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CHESTERFIELD SERIAL DRUNK DRIVER DIES. John D. McGuire was featured in Post-Dispatch Drunk Driver Series: John D. McGuire, the man who was featured in Post-Dispatch investigative reporter Jeremy Kohler's series on drunk drivers not being convicted has died.

McGuire, of Chesterfield, died last week according to a Post-Dispatch obit. He was the subject of a two month long Post-Dispatch series of drunk drivers who never get convicted.

http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/cutting-deals-is-common-with-dwi-charges-and-prior-offenders/article_6d35f746-5c73-11df-9212-00127992bc8b.html

McGuire was arrested by Town and Country Police for DWI and doing over 100 mph on WB Highway 40 on the way to his Chesterfield home. At sentencing in the Town and Country municipal court he was given probation and he promised to attend go to an alcohol and drug rehab center in California. However he was arrested minutes later when he tried to drive away from the Town and Country City Hall. He had appeared at court and pled guilty to DWI while being drunk.

He then quickly picked up three more DWI arrests in Ladue and Chesterfield before the Town and Country judge reluctantly revoked his probation for the first DWI.

EXPECT MORE CHANGES AT CHESTERFIELD PATCH: Six weeks ago when I left Patch.com over editorial issues involving the Regional Editor, I joined the New York Times and Wall Street Journal in predicting that Patch.com would not be around in 2013. If Patch does stay after losing \$100,000,000 in 2010, I would have to think the regions with the lowest readership would be axed. That would include the St. Louis region.

Recently the editor of the Ballwin-Ellisville Patch quit. He was replaced by a very recent grad from that journalism powerhouse, Missouri Baptist University.

The grapevine now has it that one of the patch.com editors with the most background in newspaper reporting will vanish in the next couple of weeks. I will be very surprised if the Chesterfield Patch.com editor Jean Whitney is still there by Labor Day. Whitney

worked as a newspaper reporter in New Jersey outside of New York City and in the San Francisco East Bay area. When she took over the Chesterfield patch.com last August local coverage of the fire district and city hall jumped dramatically much to the dismay of some on the city council and some union members of the Monarch Fire District.

FORMER CHESTERFIELD EX-CON AND ALLEGED SCAMMER BACK IN

BUSINESS: I was notified last week by one of many people who consider themselves a victim of one of Brian Marchant-Calsyn's internet sales schemes.

Marchant-Calsyn served time in the Lewisburg Federal Prison for selling LSD in the 1990s. He then worked as a salesman for S&K Investments, a Ponzi sales scheme, whose two founders from Town and Country were convicted of fraud and served time. <http://chesterfield.patch.com/articles/complaining-too-loudly-about-a-company-can-get-you-sued>



Next from 1999-to 2010 Brian created one internet recruiting company after another. The one he had up running the longest was called Health Career Agents. He operated Health Career Agents for four years out of Town and Country office building, before getting evicted. He then moved the operation to an office in Chesterfield on Swingley Ridge. In 2010 after as long as four years in the court system multiple judgments against Health Career Agents were handed down. Eventually Brian was no longer operating out of an office, but out of his house and listed a post office box at the UPS store in Manchester as his corporate address.

He was the subject of a front page story in the Post-Dispatch last October.

http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/article_5dd54e3a-ea9e-524b-b303-ec5c1f5e0adb.html

Earlier this year Brian, a former Chesterfield resident, moved out of his Town and Country home on Topping Road much to the joy of his neighbors. In fact one neighbor was taking photos of the moving vans. An employee of the movers told Brian, he called the cops claiming it was me. With no other evidence and no violation of anything, the cops paid me a visit and actually got me out of bed to ask why I was there.

<http://chesterfield.patch.com/articles/the-subject-of-two-patch-columns-had-the-cops-get-me-out-of-bed>

Now this week one of his “victims” sent me a link to Peter Stanos Associates that list Marchant-Calsyn as a sale representative for healthcare and medical search services. A check of the Stanos website shows that what Brian is doing is almost identical to what led to the judgments against him and Health Career Agents.

<http://www.bizbuysell.com/brokerdirectory/Profile/ViewBrokerProfile.aspx?BrokerProfileID=10540&bplt=10>

TWO MORE DARK CHESTERFIELD BUSINESSES: In case you have not noticed the frame shop at the Baxter Bend Shopping Center on Clayton Road at Baxter has been empty for a couple of months. Next door to the Frame shop is PI, the gourmet pizza carryout. Just from visual’s I have to wonder how much longer the Chesterfield PI location will be open. While the U-City loop location and the PI restaurant on Manchester Road in Kirkwood are always busy, the same cannot be said for the carryout in Chesterfield.

Also gone is the restaurant in Chesterfield Valley that promoted itself as serving healthy food. Picasso’s owned by the diminutive cardiologist Dr. Melda Dolan has been closed for several months now. Picasso’s has been mentioned in features on KTVI and KMOV for selling heart healthy food. Apparently such cuisine is not yet in a big demand in Chesterfield.



I used to go there with my wife and friends to see Anita Rosamond perform in the bar. The end for Dr. Dolan was clearly near after the first two major holidays in 2012.

Three of us went there on New Year's Eve to see our friend Jerry Moser perform. Jerry was supposed to ring in the New Year. When we arrived at 9:15 there were hats and noise makers on each table. At 10:30 the only other table in the place left for home. That left just the three of us, Jerry and three employees. Dr. Nolan chased us out at 11pm and sent the staff home.



(Jerry Moser on New Year's Eve sings to three customers and three staff members at Picasso's.)

On Valentine's Day the very popular Anita Rosamond was at Picasso's signing to a room with just nine customers. It was her last performance at Picasso's.



(Anita (arms raised) and Jerry do a closing number of New York, New York at a packed Smitty's in Chesterfield. She could never get the crowds at Picasso's that she drew at other Chesterfield locations)

The south end of the shopping center on Long Road has the very popular PM B-B-Q. But at the north end there is the closed Picasso's, empty store fronts and the Hot Dog joint that is only open four hours on weekdays and eight hours on weekends.

MEHLVILLE SCHOOLS JOIN THE CITY OF CLAYTON AND PARKWAY SCHOOLS WITH SOLAR PROJECTS THAT DON'T SAVE MONEY: The Tuesday July 31 edition of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch had an article about how the Mehlville School District is allowing a solar power company install solar arrays at five schools for \$10,000 a year over 20 years. This will cost the Mehlville Schools \$200,000. They anticipate saving \$125,000. Apparently math is no longer a major subject at Mehlville.

The City of Clayton recently spent \$882,000 in solar panels on a new police building. The solar panels will save Clayton about \$14,000 a year. In other words in a quick 64 years those solar panels will be cost effective.

The Parkway School District is just a little better at math than they folks at Mehlville. Parkway is spending \$1.4 million in new solar panels and hopes to save \$1.2 million over 20-years!

PROFESSIONAL PROSECTUOR BETTER THAN A PROFESSIONAL POLITICAN:

When I was a young policeman and then a detective I spent a lot of time in Clayton at the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, either filing charges or preparing for trials.

If it was late in the afternoon I would often avoid the rush hour traffic and walk over to the Branding Iron restaurant on the northwest corner of Meramec and Carondelet. There you could see the daily ritual in the basement. At the head of a large round table would sit Jim Haternbach. Jim recently retired as a long time circuit court judge. But at the time he and Buzz Westfall were the top trial lawyers in the County prosecutor's office.

Every day the same waitress would bring over a cold bottle of Stag Beer as soon as Jim sat down. Twenty minutes later she would bring over another. A little before 6 o'clock traffic would have died down and Jim would get up a leave.

Hartenbach preside over the table with fellow prosecutors and an occasional cop. I was lucky enough to get invited over to take any available empty seat after the regulars had arrived. Having watched the Stag Beer being delivered on several occasions, I had to ask what the deal was with Stag Beer, after all we weren't in Belleville where it was brewed and had a little bit of a following.

Hartenbach related the reason he was a Stag Beer fan. He worked his way through law school and one of the jobs he had was working at the truck terminals in north St. Louis. He said after his first day at the terminal after work everyone headed to a neighborhood tavern for a beer. It was a very hot summer day. Jim said an older worker asked him what he would prefer, a cool to lukewarm Budweiser or an icy cold beer. Hartenbach said he said he wanted the very cold beer. The sage advice he received was that everyone ordered a Budweiser or a Busch and they never got that cold. If you order a Stag they have to pry it off the side of beer cooler. So he quickly developed a taste for Stag.

I was thinking about the prosecutor's office from the 1970's the other day when Prosecutor Bob McCulloch went public denouncing the rehiring of convicted felon Dean Burns by the St. Louis County Economic Council.

Burns was convicted of stealing \$30,000 of Federal Housing and Urban Development funds in 1994. He was appointed to the County Economic Council in 1996 but forced to resign by then County Executive Buzz Westfall after his conviction (he received a 3-year probation term.)

While Burns made restitution for the \$30,000 mentioned in the Federal charging documents, he wasn't so keen on returning the \$1.4 million HUD claimed he took between 1992 and 1995. They had to sue to get that back.

Now Charley Dooley reappointed Burns to the same Economic Council that Westfall forced him off. Burns will be getting a salary of \$127,816 a year. What makes it worst was Burns was hired after a "national" search. The best the national search for a \$127,816 job could come up with was a local ex-convict felon who was ripping off the Federal government to the tune of \$1.43 million.

Dooley has already given a former campaign staffer a job on the Council and now he is putting a felon who steals from the government in a six-figure position.

It was nice to see Bob McCulloch raise the alarm. Burns resigned from the job about two after McCulloch's statement and Dooley suddenly jumped on the band wagon asking for Burns resignation.

I got to know Bob when he was rookie assistant prosecutor. He and I had a couple things in common. We both went to the old Augustinian Academy high school on South Meramec, south of Grand Avenue. I escaped after one semester and was back at Webster Groves High School, Bob graduated from there.

It was in Bob's senior year of high school when he developed cancer and had a leg amputated. Bob had always wanted to be a police officer. His father was a city cop and was killed in a gun battle when Bob was 12. Bob's brother followed their father and joined the St. Louis Police Department. Bob went to law school.

Like Hartenbach, Bob worked through college. He was an Andy Frain man. He was an usher at Busch Stadium wearing the royal blue uniform and blue hat working Cardinal baseball and football games.

I was fortunate to be one of the police witnesses in Bob's first jury trial win. The defendant was Robert Sanders, who had a long and violent criminal record.

It was winter's night on a Saturday in February of 1978. There was a heavy snow falling. There were only two police officers working in Rock Hill that night. John Copeland, who is now the police chief and city administrator in Town and Country was in uniform driving a marked patrol car. I was a detective in plain clothes driving an unmarked car. I would have gone home at 3am leaving Copeland on duty by himself until 8am.

Back in 1978 there was a National Supermarket at the far east end of the Warson Woods Shopping Center. Two-thirds of the supermarket was actually in Rock Hill and one-third was in Warson Woods.

Copeland was spotlighting the front of the store, when he noticed a Cadillac in the middle of the shopping center stopped in front of a men's clothing store. John found this suspicious since for the last hour the only other car he had seen driving was mine. Even the two Steak n' Shakes then in Rock Hill had closed early due to the heavy snow storm.

In the Cadillac was Sanders along with another ex-convict plus a heavy metal milk crate, they had planned to throw through the window of the clothing store before Copeland started driving toward them. They had just stolen the Cadillac from the Lindburg dealership in Clayton on Hanley Road.

As John pulled behind them, they decided it was time to leave at a high rate of speed in a blizzard and headed west on Manchester with Copeland in pursuit. Sanders eventually stopped just past Woodlawn, but as Copeland approached the car with his gun drawn, Sanders floored it. The car fishtailed and hit Copeland without leaving any injury.

By now Sanders had completely lost control of the Cadillac. He crossed all the lanes of Manchester and flew off the road only to land on the roof of a new Ford Thunderbird parked on the lot of the Ford dealership. Copeland got the passenger to stop, but Sanders took off running. John let a couple of shots fly in his direction without hitting anything much to the displeasure of the Kirkwood Police.

It is tough to run from the police during a heavy snowfall. The Kirkwood cops tracked down Sanders and arrested him. A couple of hours later I picked him up at the Kirkwood PD and drove him back to Rock Hill. I took my time due to the slick roads and during the ride Sanders had said enough to constitute a confession.

There were two trials for Sanders. The first one was 11-to-1 for conviction. The second trial was assigned to McCulloch, who brought home a winner.

I am sure after the death of Buzz Westfall that McCulloch was asked to run for County Executive. Bob isn't really a politician. He is like a number of people across the country. He is a prosecuting attorney. He doesn't want to be a senator or governor. Party labels don't mean much to me when the guy is "prosecutor." How do you tell a candidate is a "prosecutor" and not just another politician climbing the ladder. Well, you can't right away.

However in the case of McCulloch you can figure it out. It is the only job he has done since he stopped being an Andy Frain man and graduated from law school in 1976. Also he has no problem in attacking an appointment by the County Executive, who belongs to the same party, of a crook and ex-convict to a high paying County job.

Sometimes when you vote for a prosecuting attorney you have to ignore political party labels and vote for either a career prosecutor or a politician.

CHESTERFIELD DOESN'T HAVE "DO IT YOURSELFERS" PER CITY HALL: A citizen send the following email to the City's "Info" website:

"Plz pass this note on to the appropriate governing body.

With every other type of store imaginable in the Chesterfield Valley, including numerous auto service centers, why do we not have a auto parts store like NAPA or O'Reilly?"

Here is the reply they got (at the request of the sender we have deleted his name)

From: Libbey Tucker <LTucker@chesterfield.mo.us>

Date: May 16, 2012 2:22:31 PM CDT

To: XXXX

Cc: Michael Herring <mherring@chesterfield.mo.us>

Subject: FW: Auto parts store in Valley

Mr. XXXX:

That is a great question and we have this inquiry often. Aftermarket automotive stores such as O'Reilly and NAPA sell to both commercial and retail customers, with the retail customers being the DIY or "do-it-yourself" market. The demographic of the people who live in Chesterfield and nearby areas are people who have the means/wealth to have auto repairs done for them at a service center or dealership and are not in the DIY demographic when it comes to auto repairs. For this reason, neither of these business models feel they will be successful here.

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It is if Libbey Malberg-Tucker has drunk the Chesterfield Kool-Aid and has no problem putting into writing that people from Chesterfield are too good to be fixing their own cars.

CAMPAGIN ADS: Here is our review of the latest campaign ads before the August primary election.

John Brunner F I had started out as a big Brunner fan. I was a H. Ross Perot fan back in the 1990s. Why not let a successful businessman have a chance instead of a career politician.

However, when Brunner ran a TV ad for several weeks claiming Todd Akin and Sarah Steelman were tax and spend liberals the same as Claire McCaskill, I lost all respect for the guy. Akin is perhaps the most or at least one of the five most conservative members of Congress. Steelman is tied to the Tea party not the Democratic Party. Why Brunner didn't just stick to selling his track record as a successful business man is beyond me.

Todd Akin A Akin has conservative torch bearer Mike Huckabee pitching him as a candidate for the U.S. Senate. I have not been very fond of Todd. I wrote a column for Patch.com about how mixed up Todd was when he claimed on a radio talk show that liberals hate God. I mentioned all the liberal pastors and Jesuit priests who are liberal

and believe firmly in God. I also mentioned how Todd used to dress up in 1776 era costumes and give speeches at his family's farm off Conway Road near Highway 141 every July 4th. What did he think those patriots were if not liberals wanting to overthrow the government?

However, his TV ad is straight forward. It lays out his position and doesn't lie about one or both of his opponents.

Dave Spence A: Dave Spence's ad is the type of ad Brunner should have stuck with. It paints Spence as a sensible and successful businessman who want to run Missouri as Governor like he does his business.

Ann Wagner C Ann has so much money rolling in that she has been running the same TV ad touting her for Congress for several weeks. However the ad does not give one reason why Ann should be in congress. It talks about how her son was deathly ill, recovered and went on to graduate from West Point.

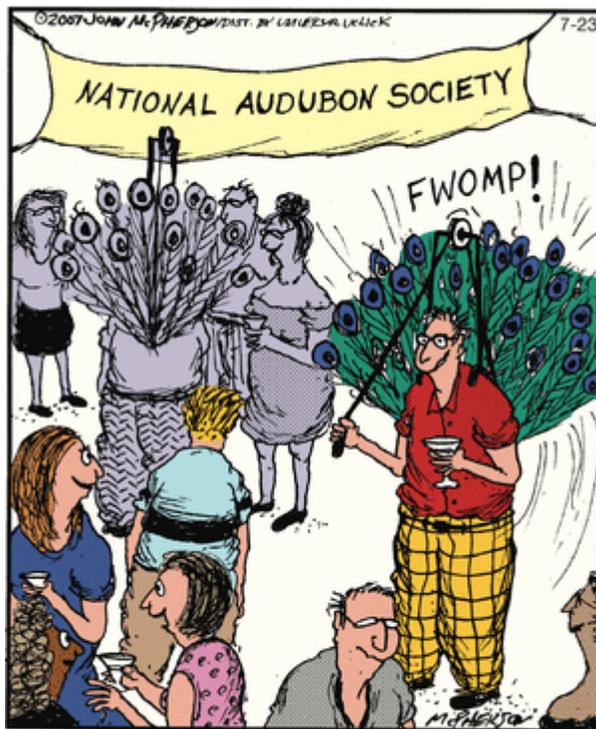
Of course Ann probably doesn't want the independent voters to know she was the co-chair of the national RNC and the chair of the Missouri Republican party. Who wants to elect a party insider as screwed up as things are currently in DC?

Ann avoids a failing grade by not attacking her opponent. Of course it is hard to attack an emergency room physician. When it comes to campaign war chests Wagner is the New York Yankees of Missouri politics and **Dr. Randy Jotte** is playing in the Low-Class A minor leagues. He doesn't have any TV ads.

THE CHICK-FIL-A BOYCOT: Excuse me but if they mayors of Chicago and New York are trying to get rid of Chick-Fil-A or keep new Chick-Fil-As form opening because the owner is against gay marriage, shouldn't they start trying to rid their cities of all Catholic Churches and conservative Christian Churches?

It is not as if Chick-Fil-A refuses to serve or hire Gays, married or otherwise. I thought the owner's religious beliefs were protected by the First Amendment. Apparently some big city mayors don't believe in the first amendment.

CARTOONS:



Having spotted an attractive female, Marty makes his move.

