

Recent story confirms CS-T's continued descent

Idaho School Superintendent's resume deemed important after the resume from a candidate for the same office in Wyoming was not

Several days before the November 7th general election, the Cheyenne Herald broke two stories involving job performance and publicly-made false claims made by then-candidate for Wyoming State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Jim McBride. He was still elected.

Those disclosures and the official documentation to support them were published on the Cheyenne Herald website so the Casper Star-Tribune cannot say they didn't have access to them.

Incredibly, the only statewide newspaper in Wyoming chose to ignore the stories.

But on December 15th, they ran a lengthy story pertaining to "Tom Luna, the incoming head of the state's (Idaho) public school system, ..." An AP writer said Luna had "misrepresented his position with the U.S. Department of Education on his resume during his successful campaign this fall."

Does that mean the Casper paper will now publish the misrepresentations made by Jim McBride in his "successful campaign this fall"?

McBride "misrepresented," spelled "lied" in Wyoming in several ways. Some outright, some by inference.

How did McBride's misrepresentations compare with those of the guy in Idaho of whom the CS-T decided their Wyoming readers would be so interested?

Talk about picking fly specks out of pepper - Luna wrote in a biography that he had been "appointed Senior Adviser to Secretary of Education Rod Paige by President George W. Bush."

Technically, maybe he wasn't. By Bush.

As Cheyenne Herald readers will recall, Jim McBride lied about his tenure as district superintendent of schools in Bennett, Colorado and he lied about his tenure as president (commander) of the Community College of the Air Force.

In addition, he withheld the facts that he had been employed only part-time (25 hours total) from August - December of 2001 and that his employment terminated in Bennett after only nine months of full-time employment and almost a year before its expiration.

Those misrepresentations the Casper Star-Tribune did not think were important enough to share with its readers.

How many readers in Idaho does this newspaper think it has? If the CS-T has only 1,000 circulation in Laramie County, how many CS-T readers in all of Idaho?

If the CS-T didn't want to piggyback on a story investigated and broke in a bi-weekly free publication that does not pay dues to the Wyoming Press Association, they could have used the story published in WPA member the Riverton Ranger. They chose to remain mute.

Not important enough. They didn't care about indiscretions of a Wyoming candidate for the identical office that they thought they should devote hundreds of words to when it applied to an Idaho candidate. What gives?

There was a lengthy paper trail of repeated misrepresentations by Jim McBride. What was erroneous about the claim made in Idaho by Tom Luna?

A DOE spokeswoman: "Tom Luna was the director of the Task Force, appointed by Secretary Rod Paige and approved through a White House vetting process."

Technically, perhaps Luna exaggerated. McBride exaggerated his service in Bennett in several ways. And with CCAF.

Does a Supreme Court justice say he was "appointed" by the President or that he was "nominated" by the President and confirmed by the Senate?

Why give 900 words to an Idaho story and none to a more important Wyoming story pertaining to the same issue(s)?

December 26th

For many, the day after Christmas is the day to return gifts to stores.

To this writer, it always reminds him of the date of birth of a brother-in-law who died all too early in 1985 at the age of 50.

A retired Air Force veteran, he had been exposed to Agent Orange in Vietnam and died of the cancer it caused.

He was a guy whose contributions as a great husband, terrific father and grandfather, true friend and trusted brother-in-law were unparalleled. Missed greatly every day and remembered fondly on December 26th.

With this staff, wouldn't you think the WT-E could do a little bit better?

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From Judge Edward L. Grant's Order ...

IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT STATE OF WYOMING, COUNTY OF LARAMIE

ORDER GRANTING SUMMARY JUDGMENT FOR PLAINTIFFS

On cross motions for summary judgement, it appearing that Ordinance #3689 annexing the Grasslands stations exempts the area annexed from specified City ordinances in contravention of § 15-1-410 W.S. which states that all ordinances apply in any such area annexed, the Court grants the plaintiffs' motion and it is therefore

ORDERED that pursuant to § 15-1-408 and 409, the plaintiffs having filed and perfected appeal, the Ordinance is void and may not take effect.

DATED this 12 day of December, 2006.

/s/ Edward L. Grant

EDWARD L. GRANT not the Judge's signature
DISTRICT JUDGE

Editor's note: This is the Order that "excited" councilman Patrick Collins. Imagine how excited he'd be if the City ever won one of these annexation lawsuits. Collins also offered the legal conclusion that the annexation itself "wasn't wrong," but the City made a "mistake" in exempting the property "from several of the city's ordinances." Patrick's hockey dad buddy, AG Pat Crank, may hold that opinion but the issue will be decided by the Wyoming Supreme Court if the city again annexes the same land. "The exciting part of the lawsuit is we were right on," Collins was quoted. Right on? Costing neighboring county property owners thousands of dollars in legal fees to prove the city was "dead wrong?" These "glass half-fullers" continue to prove they are "all full" of something not in a glass. They were "right on"? Sure. And the Titanic was unsinkable.

WANTED

Information pertaining to any Laramie County or City of Cheyenne elected official or Department Head having an unlicensed vehicle on their own property ...

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