

## EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 117



February 24, 2014

By John Hoffmann

**ARREST WARRANT ISSUED FOR “COOLEST” DRUNK DRIVER:** You might remember Faith Raymer from PART 1 of our Drunks and Thieves newsletter that was posted on December 24. Faith was stopped by the Town and Country Police at 2:50am on February 7, 2013 after she had driven off the road and onto the shoulder of westbound I-64 three times. Shortly thereafter she was arrested for lane weaving and DWI.

At the police station she exclaimed to the arresting officer, “Fuck me! I must be the coolest person you have ever arrested!”



Raymer’s lawyer moved the case from T&C municipal court to County Circuit Court. On October 24<sup>th</sup> Raymer pled guilty to the Lane Weaving and DWI. She was fined \$350 for the Lane Weaving. She was placed on a no-record SIS for the DWI for 2-years. She was given six months to complete drunk driving school and Victims Impact Group. She was also given time to pay the fines and court costs.

She did not appear in court three times about her failure to complete terms of her probation. On January 2, 2014 a warrant was issued and a commitment for her to serve the six months in jail on the DWI was issued.

According to her Facebook page Faith has moved to Angwin, California in Napa Valley. Here are some of the photos we found on Faith's facebook page last November.



Here a new one on facebook:



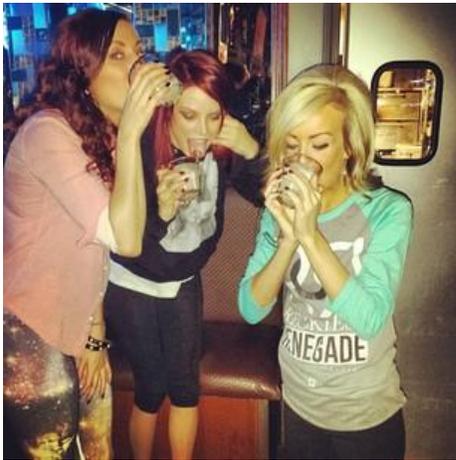
Here are some photos from Faith's Instragram page that lead me to believe Faith is still having alcohol issues:



From Feb. 12. "Back in StL 4 6 Hours."



Nov. 2013



From January



From Jan 14, 2014



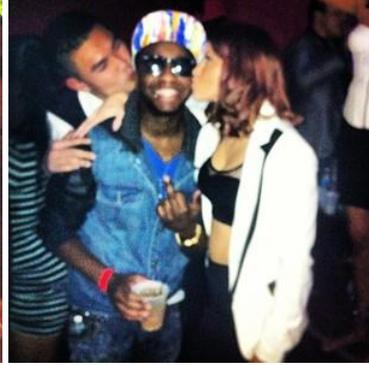
From Dec. 26, 2013



Dec. 3, 2013



Nov 2013



Jan 5, 2014

If this party girl and self described “coolest drunk driver” is actually back in St. Louis it should not take long for her to be in custody.

**OLD MAN WINTER MOVES TOWN AND COUNTRY DEFICIT ALMOST TO THE \$1,000,000 MARK:** At the Monday February 24 Board of Aldermen meeting the staff will ask the Aldermen to increase the snow removal budget for 2014 from \$100,000 to \$225,000 due to the heavy snow and ice events in January and February. Town and Country began 2014 with a \$857,320 budget deficit. This will move it to \$982,320. This is after we came off a \$4.2 million deficit in 2013.

**PARKS COMMISSION VOTES TO KEEP CURRENT TENANT OF LONGVIEW BARN:** It was Déjà vu all over again and no real surprise. Back in 2009 Sandy Brooks went up against Gary and Ginni Hartke of Equine Assist Therapy. Brooks, a physical therapist, ran the program to using horses to provide therapy to special need kids. She lost the program after one year and it was given to the Hartkes who also run a similar program at a riding stable in Wildwood on Highway 109.



Brooks, a Town and Country resident, made her presentation first. It did not go well. There were some long time members of the Commission who had voted against Brooks five years ago, who were not likely to vote for her now. Sandy tried to explain how political interference had killed her operation. She was given the go ahead to run a program under then mayor David Karney who was controversial and despite winning the election by 300 votes, had had many vocal opponents. Brooks claimed those vocal opponents went after her. Unfortunately her explanation is good for people with a long term memory of Town and Country Politics but for those newer members of the Parks Commission the explanation seemed weird.

Brooks can offer one thing the Hartkes cannot. Since Brooks is a pediatric physical therapist with a PhD, parents can use insurance to pay for the sessions. The Hartkes cannot do that. Mrs. Hartke is a RN, but that is not useful in allowing insurance claims and she is rarely seen in Town and Country.

On the Hartkes side is that they have been running a successful, popular program for 10-years. Gary Hartke said that at the start a new season all the slots are filled within 24 hours. They charged \$315 to \$325 per five week session. They need to raise \$1,250 per horse per session to break even according to their website.



**CATCH-22:** Several members of the commission quizzed Brooks on why she did not have current non-profit status and other documents. She pointed out that it is hard to provide those documents when you have not been in existence for 10 years.

Commission members did state that the Hartkes have in place a system with backups to provide service by having a much larger staff at their facility on 109 Highway that could help fill in at Town and Country. However there was one thing everyone seemed to miss, which I brought up in 2009...

**WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?** If the Hartkes are only running programs three days a week, having dropped the Saturday programs due to overcrowding in the park...you have to wonder why they can't set up programs using Brooks as a licensed physical

therapist two or three days a week. The Hartkes claim their programs are filled up within 24 hours, so there is clearly a need. A proposal for Brooks to operate two or three days of programs using the Hartkes horses and paying fees to Equine Therapy for the upkeep of the horses, whose is the loser? More programs for the kids and the Hartkes save money on their day-to-day expenses.

**GET OUT OF OUR MEETING!:** After the Hartkes and Brooks made their presentations, Parks Chairwoman Lynn Wright basically kicked them out of the meeting. Lynn thanked them was showing up and inferred it was time for them to leave. **THIS WAS A PUBLIC MEETING**...both the Hartkes and Brooks had every right to stay and listen to the debate and the vote.

During the debate Parks Director Anne Nixon showed she had a favorite. She said in almost 10 years there had only been one complaint about the Hartkes operation at the park and that complain came from Sandy Brooks. Alderman Chuck Lenz, who joined me in the public seating area, then stopped things and asked if it wasn't true that Brooks' complaint was valid. Nixon then admitted that it was. (The complaint was that the ramp used for children mounting horse did not meet safety standards.)

Then Nixon said there was a second complaint and it was from me. My complaint was actually through me from my wife. In the summer 2009 the pasture was not maintained by Equine Therapy had had become overgrown with weeds and was not cleaned of manure for a month. My wife's background on this was that she knows manure and pastures...she grew up on a dairy farm in mid-Missouri and plus a herd of cows had two horses. After the complaint was made, the Hartkes did clean up the pasture. So Nixon trying to paint the Hartkes as having only complaints from weirdos like Brooks and myself backfired as both complaints were more than valid.

The commission voted unanimously to recommend the horse therapy program be awarded for another 5-years to Equine Assist Therapy.

**NUMBER ONE WINTER ISSUE FOR PARKS CHAIRWOMAN IS?** Lynn Wright opened the February 19 meeting of the Parks Commission by announcing that the Number #1 problem in Town and Country city parks this winter is ....**DOG POOP** and people not picking it up. For me it would be the city refusing to plow at least one sidewalk/trail in either Longview or Drace Parks so residents can safely walk after a snow.



This meeting started with an announcement that people were not picking their dogs' poop!

**120 DAYS JUST ISN'T ENOUGH DAMN TIME:** It has been only 120 days since the last Parks Commission meeting. They cancelled meetings in November and January and did not have a meeting scheduled in December. The last meeting held was on October 21, 2013. That is one-third of a year! At the beginning of the Feb 18, 2014 meeting Lynn Wright announced there were no minutes to approve from the last meeting as Secretary Meg Johnson has not had time to type them up.

In other news Wright asked if anyone wanted to be secretary. (Normally the staff liaison takes minutes, but Parks Director Anne Nixon has not done this task. It was decided that job will rotate from meeting to meeting.)

**SECRET KNOCK:** Going to the latest Parks Commission meeting was like going to a speakeasy in the 1920s. There was a catered event in the new section of the Longview Farmhouse. The Parks Commission meeting was moved to the front of the Farmhouse requiring entry by the front door of the house. The only problem was that for this PUBLIC MEETING the front door was locked. I found that three loud knocks followed by two short ones got someone to open the door.



**TROVA SCULPTURES AGAIN:** Lynn Wright had an agenda item of the Trova Sculptures. She announced that two of the sculptures had been awarded to the city by the County Parks Department and was passing out photos of the modern art saying they needed to decide where to put the sculptures. Jack Dunn said that was decided at the last parks Commission meeting. Lynn said it wasn't. Steve Korbecki said it had been and she showed everyone the same photos of the sculptures. Gosh...wouldn't some minutes have been helpful to Lynn?

Members told Lynn they voted to put one at Drace Park and the other at Longview Park. Lynn did not have the heart to tell members that Ward-1 Alderman Skip Mange and others objected to a piece of modern art being placed at Drace Park where Mange is trying to build an 1840 village of log cabins.



**YOU SAY “HONOR,” I SAY “UNLOADING SURPLUS FREEING UP STORAGE SPACE”:** Wright said what a “great honor” it was for Town and Country to get a 20-year loan of these sculptures. In reality the County Parks Department had removed a number of Trova sculptures from the sculpture park in Sunset Hills and was trying to find a place to put them to free up storage space.

**MOVEABLE BASES:** It was discussed that the city would need to pay several thousand dollars while having another deficit budget to pour concrete for the bases of these sculptures, when Wright said the city was looking at moveable bases so they could be moved from location to location. This immediately caused Chuck Lenz and me to both comment how it would only be a matter of time before students from Parkway Central take advantage of “movable bases” and transport a very heavy Trova sculpture from a Town and Country park to the 50-yardline at Parkway West High School.



Two of us at the Parks meeting thought this would be the place Trova sculptures might end up if they are placed on moveable bases.

### **MENARDS WILL BE TAKING TOWN AND CONTRY SALES TAX REVENUE:**

Planning and Development director, Sharon Rothmel commented at a September Finance Commission meeting that Home Depot was expecting a 20% loss in sales when Menards opens further west on Manchester Road. She added the Home Depot expected to see the 20% loss for up to two years before returning to their current sales figures. A drop in sales at Home Depot means a drop in sales tax revenue to the City of Town and Country.

I have to wonder if Home Depot isn't being a bit optimistic after a friend of mine posted the following on his facebook page:

Made my second-ever visit to Menard's today. Second time they had what I was looking for at a lower price than anyone else. What was even better was the service. When I commented to the employee in the electric department how much I hate shopping for light bulbs now that they all cost four times as much as they used to and there are so many different kinds, he walked me over to the light bulb aisle and gave me a very informative education on the subject. I picked out my light fixture and bulbs and headed to the checkout, expecting lines since the parking lot was full. Walked right up to the cashier with no wait! Can't wait until the St. Ann Menard's gets built and opened. Hope they keep doing things the way they are. As they expand in St. Louis, they're going to give Home Depot and Lowe's a run for their money. Kudos to Menard's.



## UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 62



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### **MAYOR BREAKS TIE...PRO DEVELOPER FACTION ON CITY**

**COUNCIL LOSES ONE:** In last year's municipal election it became clear the races were pro-developer candidates against slow-development candidates. The pro-development group went down in flames.

Bob Nation defeated fellow councilman Matt Segal, a person who had worked most of his adult life for developers, while former Councilman Dan Hurt and former mayor Nancy Greenwood defeated two candidates tied to Segal and the pro developer faction, including an incumbent.

10 months later the issue was the Schoettler Grove Planned Unit District for a new 31-home subdivision at the corner of Clayton and Schoettler and Clayton Roads.

**The living dead:** Compromises had been made on: 1. The number of homes (went in favor of the developers), 2. A gated access road connecting to an adjoining subdivision (went against developers' original plans), 3. Allowed to use a cemetery on the property to reach the required green space percentage (went in favor of developers) but the sticking point was the small cemetery. The property was sold to Brinkman Holdings, LLC by the First Baptist Church of Ballwin which also included the graveyard.

At the last meeting Mike Doster, the attorney for Brinkman stated they were happy to make improvements to the cemetery and improve its overall condition but they did not want to fund a trust fund to maintain the cemetery for a number of years. At that meeting council Dan Hurt promised a fight and he gave it at the Wednesday February 19th meeting.



Dan Hurt at Wednesday's City Council agenda meeting.

Derek Grier (boy-councilman) worked out an amendment to the rezoning bill that would require Brinkman to create a \$10,000 trust fund for 10-years of maintenance of the cemetery. Grier, who was the only candidate to run unopposed last April, was aligned with the pro-development faction of the Council. Hurt praised Grier's hard work, but said it wasn't enough.



Hurt said 20 years from now most members would no longer be on the council and other people would have to deal with a problem if the cemetery fell in disrepair. It was this council's job to try and see that it did not happen.

As the vote was taken, Hurt, Nancy Greenwood and Bruce DeGroot voted against it. The vote was 4-for and 3-against and senior Councilman Barry Flachsbart was the last to vote. Barry made a theatrical pause and then voted "Nay" which forced Mayor Bob Nation to break the 4-4 tie. Nation defeated the bill by voting no.

Flachsbart said the \$10,000 was too small of an amount. He pointed out that how the council agreed to allow Brinkman to expand the development by an extra lot, which was worth \$360,000. He felt they could easily come up with another \$10,000 to move the trust fund to \$20,000. Flachsbart felt the rezoning would pass with the additional \$10,000. (Maybe times are hard at Brinkman, LLC in last weeks' newsletter we wrote how Robert Brinkman's home at St. Albans is for sale for a mere \$8.9 million.)



Barry Flachsbart

**FAST EXIT:** The front row at the City Council meeting consisted of representatives of or for Brinkman, LLC. Only consulting engineer George Stock had the good sense to stay seated and wait for the meeting to end five minutes after the “no” vote on the Schoettler Grove rezoning. The rest including attorney Mike Doster walked out in a huff.



George Stock with a poker face remains seated while others bolt after a “no” vote.

**GREENWOOD VOTES FOR COMMON SENSE...REST OF COUNCIL VOTES TO HIRE A NE LOBBYIST:** The City Council voted on Wednesday to approve spending \$60,000 to hire Jefferson City lobbyist Gamble-Schlemeier. Two weeks earlier they had voted to spend \$2,500 to obtain an opinion from the same lobbying company.

Mayor Bob Nation drew up the resolution to replace former Senator Mike Gibbons, in the battle against the forced “pool” of sales tax money. (We reported incorrectly two weeks ago that the city only got 25% of the money it sent to the pool.) He pointed out that Chesterfield only get back 44% of the money.

“We won’t get anything done if we don’t hire a lobbyist,” said Nation.



Mayor Bob Nation reads a statement concerning his reasons why the city needs to hire another lobbyist.

The resolution passed with only former mayor, Councilwoman Nancy Greenwood voting against it. She told us after the meeting that the change to the “pool” sharing of sales taxes in areas incorporated after 1983 or by cities that elected to join the pool has no chance in being passed.

She stated that state representatives and senators who represent Chesterfield also represent Clarkson Valley and Wildwood wealthy areas with little retail that receive monies generated by Chesterfield sales taxes.

While Nation admitted that Chesterfield has spent \$120,000 on lobbyists in the past with no positive results, Greenwood said it has even been more money.

The City of Fenton is also crying foul. Fenton once was in need of the sale tax pool as they were collecting less than what they needed to run the city. But that changed when the Gravois Bluffs Shopping Center was built. Now they want to be a point of sale city and have also hired a lobbyist.

Meanwhile Webster Groves, University City and Wildwood went together and hired a lobbyist to fight to keep the “pool” system the way it is.

St. Louis County Government hired Chesterfield based lobbyist Bardgett and Associates to fight against their hometown government in Chesterfield and keep the pool the way it is.

Greenwood clearly is voting on the side of common sense.

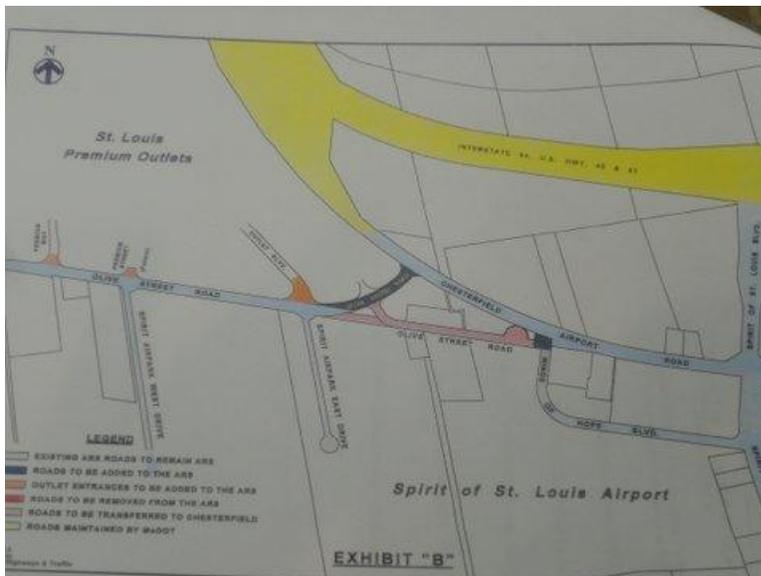
“We are going to have wasted \$220,000 on lobbyists. That money could have paid for a police officer on the job for two or more years,” said Greenwood.



Nancy Greenwood sticks up for the city’s budget and not Jefferson City lobbyists.

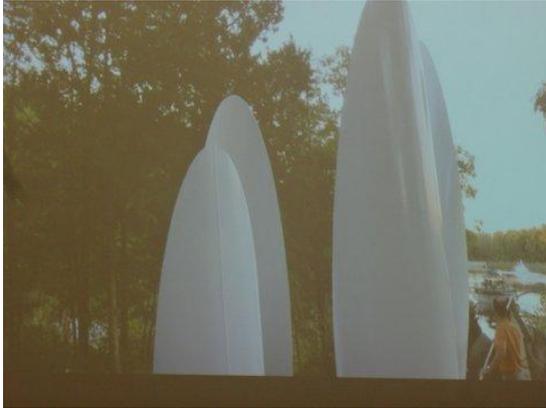
Mike Casey, a pro-development guy, chided Greenwood saying, “Unless you go (hire the lobbyist) you don’t know.”

**CITY TAKES A CHUNK OF OLIVE STREET ROAD:** The City Council voted to accept responsibility for a small section of Olive Street Road that was made redundant after a new exit was built from Chesterfield Airport Road when the St. Louis Premium Outlet Mall was built.



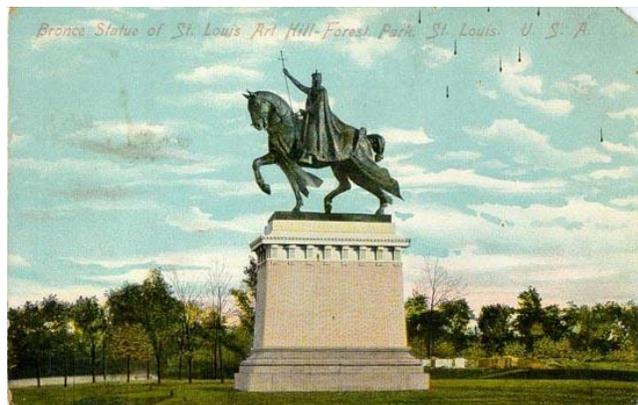
Area In pink is being taken over from St. Louis County to City of Chesterfield. The blue section is roadway maintain by St. Louis County and the yellow is I-64 maintained by the State of Missouri.

**A HORSE IS A HORSE OF COURSE OF COURSE:** At the start of the Chesterfield City Council meeting Stacey Morse the executive director of Chesterfield Arts briefly talked about the college sculpture competition. She then played a 6-minute video and the competition. The five finalists included young collegians from Washington University and St. Louis University and two old people attending St. Louis Community Colleges in their retirement. The winner was Rod Callies, a retired architect and a junior college art student.



Callies' sculpture

In the video Callies is being interviewed and said when his work was unveiled he wondered what it was like when they unveiled “the horse” in front of the art museum.

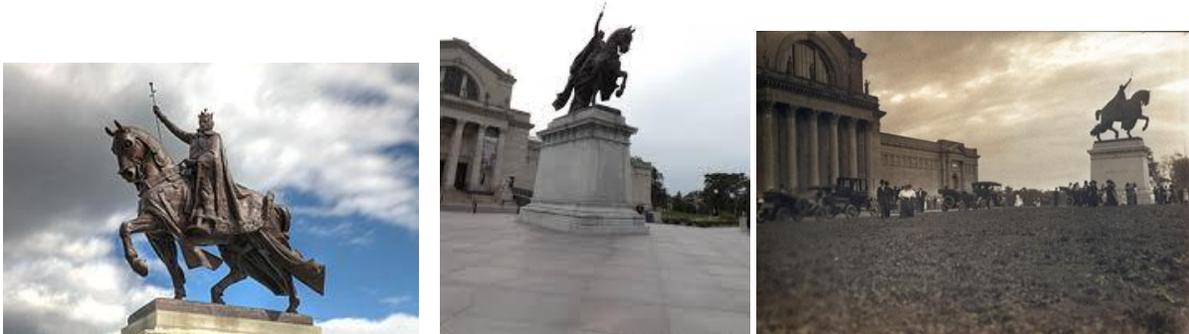


This is a horse of course along with Wilbur. This is a statue of King Louis IX, later Saint Louis on a horse that has been located in front of the Art Museum since 1906

It is interesting that Callies considers this a bronze statue “a horse.” Many of us who have visited Art Hill and the Art Museum have always thought of it as a statue of the guy who the City of St. Louis was named after, who just happened to be sitting on a horse. After all King Louis IX was well known for leading two crusades, but not having much luck in either one. The first one he was captured and the second one he died in Tunis in 1270 at age 56 due to the scourge.

As a side note the unveiling of Saint Louis included a crowd of 25,000, soldiers firing a rifle salute, a parade of city workers led by the police department's mounted patrol officers.

The design of the statue was by Charles Henry Neihaus and was executed by W.R. Hodges.



**NOT ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO CHARGE HIT AND RUN SUSPECT:** I thought this case might be problematic for the Chesterfield Police when they did not have enough evidence to get a warrant and go into a home and arrest Yelena Pelts of 623 Clovertrail in the River Bend subdivision last week after the hit and run death of Roy Joseph of Chesterfield on Olive Blvd near the Monarch fire District Headquarters. .



Pelts was eventually arrested but later released when the prosecutor's office wanted more evidence to file charges. The police believe they had matched up evidence at the scene to a van belonging to Pelts.

**MISSOURI SENATE DOES IT AGAIN...WASTES TIME AND MONEY:** When the Missouri legislature passed the ban on 21-year-olds from texting and driving which included a provision that forbid any municipality or county government from

passing any ordinance concerning driving and electronic hand held devices it was clear the legislature was not interested in the safety of Missourians but taking care of the telecommunications industry. If you think about it, what group is probably best equipped to text and drive? Would it be a 60-year-old with some arthritis and vision issues, not to mention a reduction in reaction time or a 20-year-old who has been texting constantly since the age of 10? Of course no one should be allowed to text and drive. In most of the free world no one allowed to use a cell phone and drive...the exception is Missouri and 70% of the United States.



Which one of these people do you think can text and drive more safely? Of course both are menaces to everyone's safety, but the Missouri Legislature thinks the person on the left should be able to drive and text while the one on the right should be ticketed.

Now the Missouri Senate has passed a bill that would make it a crime for Federal agents to enforce Federal gun laws and make them subject to arrest. Any dope should be aware that the bill is unconstitutional. No state can pass a law to infringe on those of the United States. Apparently no State, except Missouri! ATF and the FBI haven't found the time to enforce gun laws against law abiding citizens of the Show-me-State, they have been far too busy enforcing the laws against drug dealers, gangs and robbery suspects.

But leave it to the Missouri Senate, a group that with only a few exceptions has no problem accepting a campaign contribution from the most inappropriate sources, to violate the constitutional rights of Federal law enforcement agents.



The Missouri Legislature would have the agents pictured above arrested for doing their jobs. (Left) ATF agents assist the Prince George's County Police in suburban Washington DC. Right FBI agents arrest a New York City organized crime boss. In Missouri these agents would be considered possible suspects.

## **MEDIA WATCH: FORMER PATCH EDITORS ABOUT LIKE WASTING**

**MONEY:** Ever wonder what happened to the awful guy, Kurt Greenbaum, who was over the St. Louis Region of patch.com sites or the Town and Country-Manchester patch.com editor Gabrielle Biondo? Well they have teamed up and are running a website called realtimestl.com.

Greenbaum and Biondo are simply stealing the work from Post-Dispatch, St. Louis Business Journal, Riverfront Times, local TV stations and national newspapers' articles and reposting it on their website. It is sort of a local Huffington Post, but it is a big waste of time.



Why would you want to depend on what Greenbaum or Biondo think is important? Just go to StLtoday.com and read what you think is important to you.

Now if Greenbaum and Biondo want to do something useful they could go over all the local bloggers and small news sites and post stories that people have no idea existed. But no, they are doing it the easy way and going over the news websites that everyone already has bookmarked and reads regularly.

One thing that Realtimestl.com and patch.com have in common they don't seem to produce any revenue. Realtimestl.com is owned by Infuz, a St. Louis company that deals in social media. I would be surprised if Realtimestl.com is around in December stealing and reposting Christmas stories.

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

**THE MISSING APRIL SIMPSON:** If you had not noticed, the best entertainment/newscast on TV has been missing for several months. Of course I'm speaking of April Simpson mispronouncing, stuttering her way through 60-minute newscasts at 11am on KTVI and at 4pm on KPLR.



In 2010 April struggled winning a battle that most people don't win, against brain cancer. Since then for some viewers her problems in pronouncing words, long hair extensions, tight clothes and colorful shoes have been as much a reason to watch the newscasts as the actual news. For some reason I don't think the performance issues are related to the past medical issue.

Christine Buck moved from the 12 noon newscast on Channel 11 and is now doing the 4pm show. Meanwhile Elliott Weiler is anchoring the 11am newscast with a different co-anchor almost on a daily basis. I sent an email to KTVI asking about where April was and never got a response.

I checked her facebook page and twitter account and learned that she is recovering from a hip replacement that she had just before Christmas and complaining about noisy new neighbors.

**REAL ESTATE: \$3,350,000 for a Fenton address:** 918 Norrington Way is in unincorporated St. Louis County, but has a Fenton address. We joke that there is at least \$100,000 more tacked onto a home in the 63124 zip code just because of the zip code. What kind of reduction do you get if the property is in the 63026 zip code?



This is a 14 acre property that has a stable for horses and a guest house or caretaker's cottage. For \$3,350,000 you only get a four-car garage and that's detached. Plus the barn/stable is in the need of some paint.



If you are out in the serious Snoburbia locations you get to tell your friends how they need to take Clayton, or Conway or Ladue roads to each your house. If you drop \$3,350,000 for this spread you have to tell your friends to take New Smizer Mill Road (Hwy 141) past Bowles.

The 8,040 square foot house has four bedrooms and five and a half baths. It was built in 2001. The original owners are Jay Alan and Dana Peters, who have owned Spectrum Cleaning and Restoration since 1983.

**FOOD: A RETURN TRIP TO ANNIE GUNN'S. THERE IS ONLY ONE TIME OF DAY YOU SHOULD GO TO ANNIE GUNN'S:** If you like nice things, but hate to waste money it is hard to go to Annie Gunn's in the evening because you will be wasting huge sums of money.

However if you like good food, the excellent service that comes with a pricey meal and are willing to pay a little bit more than usual...Annie Gunn's is the place to go for lunch. Here is an example...a rib-eye steak at lunch is already overpriced at \$30. It is \$60 for dinner.

The key is to go for a late lunch that will also serve as an early dinner. My wife and I went to Annie Gunn's last week around 2 o'clock. I was hoping she would split my entrée...the pan fried chicken fried steak, mash potatoes, green beans and a biscuit. However, she saw something she'd rather have so our bill doubled!



This meal was \$16 and I still got the waiter reciting all the specials of the day. My only mistake on the day was ordering the potato soup. It was delicious but made this meal too much! The only complaint was that the green beans were cold.

My wife had the mushroom soup (with five kinds of mushrooms) and the chicken rigatoni. For \$15 for the rigatoni and \$4 for the soup.



We perused the 'wine book' like we might purchase a grossly overpriced bottle of wine, but ended up sticking with water.

**THE SMOKEHOUSE REMINDED ME OF HOLLAND AMERICAN CRUISE LINES:**

After we went to the Smokehouse which adjoins and is operated by Annie Gunn's. It has meats, fish, a deli and other overpriced items.



Everything looked great in the deli, but calling it “pricey” is being nice. However, I got hooked and reeled into buying a small container of Cole slaw and potato salad. But the next day at home it reminded more of the food on a Holland American cruise ship. It looked great but didn’t taste great. I like the Cole slaw at Dierbergs much better and the best potato salad in West County is the homemade variety at Charlotte’s Rib at Clayton and Kehr’s Mill Road.

There was one thing that reminded me of being in a Ben Franklin store in 1960. They were selling Bonomo’s Turkish Taffy, which had a great advertising jingle on Saturday morning cartoon shows, but a sugar treat for people with new teeth and not a mouth full of crowns, bridges and inlays. They also had Clark’s Teaberry gum, another product with a great 1960’s jingle, “The Teaberry Shuffle” performed by Herb Alpert. Watch one or two Teaberry commercials.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fk11Acjofu8>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0FmvrAwoyL0>



We are told there is still a Ben Franklin store in Eureka that sells all the old candy from the 1960s.

### **THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF JOINTS ON CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT ROAD:**

If you haven’t driven up and down Chesterfield Airport Road lately you might be in for a surprise. Chic-Fil- A is getting bigger.

However the one that I noticed that was not a big surprise was that Tahoe Joe's was gone. In fact it did not last two years, closing in October. When we ate there the side dishes were wonderful, unfortunately the main entrees were not.

Taking the place of Tahoe Joe's will be Estancia Mexican restaurant. The city council awarded their liquor license on Wednesday night. Last week they were interviewing for staff positions. The former manager of the very popular (or should we say hugely popular since 1978) Hacienda restaurant in Rock Hill is opening up Estancia, which in Spanish means about the same as Hacienda.



Further east we found that a Bandana's B-B-Q place has opened in the long empty Bob Evans restaurant.



Bandana's not a busy place at the end of the lunch hour last Wednesday. .

It will be interesting to see the battle of Mexican food and B-B-Q, as Espinos has been a popular spot for Mexican food further west on Chesterfield Airport Road and PM B-B-Q on Long Road has been so popular they had to move to a bigger building.



**MUSIC:** It was back to our Wednesday night hangout on DeMun.



It was the Route 66 Jazz Orchestra at the Kirkwood Brewing Station last Wednesday.



# CARTOONS:

This one is for my musician friends, especially the singers





DEBATING  
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COURSE

"OH, LOOK, YOU CAN SEE THE LIGHTS OF KIEV FROM HERE."

**Q.**

HOW DOES THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION KNOW WHEN SOMEONE IS QUALIFIED TO BE AN AMBASSADOR?

**A.**

Judge @2014 KANSASCHARTER/2-18



THEY SEE SIGNS.