

Briefs ...

Jim Brown / AmeriTech ... this is a bandwagon I ain't boarding. The envy and jealousy of a successful businessman in a city where it has become increasingly difficult to survive is disturbing. For the daily to repeat what one of them claims to have been told by an anonymous source - that when he, an AmeriTech competitor, went to pick up bid documents and found out that Jim's firm had also picked up the documents, he decided he wouldn't pursue the bid because he "knew who would get the work." First, I don't believe that anyone really told Reed that. Had they, it would have been an admission of incredible stupidity. How could any commercial HVAC business in Cheyenne not have expected AmeriTech would bid on commercial HVAC work in town? Reed likely made it up. Opened bids are public record. As I have offered before, if anyone (**ANYONE**) has evidence that Jim Brown is getting favorable treatment on bid work from the City of Cheyenne, show me the evidence. I don't believe that hasn't happened and if it ever does, I will be on Jim like white on rice. In the meantime, readers are again cautioned that Reed will fabricate if he thinks he can create a stink. That's all his paper has left. (Note: *The reason a competitor might defer to Jim was not the risk of favoritism to AmeriTech - it was he knew Jim would bid lower. Losing bids to someone who bids lower is known as "sour grapes."* Whining.)

Cynthia Lummis ... after recently voting "No" on issues like the Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act (with only 58 other Republicans), the Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act, the 21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act, she voted "Yes" for another spending bill, Supplemental Appropriations, FY2009. Total votes cast by Cyndy to this point are 2 "Yes," and 26 "No," a 92.86% negative voting record on behalf of the State of Wyoming. Her only "Yes" votes have been on spending measures - probably to keep her own paycheck coming.

Danica Patrick ... despite finishing third in the 2009 Indianapolis 500 (the highest finish of any female driver, of course), her accomplishment was blown off with a "Danica Patrick was never a factor." In the last five laps she was running within two seconds of the lead. On one lap near the end, her lap speed was the fastest on the track. Never a factor? Sexism is alive and well in the sports reporting world. Danica Patrick is not only an attractive race car driver, she is a very skilled race car driver. Two other women were in the Indy 500 this year. Sarah Fisher finished 17th and Milka Duno finished 20th. They were no factor. When Danica wins this race, it will be reported she won because of crashes, cautions or some other bunk.

The "Meth House" ... is not the meth lab alleged by Bob Fecht - both as police chief and as a state senator. Testing results are in and the next Herald will present a full accounting of the libelous and slanderous allegations made by Fecht, regarding the house being a laboratory where meth was manufactured. It was not. Court records confirmed that and now the testing results put the final nail in Fecht's coffin. The upcoming accounting will also disclose that Cheyenne police officers broke into the house to gain entry so a BOPU employee could remove a water meter that was not in active use but was being paid for on a standby basis. The Cheyenne Herald has submitted a public records request for communications that authorized that break-in and for copies of letters noticing the owner the break-in was planned.

Amy Winehouse at the Cheyenne Civic Center?

The Cheyenne Civic Center has been a financial disaster since it opened. It siphons several hundred thousand dollars a year from the general fund just to remain open. Each succeeding mayor promises to require the director to come closer to break even, then allows him to book acts that can't pay for themselves.

Frank Sinatra, Jr.? Why? To tell stories to the CC director about his old man or share secrets about Nancy? The only time Jr. warranted making news was when he was kidnapped in Las Vegas. And, he's not really a "Junior" either.

One of the problems for the venue is its size. It was built too small to accommodate real "draws" so has to book either those who were once a "star" like Johnny Rivers, those who are just using the name of "stars" from bygone years like the Drifters, Coasters and Platters, or comedians of modest appeal like Jim Gaffigan.

In announcing this season's coming entertainment, the CC director, who has a penchant for name dropping even when unwarranted, told the gullible WT-E reporter as much about those he couldn't sign as those he did.

The Nutcracker? Just sign taller dancers, then no one has to dance on their toes. And those outfits the male dancers wear! If Miley Cyrus or Miss California-USA wore something like that, the far right wingers would want to imprison them.

The recent WT-E shillers touted the lineup as the Biggest Lineup Ever! Sure.

That says more about the Civic Center than it does the named "entertainers."

Two line-dancing acts? Tap dancing? Michael Flatley's name is being taken in vain. There is the same chance of him being on a Cheyenne stage as Elvis appearing with him. By the way, the Irish step dancer is from Chicago, not Ireland.

Kenny G? He has long been the butt of jokes by late night comedians. To still crave Kenny G's music is akin to longing for drive-in movie theaters. The time has past. Nice hair, though. For a girl.

But the "teases." The ones he *didn't* get. They are phenomenal. Jordin Sparks. Vanessa Hudgens. Olivia Newton John. Yeah, right. And, Amy Winehouse.

Any booking agent can claim they were this close to signing Amy Winehouse because Amy is such an emotional wreck now that she can't even read the court papers put in front of her. An enormous singing talent who won five (5) Grammy's two years ago, she has spiraled steadily downhill in the past two years. The day she appears in Cheyenne, Wyoming, would be further evidence that the young lady has no clue what is going on around her. She will not be here. Never, ever.

If she were within a hundred miles, this writer would probably pay the price to see her. She, Adele or Duffy. The CC director claimed he was trying to book Amy Winehouse but Jeff Dunham was too expensive? Please. What an insult to the intelligence of Cheyenne residents.

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