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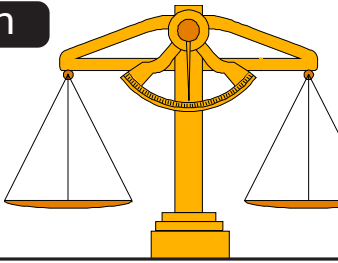


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## Entry into Avenues house and removal of water meter

In an effort to try to understand the purpose and urgency of entering into the "Fecht Meth Lab" on 3rd Avenue, I met with the two BOPU employees who actually entered the premises to remove the house's water meter.

It is obvious at this point that there is no proper paper trail that authorized entry into the house nor explained why the water meter was removed. The BOPU has a work order for the removal but ahead of that order, there is no formal approval to enter an empty house without the owner's permission or presence.

It is also very apparent that such entry by BOPU technicians is rare to the point of being unprecedented. Neither of the guys nor their supervisor are aware of a similar instance - entry into a house to remove a water meter, without owner or renter involvement, for no apparent reason such as the house being vacated for the winter or the customer being behind in paying for services.

None of these things had happened at the Avenues house.

The trail leading to removal of the water meter began with someone in the city attorneys office contacting customer services at BOPU to order the water meter removed. Arrangements were made by the police department to have a police officer present to force entry into the property for the removal.

When the two employees arrived at the house in the Avenues, a police officer was there ahead of them. There was forced entry through a rear door leading into the porch area but not by the BOPU guys.

The police officer arrived first and gained entry to the house by forcing open a door in the rear of the house (there was a witness). He walked through the house, unlocked the front door from the inside and went outside to await the BOPU guys. The BOPU tech and supervisor who went there to remove the meter entered the house. Unprotected. They were not warned about "high levels of meth contamination" as Bob Fecht has cautioned his officers about. They did not wear hazmat clothing. When all three left the house, they left through the front door and the police officer pulled the door shut behind them. It would lock if the knob was set to lock. The rear door was not repaired. This happened in 2007.

BOPU records show the water meter was in the basement ("west wall") and the tech found it quickly and removed it. They spent 5-10 minutes inside the house. They do not recall seeing any red "Warning" placard placed on the front door by the police chief. Or at his instructions. No one else (DEA, DCI, etc.) admits to placing it. BOPU officials have made assurances that such an entry will not be duplicated - that written authorization will always be required in the future.

## SLIB members didn't know there were objections to a state-built day care center?

What does it take for that five member group to "know" that there are objections - demonstrating in the streets like in Tehran that occurred after the election?

One would hope that at least one of the five would read, listen or watch some local news reports about both the public and other day care providers not being happy with state intervention into this critical area of private enterprise. We can, of course, dismiss Jim McBride. Based on his superintendent's evaluations from Bennett, Colorado, there is some question whether the retired Air Force officer can read, let alone understand what he may read.

Joe Meyer and Max Maxfield are there just to draw a public paycheck so its entirely possible neither of them read, heard or saw any of the controversy about state run day care.

But, one would hope that either Rita Meyer or Dave Freudenthal were aware.

It is just inconceivable that the Fab Five would be unaware that, in a conservative Republican politically-dominated state, residents would side with the notion of using public funds to create a competitive business to those who have had to invest their own sweat equity and privately generated funds to open and operate day care businesses.

It is not only un-Republican to use public money (it is also unconstitutional) for that purpose, it is un-American.

Granted, Dave is a Democrat and the national Democrats are pushing for more and more government ownership and control of heretofore private business enterprises but he should still know the mood of the people of Wyoming.

Even Laramie County came to the realization that it was unconstitutional to

give over publicly-paid sales tax revenues to a private shooting range operation so they'll have to do the project themselves and lease it back to the private operator.

From public comments made by those who support the concept of using public money for private business enterprises, it is apparent they believe day care provided will be below market rates. Not having to come up with the capital to build or equip a day care operation and not having to repay the money provided for its construction or acquisition, the "non-profit" group dare not offer lower rates than those who have to make a profit to keep the doors open.

One of the most commonly misunderstood words is "nonprofit." It does not mean that an operation does not try to "make" a profit. It means that they do not distribute that profit to shareholders. What they typically do with profits is to reward themselves in the form of higher salaries or unwarranted bonuses. Ask the former head of the United Way what a nonprofit does with its profits.

Granted, the SLIB members do not have to read newspapers or listen to or watch broadcast news. They can be mushrooms - in the dark and covered ... But it *would* be nice if one of them had their ear to the ground. What do you suppose they have *not* heard about charter schools? What have they *not* heard about the budget squeeze? Do they read only sports scores and the comics? Oh, right, they don't read anything.

Those who support a state-paid day care facility misunderstand what they will get. They will *not* get a free or reduced price day care provider. They will *not* get a better quality of day care. When a local church wanted to build a day care facility much like the one now proposed (with their own money) they were stopped. No one came to their defense. Hypocrisy.

**Herald -- n. An officer whose business was to proclaim war ... He was invested with a sacred and inviolable character. A proclaimer; one who publishes or announces; A forerunner; a precursor; a harbinger. v. To introduce, or give tidings of ... To proclaim, to announce, to foretell, to usher in.**

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