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What became of the WT-E "editorial board?"

Many readers of the Cheyenne Herald don't read the daily newspaper in town anymore because they refuse to pay to read foreclosure notices - the only real "news" offered on the pages of the Tribune-Eagle these days.

So, they wouldn't have noticed that the WT-E can no longer find "civilians" to serve as "community representatives" on their so-called editorial board. As though they ever had such a thing.

For several years, they pretended to want outside input about their editorial positions and what stories they would or should cover and they had a token man and a token woman serve as community representatives to the non-board.

For some time now, they don't even offer a charade of two outsiders sitting in on editorial board meetings and then being treated to a free lunch when their "term" ended. Now, there are only the three men. Actually, the real editorial board of the WT-E is the same size as the one of the Cheyenne Herald. One.

I make no bones about it, though. I've never lied to readers that a group, be it three, four or six, had a role in editorial and content decisions. There is but one. Me. At their place, there is but one. Reed.

Remember a few years ago when they donned their feminist clothes and demanded that CFD name a woman to chair a committee? At the same time, they did not have a woman on their management team (editorial board). Faced with that embarrassment, they named one. An outdoor writer who left to become press secretary for Dave Freudenthal. Since then, the WT-E has had no female on

their editorial board. How do you spell "hypocrisy?"

The editorial board, which is supposed to determine editorial positions of the WT-E has (according to Reed when he defends a particularly goofy stand he's taken), diminished to three. No woman and no outsider. Now the WT-E editorial board is non-newspaper man Mike McCracken, non-Wyoming flack Reed Eckhardt and marketing guy Scott Walker.

There may be no other daily newspaper in the land that allows an advertising salesman on its editorial board. There is great potential for a conflict of interest. If a major advertiser gets caught with a hand in the cookie jar, the ad guy will argue against publicizing the bad behavior for fear of losing advertising revenue.

That's not the only contradiction to good journalism this daily is guilty of, of course. Its editor has sat on committees he should oversee (judge) but cannot or he'd lose his appointment. Oops. He lost those appointments so now he rails against the one who bounced him. How did you say you spell "hypocrisy?"

Of the many locals who did serve as a community representative, I've spoken with several during and after their tour. All said the same thing: It was a waste of their time. Only one opinion mattered. Or at least only one opinion was offered. Reed's. Mike is silent and the marketing guy just looks out for any conflict with advertising. Protects clients. One interesting fact about these people is that the WT-E asked Jimmy Valdez to offer his input into their editorials and then refused to endorse him when he sought re-election to the city council. Classy.

40 is the new 30 Or, in Brett Favre's case, the new 25

That knothead Ted Thompson of the Green Bay Packers thought Brett Favre was done? Washed up? And, in spite of not wanting Favre as the starting QB for the Packers, he prevented No. 4 from going to the team he wanted to play for when the Packers fired him. The Minnesota Vikings.

Some may believe it was a revenge factor but it more logical that Favre would have preferred playing for the Vikings because the system was almost identical to the Packers and he could step right in, as opposed to having to learn a completely new scheme with the New York Jets. In spite of that new system, Favre took the Jets from a 4-12 the season before he arrived to a 9-7 record in his only season with them. The Packers that he had led to a 13-3 record his final season fell to a 6-10 record with Thompson's chosen replacement at QB. Last year, with Favre at the throttles, the Jets were 7-3 after ten games. This year, 4-6.

The Minnesota Vikings have played without their top defensive back and a leading receiver for many games but are 10-1 after eleven games with Favre at quarterback. Last season, they were 6-5.

Can Brett Favre still play? With virtually no training camp, after eleven games, he has 24 touchdown passes and 3 interceptions. His QB rating was 112.1, high-est in the NFL. Can a duck swim?

His QB rating is higher than Drew Brees, Peyton Manning, Tom Brady, Philip Rivers, Ben Roethlisberger, Kurt Warner and Eli Manning - all younger QBs more touted than Brett Favre is now at age 40. Only Drew Brees had more touchdown passes than Favre (by one thru ten games) and nine other QBs have been sacked as often or more often than Favre.

And, at 40 years of age and having started every game since 1992, he has the fewest interceptions of any primary quarterback in the league.

He has been sacked 21 times but his replacement at Green Bay, Aaron Rodgers, has been sacked 43 times through ten games. His ratio of touchdown passes to interceptions (8:1) is incredible.

With Adrian Peterson in the backfield of the Vikings, Favre doesn't have to make every play. His receivers are mostly young or mediocre but Favre completes the passes and touchdowns result.

Sixteen other quarterbacks have more pass attempts than does Favre. But, only Peyton Manning has as good a pass completion percentage as the Old Man this season to date.

The consecutive starts at quarterback record that he extends every week is one of the most amazing in all sports history. He has started (as of the eleventh week of the 2009-2010 season) 280 consecutive regular season games and 22 postseason games. Peyton Manning has started 187 consecutive regular season games. Manning is 33 years old. If both QBs start every game for the rest of this year and Favre retires then, Peyton Manning would have to start every game for six more seasons to break Favre's record. In other words, whenever Brett Favre retires, it would take Manning another six seasons to claim the record.

Can Brett Favre still play the game?

Regardless of what happens the rest of this season, football fans now must agree that Brett Favre can still play the game and he can play it at a level comparable or exceeding any other QB in the NFL.

Didn't Wyoming copy-right this line?

It seems like only yesterday Wyoming's Secretary of State went after tiny Breckenridge, Minnesota High School for using a buckin' bronc and rider logo that was similar to the registered trademark belonging to Wyoming. The school district had to incur considerable expense to change everything from the logo on the gym floor to letterhead, envelopes, etc.

And then had to pay to have a new design developed that was acceptable to them but not intrusive on the trademark of litigious Wyoming.

Didn't the person responsible at the time register the tagline, "Like Nowhere Else on Earth" that appeared on our border entry signs? Or at least claim a copyright on those confusing words? Many Wyomingites thought it was an insult. As though being "like nowhere else on earth" was not a positive claim but a derogatory insult. The below prompt was on the MSN home page recently. Don't know where it led - might have been to Wyoming but it doesn't look like it. Wherever it is and whoever used our line, let's sue them. Nobody messes with our state.

