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Cyndy! Markie! You children play nice together.

Wow! What came over these kids?

One night in Riverton, at the televised PBS debate, they're playing nice. Mark - polite as ever, with his uneven vertical hair style oiled and spiked. Cyndy - with her Cheshire cat spring-triggered smile, smirk and crooked neck on display for all to see.

Then the next day, they began to pull pigtails and throw mud at each other.

Mark ran ads showing Cyndy digging Wyoming deeper and deeper into the hole.

Cyndy intoned about whether one can trust anything Mark says. Anything!

Both television commercials borrow liberally from (they stole) information disseminated previously in the Cheyenne Herald. Once again without attribution, of course.

Fortunately, there is one grown-up in this race for the U.S. House. There is one guy in this race who has accomplished that which he has claimed. Only one candidate.



On his own. Bill Winney. He did not inherit. He is a self-made man. He hasn't had to misrepresent his accomplishments as Cyndy has done. And Mark. The small businesses that Gordon touts as his qualifications for Congress are little more than a lemonade table in small towns, with fewer employees than a roadside vegetable stand.

Cyndy's claims that "she" grew the state investment portfolio from \$3.5 billion to \$8.5 billion while state treasurer is an absolute distortion. Call it a lie if you'd rather.



What Cyndy did do was diminish the investment earnings - even with several billion more dollars to invest! She also did a great deal of damage to local economies all over the State by drying up the time deposit money available to hometown banks. She nearly destroyed that program before it was resurrected by wiser heads.

Given a chance to establish a college savings plan, she blew that, too. Wyoming's plan was ranked one of the nation's Worst 5. The plan floundered for a few years, with little participation by state residents, until it was mercifully put out of its misery.

So, Cyndy's claims about how well she did while state treasurer are untrue. And, Mark **HAS** given regularly and generously to Democrats and liberal causes for over two decades and has no real business success to brag about. With two marginal candidates - experience, success and background-wise - it's a good thing Wyoming has a quality candidate for whom to vote. Bill Winney. That's all that need be said. Nuclear powered ballistic missile sub skipper. Pentagon pro. Retired Navy Captain Bill Winney.

Bill Winney is who he says he is. Neither of them are. Neither Cyndy *nor* Mark.

Our seniors should not be treated like prisoners

The United States is one of the worst nation in the world when it comes to how we treat our seniors - our elders.

Other cultures revere, respect and care for their elders to their graves. In this country, we are quicker to give up on the responsibility to care for the elderly. While it may hurt, families "commit" their seniors to facilities because they cannot, or choose not to, care for them.

There is no doubt that the opportunity to live in their home improves the serenity and quality of a person's life - young, old or in between. That is not always possible. So, as the nation greys, more and more poorly-built facilities are filling the landscape as repositories for our elders.

Sometimes, those facilities are great places to live, even if cheaply and poorly constructed. Others are expensively built and appointed and still lousy places to "park" our senior citizens.

The difference? People. People who own them and care where their own

parents and grandparents may live out their last years and people who manage these facilities. Privately-owned and profit driven, the easiest place to cut costs and corners is with staff - the number and quality of employees. That is often done.

If foreign ownership does not supervise those charged with the day-to-day management of a facility held exclusively for the elderly, poor employees will be allowed to make lives miserable for those among us who either choose to or are consigned to live in these senior housing "projects" in their later and last years.

We have such a facility here in Cheyenne - where a young, untrained, immature, part-time and unqualified "manager" (according to residents of this new property who have spoken with the Herald) is treating residents as though they're incarcerated and have no choice but accept whatever she throws at them. Entry into their rooms without their presence and the demand of entry if they are inside are two of the worst violations. Would you want to put your mother in such a place?



More coming in the next issue.

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