

EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 193 AND CHESTERFIELD 138



By John Hoffmann

September 12, 2015

ANOTHER TOWN AND COUNTRY RESIDENT PLEAS GUILTY IN FEDERAL COURT: This time it is Gwendolyn Brown the wife of Pastor Alfred Brown. Gwendolyn pled guilty to tax fraud on August 13, 2015. Her sentencing is set for November 13. Alfred Brown was sentenced to a year and a day in Federal Prison for Filing False Tax Returns in August.



Gwendolyn lives at 13224 Thornhill Drive in the Thornhill Estates Subdivision. Alfred had prior a Medicare fraud conviction in 2003 making it impossible for him to be officially associated with the day care center at the Church of Jesus Christ on Potomac Avenue in South St. Louis so Gwendolyn ran the center. Every night the church van is parked in front of their house across the street from the Thornhill subdivision pool. When she is sentenced in November she too will be a convicted felon.



13224 Thornhill Dr.



Church of Jesus Christ

TOWN AND COUNTRY DOCTOR PLEADS GUILTY TO FRAUD: As usual the Post-Dispatch thanks to the 63017 zip code has moved a Town and Country felon into Chesterfield. But there is a Chesterfield resident involved in this story.

Dr. Mel Lucas pled guilty in May of 2015 for Making False Statements for medical services that he never actually provided. He also pled guilty to Distributing Non-FDA Approved Drugs from Italy and Turkey.



Lucas



Lucas residence

On September 2, 2015 Lucas was placed a 3-year probation and has paid back \$185,799 to Medicare and Tricare for false billings.

Lucas lives at 953 Kingscove Ct. off of Old Woods Mill Road east of Highway 141 and practices in Florissant. Lucas' nurse-practitioner Robyn Levy of Chesterfield also pled guilty and will be sentenced later in September.

Lucas gave Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist/User of Eminent Domain to Snatch a Business and Property from a 78-year-old Widow Jon Dalton a \$1,000 campaign contribution for his 2013 campaign. There is a chance this contribution to Dalton came from all U.S. taxpayers since the Felon Lucas's frauds occurred before and up to the 2013 election when he was receiving illegally US tax dollars. He was arrested four months after the last mayoral election.



Dalton



The woman he cheated and her lawyer



The Saint he sued

POINT COUNTER POINT: Three weeks ago I wrote a short (there is something unusual) two paragraph item on how the Alderwoman Linda Rallo, a registered lobbyist for the group, "Raise Your Hand for Kids" had more competition for cigarette tax money if ever passed by voters. This group wants to use an increase in the cigarette tax to fund early education and health for needy kids.

There was another group that is backed by Attorney General and Democratic candidate for governor, Chris Koster that wants to use an increase in the smokes tax to fund college scholarships for high performing students.

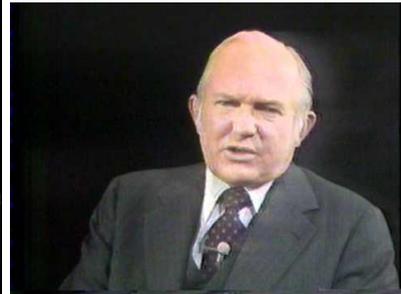
Finally a new group has entered the fray, the Missouri Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association that want a smaller staggered cigarette tax increase with funds going to MoDot for highway maintenance and improvements.



Jane and Dan



Shana Alexander



James Kilpatrick

In the article itself I did not mention anything about teacher union groups supporting the "Raise Your Hands for Kids." However, I did on the tease on the homepage of the website. That got an email response from Linda.

POINT: Hi John:

I read that you wrote about the Raise Your Hand for Kids effort in your past newsletter. We are seeking support from all groups in Missouri for this effort. However, we have not received an endorsement or support from any unions or the Missouri NEA at this point. Our effort has been backed mainly, especially during the early exploratory stages, by the [Alliance for Childhood Education](#) which is a group of business leaders from Missouri and Kansas who had identified workforce readiness as a problem facing the business community and education as the solution. I have attached a copy of our most recent ethics report if you are interested in knowing who is backing our effort.

The other cigarette tax that has been floated is the Missouri Promise, the one that Attorney General Chris Koster supported. The Missouri Promise plan has not been filed yet with the Missouri Secretary of State but we are told that the money would go to fund merit-based scholarships, not need based. To qualify students would have to achieve a 3.0 GPA in high school and do some kind of community service. And I think to keep the scholarship, students would have to also maintain that 3.0 GPA. That said, I am not certain of the details because they have only been shared in news stories and nothing official has been submitted.

If you have any questions about Raise Your Hand for Kids you can visit our [website](#) or ask me for more details.

Thanks,

Linda

COUNTER POINT: For the counter point I found a conservative Republican who is aware of some education issues (which is more than most of us). This person, like many readers of this newsletter asked not to be identified.

The NEA tried to get money for early childhood along with teacher certification in that area. Checking with public and private preschools, I found that there were not nearly the supply of certified teachers in that age group to handle the number of schools. Additionally, requiring certification would dramatically increase the cost, also probably closing some down.

Adding funds, as Linda is doing, would turn the entire now private industry into a public industry much like the public schools from K-12 because I am assuming the funds would go through DESE to public entities only or put the nonpublic providers under supervision by DESE if they want the funds. Private schools would not do that.

In Colorado, when they added early childhood, they voucherized all the funds to give parents choice and keep the private industry alive. If it was done that way, I could support it. It is very hard to kill a private industry that is working and put it under the public school system which is generally not working so well.

Why give more responsibility to those who have already failed the children, the public schools?

Of the three proposals I've heard, I like the roads and highway funding best, followed by the merit college scholarships. It would seem that order would follow for business interest also. By fourth grade, the preschool advantage disappears.

On September 2 the Post-Dispatch ran a large editorial congratulating the Missouri Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association for finally supporting some kind of cigarette tax increase in Missouri, the state with only a 17-cent a pack cigarette tax, the lowest in the nation. In the past this same group has successfully led defeats of proposals to increase taxes on smokes.

While congratulating the Missouri Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association the Post-Dispatch editorial went on to support Rallo's group over the other two.

FOLLOW THE MONEY: When "Hands up for Kids" started earlier this year it was Kansas City based with an address of 6821 Rock Hill Road in Kansas City, the same address of its treasurer Erin Brower.

Here are its biggest contributors:

\$25,000 August A. Busch, III St. Peters, MO
\$25,000 Alliance for Childhood Education Shawnee, Kansas
\$16,000 U.S. Eng Co. Holdings
\$15,000 Kate Banks Mission Hills, Kansas (Ferrell Capital Liberty MO)
\$ 5,000 Holland 1916, Inc. North Kansas City & Liberty, MO
\$ 1,000 Carol Hallquist, President Hallmark Foundation Kansas City, MO
\$ 1,000 Maxine Clark Ladue, MO

Here are its biggest expenditures:

\$12,148.82 3/05/15 Missouri Wonk St. Louis, MO 63110 Consulting
\$ 6,598.00 04/02/15 Pick Strategies 450 Conway Village Town and Country, MO
\$ 6,500.00 04/02/15 Missouri Wonk
\$ 6,500.00 05/26/15 Pick Strategies 450 Conway Village Town and Country, MO
\$ 4,626.60 06/09/15 Missouri Wonk
\$ 3,792.50 03/11/15 Polsinelli, PC law firm Kansas City, MO Legal work
\$ 3,000.00 06/19/15 Pick Strategies 450 Conway Village

Brian Schmidt and Linda Rallo are Missouri Wonk. It is a consulting and lobbying company. For four months in 2015 Missouri Wonk has been paid \$30,000 prior to expenses from Raise Your Hand for Kids.



Brian Schmidt

Schmidt ran the recent tax increase election for the West County EMS and Fire Prevention District. Also for all of 2013 he was a lobbyist for the American Federation of Teachers.

In Linda's email she mentioned that no teacher unions have endorsed Raise Your Hand for Kids, but there is certainly a connection.

Schmidt is a lobbyist for:

Collaborative For a Low Cost Digital Future
Husch Blackwell St. Louis and Kansas City
Missouri Wonk

Northside Regeneration, LLC (Paul McKee gave \$100 to Raise Your Hand for Kids)
Raise Your Hand for Kids
American Federation of Teachers (2013)
Missouri Budget Project (2013)

Pick Strategies is a consulting company. Its corporate headquarters according to the Missouri Secretary's Office is Linda's home off Conway Road. Pick is Linda's maiden name. In four months in 2015 Pick has made \$15,000 minus expenses from Raise Your hands for Kids.



Linda Rolla photo from Missouri Wonk website

Articles of Organization

1. The name of the limited liability company is:

Pick Strategies, LLC

2. The purpose(s) for which the limited liability company is organized:

The transaction of any lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the Missouri Limited Liability Company Act, Chapter 347 RSMo.

3. The name and address of the limited liability company's registered agent in Missouri is:

Brian E. McGovern

**825 Maryville Centre Drive, Suite 300, Town and Country MO
63017**

Name

Address

4. The management of the limited liability company is:

Manager

Member

5. The duration (period of existence) for this limited liability company is:

Perpetual

6. The name(s) and street address(es) of each organizer:

Linda Pick Rallo, 450 Conway Village Drive, Town and Country MO 63141-5804

7. The effective date of this document is:

05/07/2014

In Affirmation thereof, the facts stated above are true and correct:

(The undersigned understands that false statements made in this filing are subject to the penalties provided under Section 575.040, RSMo)

Linda Pick Rallo

(Organizer Name)



Brower is a registered lobbyist for both Raise Your Hand for Kids and Alliance for Childhood Education.

Interesting contributions: Rallo and Alderwoman Gussie Crawford were the only board members to vote for the Reliance Bank/Tim Horton's development at the corner of Clayton Road and Ballas Road. I strongly supported those two votes as being the right thing to do after the developers for Tim Horton and Reliance were coaxed into buying the land and going ahead with the development plans by city staff. This was a reasonable proposal and would remove the empty lot of a former gas station at a major city intersection.

That said, I found it interesting that Raise Your Hands for Kids only received one campaign contribution from any bank in the State of Missouri. On 6/09/15 the Reliance Bank of Frontenac gave \$500 to Raise Your Hand for Kids. A month later Rallo voted for the development proposal for a new Reliance bank at Clayton and Ballas.

It was also interesting that a \$100 contribution was made by Cole McNary's wife. Rallo was McNary's chief of staff while he was a state legislator in Jefferson City. A short time after that donation, Rallo wrote a letter to the Republican Township Committeepersons recommending they chose McNary to run in the unexpired seat of disgraced State Rep. John "Sex Texting" Diehl.

There is probably nothing wrong or sinister with these donations, but when you are an elected official and you are actively running another campaign that is asking for money these comparisons are going to be made.

PARK COMMISSION DISCUSSES SELLING PRESERVATION PARK:

The first discussion was to do a park user survey. That morphed into the need to sell Preservation Park if it is not getting much use at the August 31 Parks Commission meeting.

Anne Nixon wants to do the Parks Survey by asking readers of the City Newsletter to take a 10 question survey by going to the city's website. This method I would think would be sure to get about a 10-percent or less response.

Steve Korbecki a member of the Commission with lots of business background brought up the subject of selling the underused Preservation Park.

"We know that Longview and Drace get a lot of use, but Preservation is an enigma," said Korbecki.

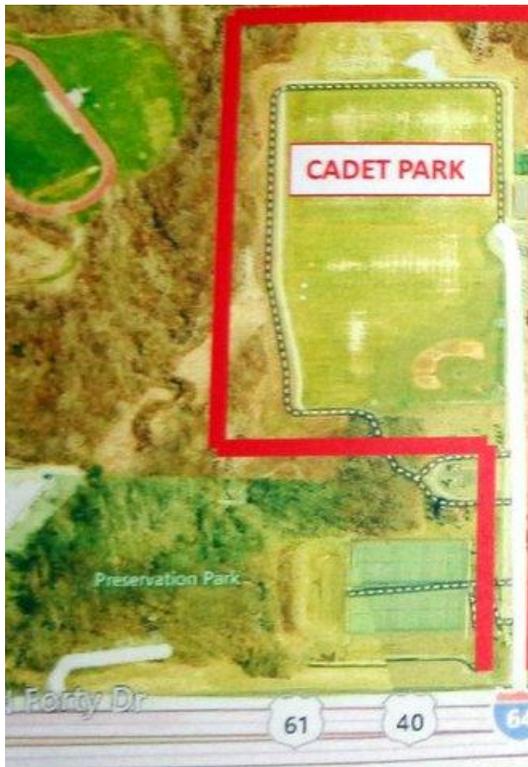


Preservation Park was created under the administration of Skip Mange with the city purchasing the land to save it from being an office complex. I would guess now the city would love a chance to sell it to a developer that builds office buildings.

The driveway, all the parking spaces and rear section of the park are owned by CBC High School, including the baseball field and open soccer field and track. Everything to the west of the driveway in the front half of the park is owned by the city. However the city has an agreement with CBC that CBC will maintain the tennis courts and in return it will have first rights of use of all the courts. CBC for several years has allowed the tennis courts to fall into disrepair, claiming a lack of revenue. (Of course there is no lack of money for the CBC top ranked football team.)



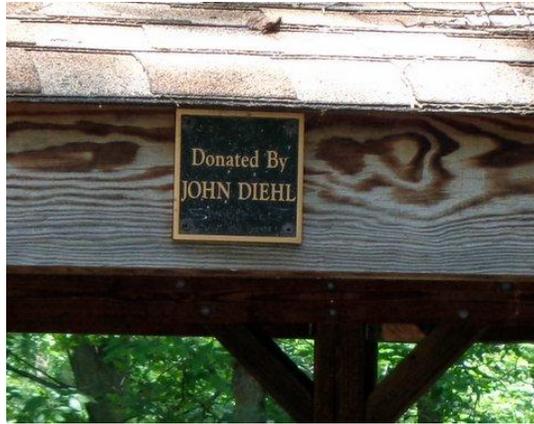
I have reliable information that at one point several years ago the City was in negotiations with Missouri Baptist University to sell of Preservation to the college so they could build a football stadium. That didn't go well and MBU built the stadium on their own property.



This is an overview showing the CBC Cadet Park. On the bottom of the photo is Preservation Park and to the upper left corner is an athletic field that belongs to the Priory High School in Creve Coeur.

CREEPY There is a west entrance to Preservation Park that goes to about six parking spaces and a pavilion and two very unsafe trails. Two commission members mentioned that it is "creepy" going to the west side of the park. They both said they have driven to the west side and had a car with people immediately drive off. They also said they did not feel safe on the west side of the park.

I can understand why they think it is creepy. First there is an unmaintained Pavilion with former Speaker of the Missouri House and sex texter to teenage interns and adulterer John Diehl's name on it. I'm surprised there is not a sign next to it that says, "If you are a female under 21 and want to have a good time text me at John Frank Underwood Diehl@50-year-old balding guy.com."



Besides this area being secluded it is also run down. Instead of repairing a dangerous set of steps the city has decided to hang a "Danger Beware" sign on it. Plus areas are falling apart.



But if you sold off Preservation Park or closed the entrance to the west side since it is "creepy" where are rich teenagers going to go to drink booze and smoke dope?

THEY FORGOT ABOUT QUEENY! Sometimes I wonder if Parks Director Anne Nixon and Parks Commission Chair Lynn Wright don't have their heads in the sand. Why do you do a survey on park use and not include asking residents how many use the 500 acre Queeny Park that is surrounded on three sides by Town and Country?

If a large number number of people are preferring to use the County Park between Mason Road and Weidman Road why would the city want to spend more money on developing more parks.

AN EXCELLENT POINT...CALL THEM SIDEWALKS AND NOT TRAILS: Anne and Lynn also said they wanted to see how many people were using the Clayton Road Trail. Commissioner Adam Baer made a great point.

"Don't call it a trail. A trail is something that goes into the woods. Everybody thinks that is a new sidewalk," said Baer.

He was right but got some push back from Wright and then he replied.

"100 out of 100 people if you showed them a picture of the Clayton Road Trail and ask what it was, all 100 would say it's a sidewalk. Some might say a wide sidewalk."

SHORT MEMORY ABOUT DOG POOP: The discussion came up of people not picking up their dog's poop when walking in the parks. Anne Nixon said it was going to get worse with the fall and dogs pooping on leaves. People will decide to just leave it.

Someone asked if people could get tickets. Lynn Wright said she didn't know if there was an ordinance. Well Lynn voted for one that passed in 2009.

I voted against it because it had no enforcement provisions and it would make it illegal to pick up dog poop on your own property. However you would think elected officials might remember what they voted on. That is not the case with Lynn Wright and it is a bad showing for the Parks Director not to be aware of the ordinance.

Ordinance Section 215.030

The following acts or conditions shall be deemed nuisances:

15.

The allowance of any dog, cat, puppy, kitten or other animal to soil, waste or defecate on public property or private property, or upon private property other than that of the person responsible for the animal, without the consent of the owner unless such waste is immediately removed by a person responsible for the animal and deposited in a waste container.

SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE ABOUT PHOTOGRAPHERS: The other topic that caught my attention was the issue of professional photographers becoming aggressive with volunteers, staff and residents when photographing clients at Longview and Drace Park. The night of the Parks Commission meeting there was an active shoot going on just outside the window.



Anne Nixon explained that photographers are showing up and blocking paths for park users to use while setting up shots, ordering the volunteer garden club to stop working or move away from the flowers on their Friday work days and telling staff to move hoses and other lawn care items that are in the way of their shots.

The one thing Anne said that seemed to ignite the Park Commissioners were how photographers were cutting blooms off of plants for their clients to hold during shoots.

There was discussion of charging professional photographers per shoot, but perhaps the best idea was requiring them to get an annual permit for a low cost, say \$25 and make them sign an acknowledgment of rules including how they could not shoot in areas where volunteers are working, block paths and bridges and especially not removing blooms from plants.

Anne went on to talk about all the professional photographers that advertise photo shoots at Longview Park. I went home that night and found she was correct. Below are just a few of the ads I found on an internet search.

JOEL MARION PHOTOGRAPHY

Summer Portraits - Longview Park - St. Louis Missouri



FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHY LONGVIEW FARM PARK | ST. LOUIS PHOTOGRAPHER



I met the {P} family at Longview Farm Park for our session...and oh my goodness they have some super cute kids! We explored the park for a bit and finished up with a quick peek at the horses.





Posts Tagged 'Longview Farm Park Photos'

LET'S JUST CALL HIM SKIP 'VACANT LOT" MANGE: Alderman and former mayor Skip Mange was originally aligned for the bank and Tim Horton's coffee shop and restaurant at the corner of Clayton Road and Ballas Road. While written comments remained positive for the development a group of NIMBYs, some living blocks away, showed up to meetings and suddenly Ward-1 votes by Mange and Lynn Wright switched to "NO." It turns out this should not be a surprise from Mange.

Here is what he says on his website skipmange.com

Economic Development

Over the past several years sales tax receipts have suffered because of Wal-Mart and other stores moving out of Manchester Meadows. The development is beginning to look bad. The city needs to be more proactive in attracting new retail stores into that development. Town & Country Crossing has replaced

some of the lost sales tax receipts, but they also still have vacant spaces. While continuing to support these existing retail developments, we should not approve any new retail developments.

"We should not approve any new retail developments." That is quite a statement. Apparently Skip wants the vacant lot and eyesore to remain the centerpiece in Ward 1.



So until he says or writes something stupider, we will be referring to him as Ald. Skip "Vacant Lot" Mange.

TIMES HAVE CHANGED: It used to be community gardens were for the village and everyone respected each other. Apparently out in the land of millionaires or people with big mortgages and huge car loans that want you to think they are millionaires here is what is at the "community garden"



Yep, that is a lock to keep either thieves or deer that can work handles out.

WHAT'S IN A NAME? The same newsletter reader sent these photos of activity immediately next to the city's "Organic Community Garden" on Principia property next to the fire station Clayton Road near Mason Rd.

Keep in mind this is on property owned by people who believe caffeine is ungodly and along with the belief medicine and doctors are bad for you.



DOG FIGHT OVER TOWN AND COUNTRY: This occurred in Ward 1 over I-270 and Drace Park on Sunday evening August 30. They did one pass over and came back trailing smoke.



I hear this flyover may have had a connection with nearby CBC high school. Interesting that they can't afford to maintain the tennis courts at Preservation Park but can have WWI air battles.

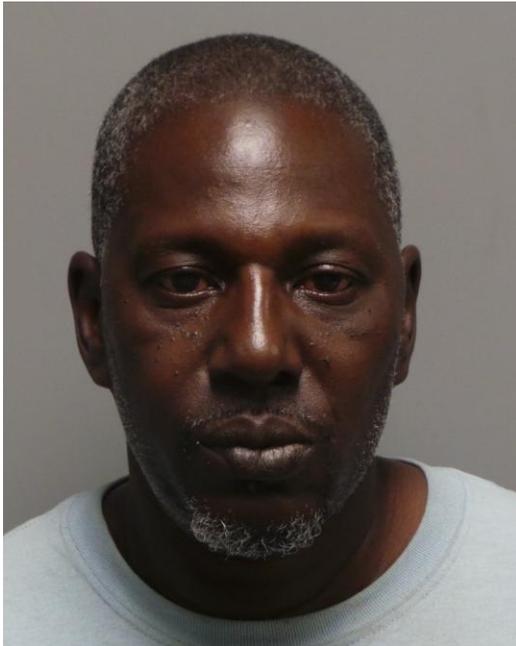
UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 138



September 13, 2015

BERKLEY MAN ON SEX OFFENDER LIST DOING WORK AT A CHESTERFIELD RESIDENCE STEALS \$14,000 IN JEWELRY. The theft occurred sometime between April 23 and April 25 this year at the residence at 1300 block of Regency Estates Ct. off of Conway Road.

Gary Pointer, 54 of 8310 Fay Avenue in Berkley was arrested after the jewelry was recovered at a St. Louis pawn shop.



Here are the court and police documents describing the crime:

I, Ryan Broeker, DSN 0244, 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 between April 23, 2015 and April 25, 2015, at 1374 Regency Estates Court, Gary Pointer, Black, Male, DOB 01/1961, 6'01", 220lbs, committed one or more criminal offense(s).
Count: 01 STEALING OVER \$500 - CLASS C FELONY

The facts supporting this belief are as follows: Victim discovered that two gold-and-diamond rings, valued at a total of \$14,000, were missing from her residence in Chesterfield. Victim's home was under renovation at the time, and defendant was not only working on that job but had been working in the very part of victim's home where the rings were kept. Subsequent investigation revealed that defendant had sold victim's rings at a pawn shop in St. Louis city. Defendant was arrested and, after initially denying the theft, said "I knew I shouldn't have done that, you got me" when shown the documentation of the sale of the rings, including his photograph.

Ryan Broeker, DSN 0244, Chesterfield Police Department

CHARGES

Count: 01 STEALING OVER \$500 - CLASS C FELONY

COMPLAINT

State of Missouri)
County of St. Louis) SS

Comes now the State of Missouri by and through the undersigned Assistant Prosecuting Attorney on information and belief that there is probable cause to believe that the above named defendant committed the following crime(s):

COUNT: 01 STEALING OVER \$500 - CLASS C FELONY

That Gary Pointer, in violation of Section 570.030, RSMo, committed the class C felony of stealing, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011 and 560.011, RSMo, in that between April 23, 2015 at 9:30 AM and April 25, 2015 at 9:00 AM, at 1374 Regency Estates Court, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant appropriated two gold rings with diamonds, of a value of at least five hundred dollars, which property was owned by Jennifer Tusing, and defendant appropriated such property without the consent of Jennifer Tusing and with the purpose to deprive her thereof.

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

- 04/23/15 Stealing Over \$150 Chesterfield PD warrant issued on 6/9/15
Pointer arrested on warrant 09/02/15
- 04/08/14 Circuit Court Judgment for \$1,490 in overpayment of unemployment benefits
judgment not yet satisfied
- 09/29/11 Circuit Court judgment for \$2,748 to Midwest Acceptance Corp.
judgment satisfied 8/14/14
- 02/23/09 Pled Guilty to Failure to Register as a Sex Offender
Sentenced to 6 months jail given credit for time served
- 08/18/09 First Degree Assault Berkley PD
PG 12/05/11 sentenced to 8 months jail

Pointer is a convicted child molester from Milwaukee, WI in a crime involving a 6-year-old girl according to Missouri Highway Patrol Sex Offender records.

POLICE INVESTIGATION SHOWS CHESTERFIELD RESIDENT WENT TO GREAT LENGTHS TO AVOID BEING CAUGHT AFTER CRASH THAT KILLED MAN DAY AFTER SNOW STORM ON OLIVE BLVD: It is estimated that the fatal pedestrian versus vehicle crash happened at 10 pm on Tuesday February 11, 2014. Nobody is sure when the crash happened. The body of Roy Joseph was not noticed by a passing motorist until 6:47 in the morning on Wednesday February 13.

Technically they are no longer officially called "accidents." The report is now the Missouri Uniform Crash Report." But the crime is still "Leaving the Scene of an Accident."

The Scene: Here is what police reported finding on arrival after being called at 6:47am.



Upon arrival, a body, later identified as the victim Roy Joseph, was lying in a supine position with his left leg bent underneath his right leg. His body was orientated so his head was in a northern direction while his feet were to a southward direction. It should be noted that the victim was found to be wearing only one shoe; the other shoe was found a considerable distance from the final resting place of the body. The victim was wearing a winter coat black in color with white accents on the shoulders, sleeves, and body of the coat, with a black hood pulled over a winter stocking hat. The victim also had on dark blue jeans.

It should be noted the area in which the accident occurred was poorly lit due to a lack of street lights and also had snow packed sidewalks which would most likely cause the victim to be walking in a cleared area of the shoulder approximately two feet wide.



This was not the case of a person struck by a glancing blow off the side of a vehicle. The vehicle suffered significant damage. The vehicle that struck Joseph had damaged headlights, grill, windshield, right fender with the right outside rearview mirror also being knocked off.

Here is what was found on the road at the scene:

- Items 1-2 White plastic broken panels**
- Item 3 White plastic broken panel**
- Item 4 White plastic broken panel**
- Item 5 White plastic broken panel**
- Item 6 Clear plastic lense cover**
- Item 7 Silver plastic head light assembly**
- Item 8 Small concave mirror**
- Item 9 White plastic broken body**
- Item 10 Silver plastic - possibly headlight**
- Item 11 Clear plastic lense (showing part number)**
- Item 12 Styrofoam black inner bumper**
- Item 13 Silver plastic body piece**
- Item 14 Black miscellaneous part near victim**
- Item 15 White plastic auto part**
- Item 16 Right side mirror, white plastic**
- Item 17 Clear plastic headlight assembly**
- Item 18 Back part of iPhone body**
- Item 19 Clear plastic headlight**
- Item 20 Clear plastic lense**
- Item 21 Plastic silver headlight**
- Item 22 Silver plastic**
- Item 23 Silver plastic**
- Item 24 Silver plastic**
- Item 25 Black Otterbox iPhone case (partial)**

The debris was spread between 13739 Olive and 13765 Olive.

Thanks to such an extensive amount of vehicle debris including parts with serial numbers, within two hours the Chesterfield Police were able to determine a silver 2004 Toyota Sienna Van was the suspect vehicle.

An investigation described below makes the likely time of the accident sometime between 8:05 pm and 10 pm. A dinner receipt from Spiro's Greek Restaurant on N. Woods Mill Road near Olive Blvd showed a time of 8:05 pm when the bill was paid. The temperature at 8 pm was around 10-degrees F.

██████ advised Joseph had been wearing a dark colored jacket, and kept to himself during dinner. ██████ recognized Joseph from being in on other occasions, but did not really talk to him. He had two glasses of wine spread out before and during the course of his meal, which consisted of Mousaka and the desert special. He had 3 "Greek Coffees" (non-alcoholic drink like espresso) with and after his desert. ██████ stated Joseph left shortly after paying, and had not stayed around.

There had been a heavy snow a few days earlier and snow removal from Olive Blvd by the Missouri Department of Transportation left the sidewalks covered in snow along with all but a few feet of the shoulder.



21 hours after the accident Betsy Bruce did a report from the area for the KTVI 5 o'clock news. A screen snapshot shows the snow and road conditions.

THE VICTIM: An autopsy was conducted at 1 o'clock that afternoon and found that the injuries were so severe that Joseph died from one of three possible causes.

The autopsy was performed by Dr. Gersham Norfleet and he gave a preliminary cause of death as: Blunt Cranial Cerebral Trauma, Blunt Thoracic Trauma, and Blunt Abdominal Trauma. A full report from the Medical Examiner's office will not be available for several weeks.

The Chesterfield Police Evidence tech's photo log from the autopsy really shows the massive injuries Joseph suffered.

Photo 10 Close-up of blood pool in left ear
Photo 11 Left upper body of Joseph
Photo 12 Upper body of Joseph (unclothed)
Photo 13 Exposed wound to top right portion of Joseph's head
Photo 14 Laceration from top of head to right ear
Photo 15-16 Fractured thorax
Photo 17 Laceration to victim's head (top to right side)
Photo 18 Laceration to top of victim's head
Photo 19 Laceration to victim's liver
Photo 20-22 Visible fractures to victim's skull (top and right side)
Photo 23-25 Exposed interior of skull with multiple fractures visible
Photo 26 Exposed skull cap

Roy Joseph was of from India ancestry. He had been a college professor in Illinois and Minnesota before moving in with relatives at 433 Whitestone Farms Ct. off of White Road in Chesterfield.



victim Roy Joseph

Despite the cold weather and snow on the ground Joseph liked to go for long walks in the evening. However, when he didn't return home his family began making calls to his cell phone and at 2 am called the Chesterfield Police to report him missing.

THE SUSPECT AND SUSPECT VEHICLE: Chesterfield Officer Todd Lantz was working the reconstruction of the crash scene with three other officers. After learning that debris had been left by a 2004 Toyota Van, Lantz decided to start checking subdivisions on the north side of Olive Blvd when the reconstruction work was finished.

His theory was since the striking vehicle was clearly in the right hand WB lane of Olive Blvd there was a chance the driver lived nearby and was going to turn right into a subdivision. He was looking for either more debris in the road or the vehicle itself.

His hunch paid off. While in the Sunbridge subdivision (Riverbend West) he saw the 2004 Toyota Van with lots of damage, including new damage after the accident where it

hit the storm gutter on the side of the garage. The van was not in the garage but on the driveway at 623 Clovertrail Drive.

Officer obtained a search warrant for the outside of the property of the home of Jacob and Yelena Pelts.

The photo log of the evidence tech shows clearly how the vehicle was involved in the bloody hit and run fatal crash.

Photo 11 Close-up of right front damage
Photo 12 Damage to windshield
Photo 13 Damage to passenger side of vehicle
Photo 14 Close-up of right front bumper damage
Photo 15-16 Close-up of windshield damage
Photo 17-18 Possible blood spot on hood of vehicle
Photo 19 Rubbing of paint on A pillar post of passenger side
Photo 20-22 Hair and blood found on windshield
Photo 23 Outside mirror damage - passenger side
Photo 24-25 Damage found to right rear passenger door
Photo 26 Damage to down spout, possibly caused by suspect pulling into rear of house
Photo 27 Driver's seat showing it in the forward position
Photo 28 Glass fragment on right front passenger seat
Photo 29 Cutting fiber found on broken piece of windshield
Photo 30 Cutting fiber found on attached windshield

A closer examination after the search warrant arrived showed human hair and clothing fibers in the windshield and right front damaged area.

The car was connected to Yelena Pelts. Here is some connections to Pelts besides any registration from a heavily redacted Chesterfield Police report:

While doing computer inquiries Detective Ovca advised that Yelena and [REDACTED] Pelts reside at [REDACTED]. When checking Crime Matrix he discovered that Yelena had a few tickets with the most recent being [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] issued her a ticket for [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]. Yelena was driving the Toyota Sienna.

Yelena was also involved in a motor vehicle accident in St. Louis County, on 11/12/2013, where she was the driver of the Toyota Sienna.

No one had answered the door at the Pelts' home for police detectives. The cell phone number was obtained for Yelena and a "ping" search for the phone by the cell phone provider showed it was inside the residence on Clovertrail Drive.

A search warrant was issued for the Yelts' home to obtain the cell phone. Forced entry was made to the house. No one was inside the house and the cell phone was found on a nightstand next to the bed in the master bedroom.

By now Yelena Pelts was the one and only suspect.



Yelena Pelts

She was not at her business, Skin Therapy, at 11072 Olive Blvd. in Creve Coeur. Detectives sent other police agencies to addresses in Illinois and University City in an attempt to contact daughters and sons of Pelts. Calls were also made to Jacob Pelts' brothers without being able to reach Jacob or Yelena Pelts.

24 HOURS AFTER THE BODY OF RAY JOSEPH WAS FOUND. On February 13 Chesterfield Police detectives had checked all possible video cameras with views of Olive Blvd. from Pelts Skin Therapy business to the crash site.

They also contacted a daughter-in-law of Pelts who admitted the family members were aware that Yelena was involved in a fatal hit and run accident.

[REDACTED] Pelts. I asked [REDACTED] if she was aware that her Mother-in-law Yelena was in a serious accident the night before that involved the death a pedestrian. She stated "I know". She further stated she was at her parent's home watching movies at the time of the accident. She stated her husband was at work the night before and believes her husband may still be at work. According to [REDACTED], [REDACTED] is a [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. After gathering this information [REDACTED] stated she no longer wanted to talk. She called her husband while Det Brandt and I were present. Her husband informed her not to talk to us and to call their lawyer [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was later identified as the husband to Y. Pelts daughter, [REDACTED]

Extensive and exhaustive reviews of retail security cameras were made and the camera at the 7-11 gas station at Olive and Woods Mill Rd showed Joseph walking and later the Pelts' mini van drive past the gas station.

48 HOURS AFTER THE BODY WAS FOUND: On February 14 Chesterfield detectives were assisted by St. Louis County Police officer Vadim Krinitskiy, who spoke Russian. They contacted Yelena's aunt and uncle who said they knew Yelena drove a van and then refused to answer any other questions.

They next contacted Yelena's parents in an apartment complex. The parents like the aunt and uncle only speak Russian. Here is how that interview went:

Later in day Det. Murphy, Officer Krinitskiy and I responded to [REDACTED] to make contact with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is [REDACTED]'s father. Upon arrival we made contact with [REDACTED] and his wife. Neither of them spoke English. During our interview they refused to answer any questions and stated they were unaware of an accident involving Yelena. They further stated Yelena is a care provider for [REDACTED] due to a stroke and visits them on occasion. When asked if she was over to care for [REDACTED] on 02/11/2014 they stated they could not remember. After gathering the information the wife became upset and asked us to leave.

The person that Pelts provided care for lived in the apartment and detectives noticed a security camera.

Chesterfield Det. Wittman came back and reviewed he video images from 2/11/14. He found that Yelena leaving the apartment building in her Toyota Van.

Also on February 14 Chesterfield Police detectives were contacted by a St. Louis County Police detective who reported that he had received a tip that Yelena Pelts had committed herself to a special unit at St. Mary's Hospital on Clayton Road in Richmond Heights.

On 02/14/2014, I received a call from Detective Dave Wilford with St. Louis County Cyber Crimes Unit; he advised that he received an anonymous tip that Yelena Pelts had admitted herself into the ██████████ Hospital.

It was confirmed that Pelts was at a special unit of St. Mary's Hospital. Staff agreed to call Chesterfield Police when she was going to be released.

FIVE DAYS AFTER THE BODY IS FOUND: Yelena Pelts has still not been found. But the Chesterfield Police did receive an interesting call that was detailed in a police report.

On 02/17/2014 I received a call from a ██████████ (mobile phone ██████████, home phone ██████████). ██████████ stated on Tuesday, 02/11/2014, he and his children were returning from Chesterfield Mall traveling E/B on Olive Blvd approaching Sunbridge Dr. ██████████ witnessed a light colored minivan exit from Sunbridge Dr. onto E/B Olive Blvd and then turn left into the King of Kings parking lot located at 13765 Olive Blvd between 20:00 hours and 20:30 hours. He further stated he remembered the van because it was driving erratically. He stated the van was taking over both lanes and traveling between 20 to 30 mph. Due to the erratic driving, ██████████ tried to get a better look at the driver but could only make out that the driver appeared to be female with longer hair. He then traveled on to his home on Ridge Meadow Dr. ██████████ could provide no further information or description of the minivan or driver.

A police report that included an interview with a co-worker of Pelts's son that occurred on 2/13/14 was written. The interview dealt with the younger Pelts leaving work on 02/12/14 for a "family emergency" Here is a portion of that interview:

I contacted ██████████ via phone. He stated that he figured he would be getting a call. I asked him why he thought that. He stated that his partner, ██████████ left in the middle of his shift on the 12th and when he asked ██████████ what was wrong ██████████ responded by saying that, ██████████ called and said that there is an emergency and he needed to get together as much money as he could and get off work." ██████████ said that he asked ██████████ if it had anything to do with the fatal hit and run in Chesterfield. He stated that ██████████ looked surprised and did not respond to his question. I asked ██████████ why he thought of the hit and run.

ONE WEEK AFTER THE BODY WAS FOUND: Chesterfield Police were notified that Pelts was about to be released from St. Mary's. They had Richmond Heights detectives respond just in case Pelts was released before they could get there. Chesterfield detectives arrived in time for the release.

She advised that Yelena's attorney Gilbert Sison had arrived to take Yelena. I advised [REDACTED] that Yelena would be leaving with us due to the fact that she has a wanted out for her arrest.

Sison exited the secure area and provided Lt. Thompson with a notice of intent to remain silent and request for counsel.

Hospital security escorted Yelena to the lobby where I placed her in handcuffs and escorted her to our police car.

Upon arrival at the station we escorted her to an interview room. Detective Wittman explained to Yelena what was going on and why she was at the police station. I read Yelena her rights per Miranda. After reading the first line of the Miranda waiver Yelena stated that she is not going to talk and she wanted her attorney. I asked her if I could finish reading her, her rights. She stated that she wanted her attorney.

Pelts was later released from the police station pending arrest warrant application with the County Prosecutor's Office.

21 DAYS AFTER THE BODY WAS FOUND: Chesterfield Police Detectives obtained the felony arrest warrant charging Pelts with Leaving the Scene of an Auto Accident Involving Injury or Death.

They found Pelts at the her Skin Therapy shop in Creve Coeur working on a customer. She was arrested and transported to the County Jail. Her bond was a mere \$10,000 and only \$1,000 needed to be posted for her release.



OUTCOME: Pelts was indicted by a grand jury on April 2.

532 DAYS AFTER THE BODY WAS FOUND On July 29, 2015 she pled guilty before Judge Bresnahan. She was sentenced to four years in prison, but was immediately placed on a 5-year probation term. She was not fined any money nor ordered to pay for

part of the Chesterfield Police Investigation. She was ordered to pay \$46 to the Crime Victims Compensation Fund. As of September 9 the \$46 had not been paid. She did get the full 12-points on her driving record but didn't even have to spend a weekend in jail.

IRONY: If and only if Pelts was not intoxicated or under the influence of drugs and stayed at the crash site and called police, nothing would have likely happened to her. The victim was walking on the roadway due to the sidewalk area being covered in plowed snow, there were no streetlights and he was wearing dark clothing. However according to the two witness who saw Pelts drive the van after the crash chances are there was a reason for her to flee the scene.

This police report was too long to download in one segment or post on our website. If you would like a copy of it, email me and when I have time, I'll forward you a copy.

CHESTERFIELD RESIDENT IS RIGHT...THERE IS GOING TO BE AN ACCIDENT UNLESS SOMEONE CUTS THE GRASS IN THE MEDIAN ON LADUE ROAD I got an email from a Chesterfield reader of the newsletter. He complained that the city is not cutting the grass in the median in the 14100 block of Ladue Road and if you were trying to turn left or make a U-Turn from WB Ladue Road there was a view obstruction and you cannot see oncoming traffic. I went out there to check it out on September 8 and he was absolutely correct. An accident is going to happen. Neither driver will be at fault. It will be the city for allowing an unsafe condition.



windshield.

View looking the left through the



The view through your side window while in the median. Because there is a dip on the eastbound side of the street westbound motorists can't see oncoming traffic when they want to turn because of the high grass.

But the city won't cut the grass! When Ladue was a County Road city officials say the subdivision maintained the medians and cut the grass. When the city took over the street they did not take over the maintenance of the medians. I wrote Councilman Barry Flachsbart and received a rather direct response which he is famous for.

The island in question had been maintained by the trustees from the time the subdivision was created until the time the roadway was transferred from the County to Chesterfield.

The County had not maintained the island and the city will not maintain the island.

In fact, the underlying ground is owned by the subdivision – the City merely has an easement for the road.

One of the Trustees has been trying to get the city to take on maintenance, but it won't happen.

I thought the city's first concern is the HEALTH, SAFETY and WELFARE of people. Apparently I'm wrong. The City would rather allow a view obstruction, allow people to get hurt than simply cut the grass and bill the trustees.

I went to the City Council meeting and brought this up to Mayor Bob Nation and City Attorney Harry O'Rourke. I was told it was a "long story." Later Councilman Bruce DeGroot said he would like to be able to hand his son a \$20 bill and have him cut the median grass.

What gets me is that elected officials are okay with someone not being able to see oncoming traffic while turning because the city won't take 5 minutes three times a year to cut the grass. Say that someone has their 10-year-old daughter or granddaughter in the car and it gets T-Boned and the kid is killed or has a lifetime arm or shoulder injury. Is that worth fighting with subdivision trustees over grass cutting?

SOMETHING IS UP AT CHESTERFIELD CITY HALL: The Wednesday September 9 meeting of the Chesterfield City Council might have been a record breaker. The actual meeting started five minutes late at 7:05 and it was over at 7:14. However it was a long night. There was a ninety minute closed session with the council and the city attorney prior to the meeting. That was the longest closed session I have known about in the four years I have been covering Chesterfield City Council meetings.

However several major news organizations have received tips that the City Council is making a move against the mayor, Bob Nation. There are still four members of the eight person council who opposed the mayor in the 2013 election and the animosity has grown in the 2 1/2 years Nation has been in office.

There is no city impeachment ordinance meaning any attempt to remove Bob Nation would have to be done under Missouri Statute 77.340. This was the same method that the renegade Ellisville City Council used for the sham impeachment of Mayor Adam Paul that was quickly overturned by the courts.

Missouri Revised Statutes

Chapter 77
Third Class Cities

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May remove officer with consent of council.

77.340. The mayor may, with the consent of a majority of all the members elected to the city council, remove from office, for cause shown, any elective officer of the city, such officer being first given opportunity, together with his witnesses, to be heard before the council, sitting as a court of impeachment. Any elective officer may, in like manner, for cause shown, be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the city council, independently of the mayor's approval or recommendation. The mayor may, with the consent of a majority of all the members elected to the council, remove from office any appointive officer of the city at will; and any such appointive officer may be so removed by a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the council, independently of the mayor's approval or recommendation. The council may pass ordinances regulating the manner of impeachment and removals.

A public impeachment trial of a popularly elected mayor is not a good PR move and will cost the city a lot of money. While Bob Nation does have a short temper fuse I have never suspected he might be doing something unethical. That said I have a feeling something is going to happen sooner rather than later. I find it amazing that the councilpersons against Nation can't simply wait 1-1/2 years for the next election.

SAY A LITTLE PRAY FOR: Former mayor and current councilwoman Nancy Greenwood has missed three straight council meetings for health reasons. Nancy has an outstanding record for looking after tax money. She also supported Bob Nation in the 2013 election and it will be important for him that she be at any meetings concerning any attempt to impeach him.

BUSINESS: TOTAL WINE AND MORE IS A LOT OF BOOZE: It used to be a 9-0-5-store was the largest liquor store you could find in St. Louis. That was in 1980 and today things are different. We stopped by the just opened Total Wine and More store at the Manchester Meadows Shopping Center in Town and Country over the Labor Day weekend. There is also one of these stores coming to Chesterfield soon on Clarkson Road.



Half of the store is the MORE.



This would look good at Clayton Rd and Mason Rd or maybe on the Wirth property. The city could save \$139,000. Okay it is plastic but I have a feeling you could get either A-B or Grey Eagle to pay for it.

SIGNS UP BUT WINDOWS ARE STILL BOARD UP: Work is continuing on the Fresh Thyme supermarket going into the old Petsmart store at Manchester Meadows.



REAL ESTATE" New listing now over 3 months old: The sign in front of the house at 1337 S. Mason still says "New Listing" however it has been on the market for over 3-months at a bargain price of \$4.9 million. Someone get real estate agent Kim Carney a calendar.



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RUMORVILLE: We hear the last of the J. Bucks in town will close in the next two weeks.



MUSIC: Guitar Men: After 2009 more and more places starting squeezing nickels with their entertainment money. Some wineries that would have all Sunday afternoon concerts with a nine-piece show bands in 2008, reduced the entertainment to trios and then in the case of Anita Rosamond, she went from her band to a single act with background tracks to go with her piano work.

Bartolino's on Hampton at I-44 is a place that still has music, but is often one person and at the most two. I used to go there on Wednesday and see the Charlie B Trio. Nobody plays on Wednesdays anymore. Well known people like Theo Peoples, Anita Rosamond and Charles Hillard still are there on the weekends, but their bands are not with them.



A couple dancers on the Bartolino's patio as Charles Hillard plays and sings. If you look closely Chares had two different sets of mixers for making music behind him.

Total Wine and More: It was nice to see a guitarist with no downloaded background music at the Total Wine and More Store in Town and Country that opened last week. He is supposed to be there five days a week to provide live mellow background music.



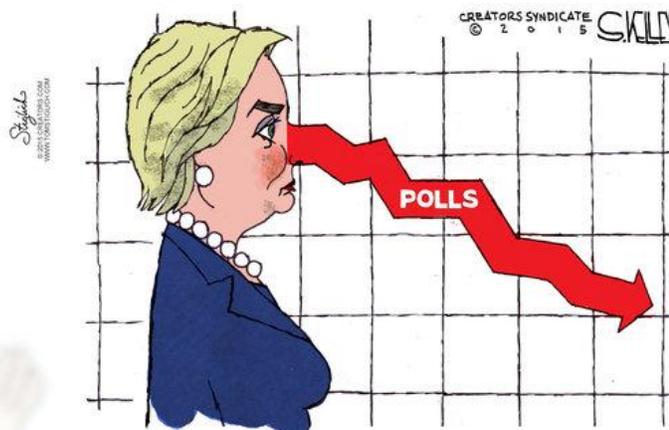
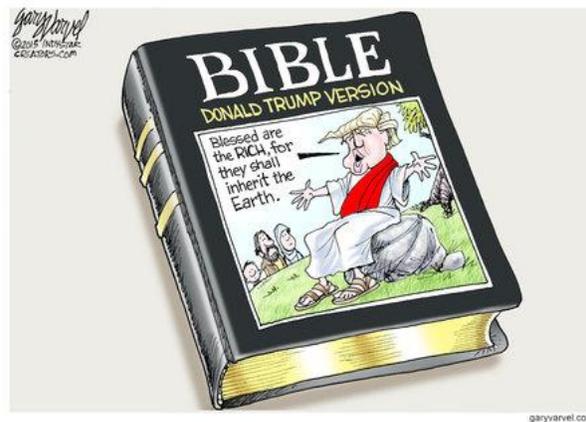
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