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By John Hofmann

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WEST COUNTY HOME BURGLAR APPARENTLY BELONGS TO THE CHURCH OF THE NINTH CHANCE. If you are a regular reader of Bill McClellan's columns in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch you are aware that Bill believes people deserve to belong to the "Church of the Second Chance." Under Bill's philosophy society should not be too tough on first time offenders as there should be a Church of the Second Chance.

If you recall our April 21 newsletter, Justin Jeffers was arrested by Town and County Police after he fled from a house on Conway Road in Creve Coeur that he was burglarizing at 11:30 in the morning only to be interrupted by the homeowner when she returned home.



Justin Jeffers



The Church of the Ninth Chance...it is not very big

A description and license number of his car was dispatched by the Creve Coeur Police. An alert Officer David Laughlin of the Town and Country Police parked on I-270 and waited. His wait paid off as Jeffers drove past him. Jeffers did not pull over but instead

led police on a chase into Des Peres where he stopped and then fled forcing officers to chase him on foot.

At the time of his arrest Jeffers was out on bond for another burglary and stealing offense in St. Louis County. When we wrote about Jeffers in April we included his arrest record. Three burglary and stealing cases plus a felony drug possession case from 2007 were adjudicated in 2008. Judge Richard Brenahan sentenced Jeffers to seven years in the Department of Corrections, but then placed him on probation. Jeffers was given immediate enrollment into the Church of the Third Chance. For three felonies he got a first, second and third chance by not going to jail. He couldn't follow the terms of his probation and it was revoked and he was sent to prison, only to serve less than two years of the 7-year term. This was the Church of the Fourth Chance.

Once out he was picked up in 2009 with stolen property and drugs. A St. Louis City judge gave him five days in the city workhouse. That moved him into the Church of the Fifth Chance, felonies reduced to city ordinance violations with only 5 days in jail.

Then there was the forgery, drug and stolen property charges in 2009. It was back to prison, but instead of doing the rest of the seven years he was out in 2013. He found himself going past the Churches of the Sixth and Seventh Chances directly to the Church of the Eight Chance. But he apparently didn't like the services or sermons.

In 2013 he was arrested for a house burglary in St. Louis County, but released on bond. In other words he had one foot in the Church of the Ninth Chance. Then came his arrest by Town and County after he burglarized the Creve Coeur home and led police on a pursuit.

Jeffers quickly pled guilty on June 30, 2014 before St. Louis County Circuit Court Judge David Vincent. Vincent sentenced Jeffers to nine years in the Department of Corrections for two burglary charges. But wait...apparently Judge Vincent believes in the Church of the Ninth Chance. He is only making Jeffers serve two years "shock incarceration." So instead of Jeffers being back burglarizing our homes after an early release from his nine year prison term in 2020...he will be making us victims again sometime in 2016. Who can blame him...maybe there is a Church of the Tenth Chance.



Here is Jeffers record:

06/30/06	Drug Possession (felony)	St. Louis Co 7 years jail Probation
08/08/07	Burglary	St. Louis Co 7 years jail Probation
08/08/07	Felony Theft	St. Louis Co 7 years jail Probation
10/23/07	Burglary	St. Louis Co 7 years jail Probation
10/23/07	Felony Theft	St. Louis Co 7 years jail Probation
10/28/07	Burglary	St. Louis Co 7 years jail Probation
10/28/07	Felony Theft	St. Louis Co 7 years jail Probation
11/09/07	Felony Theft	St. Louis Co 7 years jail Probation
03/14/09	Receiving Stolen Property (misd)	St. Louis 5 Days Jail
03/14/09	Unlawful use of Drug Para (misd)	St. Louis 5 days Jail
03/25/09	2 counts Forgery (felony)	St. Louis County
05/14/09	7 Counts of Probation Violation	St. Louis County Probation
05/14/09	7 probations revoked Jeffers sentenced to 7 years in MDC	
06/24/09	Receiving Stolen Property (fel)	St. Louis 7-years MDC
06/24/09	Felony Possession of Marijuana	St. Louis 7-years MDC
06/24/10	Receiving Stolen Property	St. Louis 7-years MDC
06/25/10	Possession of Marijuana (fel)	St. Louis 7-years MDC
03/11/11	Probation for Forgery Revoked	St. Louis Co 7-Years MDC
09/23/13	Burglary	St. Louis Co 9-years MDC reduced to 2
09/23/13	Felony Theft	St. Louis Co 9-years MDC reduced to 2
04/15/14	Burglary	Creve Coeur PD 9-years MDC reduced to 2
04/15/14	Felony Theft	Creve Coeur PD 9-years MDC reduced to 2

A MEMBER OF THE GANGS OF TOWN AND COUNTRY PLED GUILTY IN FEDERAL COURT PLUS GETS HIT WITH A \$70,000 TAX BILL: If you remember from our December 20, 2013 Newsletter #108, Town and Country resident Ronald L. Roberts of 12913 North Topping Estates was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury of three counts of wire fraud and one count of mail fraud in cheating investors out of up to \$3-

million in a fraudulent land scheme. The scheme involved in convincing people to invest in a phony land deal for a future Walmart that could return up to \$22-million. Roberts pled guilty on Wednesday July 23 to all counts. Sentencing will be in October. He and his wife Sonya had numerous judgments against them. On December 20, 2013 Roberts had \$66,000 in judgments and liens against him. His wife, whose failed business Special Nightlife had gone broke, had \$254,000 in liens and judgments against her.

A month prior to pleading guilty in Federal Court, Ronald Roberts was hit with a \$70,643 judgment for more back taxes in St. Louis County Circuit Court.

The couple has lived at 12913 North Topping Estates since 2008.



Here is an update list of civil actions against the Ronald and Sonya Roberts:

Ronald:

- 02/08/08 Child Support Maintenance Order \$222 a month
- 07/10/08 Order to pay child support arrears
- 05/27/09 State of Missouri Recovers \$1,498.41 from Roberts
- 02/17/10 Order to pay Mo Department of Revenue \$1,040.29
- 01/31/11 Judgment to pay Missouri Dept. of Revenue \$1,581 (not satisfied)
- 06/10/11 garnishment of vehicle at 12931 N. Topping Estates (veh not found)
- 01/30/12 Judgment to pay Missouri Dept of Revenue \$5,049.86 (not satisfied)
- 09/19/13 Judgment to pay Missouri Dept of Revenue \$5,925.27 (not satisfied)
- 10/10/13 Judgment of \$46,814 for NJN Development (not yet paid)
- 10/01/13 Judgment of \$5,919 for Jerry Kelly Heating and A/C (not yet paid)
- 06/13/14 Judgment for \$70,643 for Missouri Department of Revenue in back taxes

Sonya:

05/17/08 lawsuit for non-payment of \$20,895 at 12931 N. Topping Estates by **Linek Plumbing**
 09/05/08 Mechanics Lien of \$3,427 by **Precision Irrigation**
 06/03/09 Judgment of \$11,761 by **Pro-Tint**
 09/19/11 Non payment suit by **MSD** at 12931 N Topping Estates (still pending next court date 6/13/14)
 05/28/10 Judgment of \$4,086 by Mo. Div of Employment Sec
 04/22/10 Judgment for \$21,406 for U.S. Candy and Tobacco (not yet paid)
 07/30/10 Judgment of \$15,000 for **Follmer Yard Works**
 08/27/10 Judgment of \$37,475 for GMAC and replevin of 2007 Corvette
 12/13/10 Judgment of \$5,333 for Mo. Dept. of Revenue (not yet paid)
 02/16/11 Judgment of \$1,548 for Capital One Bank
 01/10/11 Judgment of \$443 for Mo. Div of Employment Sec (not yet paid)
 01/14/11 Garnishment award to GMAC of Motor Vehicle
 01/18/11 Judgment of \$55,709 for Mo. Dept. of Revenue (not yet paid)
 01/25/11 Judgment of \$12,256 for Mo. Dept. of Revenue
 01/25/11 Judgment of \$7,368 for Mo. Dept. of Revenue (not yet paid)
 03/14/11 Judgment of \$1,399 for Mo. Dept. of Revenue (not yet paid)
 04/05/11 Judgment of \$1,127 for Mo. Dept. of Revenue
 06/08/11 Judgment of \$10,009 for Mo. Dept. of Revenue (not yet paid)
 09/20/11 Judgment of \$5,723 for Mo. Dept. of Revenue (not yet paid)
 10/18/11 Judgment of \$20,493 for Mo. Dept. of revenue (not yet paid)
 12/15/11 Judgment of \$6,544 for St. Louis Co. Collector of Revenue (not yet paid)
 01/23/12 Bankruptcy filed
 02/27/12 Judgment of \$1,869 for Mo. Dept. of Revenue (not yet paid)
 01/28/13 Judgment of \$1,023 for Mo. Dept. of Revenue (satisfied 3/28/13)
 04/08/13 Judgment of \$3,909 for Mo. Dept. of Revenue (satisfied 6/24/13)
 10/01/13 Judgment of \$11,185 for **Jerry Kelly Heating and A/C** (not yet paid)
 02/19/14 Judgment of \$11,838 for Jerry Kelly Heating and A/C (not yet paid)
 03/17/14 Judgment of \$2,336 for Mo. Dept. of Revenue (satisfied 05/09/14)
 05/09/14 Judgment of \$ 884.74 for Mo. Dept. of Revenue (satisfied on 0-6/20/14)
 06/13/14 Judgment for \$2,971 for Mo. Dept. of Revenue

TELLING TIME THE SKIP MANGE WAY: First we had trouble telling time the "Mayor Jon Dalton Way" in February 2010 after Dalton announced at neighborhood meetings that Lukas' Liquors was moving into the empty Linen and Things building in the Manchester Meadows Shopping Center. We are still waiting...of course now for the Dalton statement to be true we will have to wait for Gold's Gym to move out of the building they just remodeled and moved into earlier this year.

Then we had the "Alderman Tim Welby way" to tell time when Welby announced in April of 2013 that the Raintree School on S. Mason would be open that August. When Welby says something is going to happen he apparently means five months after what he said. The school opened in January 2014.

Now it is telling time the "Skip Mange way." Skip announced at a meeting in May how work would begin in June on tearing off the 1950s addition to the Drace Family log cabin, that was used as a guest house before the property became a park and the rebuilding of a cabin moved from Conway Road. Skip later changed the start time to the end of July. Plus at the same time the log cabin logs Skip obtained from a site on Conway and moved to Drace would start being rebuilt.

Now we are at the end of July and still no work has begun.



The log cabin on Sunday July 27.

Skip told me that the contractor is behind schedule on other jobs and has pushed back the start date at Drace Park.

On Wednesday July 30, Anne Nixon announced there would be a "Ground Breaking Ceremony" on Thursday August 7. This strikes me as a little odd, since the first phase of the work is suppose to be the demolition of the addition to the existing log home. Perhaps "A Window Breaking" ceremony might be more appropriate.

At least we know now that when Skip Mange gives a date for something to happen it really means six weeks after the date.

WHAT THE PARK WAS DESIGNED FOR BEFORE SKIP'S OBSESSION WITH LOG CABINS: While Mange wants to build a full log cabin village to compete with the existing one, just a few miles away in the County's Faust Park in Chesterfield I was at the park the other day and saw what one of the open fields was perfect for before Skip decides to put a suburb of log cabins to his Village of log cabins.



LYNN WRIGHT AND ANNE NIXON WANT TO BUY SMALLER COVERED TRASH CANS FOR DRACE PARK...WE HAVE A MONEY SAVING SUGGESTION: After Alderwoman Lynn Wright and Parks Director Anne Nixon announced the \$1000 anti-raccoon trash cans they were buying to put directly across from each other in Longview Park, they also said how they wanted to buy smaller trash cans for Drace that would keep the rain out so dog walkers' bags of dog poop would not stink.

I immediately pointed out that new trash cans were a waste of money. What was needed was for the existing trash cans to be emptied once and a while. I apparently was not heard on that issue. While they have not bought the new trash cans yet, emptying existing trash cans remains an issue. Along the trail at Drace Park the three trash cans had not been emptied in **28 Days!** Yes I have been keeping track. Guess what...a trash can full of bags of dog poop do begin to smell.



days, from July 2 to July 30.

This trash can was not emptied for approximately 28

Earlier this year Lynn Wright spoke at length of people who don't pick up after their dogs. What about a parks department that doesn't pick up after the people who do pick up after their dogs?

NOW FOR SOMETHING POSITIVE: It was nice to see that the city had removed honeysuckle from the front of Drace Park. Of course the city parks under Matt Broderick's hard work had by 2010 removed huge amounts of honeysuckle but did nothing to keep it from coming back after Matt resigned.



Cut honeysuckle by the road waiting to be picked up The cleared out area at the front of the park.

UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 83



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CONNIE WAILS WANTING TO GIVE AWAY \$250,000 OF TAXPAYERS' MONEY:

After it appeared as if common sense would prevail and Mayor Bob Nation's threat to veto any effort to give the broke Chesterfield's Arts organization \$250,000, he stopped the nonsense. However, Councilwoman Connie Fults is still trying make the taxpayers a victim. In a scheme for the City to buy two Chinese horses that are in front of City Hall that already appeared to be owned by the City Chesterfield Arts wanted \$250,000 for the previously free horses.

I've never really understood why you would want Chinese War horses in front of the Chesterfield City Hall. It was not like warriors from the Ming Dynasty discovered the Chesterfield Valley.

Chesterfield Arts had withdrawn the proposal realizing it would not survive a promised veto by Nation. While most thought the matter was dead at the start of the July 21 City Council meeting, it was a surprise when Fults said she would put the matter back on the agenda for the August 4 City Council meeting.

Some thought they were sandbagged or blindsided by Fults' announcement. Chesterfield Arts had said in July they would be out of money and would have to go out of business at the end of August without the \$250,000..



Connie



Is it a city hall or a really big P.F. Chang's?

Mayor Bob Nation still maintained to us that he will veto any attempt to "buy" the horses that were given to Chesterfield Art by the former Adams Mark Hotel and in turned appeared to have been given to the city. Mayor Nation said he is sure he has the votes to uphold a veto and doesn't even think Fults has the votes to hand over \$250,000 to force his veto for the horses that make the city hall look like it has a P.F. Chang restaurant

DRIVEWAY PLOWED IN BY SNOW PLOW...HELP IS ON THE WAY IF YOU ARE 65...NO MAKE THAT 70 OR OLDER...NO ONLY IF YOU HAVE A DISABLED LICENSE PLATE OR DOCTOR'S STATEMENT: Director of Services Mike Geisel

began to explain a new program he was proposing, which the Planning and Public Works committee immediately tore into and reduced by a lot.

Learn something new every day: Snowdrifts are not "plow related" but usually associated with blowing snow. However, I have always called the mound of snow left at the front of my driveway as a "plow-drift" or snowdrift but it's proper name is a "windrow."

The proposal called for after the streets are plowed for city crews to come back clear the first seven feet of the private driveways where snow was pushed onto the drive by snow plowing for certain qualified residents.



"It would be a service that would set Chesterfield apart," said Geisel.

Geisel had barely stopped talking when his 65-years-of-age requirement was tossed out the window and raised to 70.

Concern was raised that a homeowner might be 70, but much younger relatives may be living at the house.

"I don't have a problem doing this for people who are handicapped," said Committee Chairman Dan Hurt.

"If we do it we should do it as a one-year test and find out how much it is going to cost us," said Nancy Greenwood. She added, "If we did it for age 65 it would be every third house in my ward."

Dan Hunt who is often on the lookout for what could go wrong with bills and proposals when passed on to the Council made a final statement.

"My biggest concern is that someone will shovel their driveway onto the apron of the driveway and expect us to finish the job."

NEW BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEMBER: Jeannie Raider, who managed a Dierberg's cooking school for 22 years was at the recent Planning and Public Works Committee. She was a nominee for an open spot on the Board of Adjustment, where property owners can appeal adverse rulings or denials for property improvements.

The Committee was going to vote on sending her nomination to the City Council for approval. Committee chair Dan Hurt asked her to tell the committee about herself.

He learned she liked to tap dance and play bridge. While not necessarily strong requirements for the Board of Adjustment, Hurt said the ability to tap dance is always good when you are working in government.



Jeannie Raider

This exchange was the highlight of the evening for me:

Councilwoman Nancy Greenwood: Have you looked at what the board does?

Nominee Raider: No

Chairman Dan Hurt: Well that was a very honest answer.

The Committee voted 4-0 to recommend Raider for appointment to the full Council.



FOLLOW THE MONEY PART II: THE TRANSPORTATION ROAD SALES TAX:

Clearly the Missouri Department of Transportation and the Missouri Highway Commission are behind the vote to add 3/4 of a cent to Missouri sales taxes to finance roads. This tax would go in effect so motorists and the trucking industry would not have to pay a higher fuel tax. Of course also behind this measure are road contractors, cement companies, labor unions, civil engineering firms by the dozen, large construction equipment dealers, insurance companies that have construction companies for clients and even one Kansas City law firm whose senior partner is on the Highway Commission.

I was at the Fathers' Day car show at the Museum of Transportation and MoDOT had a booth, manned by two people I worked with for four years when I was an editor for a traffic reporting company that had a desk at MoDOT. The two people were handing out water bottles with the MoDOT logo and other items, including a list of area road improvements that would be made if the sales tax was approved. I jokingly accused them of electioneering and campaigning. They immediately replied that they were merely "providing information to citizens and didn't care how they voted."

More recently MoDOT has been accused in the media of using message board along highways to urge motorists to vote yes. But if you look at the campaign money rolling to pay for ads and get Amendment 7 passed you will see who is really behind this. In the second quarter "Missourians for Safe Transportation and New Jobs collected \$1,453, 050. That was just in three months!



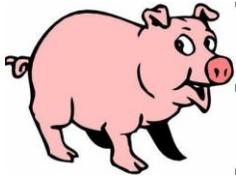
Here is the list of top money givers by amount so far in the campaign:

\$649,398	Industry Advancement Fund Heavy Constructors Association Jefferson City
\$400,000	Intrl Union of Operating Engineers Washington, DC/Kansas City
\$150,000	Emery Sapp & Sons Inc Columbia, MO Road Construction
\$150,000	APAC Overland Park, Kansas Road contractors
\$150,000	Kiewit Infrastructure Co. Littleton, Colorado road construction
\$100,000	Western MO & KS Laborers Kansas City, MO
\$85,435	Assoc General Contractors of St. Louis
\$75,000	Pace Construction Overland, MO
\$75,000	Herzog Contracting Co St. Joseph, MO
\$75,000	Regional Business Council Clayton, MO
\$50,000	Massman Construction Co. Kansas City, MO
\$50,000	Burns and McDonnell Kansas City, engineers
\$50,000	Site Advancement Foundation Des Peres, MO Contractor Association
\$50,000	Millstone-Weber Construction St. Peters, MO
\$50,000	Ideker St. Joseph, MO Road Construction
\$50,000	HNTB Kansas City, MO Construction and engineering
\$50,000	Heavy Constructors Assoc of Greater Kansas City
\$50,000	Chester Bross Construction Hannibal, MO
\$50,000	Laborers International of North America Bridgeton, MO
\$49,131	MO Construction Industry Advancement Fund
\$40,000	ACG PAC Jefferson City, MO Contractors
\$37,500	MO Truck PAC Eldon, MO
\$35,000	HDR Engineering Omaha, Nebraska
\$25,000	Jacobs Good Government Fund Pasadena, California engineers
\$25,000	Trailer Corp. Springfield, MO
\$25,000	Fred Weber, Inc. Maryland Heights, MO Road Construction Co
\$25,000	Crawford Murphy & Tilly Inc. Springfield, IL engineers
\$25,000	Delongs Jefferson City Structural Steel for Bridges
\$25,000	Foley Industries Topeka, Kansas Heavy Equipment Supplier
\$25,000	N.B. Contracting Bentwood, MO
\$25,000	Missouri Transportation PAC Jefferson City MO
\$25,000	Central Plains Cement Co. Sugar Creek, MO
\$25,000	Bloomsdale Excavating Co Bloomsdale MO
\$25,000	Murphy Tractor & Equipment Park City, Kansas
\$25,000	New Prime Springfield, MO Tractor-Trailer dealer
\$25,000	DLH Services Inc Cape Girardeau, MO Accounting
\$25,000	D&S Fencing Festus, MO

\$20,000 CDM Smith Cambridge, MA engineers
 \$20,000 Journagan Construction Springfield, MO
 \$20,000 Continental Cement Co. Hannibal, MO
 \$20,000 Phillips Hardy Booneville, MO Highway Construction
 \$20,000 American Council of Engineering Companies Washington, DC
 \$20,000 Leavenworth Excavating & Equip Co Inc Leavenworth, Kansas
 \$20,000 Jensen Construction Co. Des Moines, Iowa
 \$27,500 Missouri Asphalt Pavement Associations Jefferson City, MO
 \$20,000 Capital Quarries Co., Jefferson City, MO
 \$20,000 American Bridge Coraopolis PA
 \$15,000 Olsson Associates, Lincoln, Nebraska Road Engineers
 \$15,000 Transystems Corp. Kansas City, MO construction management
 \$15,000 Cretex Concrete Products Maple Grove, Minnesota
 \$15,000 Black & McDonald Kansas City MO (Canadian Construction management)
 \$15,000 Koss Construction Company Topeka, Kansas
 \$15,000 Realm Construction Inc Blue Springs, MO
 \$15,000 Buzzi Unicem USA 100 Bethlehem, PA Cement & Concrete
 \$15,000 Hayes Drilling Inc Olathe, Kansas
 \$15,000 Eastern MO Laborers District Bridgeton, MO
 \$15,000 Civic Progress Action Comm. St. Louis
 \$15,000 Witte Bros. Exchange Inc Troy, MO Trucking Company
 \$12,500 Frank Twehous Excavating Company Inc.
 \$11,000 CH2M Hill Inc Englewood, CO engineers and construction
 \$10,000 EFK Moen, LLC West St. Louis County Engineers
 \$10,000 Rudolph Farber Babker, Neosho, MO
 \$10,000 Lockton Companies LLC Kansas City, MO Insurance
 \$10,000 Snyder Construction Company Joplin, MO
 \$10,000 George J. Siebers & Co. Merriam, Kansas Construction Insurance
 \$10,000 Garver, LLC North Little Rock, Arkansas engineers
 \$10,000 Robertson Contractors Popular Bluff, MO
 \$10,000 Jefferson City Chamber of Commerce Civic Progress
 \$10,000 ACEC/Missouri Jefferson City, MO engineering association
 \$10,000 Consulting Engineers Council of MO Jefferson City
 \$10,000 Branco Enterprises Neosho, MO Road Construction
 \$10,000 Thomas McGee LC Insurance Agency Kansas City, MO
 \$10,000 SRA Insurance Co. Mission, Kansas
 \$10,000 Mississippi Lime Company South St. Louis County
 \$10,000 Construction & General laborers St. Charles, MO
 \$10,000 Conco Springfield, MO Concrete company
 \$10,000 Missouri Automobile Dealers Assoc Jefferson City, MO

\$10,000	Vance Brothers KC MO Road Construction Equipment
\$10,000	Civic Progress Jefferson City, MO
\$10,000	Missouri Chamber of Commerce PAC Jefferson City, MO
\$10,000	Ash Grove Cement Co. Overland Park, Kansas
\$10,000	Monarch Cement Co. Humboldt, Kansas
\$10,000	Phillips 66
\$10,000	John Fabick Tractor and Equipment Co, Fenton, MO
\$10,000	Kissick Construction Co Inc. Kansas City, MO
\$10,000	St. Louis Regional Chamber St. Louis
\$10,000	Norris Asphalt Paving Co Ottumwa, Iowa
\$8,000	Opies Transport Inc Eldon, MO
\$7,500	Coastal Energy Willow Springs, MO Vehicle and Truck Fuels
\$7,500	Conn-Agg of MO Columbia, MO Concrete companies
\$7,500	HR Quadri Contractors Van Buren, MO
\$7,500	Polsinelli Kansas City, MO Law Firm
\$5,000	KCI Construction South St. Louis County
\$5,000	Civil Design St. Louis, MO
\$5,000	Horner & Shifrin Inc engineers St. Louis, MO
\$5,000	Holcim US Bedford MA Cement Company
\$5,000	Hutchens Construction Cassville, MO
\$5,000	Barlett and West Topkea, Kansas Engineers
\$5,000	Roland Machinery Company Springfield, IL
\$5,000	George Butler and Associates Lenexa, Kansas engineers
\$5,000	Alfred Benesch & Company Chicago, IL engineers
\$5,000	Hanson Professional Services Inc Springfield, IL engineers
\$5,000	Buckley Powder Englewood, Colorado Construction Explosives
\$5,000	CMW Equipment St. Louis, MO
\$5,000	Coreslab Structures Kansas City, KS Precast Concrete
\$5,000	AMEC - Environment & Infrastructure Alpharetta GA engineers and managers
\$5,000	Taos Construction Co. Jefferson City MO
\$5,000	Kozeny Wagner Arnold, MO Construction Co.
\$5,000	Logan Contractors Supply Des Moines, Iowa
\$5,000	Roadbuilders Machinery & Supply Co Inc Kansas City, Kansas
\$3,000	Volkert, Inc. Jefferson City Engineers
\$3,000	HR Green Cedar Rapids, Iowa Engineers
\$3,000	Wilson & Company Engineers Albuquerque NM engineers
\$2,500	Oats and Associates Collinsville, Illinois engineers and design
\$2,500	Affinis Corp Overland Park, Kansas engineers
\$2,500	SCI Engineering, Inc. St. Charles, MO
\$2,500	Trabue Hansen & Hinshaw Inc Columbia, MO engineers

\$2,500 Schrimpf Landscaping Inc Jefferson City, MO
 \$2,500 Altorfer Inc Cedar Rapids, Iowa Construction Equipment Dealer
 \$2,500 Silver Eagle Construction Products O'Fallon, MO
 \$2,500 Trinity Industries Inc. Dallas, Texas



FARM AMENDMENT: We were wondering when the money from the now Chinese owned Smithfield Farms would arrive to help pay for Farm Amendment Bill ads which will make it harder for government to enforce pollution laws against large corporate farms. Proponents of the Amendment are claiming this is all about "family farms." The ads say there is no money from China in this campaign.

On July 30th, the Missouri Ethics Commission says otherwise.

The Missouri Pork Association put up \$100,000 for the amendment on July 30. They had already given \$123,000 earlier in 2014. Smithfield Farms of Virginia is the biggest pork producer in Missouri and a member of Pork Association. They were bought by Shaunghui of the People's Republic of China in 2013.



ST. LOUIS COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 7 RACE: The main seat on the County Council for West Snoburbia is held by Colleen Wasinger, the former Town and Country alderwomen who is now deeper into the Snoburbia culture after moving in 2013 to 2 Huntleigh Woods in the Village of Huntleigh. Wasinger is unopposed in the Republican primary and in the general election.

However, in District 7 that takes in Ballwin, Ellisville, Wildwood and much of Chesterfield there is a race. The seat is currently held by Republican Greg Quinn, who after two terms is not running for reelection.

The best known person in the Republican primary is Ellisville Mayor Adam Paul, who suffered through a phony impeachment a year after he was elected because of his

stance against tax breaks to developers. In doing so he got lots of TV and newspaper coverage.



Six weeks before the election Paul had \$7,433 in the bank. His only campaign fund raising was during the second quarter. For a guy who stopped a multi-million dollar commercial development over tax incentives, Paul certainly did all right getting contributions from builders.

- \$2500 HV Realty Co. Chesterfield, MO
- \$1000 Builder's Bloc Chesterfield, MO
- \$1000 Jeff Schindler Chesterfield (pres McBride & Sons Home Builders)
- \$1000 Jeff Todt Des Peres, MO (Asst. Treasurer McBride & Sons)
- \$500 John Bardgett & Assoc Lobbyists Chesterfield, MO
- \$300 Spooner Law Clayton, MO
- \$300 Bo Beuckman Ford Ellisville, MO
- \$250 Mark Baccino Ellisville
- \$250 Fred Beuckman Bo Bueckman Ford Ellisville, MO
- \$200 Henry Williams Chesterfield, MO
- \$140 Paul for Rockwood Board of Education (his wife's campaign fund after she successfully ran for the Rockwood Board of Education in April.
- \$100 Lee Allen Allen Roofing Chesterfield, MOP
- \$100 Tom Reel Ellisville, MO
- \$100 Vincent and Sandy McGrath Ellisville
- \$100 Baumann Property Company Ellisville
- \$100 Gary Voss City Councilman Ellisville
- \$100 Mick Cahill City Councilman Ellisville

Mark Harder is a Ballwin realtor and is currently on the Ballwin Board of Aldermen. Harder equaled all of Adam Paul's fundraising just in the first quarter bringing in \$7,270, thanks in part to people in Harder's Real Estate Office. His fundraising dropped off in

the second quarter with just \$5,980. But then got a boost on July 30 when he got a \$26,165 contribution from the National Association of Realtors & St. Louis Realtors.



Here are Harder's contributions of \$100 or more with one exception:

- \$26,165 National Association of Realtors
- \$2500 St. Louis Association of Realtors Creve Coeur, MO
- \$2000 Citizens to Elect Quinn (Councilman Quinn's campaign fund) Ballwin, MO
- \$1000 Citizens to Elect Sue Allen (Rep. Allen's campaign fund) Town & Country, MO
- \$1000 McBride & Sons Home Builders Chesterfield, MO
- \$1000 Builders Bloc Chesterfield, MO
- \$700 Kevin Goffstein Chesterfield (realtor)
- \$500 Mark Harder (The Candidate)
- \$500 Susan Eckelkamp St. Albans (Franklin County)
- \$500 Julia Steurer Town and Country (realtor)
- \$300 Andrea Lawrence Chesterfield (realtor)
- \$250 McKelvey Homes Chesterfield, MO
- \$250 Kevin Harder South St. Louis County
- \$250 Citizens to Elect Don Gosen (Rep. Don Gosen's campaign fund)
- \$200 Rose Meister Chesterfield, MO (realtor)
- \$150 Gary and Jane (Monarch Fire Dist Director) Cunningham Chesterfield
- \$150 Karen Keith Kriegshauser Maryland Heights, MO
- \$100 John and Joann Rupert Chesterfield MO (realtor)
- \$100 Greg LeMasters Chesterfield, MO (realtor)
- \$100 Tom Zietinger South St. Louis County
- \$100 Richard Fellhauer South St. Louis County
- \$100 John and Joann Rupert Chesterfield MO (realtor)
- \$100 William and Mary Eggers Chesterfield
- \$100 Michael Singer Warson Woods, MO
- \$100 Bill and Lois Linton Ballwin, MO
- \$100 Jeff and Laura (realtor) Chaney Town and Country, MO
- \$100 Missourians for Tim Jones (Speaker of House Tim Jones' campaign fund)
- \$100 Cornstone Realty Town and Country

\$100 Louise Shapleigh Ballwin (realtor)
\$50 Robert Nation (Chesterfield Mayor)

WALTER YOUNG: There was no fundraising on file with the Missouri Ethics Commission for Walter Young, former mayor of Ballwin. There is also no website for his candidacy.

STEVE BIGGS (D) The candidate from Eureka also currently has not filed anything with the Missouri Ethics Commission.

CAN'T MAKE UP THEIR MIND OR COVERING THEIR BASES: It was interesting to see McBride and Sons and Builders Bloc (same folks) gave to both Adam Paul and to Mark Harder.

It was also interesting to see that Chesterfield Mayor Bob Nation gave \$50 to the opponent of a fellow mayor.

Maybe Adam Paul will face of the Bud Wilkinson effect. The winning and popular football coach at Oklahoma University ran for the Senate in 1964 and narrowly lost. Many people believed that Oklahomans voted against Wilkinson hoping he would return to OU as the football coach. I'm sure some would like to see Paul remain mayor.

Paul gained large popularity when he stood up to the Sansone Development Company that wanted to put in a Wal Mart loaded with tax incentives and displace a number of long time Ellisville residents. Paul had nothing against Wal Mart, just the tax incentives, which had been voted down by the St. Louis County TIF Commission but approved by the City Council. Paul had to put up with harassment from his political opponents and the cost of an impeachment, that a County Circuit Judge immediately overturned as being unconstitutional. After two new council persons were elected and the Paul impeachment was overturned the Wal Mart project died.

MEDIA WATCH:

SUNDAY ABOVE THE FOLD FEATURE ON A TOWN AND COUNTRY DOCTOR: Stephen Deere, who normally covers St. Louis County news, has had his byline missing for a number of weeks. We found out why on Thursday when the Post-Dispatch began promoting Deere's upcoming feature story on Town and Country doctor Subbarao Polineni, who lives on Mason Road, who has created an orphanage school in his hometown in India. Deere and PD photographer J.B. Forbes spent time in India on the story.

It is nice to see someone who lives in Ward-2 of Town and Country appear in the Post-Dispatch who wasn't just indicted or entering a guilty plea in Federal Court.



CAPTAIN SIR, HALF THE CREW IS MISSING! Things at the Post-Dispatch remind me of the captain of a ship trying to reach port with half of his crew missing. There are so few people left at the PD that there are no longer senior copy editors around with a good working knowledge of St. Louis geography and all the different cities. Also there are fewer reporters who cover specific beats. Here are a couple examples of clueless Post-Dispatch editing and writing.

The below story claims a Frontenac country club was vandalized. Please someone tell where there is a country club in Frontenac? The dateline location on the story says, "Frontenac." Nothing in this story happened in Frontenac. The Westwood Country Club is in the Village of Westwood. The Village of Westwood is a separate municipality in St. Louis County with a population of 278 people. The Village is 0.63 square mile and over half the land is the golf course operated by the Westwood Country Club. It is surrounded by the City of Creve of Coeur on the west and north, Town and Country on the south and Frontenac on the east.

For over 50 years the Village of Westwood has contracted police patrols and services, originally with the County police, at one time with Creve Coeur and for some time with the Frontenac Police.

The Westwood Country Club was originally considered St. Louis' "Jewish" Country, built because of the country clubs in Ladue that were "Exclusive" and not allowing Jews, Blacks and in some cases Catholics as members. (Town and Country Mayor Jon Dalton is on the board of directors of one of the "exclusive clubs.") 50 years ago Ladue was considered the city of the super rich, Frontenac was mostly rich Catholics, The Village of Huntleigh was full of descendents on the maternal side of the Anheuser and Busch families and the Village of Westwood was considered "Jewish."

Apparently no one at the Post-Dispatch knows this kind of stuff anymore and has been allowed to merge the Village of Westwood and the City of Frontenac without voter approval.

Vandals left anti-Semitic messages at country club in Frontenac

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FRONTENAC • Police in Frontenac are investigating vandalism at the Westwood Country Club that included anti-Semitic messages.

Police Chief Tom Becker said the incident was reported to police on Friday. He declined to say specifically what damage was caused or to release any other details, saying the case was under investigation.

The [country club](#) is at 11801 Conway Road. The club's general manager, Tony D'Errico, declined to comment, saying he did not want to jeopardize the investigation.

The second story that was troubling was the headline and article Monarch Fire District Captain and Local 2665 Shop Steward Chris Gelven being suspended for two days. A Post-Dispatch summer intern wrote the story (July 23) and indicated that fire union Local 2665 had contacted the Post-Dispatch and if it wasn't for them no one would know about this.

In fact a regular Post-dispatch reporter Margaret Gillerman was at the Thursday July 17 Board of Directors meeting and was told as was I and two other reporters that the disciplinary decision on Gelven would be available to reporters released by the Fire District in a press release on Monday morning July 21.

When the Post-Dispatch didn't follow up on this, apparently the Union called and the paper bit on their call and spun it in their favor as if Monarch was not forthcoming. The story was in the online edition of West Magazine by Monday afternoon July 21 as reporter Dan Fox followed up on the story. It is too bad the major daily in town can't do this anymore and publishes misleading stories.

Monarch firefighter who talked to reporters about bullet-proof vest plan is suspended, union said

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The Monarch Fire Protection District has suspended a fire captain for two days without pay for speaking to the media about a board plan buy bullet-proof vests for protection.

The firefighters union, the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 2665, said the decision was made Thursday.

Board secretary Jane Cunningham confirmed the decision and said it was unanimous. She declined to comment further about the matter, saying it was a personnel issue.

Gelven [spoke to the Post-Dispatch and other media outlets in April about the vest controversy](#). The board planned to use them to line a half-wall that sits in front of a desk board members use at meetings.

The firefighters union said it plans to file a grievance over the Gelven's punishment. Brad Peters, vice president of the local, said the First Amendment rights of Gelven were violated. Peters said Gelven was off-duty when he answered reporters' questions about a matter of public interest.

"We believe the board's decision to reprimand the captain is unjustifiable," Peters said.

This is the latest of several controversies in the district, most centering on disagreements between the union and board.

POST DISPATCH IDENTIFIES WILDWOOD SUSPECT AS LIVING IN

CHESTERFIELD: Once again the geographically challenged media have tried to make Chesterfield look bad by identifying criminal suspects as being from Chesterfield when they are from somewhere less. This is a common problem as many people living outside of Chesterfield but within Chesterfield Postal zip codes are automatically made Chesterfield residents by lazy reporters without editors who know the area. The charging document and the Post-Dispatch also misspelled her name.

Here is the headline from July 29 that was posted on StLToday's website:

Chesterfield teen upset by way car was parked smears mascara on it, scratches windows, police say

It turned out the suspect, Carlie Hertel 18, lives on the Hardy Farms property at 826 Babler Park Drive, well into the city limits of Wildwood, MO. Hertel vandalized a car parked at the Jewish Community Center on Baxter Road causing a reported \$3000 in damage and left an obscene note. Her motive was that she did not like the way it was parked. Besides scratching the windows and paint she rubbed mascara over the car. She was arrested and charged with a one felony count of Property Damage 1st Degree.

A camera did not catch her act, an eyewitness did, who wrote down her license plate number. Her facebook page claims she works at Buffalo Wild Wings, so if you eat there be careful how you park.



Carlie Hertel's mug shot (left) and her facebook photo (right) makes her look a bit more normal.

The Post-Dispatch corrected the hometown of Hertel after I posted their error on the comments section after the online article. Apparently KSDK did not catch that as they listed Hertel as being from Chesterfield online and in the on-air report.

ST. LOUIS ARTISTS GUILD BACK TO BEING HOMELESS SOON. CITY OF CLAYTON NEEDS LESSONS ON EVICTING PEOPLE FROM THE PARK: We wrote last year how the St. Louis Artists Guild was suppose to leave their building in Clayton's Oak Knoll Park by the end of 2013. The City of Clayton was upset with the Guild over the organization not living up to lease obligation. The annual lease on the building was \$1, but the Guild was expected to carry full insurance and doing full maintenance on the building. Those obligations were not fulfilled.

Then the Guild was having trouble finding a new home and got an extension to the end of March of 2014.

They put a contract in on the Open Door Church on Big Bend Road at Grant Road in Webster Groves. They obtained variances from the city and were going to improve the parking lot. Next a group of residents sued Webster Groves on approving the variance claiming they would have an adverse impact on the neighborhood with parties and art openings.

During this time the City of Clayton extended the Art Guild's free lease for the building in the park to the end of June of 2014.

At the end of June the Artists Guild backed out of the contract to buy the Webster Groves church and the City of Clayton extended their stay a full year beyond the original deadline for them to vacate the building in Oak Knoll Park.

The neighbors might be in for a rude awakening as the "Riverside Church" which was renting space at the Hixson Middle School on S. Elam at I-44 is interested in buying the building. I don't think the noise potential from a bunch of liberal artists would have been as great as the possible levels of the "Riverside Church."

So it is back to the end of the year for the Guild...The City of Clayton has been one benevolent landlord.



MUSIC: ANITA DOES CHRISTMAS IN JULY IN WEBSTER GROVES BUT HAS BEEN MISSING ALL SUMMER FROM SMITTY'S: Anita Rosamond has not done a Saturday afternoon gig all summer at Smitty's. Smitty gave her the summer off and the popular Chesterfield bar and grill is not on her September schedule either.

On July 17 Anita was the headliner outside at the Kirkwood Train Station on Argonne Ave. Then on Friday July 25 she was the opening act in Webster Groves at the gazebo in Old Orchard, where we caught up with her. She was opening for the voice of the late

Jean Sheppard, the late Darin McGavin and the now 43-year-old Peter Billingsley in the movie A Christmas Story that was shown after her performance.



Anita knocks out a Christmas tune, while her sax player wears a Santa stocking cap and a dirty pair of jeans that appear to have been worn all week. Dancers hit the brick dance floor next to the gazebo.

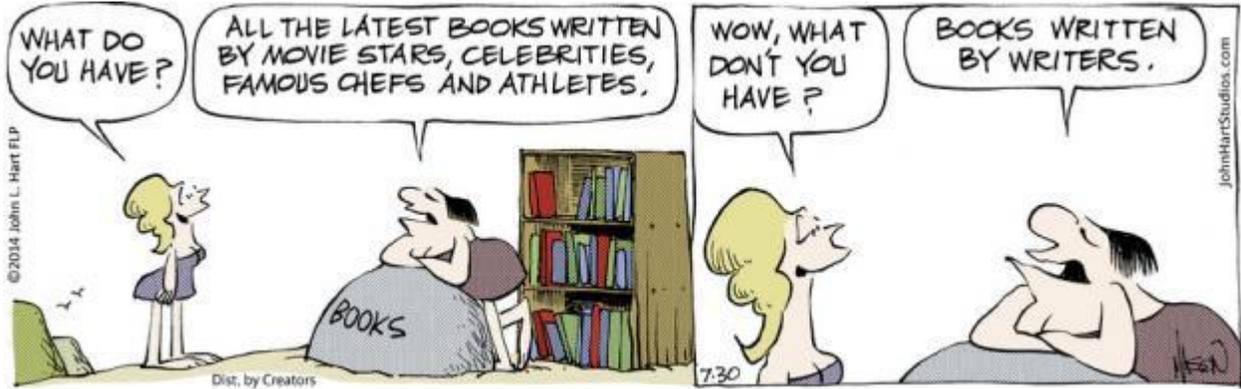


Jean Shepherd who wrote A Christmas Story as part of his book, "In God We Trust...All Others Pay Cash"...narrated the movie as the adult Ralphie and appeared in one scene where he pointed Ralphie and his brother Randy to where the end of the line to see Santa was located. Peter Billingsley (right) in the Christmas morning bunny pajamas his aunt sent him.



Beside Anita singing some hip Christmas songs, the keyboard man, whose name is Charlie Brown did a solo. He did a medley of Vince Guaraldi's music from a Charlie Brown Christmas TV Show. Unfortunately Charlie was no Schroeder.

CARTOONS:



"Donna's on the new Perspective Diet. She fattens up all of her friends so that she looks good by comparison."

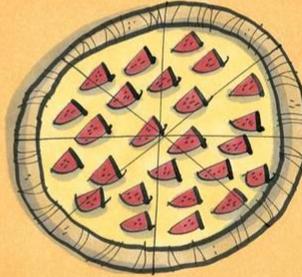
Perhaps the same process being used by the Sunset Hills Mayor:



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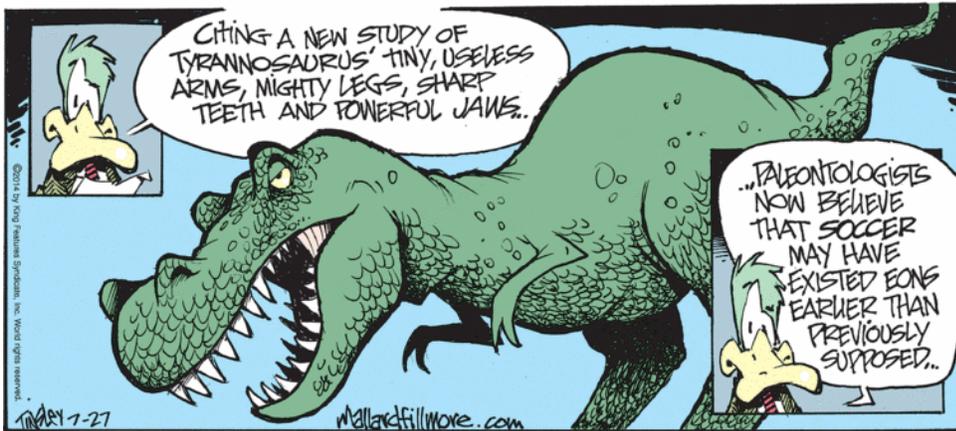


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