALDERMAN CANDIDATE HAS A TOUGH TIME MAKING MEETINGS:

A check of the attendance record of Tim Walsh after he became a regular member of the Town and Country Board of Adjustment showed that he has not been that serious about serving the city.

From 2012 through 2014 up to when he resigned to run for alderman Walsh had missed 40-percent of the hearing dates for the Board of Adjustment.



GOLF CART TIM: Walsh is a trustee in the Thornhill Estates subdivision and is one of the people who thought allowing golf carts to be operated on subdivision streets without bothering to check with the homeowners was a good idea. His lack of common sense and due diligence was amazing. The fact the subdivision streets with blind hills and curves are grossly unsafe for golf carts, is nothing compared to Walsh and other trustees refusing to poll the homeowners on the issue.

TIFFANY FRAUTSCHI AND LINDSEY BUTLER DISCOVER GAS LEAK AT HOUSE WHILE CAMPAIGNING DOOR TO DOOR:

The person who Walsh is running against...hold on...I don't think Walsh is doing any running, door knocking or much more than sending an email out to people in his subdivision...but his opponent in the Ward 2 race is out knocking on doors. Tiffany Frautschi was in the Mason Oaks subdivision on Saturday February 28 knocking on doors along with her campaign manager, Lindsey Butler, who lives in the the subdivision. While standing on the door step at a house in the 13300 block of Cross Land, they both smelled the strong odor of natural gas. No one answered the door, so they called 9-1-1. Here is the description of the event from the the Town and Country Police:

Tiffany Frautschi was knocking on a door in the 13300 Block of Cross Land Drive on Feb. 28th at approximately 1140 hours when she smelled a strong odor of natural gas. Police and fire responded. No one was home at the residence but a neighbor had a key. Interior of the house was fine and it was determined that the gas leak was at the meter which was on the exterior of the home. Fire remained on the scene awaiting Laclede Gas.



This was the only photo I could find on the internet of Tiffany that did not include a horse. This is a dated photo of her husband Major Ty Frautschi, a Navy F/A-18 Hornet fighter pilot returning home after an overseas deployment. Ty is now retired from the Navy and working for Boeing. Their two kids are now in Parkway Schools.

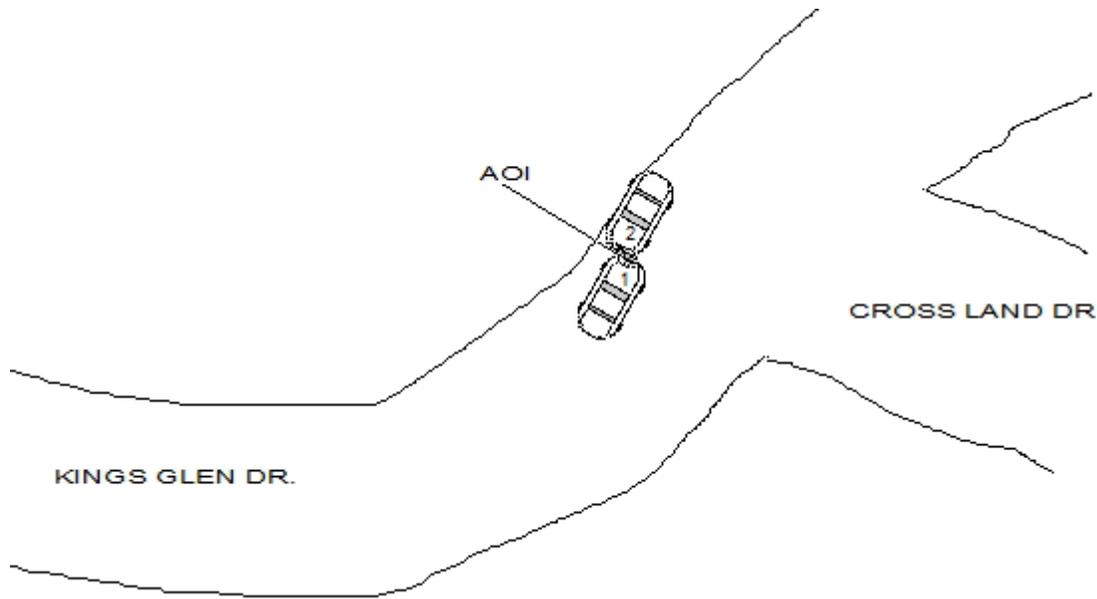
RESIDENT STOPS HIT AND RUN DRIVER LONG ENOUGH FOR POLICE TO MAKE AN ARREST: On Thursday February 26 at about 8:10 pm a resident of Mason Oaks Subdivision (the subdivision consists of two streets, Kings Glen and Cross Land) came upon an accident where 25-year-old Lauren Musgrove of St. Ann driving a blue 2002 Ford Taurus had crashed head on into a parked car on Kings Glen.



Lauren Musgrove

The resident stopped to see if the driver was injured, however she drove off with her lights off. The resident managed to stop her and try to convince her to wait for the police. She decided not to. The resident called the police back and Musgrove was stopped on Clayton Road at Dry Ridge and arrested for Hit and Run and DWI.

The following is from the Traffic Accident/Crash report. We will have more details about this when we can obtain the DWI offense and arrest report once the case is adjudicated in Municipal Court. I have a feeling this will be an entertaining story.



DRIVER 1 WAS TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON KINGS GLEN DRIVE. VEHICLE 1 CROSSED THE CENTER OF THE ROAD AND STRUCK THE FRONT OF VEHICLE 2, WHICH WAS PARKED AND UNOCCUPIED.

WITNESS 1 STATED HE ARRIVED ON SCENE TO FIND VEHICLE 1 CRASHED INTO VEHICLE 2. HE TURNED HIS VEHICLE AROUND TO CHECK FOR INJURIES, AND VEHICLE 1 WAS DRIVING AWAY FROM THE SCENE WITH HER HEADLIGHTS OFF.

WITNESS 1 GOT VEHICLE 1 TO STOP, AND AFTER SPEAKING WITH DRIVER 1, DRIVER 1 LEFT THE SCENE IN HER VEHICLE

DRIVER 1 WAS LOCATED AND REPORTED NO INJURIES.

DRIVER 1 ADMITTED TO BEING IN A CRASH EARLIER BUT HAD NO IDEA WHERE OR WHAT HAD HAPPENED.

MAYOR AND CITY HALL STAFF GREATLY OUT NUMBER RESIDENTS AT THE "COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR" On Friday February 27 Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist Jon Dalton held his first hour long "Coffee with the Mayor" at the Longview Park "extra long double wide" extension to the farmhouse.

We understand the residents, all from Ward-2, were outnumbered by staff 9-to-4. Apparently Mayor Dalton is not capable of meeting with residents alone and needs substantial backup.

Present representing the city were Dalton, City Administrator Gary Hoelzer, Police Chief Pat Kranz, Finance Director Betty Cotner, Public Works and Planning Director Craig Wilde, Parks Director Anne Nixon, Parks Administrative Assistant Lindsey Hodge, Alderman Skip Mange and Planner Melanie Rippetoe.

It got worse when one resident left to take a child to elementary school, leaving 3-city employees per resident. The only unit head not there was Municipal Court Clerk Sharon Orlando.

FOOTBALL LIGHTS ARE BACK ON TABLE: Rumors have Christian High School ready to come back for lights on the football field. When Westminster Christian Academy moved to the former 68.8 arce West County Technical High School campus in 2008, they reluctantly agreed to to have no lights on their football field. But said they didn't like it and would be putting football lights back on the table before Planning and Zoning and the Board of Aldermen. That issue appears to be coming back!

Currently there are rumors at city hall, with politicians and in neighborhoods that Westminster will be back this year after the local elections wanting the lights for the fall football season. For new residents or new readers here is the story from 2008:



HERE IS WHAT I WROTE ABOUT THE FIRST PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING ON THE WESTMINSTER FOOTBALL LIGHTS, BACK WHEN I WAS ON THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN NI 2008:

THE WESTMINSTER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY STADIUM AND LIGHTS: The June 25th Planning and Zoning meeting was all about the request to rezone the property on Maryville Drive on the south side Highway 40 to a major educational campus. Also on the agenda was the request for approval of site development changes that would include a football stadium with lights on 68.8 acres. Finally the third item on the agenda was a request for a conditional use permit for a 2,000 seat permanent football stadium with lights. By the end of the night none of these items were voted on and all were continued to the July 16th meeting.

The place was packed. There was no where to park on the parking lot and only about three empty seats. It looked like a municipal court night, but the crowd was much better dressed than what you'd see at Muni Court.

The evening started with the WCA presentation. It contained the history and growth of the school, now located at the old Ladue middle school site on Ladue Road in Creve Coeur west of Spoeede Road, to the character and values of the school and staff...This was the yada, yada, yada or etc, etc, etc. part of the meeting, since no one questions WCA's academic standards.

The stuff people wanted to hear dealt with lights, noise and traffic. Brandon Harp, a profession engineer for WCA, put on a show that included the site layout and purported site lines from residences on Brook Mill and Arlington Oaks to what appeared to be the corner of the press box of the proposed football stadium.

Frankly the site layout looked more like a Soviet Olympic sports training facility than an American high school. The site plan had the school building which includes a gym, plus a huge free standing athletic center located behind the school that contains among other things, a hockey rink. In the area abutting the Savvis and Kellwood commercial properties were a baseball field and softball field. Closer to the west side of the school were tennis courts and a lacrosse field. On the east side of the property was the football stadium with a track and further to the west was an extra soccer field, since they planned to use the stadium field for both football and soccer.

Mr. Harp showed line of sights photos taken in the middle of summer with trees' leafs blocking views, but he did not offer any photos taken in the fall or early spring when the trees had no leafs. His measurements of distances from houses to the football stadium were slanted to favor WCA. The measurement went to the far west edge of the stadium and not the area nearest to the houses. During the presentation folks for WCA let slip another use they had planned for the football/soccer stadium besides athletic games. They plan to hold Praise meetings & concerts and other religious events. Here is a new concern for neighbors. When I covered minor league baseball in Maryland,

occasionally a church group would rent the stadium for a Christian Music concert after the game and would invite the fans to stay for the concert. Once I remember commenting to another sportswriter, "Oh good I can listen to Christmas Carols while I'm writing my game story." But no I found that "Christian Music" was some of the blandest almost white noise I have ever heard. There doesn't seem to have been a Rodgers and Hart or Jerome Kern or Cole Porter in the Christian music writers group. WCA sent current students, former students and student's parents to speak at the public hearing.

They all spoke about what a great school WCA is but none of them talked about lumens or decibels. Former Cardinal Baseball players with kids going to WCA were in the crowd.

From about 8:30 to 10:10 pm the public went to the microphone and spoke. There were only two people associated with WCA who actually lived in the area of the school. One sang the praises of the school and exclaimed what a great neighbor it would make. The other sang the praises of the school and said what a miserable neighbor it would make if they had nighttime football and a lighted sports stadium. 15 people who would be impacted by the site development spoke of having concerns and some asked by the football stadium could not be moved to the commercial area by Savvis. Meanwhile eight T&C residents who would not be impacted by the site changes, but had a vested interest in WCA such as having children attend the school or being employees of the school spoke simply to the excellent education WCA provides.

One of the reasons WCA wanted the football stadium on the east side of the property was so the football field could run north and south and so the setting sun would not be in players eyes. To hell with the right fielders on the baseball field! Commissioner Harvey Schneider asked if they worried about the sun, why did they need lights? He was told September games would start with the setting sun in the western sky. However if you moved the football to replace the baseball field and put it on a NW to SW line...you could still force all the light and noise to the commercial property of Savvis and Kellwood and away from homes and the nursing home.

Mayor Dalton, who does not attend all that many P&Z meetings as a board member, was present. At the end of the evening he made a pretty good request. He asked for WCA to come back to the next P&Z meeting and provide a very good reason and compelling case why they needed to play Friday night football since they have not been playing Friday night football up to this point.

I have to add that there was no way the residents of the Oak Park subdivision would have tolerated night football games in their backyards in Creve Coeur at the present location of WCA.

However what really disappointed me was the fact that no one on P&Z and none of the residents from Brookmill or Arlington Oaks bought up the impact of the proposed location for the football stadium would have on the residents of the Delmar Garden Nursing home and the Garden Villa assisted living.

The average life expectancy at a nursing home is 3 ½ years. Do these folks need to put up with the noise and glare of the lights from this football intruding on their lives? Not one person inquired about sight lines or noise levels for the elderly neighbors. Steve Fons, a Ward 3 alderman told me that the people decided to live in front of Highway 40 so noise should not be a problem for them. While the front of their facility is noisy the rear up to this point has been the quiet area on the property.

To me P&Z members and Board of Aldermen have to consider the new residents at the nursing homes a year, two years, ten years later and what impact the noise and lights from a stadium will have for them. This reason alone is a good reason expect to see how WCA at least considered having the stadium next to the commercial property.

SEPTEMBER 2008 WESTMINSTER WITHDREW REQUEST FOR LIGHTS: However, while agreeing to the zoning restrictions that called for no lighted football field adjoining subdivisions, a school official said they would be back with the request. WELL, THEY ARE BACK! Here is what we reported on about the Westminster withdrawing the lights request in 2008.

WESTMINSTER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: WCA staff and designers all put on their presentation of what a wonderful school WCA is. They went through the show of the landscaping on the parking lot, traffic studies and traffic flow, changes to the building and athletic fields. They did not go to the area of greatest concern—the football stadium and the lights.

The school cancelled the third scheduled Planning and Zoning meeting, which was to deal with the stadium and the lights. They claimed they were withdrawing the request for lights. But almost everyone knew that after they got approval on the location of the stadium, 350 feet from the Delmar Gardens nursing home and behind both Brook Mill Drive and Arlington Oaks, they would come back requesting lights.

Finally in this hearing they admitted that was exactly what they planned to do. That is my problem: why drag these residents through this again and have the “No Stadium Lights” signs re-appear? Put your wishes and desires on the table now and let’s deal with it now. It is as if with a wink and a nod we are ignoring our duty.

Some of the questioning included the head of the school admitting that they fully intend to come back and ask for lights at the proposed stadium. They also stated that building the stadium near the Savvis commercial property away from the nursing home, the two neighborhoods and next to the largest amount of parking spaces, would cost them an additional \$1 million. How much do you want to have lights? The overall project cost is \$66 million. Can a million be saved from somewhere else to allow for the lighted football field next to commercial property?

HOW FAST CAN YOU GO ON MANCHESTER RD AT 3:30 PM TO CAUSE THIS MUCH DAMAGE? This accident happened on Tues. March 3, on Manchester Road in front of the eastern driveway to the Phillips 66 station just a few feet outside of the Manchester City Limits in unincorporated St. Louis County.



THE SQUIRRELS ARE NO LONGER THE ONES GETTING INTO THE BIRDFEEDER: This winter we have three suet cakes hanging from trees, plus bird seed on the ground, in a birdbath and in a blue glass feeder. In the middle of the day the squirrels have not been a problem.



UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 113



March 9, 2015

MONARCH FIRE DISTRICT CHALLENGER DOESN'T LIKE TO VOTE:

Kelley Denise Miller who is running against Monarch Fire Prevention Board President Robin Harris has a very sad record of involvement in the political process whether on the local or a state level.

Miller who made one appearance at a Monarch meeting and gave a speech that marked her as a clear Firefighter's Union Pawn a month before the filing date for the April election.

In 14 years other than presidential elections Miller has voted exactly two times. She has never voted in an April local or county wide election or in the one Monarch election since she moved into the District in 2012.

She has only voted in one primary election in 14 years.

Robin Harris' voting record includes appearances for local, primary and November elections dating back to 1999. He has missed on some local April elections including those when there were no contested races, but not many of them.

MONARCH CHALLENGER MILLER SENT ETHICS VIOLATION WARNING LETTER:

On March 3, 2015 Kelley Miller was sent a warning letter from the St. Louis County Board of Elections for failing to file a required "40-Day Before Election" Report, which was due on February 26 with the Missouri Ethics Commission. The report was electronically filed the next day.

The report showed just three contributions totaling \$700, all from people living outside of the outside of the fire district, including two from outside of St. Louis County and one from outside of the State of Missouri. It's interesting that Miller's campaign committee is

named "Taxpayers for Kelley Miller" but no taxpayer has contributed to her campaign yet.



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WE REVIEW ANOTHER FIREFIGHTER'S UNION LAWSUIT:

PART 1 This week we looked at a complaint filed by Monarch FPD Captain and Local 2665 shop steward Andy Stecko with the Missouri Commission on Human Rights on December 18, 2014. Similar to a lawsuit we reviewed in last week's newsletter Stecko claims the rehiring of Assistant Fire Chief Cary Spiegel has caused a hostile work environment for him, but he does not cite anything that Ast. Chief Spiegel has directed toward him.

The Stecko complaint claims:

"As a result of the District's recent actions, I have been made to suffer humiliation, anxiety and stress. I fear retaliation at the hands of Mr. Spiegel and the District."

"I am requesting that the District rescind its decision to hire Cary Spiegel and any further retaliatory actions against me, as well as that the District pay my attorney fees and costs related to the bringing of this action, and for such further relief as the commission believes just and necessary under the circumstances of this case."

On the same day the complaint was filed by Rick Berry, who is the lawyer for Local 2665 of the firefighter's union, the Missouri Commission on Human Rights sent a fax back to him with this notation:

"Will accept for filing when adverse acts occur, but not due to threats of discipline and possible termination."

In other words the Human Rights Commission rejected the complaint for having no merit.

Stecko and the union did not like the response of the Human Rights Commission, which claimed something **had to happen** to the employee before they could consider a case.



Stecko



Rick Berry



Cary Spiegel

On January 12, 2015 Attorney Rick Berry on behalf of Stecko sued the Missouri Commission on Human Rights in the Cole County Circuit Court in Jefferson City.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COLE COUNTY
STATE OF MISSOURI

ANDY STECKO

Relator,

v

ALISA WARREN, in her official
Capacity as Executive Director of the
Missouri Commission on Human Rights

Serve at:
3315 W. Truman Blvd.
Jefferson City, MO 65102

AND

MISSOURI COMMISSION ON
HUMAN RIGHTS,

Serve at:
3315 W. Truman Blvd.
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Respondents.

PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS

COMES NOW Relator, by and through counsel, pursuant to the Missouri Rules of Civil Procedure 94.01, 94.02, 94.03, 94.04, 94.05, and for his Petition for Writ of Mandamus against the Respondents states as follows.¹

¹ Relator has also filed Suggestions in Support of his Petition for Writ of Mandamus, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Stecko and the Local 2665 want the Fire District to pay Stecko's attorney fees. Once again it may technically be the Fire District, but in reality Stecko and union want taxpayers to pay for their complaint that was rejected for not having any merit.

Part 2 In April of 2014 Attorney Berry filed a complaint with the Missouri Commission on Human Rights that was similar to the complaint filed in behalf of Stecko. This one was on behalf of four employees, who made similar claims later made by Stecko that they were in fear because Cary Spiegel was rehired as Assistant Fire Chief. On November 20, 2014 the Human Rights Commission notified Berry that the complaint was being terminated due to a lack of jurisdiction because no adverse action been taken toward the employees.

Despite knowing this Berry and Local 2665 decided to waste the taxpayer's money by filing an identical complaint using the same facts in behalf of Stecko.

On December 19, 2014 the day after Berry filed the complaint on behalf of Stecko and had that complaint rejected, Berry filed a lawsuit against the Human Rights Commission for rejecting the complaint filed by the four employees in April.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COLE COUNTY
STATE OF MISSOURI

DONNA KESSLER,)	
CRAIG CHARLEVILLE,)	
JOE WALSH, AND)	
RUSS ADAMS)	
)	
Relator,)	Cause No.:
)	
v)	Division No.:
)	
ALISA WARREN, in her official)	
Capacity as Executive Director of the)	
Missouri Commission on Human Rights)	
)	
Serve at:)	
3315 W. Truman Blvd.)	
Jefferson City, MO 65102)	
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AND)	
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MISSOURI COMMISSION ON)	
HUMAN RIGHTS,)	
)	
Serve at:)	
3315 W. Truman Blvd.)	
Jefferson City, MO 65102)	

Once again the firefighter union attorney is filing lawsuits and complaints that he should know will be tossed out by the courts or commissions. Our only guess is that it is being done so the union can claim in campaign mailings there are an excessive number of

lawsuits against the Fire District while Robin Harris has been president, but it is the union that created the lawsuits.

These lawsuits are costing the taxpayers big dollars. First the Fire District has had to defend itself and now State of Missouri lawyers are forced to defend the Human Rights Commission. It seems as if Local 2665 should have to repay the taxpayers for these lawsuits and complaints that are dismissed or rejected.

THE LAST FOLLOW UP ON THE SMITTY'S ASSAULT: This will be the last time we write about the assault on longtime Smitty's Bar and Grill waitress/bartender Nancy Seaman. We reported on January 20th in Newsletter 161 that suspect Jayne Baning on January 16, 2015 pled guilty to the January 2013 assault of Seaman. Baning entered an Alfred Plea admitting there was enough evidence to convict her.



A week earlier a civil lawsuit filed by Seaman against Baning was settled. It involved Baning's homeowner's insurance.

Regular readers know that after telling Baning she would no longer serve her due to her intoxication, Baning took a Martini glass broke it and viciously attacked Seaman, knocking her to the floor and slashing her face with the broken glass. Despite Seaman having life altering injuries the responding Chesterfield police officer, Officer Sharp simply issued Baning a summons for common assault.

I complained to Police Chief Ray Johnson and the case was sent to the County Prosecutor's Office where charges were issued and Baning was later indicted.

After she pled guilty and was given a "No-Record" 5-year probation term I obtained a copy of the police report and later went to Nancy's house for a chat.

Officer Sharp's police report contained the following "she had

gotten into a verbal argument with a Baning over graffiti written on the bathroom wall. The patron denied involvement. Later in the evening, she asked the Baning to leave. After several requests to leave, she came from behind the bar and grabbed the patron by the arms and was escorting her to the door, at which time Baning, the patron, swung at her, still holding the drink in her right hand, striking her to the left side of her face, causing a laceration, at which time they both fell to the floor.

The two were pulled apart by Witness [REDACTED] and the cook, [REDACTED]. Upon separating the two, the patron, Baning, left the restaurant in her vehicle, a dark colored [REDACTED]. Police were contacted.

Officer Sharp made no attempt to document the graffiti on the bathroom wall either visually or with a photograph. Nancy later told me that after she last used the restroom, the only females in the restaurant were Baning, her and the wife of the owner, Don Schmitt.

The graffiti was "----- is a whore." Nancy told me Baning had written in the name of a 63-year-old popular customer who Baning had a loud and nasty argument with 10 years earlier over facial moisturizers.

The police report also did not include statements from the cook who pulled Baning off of Seaman on the floor as Baning continued to slash at Seaman's face with the broken glass or a detailed statement from Mrs. Don Schmitt.

Then Officer Hernandez wrote a report about how he took photos of the scene. He mention taking a photo of a broken "beer glass" and seizing as evidence a "broken beer glass." Now perhaps Officer Hernandez never gets out and is never around where alcohol being served...but there was no broken "beer glass" used as a weapon. It was a broken cocktail or martini glass that contained Seaman's blood and hair.

A month and a half after the assault and after my complaint to Chief Johnson, Det. Ovca obtained medical records sustaining Seaman's injuries and took a longer statement

from Nancy. It was much more detail than the one taken the night of the assault. Here is part of that statement:

Seaman walked out from the back of the bar and to Baning and as she was trying to take the drink from Baning, Baning said "Fuck you, you can't have it." Seaman could not get the drink from Baning, and Baning threw it in her face. Seaman said the alcohol was burning her eyes, and she could not see. The next thing Seaman knew Baning hit her in the face with the glass on the side of her face and she felt it slice her face open. Seaman said they both went to the floor, and Baning ended up on top of her and continued hitting her. Baning had her legs wrapped around Seaman and Seaman could not get away. Seaman said she was choking on her blood, and ended up throwing it up onto Baning. Seaman said [REDACTED] [REDACTED] tried breaking it up, but he could not because Baning was still swinging the glass and stabbing Seaman in the face, head and back with it. At this point [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (last name unknown) came in and helped separate them. Seaman said she pulled out of her shirt to get away from Baning and ran to get a towel for her face. Baning then left the bar.

Det. Ovca's report ended with the following:

Due to the extent of the victim's injuries, this report will be forwarded to the Saint Louis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office for their review.

The Chesterfield Municipal Court was notified and the municipal assault 3rd charge has been dismissed at this time.

THE CIVIL CASE: The civil case filed by Seaman against Baning had the insurance company paying the policy limits on Baning's homeowners insurance policy of \$300,000. \$258,000 went to pay worker comp medical bills thanks to the seven operations Seaman had to endure and to her attorney. Nancy got \$42,000.

Nancy still can't work as she occasionally has severe migraine headaches that often last for two hours or longer. While taking to her she will occasionally touch her front teeth. The slashing cut nerves are forced her to have several root canals. She has the sensation that her teeth are falling out.

She has a daughter in college and a son in high school.

THE NEW DRESS SHOP IS OPEN IN THE CHESTERFIELD VALLEY: About six weeks ago I ran a photo of a store front between the Hangar Grill and the Yoga Studio

in the Chesterfield Town Center shopping center on Long Road at Edison Road. The space was being readied for a dress shop.

The shop, Rachel's Grove, is now open.



FOLLOW THE MONEY (STATE OFFICES...LOCAL ELECTIONS IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER):

IF YOU THOUGHT DR. BRAD BRADSHAW ADS WERE ANNOYING...JUST WAIT:

The attorney/doctor from Springfield, MO who wants to represent you in a malpractice or injury lawsuit has been on TV with his ads to the point where his name is common to most Missourians. His face time is likely to get worse in the next general election.



Bradshaw is considering running for Lt. Governor on the Democratic ballot. Here are some of his large contributors since the first of the year. The name might be familiar, as

Brad is giving his campaign a lot of money...the medical lawsuit business clearly is very good.

\$50,000	01/09/15	Brad Bradshaw
\$6,000	01/12/15	Roger Nail, Jr. Nail Law Firm Prairie Village, KS
\$100,000	01/26/15	Brad Bradshaw
\$5,005	01/29/15	Roger Johnson, Attorney Joplin, MO
\$100,000	02/12/15	Brad Bradshaw

BIG MONEY FOR TOM SCHWEICH: On the day of his funeral we found the following contributions of \$5,000 or more made in 2015 and \$10,000 or more in the last quarter of 2014 to the Friends of Tom Schweich campaign fund:



\$50,000	01/29/15	Steven Trulaske, Sr. True Manufacturing Clayton, MO
\$37,500	01/29/15	Marilyn Fox Clayton, MO
\$37,500	01/29/15	Sam Fox Clayton, MO
\$30,000	09/30/14	Missouri Club for Growth St. Louis, MO
\$10,000	12/29/14	Jesse Bodine 50 Creekwood Ln Ladue, MO
\$25,000	01/29/15	Jesse Bodine 50 Creekwood Ln Ladue, MO
\$25,000	01/29/15	Rosalie O'Reilly Springfield, MO
\$25,000	09/19/14	Peter Herschend Branson, MO
\$25,000	01/29/15	Peter Herschend Branson, MO
\$20,000	01/29/15	Barnett Helzberg Kansas City, MO
\$10,000	09/16/14	Hermann Companies Clayton, MO
\$10,000	12/29/14	Roger Miller, Gateway Packaging Clayton, MO
\$15,000	01/29/15	Roger Miller, Gateway Packaging Clayton, MO
\$10,000	12/29/14	John Danforth Ladue, MO
\$10,000	01/29/15	John Danforth Ladue, MO
\$10,000	01/29/15	Mark Eggert Centene Corp VP Clayton, MO
\$10,000	01/29/15	Friends of Thomas Long Battlefield, MO
\$10,000	01/29/15	Jerry Summers, Sr. Aurora, MO
\$10,000	01/29/15	David Grossman Webster Groves, MO
\$7,500	01/29/15	William Maritz Ladue, MO

\$7,500	01/29/15	John Qualy Clayton, MO
\$6,000	01/29/15	Donn Sorensen Mercy Health Clayton, MO
\$5,100	01/29/15	Joe Delong, III Jefferson, City, MO
\$5,100	01/29/15	H.E. Whitener Fair Grove, MO
\$5,100	01/29/15	Schmitt, LLC O'Fallon, IL
\$5,100	01/29/15	Patrick Finneran Newman, GA
\$5,100	01/29/15	Peter Goldschmidt Jefferson City, MO
\$5,010	01/29/15	George Walker, III St. Louis, MO
\$5,001	01/29/15	Integrity Home Care Springfield, MO
\$5,001	01/29/15	Penn Enterprises Inc Springfield, MO
\$5,001	01/29/15	William Darr Springfield, MO
\$5,001	01/29/15	Fredna Mahaffey Springfield, MO
\$5,001	01/29/15	Kevin Childless World Freight Technologies Kansas City
\$5,001	01/29/15	Larry Peterson Springfield, MO
\$1,000	10/15/14	Mark Burkhart 13426 Mason Grove Lane Town & Country MO

On January 15, 2015, 42 days before he shot and killed himself at his Clayton home, State Auditor Tom Schweich had \$1,002,258 in his campaign for governor account.

It is interesting that in March billionaire Rex Sinquefield of Westphalia MO gave governor candidate Catherine Hanaway a check for \$30,000...then in September Sinquefield's financed PAC Missouri Club for growth gives her opponent Tom Schweich \$30,000. Then Sinquefield promised Hanaway \$1-million.

CATHERINE HANAWAY HAS ONE VERY BIG CONTRIBUTOR:

\$15,000	12/31/14	David Farr Emerson Electric 1 Fair Oaks Dr. Ladue, MO
\$10,000	10/20/14	Samuel Hais and Hais,Hais & Goldberger Clayton, MO
\$10,000	10/20/14	Rex Sinquefield Westphalia MO
\$10,000	10/27/14	Rex Sinquefield Westphalia MO
\$10,000	11/10/14	Rex Sinquefield Westphalia MO
\$10,000	11/17/14	Rex Sinquefield Westphalia MO
\$10,000	11/24/14	Rex Sinquefield Westphalia MO
\$10,000	12/01/14	Rex Sinquefield Westphalia MO
\$10,000	12/09/14	Rex Sinquefield Westphalia MO
\$10,000	12/22/14	Rex Sinquefield Westphalia MO
\$10,000	02/02/15	Howard Wood Bonne Terre, MO
\$10,000	02/19/15	Cape Radiology Group Cape Girardeau, MO
\$2,000	12/19/14	Daniel Gaffney 16823 Chesterfield Bluff Circle Chesterfield MO



As of January 15, 2015 Hanaway had \$1,288,502 in her campaign fund.

RICH KOSTER HAS A FUNNEL TO DEMOCRATIC CONTRIBUTORS: Democratic Attorney General Rich Koster and governor candidate has been receiving big bucks from the usual suspects in Democratic campaigns...UNIONS! Koster had \$2.2 million in the campaign war chest in October. He did not file a quarterly report in January covering the final quarter of 2014. That is not required in a non-election year, but candidates wanting to be transparent can file the report. Koster, apparently didn't want to be too transparent. That information will be on his April report covering the first quarter of 2015. He did have to file reports of contributions over \$5,000 and we have those on our list.

The two things we noticed that were a little unusual involved a \$20,000 and a \$10,000 contributions.

\$50,000	01/17/15	CHIPP (Carpenters Union) St. Louis, MO
\$25,000	10/11/14	CHIPP (Carpenters Union) St. Louis
\$25,000	07/10/14	Pyramid Home Health Services Cape Girardeau MO
\$25,000	07/30/14	Langdon & Emison Lexington, MO
\$25,000	09/18/14	IUOE Local 513 Political & Educational Fund Bridgeton, MO
\$25,000	10/01/14	Dollar, Burns & Becker, LC Kansas City, MO
\$25,000	01/22/15	UFCW Local 7655 Ballwin, MO
\$25,000	08/12/14	Red-Card Systems, LLC Clayton, MO
\$25,000	01/30/15	Red Card Systems, LLC Clayton, MO
\$25,000	09/16/14	United Auto Workers Detroit, MI
\$25,000	09/30/14	Steven Craig Newport Coast, CA
\$25,000	11/11/14	Simmons Hanly Conroy Alton, IL
\$25,000	09/26/14	Operating Engineers Local 101 Kansas City, MO
\$10,000	02/25/15	Operating Engineers Local 101 Kansas City, MO
\$25,000	02/25/15	Strong Garner Bauer, PC Springfield, MO
\$10,000	09/22/14	Stueve Siegel Hanson LLP
\$25,000	02/25/15	Stueve Siegel Hanson LLP Kansas City, MO
\$25,000	03/01/15	Carey & Dains, LLC Clayton, MO
\$20,000	09/29/14	Supporters of Health Research & Treatments (\$70,000 to date)
\$20,000	09/30/14	Smithfield Farms Smithfield VA (Chinese Owned)

\$20,000	09/30/14	Thompson Coburn LLP St. Louis, MO
\$15,000	09/11/14	Holman Schiavone, LLC Kansas City, MO
\$12,500	02/14/15	Robert Blitz, Attorney Frontenac, MO
\$12,500	02/20/15	Eastern MO Laborers Union Bridgeton, MO
\$10,000	07/06/14	Health Systems, Inc. Sikeston, MO
\$10,000	08/18/14	Kansas City Power and Light Kansas City, MO
\$10,000	09/08/14	Richard DeStefane Maryland Heights, MO (\$20,000 to date)
\$10,000	09/18/14	Tatlow Gump Faiella & Wheelan LLC Moberly, MO
\$10,000	09/25/14	National Health Corporation Murfreesboro TN
\$10,000	09/26/14	Branson Hills Rental Management, LLC Branson, MO
\$10,000	09/30/14	MHA Political Action Committee for Health (HEALTHPAC) (\$30,000 to date)
\$10,000	09/30/14	Robert Millstone Clayton, MO (\$11,500 to date)
\$10,000	12/18/14	Express Scripts Ferguson, MO
\$10,000	01/07/15	Burns and McDonnell Kansas City, MO
\$10,000	01/22/15	Andrew O'Brien Attorney St. Louis, MO
\$10,000	01/28/15	AT&T Missouri One St. Louis, MO
\$10,000	01/30/15	Sheet Metal Workers Local 36 St. Louis, MO
\$10,000	01/30/15	Ironworkers Political Education Fund Washington,DC
\$10,000	01/31/15	James Nutter Kansas City MO
\$10,000	02/05/15	Thomas McDonnell Kansas City, MO
\$10,000	02/05/15	Telephone Contract, Inc. Clayton, MO
\$10,000	02/12/15	McBride and Sons Chesterfield, MO
\$10,000	02/14/15	Blue Cross Blue Shield Kansas City, MO
\$10,000	02/25/15	Agxplore International, LLC Parma, MO
\$10,000	02/25/15	Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. Las Vegas, NV
\$10,000	02/25/15	August Busch, III Weldon Springs, MO
\$7,500	08/20/15	MACO Development Company, LLC Clarkton, MO
\$5,000	08/05/14	BNSF Railway Company Fort Worth TX \$35,000 to date
\$5,000	09/11/14	Comcast Philadelphia PA
\$5,000	09/18/14	Plumbers and Pipefitters Local #562 Voluntary Political St. Louis, MO
\$5,000	09/29/14	Stone, Leyton & Gershman, PC Clayton, MO (\$10,000 to date)
\$100	07/01/14	Phillip G. Apprill 1707 Stifel Lane Drive Town and Country, MO

August Busch III, unlike his father Gussie Busch, has been giving Republican candidates money for years. But here he is giving Democratic Koster \$10,000. The other contribution was from Chinese owned Smithfield Farms, which gave tens of thousands of dollars to suburban Republicans to pass legislation that took away rights of small farmers to sue Smithfield's factory hog farms for pollution, gave the Democrat Koster \$20,000.

JUSTICE FERGUSON STYLE: Ronald J. Brockmeyer, the Ferguson municipal judge that the Justice Department report on Ferguson claims is behind the squeezing of money from poor people in court over minor violations, but also owes lots of money in back taxes to the Feds (reportedly over \$170,000). We found he has a terrible record of paying his St. Louis County and St. Charles County real estate taxes on property in Florissant and his office in St. Charles.



Judge Ronald J. Brockmeyer

We decided to check St. Louis County real estate tax records on Brockmeyer and found a similar non-payment record there. Here is Brockmeyer's overdue county tax record:

2000	\$1,550	2 years and 4 months late	paid: 04/23/03
2001	\$1,537	2 years 3 months one day late	paid: 04/01/04
2002	\$1,577	2 years and 3 months late	paid: 03/30/05
2003	\$1,710	2 years and 3 months late	paid: 03/30/06
2004	\$1,814	2 years and 3 months late	paid: 03/28/07
2005	\$2,353	2 years and 2 months late	paid: 02/28/08
2006	\$2,312	2 years and 3 weeks late	paid: 01/23/09
2007	\$2,385	2 years late	paid: 12/31/09
2008	\$2,131	1 year and 4 months late	paid: 04/30/10
2009	\$2,055	1 year late	paid: 12/31/10
2010	\$2,179	1 year late	paid: 12/31/11

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2013	\$1,129	1-year 2 months and 8 days late	currently unpaid
2014	\$1,210	2 months and 8 days late	currently unpaid

VEHICLES: Judge Brockmeyer's vehicles are all registered not to his house, but to his law firm at 121 N. 5th Street in St. Charles. In the last five years Brockmeyer has been late in paying his vehicle taxes for all five years.

It is interesting for a guy who is a judge or prosecutor in several North County towns with a reputation of pouring it on when it comes to fines for people who don't pay on

time...that he refuses to pay his taxes on time. Clearly this guys needs to be dismissed as soon as possible.

There are 26 pages of lawsuits filed by Brockmeyer where he is the plaintiff holding promissory notes.

The first of what is likely to be a series of investigative articles about municipal courts by the Post-Dispatch appeared Sunday. It focused on Brockmeyer. Here is the link:

http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/ferguson-judge-criticized-as-revenue-generator-who-helped-bring-in/article_82ee6ece-248a-5073-a9f9-a3eecbaf073b.html

THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, NETWORK NEWS AND FERGUSON: I was amused at how national news services were reporting how Ferguson Police were stopping a disproportionate of African Americans without mentioning that the towns that border Ferguson on the east and south (Jennings, Cool Valley and Kinloch) have populations that are 90-to-100-percent African-American.

But the misleading figure given by the DOJ and reported on national news that really got me was how over 90-percent of the Peace Disturbance arrests in Ferguson involve Blacks. Ferguson is 70-percent Black and 30-percent White. This is a town where "white flight" struck a decade ago. Let's face it...a large number of the remaining 30-percent White population are older people and retirees who own their homes outright. These people are not likely to be getting arrested for Peace Disturbance regardless where they live.

Now the Ferguson Municipal Courts and how they fine and issue warrants for lower-income is another story. So is the documentation of the Ferguson cops writing five or more traffic tickets to someone which would result in hundreds of dollars in fines. I'm mean...write one or two tickets and tow the unsafe car off the street. Public Safety has been served. Writing five or more tickets to a person who can't afford to keep their car in safe condition seems counterproductive. If they are busy paying fines to avoid Fail to Appear warrants to stay out of jail then they don't have the money to get their car fixed.

MEDIA WATCH: The Old Car Column...Believability questioned! Bruce Kunz writes a column dealing with old cars that appears on Mondays in the Post-Dispatch, usually in the back of the Sports Section. Kunz also likes to have a few trivia questions with his column. Here is a question and answer from the March 2 edition of the Post-Dispatch

Q 2. What was the name of the famous live music and dance club at the corner of Goodfellow Boulevard and West Florissant Avenue back in the day? What was the famous soul music duo that frequently played at the venue?

A 2. The popular club in north St. Louis was called the Club Imperial. It was the place where you could often hear Ike and Tina Turner (and Bob Cuban) and was owned by George Edick.

This caused me to write the following email to Mr. Kunz.

From: John Hoffmann [mailto:johnhoffmann@charter.net]

Sent: Monday, March 2, 2015 1:00 PM

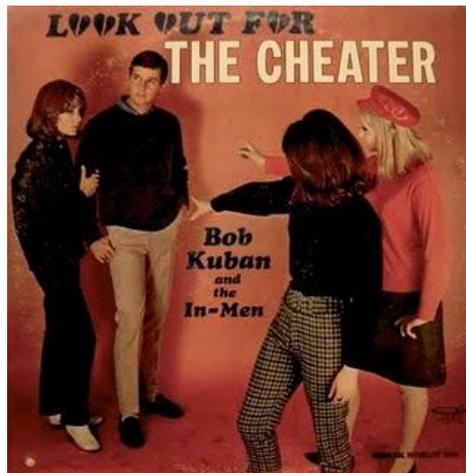
To: 'the_fin_man@msn.com'

Subject: question

As a long time St. Louisian (who admittedly spent 26 years out of town) I have a question. While I was a kid in the 60s and a radio disc jockey in the late 60s and early 70s... who is this Bob Cuban you write of?

John Hofmann

Since the "c" is nowhere near the "k" on a keyboard, I have to think Mr. Kunz is a dope when it comes to Bob Kuban and the In Men.



If you are not from St. Louis or if you are too damn young to remember Bob Kuban's one national hit, The Cheater...here is a link to it.

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

Here is a link to an interesting article about Bob Kuban and the In-Men and the death of the singer, Walter Scott, who ironically was killed by the guy his wife was cheating on him with.

<http://www.criticsatlarge.ca/2010/03/song-cheater.html>

THE KUBAN INVASION: Charlie Bohme, who replaced Walter Scott in the band, long before Scott's death told me a story how band members wanted to change their name from "The In-Men" to something new. They came up for a few years to be called "Bob Kuban and the Kuban Invasion." This made reference to both the British Invasion of rock groups and the failed Bay of Pigs Invasion of Cuba. Charlie mentioned that the new name was not a big hit when they played a Democratic fundraiser in Florissant that featured Missouri's two Democratic senators and several congressmen. Kuban now calls the group "The Bob Kuban Band."

LETTERS: I don't usually post emails I receive, unless they are viciously attacking me or better yet from one of our European readers. Here is one from regular reader, Ronan Woods, a retired banker from Dublin, Ireland who I think began reading the newsletters for the comics but then found the local politics funnier.



Ronan

From: Ronan Woods [mailto:rswoods@eircom.net]

Sent: Monday, March 2, 2015 9:11 AM

To: johnhoffmann@charter.net

Subject: newsletter

HI, WHENEVER I READ PARTS OF YOUR NEWSLETTERS RELATING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS/PLANNING ETC ETC ,IT MAKES ME WONDER HOW THE USA BECAME A "WORLD POWER"??? SOME OF THEM RESEMBLE THE "OLD" TYPE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS IN OLD RURAL IRELAND?????KEEP UP YOUR REPORTING! R

WHO KNOWS WHERE THE TIME GOES? So last month I was at the Waterway car Wash at Clayton Road and Woods Mill Road at the cashier to pay for the car wash. Like most car washes Waterway sells junk and overpriced candy for people waiting on their cars.

I couldn't help but notice they were also selling dog chew toys, including one that was "Mr. Bill." A star on Saturday Night Live, beginning in 1976 and going to about 1980. In response to an on air request for home movies, Mr. Bill, a clay figurine in parodies of children shows would get fatally squashed in every episode as his creator Walter Williams would do a voice over of "Oh no, Mr. Bill."



Mr. Bill now appearing at the car wash.



Mr. Bill from his SNL days.

So I asked the 20-something college kid-cashier if she knew who Mr. Bill was. "No" was the answer. It was the same answer from the 35-something mom with two kids behind me in line and the next person behind her who looked to be in their 40s. I should have felt smart being the only person in the room who knew who Mr. Bill was...but I only felt very old.

RESTAURANT REVIEWS: The food reviews are on hold for a while. No one wants to have lunch with me.

MUSIC: Friday Night: A familiar face! Last Friday March 6 I went to the Il Bel Lago at 11631 Olive in Creve Coeur to hear the Trio Monaco with Corrie Marks. I soon as I entered the bar side of the restaurant I saw a familiar face and bass. If you look closely on the right side of the jazz trio photo and the left side of the Route 66 Jazz Orchestra

photo I ran two weeks ago, you will see the same blond lady, Julia Clemens on the bass. Julia is the leader of the jazz trio featuring her husband Robert on drums and a rotating keyboard musician, plus vocalist Corrie Marks.



Trio Monaco with Corrie Marks



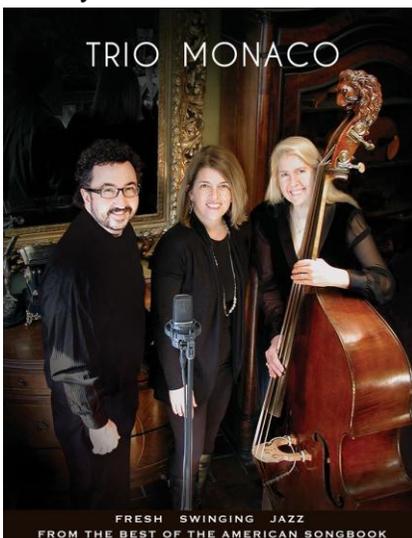
Julia Clemens on bass with Rt 66 Jazz Orchestra



Julie Clemens on Bass behind Ron Wilkinson with RT 66. Joel Littlepage on keyboard with Trio Monaco



However the front person is the female vocalist, Corrie (Smith) Marks, a 1992 grad of Parkway West and a music major at the University of Kentucky. The group lays down mostly favorites from the American songbook with a jazz beat.



I asked Corrie if Parkway West High School's music department had anything to do with her becoming fond of jazz and singing standards from the Great American Songbook. She said it absolutely did not.

"In four years at Parkway the only musical they did was "Oliver," said Marks.

She thought about the question and returned to sing four other numbers. Then during an instrumental number... Flash! bam! alakazam!...it came to her.

"I think I got into this music when I was a little girl and my mother would play Great Romantic Piano Music from Reader's Digest. I especially remember "My Funny Valentine" and "Embraceable You", she said.

The keyboard man on my visit was Joel Littlepage, a graduate of Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee and in May a graduate of Covenant Theological Seminary. While looking for a job with a Presbyterian Church, he is working construction jobs and music gigs.

NOTED ST. LOUIS JAZZ SINGER DIES: We wrote several weeks ago that illness had stopped Gene Lynn from performing. Gene, called "St. Louis' Black Frank Sinatra" owned a jazz night club on Lindell for a number of years died of stomach cancer on Saturday.



Seven years ago you could go to DeMun Avenue on a Wednesday night and hear the Charlie B Trio with Jim Manley at Jimmy's on the Park or go next door to Sasha's and hear Gene sing.

Most recently Gene had been working with Anita Rosamond and Randy Bahr on guitar at Bartolino's on weekends and at Nathalie's with a trio.

SATURDAY NIGHT: We had a great time on Saturday night. We went to Nathalie's on 4356 Lindell, just past Taylor. A five piece jazz group was put together featuring Arthur Toney on piano, Randy Bahr on guitar, Joe Weber on drums, Jim Manley on trumpet with Charlie B on vocals. Gene Lynn had been booked for that date with Randy Bahr and Arthur Toney, but it had been known for over a month that Gene was too sick to perform. It turned out he died that morning.

The often half empty bar area was packed on this night and the music went past 11 pm. Gene Lynn had not been mention until the very end of the night when the band played "It's a Wonderful World" in tribute to Gene.



HERE ARE SOME UPCOMING JAZZ MUSIC DATES IN OUR CALENDAR BOOK:

Every Wednesday 8:30-11:30 Jim Manley, Chris Swan and Arlen at Sasha's DeMun Clayton, MO

March 13 Friday 9-12 Anita Rosamond and Randy Bahr Bartolino's I-44 & Hampton

March 20 Friday 7-10 Anita Rosamond and Friends Il Bel Lago 11631 Olive Blvd

March 21 Saturday Jim Manley Duo with Arthur Toney 9-to-12 One-19 North

March 25 Wednesday Erin Bode 7-9:30 Nathalie's

March 27 Thursday Joe Mancuso 8-11 Nathalie's 4356 Lindell

March 28 Saturday 9-1 Trio Monaco with Corrie Marks Truffles Clayton Rd Ladue

March 30 Monday 7:30 **Rat Pack Monday with Dean Christopher and Jim Manley**
One-19 North 119 N. Kirkwood Rd

April 12 Sunday 6-9 Dave Dickey Big Band Jazz at the Bistro \$15 at door

April 15 Wednesday 7:30 Route 66 Jazz Orchestra Marine Corps League Banquet Hall
5700 Leona St. Louis 63116 \$10 at door

April 20 Monday 7-8:30 Jazz Collective Band and Jazz Singers Webster University
475 E Lockwood Moore Auditorium \$3 at door

April 25 Saturday 7-10 Trio Monaco with Corrie Marks II Bel Lago Creve Coeur

CARTOONS: It was another bad week for cartoons that made me laugh.





This one on Ferguson is from the Arizona Republic.



