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## 5K COMEA House race/walk

### November 3, 2007 -- 10:00 am

**Begins at COMEA, 1504 Stinson Ave.**

\$20.00 Registration Fee. Forms available at COMEA Shelter, Tim Kingston, Foot of the Rockies, YMCA and other places. T-shirts for all entrants, door prizes, age group awards, etc. Run or walk - people of all capabilities are welcome - course along Crow Creek Greenway.

**All proceeds go to COMEA**  
**\$10.00 prize for best turkey costume!**

## Briefs ...

### Frat boys were drinking? In Laramie, Wyoming?

You have got to be kidding me! You have got to be kidding. There was a Greek frat house somewhere in the nation where members were actually imbibing in the malt at a weekend house party? No. That cannot be. Next thing they'll want us to believe is that frat boys pull immature pranks on other frat boys. Not in Laramie, Wyoming. The purpose of going to college is to gain an advanced education. It is not to meet new friends, have some fun **AND** get that education. There is no time in college for foolishness like drinking, carousing or chasing members of the opposite sex. By God, your parents didn't behave like that, your older sibling did not behave like that, your grandparents certainly did not behave like that, so **KNOCK IT OFF!** or we'll have to close all fraternity and sorority houses on and off campus. Don't think we're kidding, buster. We can do it! Crack those books. Don't be cracking no smiles. Nor cans. Or bottles.

### Mayors.

When Jesse Ventura was Governor of the People's Republic of Minnesota, he capitalized on his four years by trademarking his name and likeness and many souvenirs were peddled on his behalf. One said something to the effect that "Our Governor can kick your Governor's A\*\*" That was probably before Arnold became the Governor of California. Everyone who has witnessed the mayor of Denver doing those goofy commercials with Alphabits (or Gumby) characters behind him must think a similar thing - Does any city have a bigger doofus for mayor than Denver does? Take it easy, Cheyenne - I know what you're thinking but Hickenlooper even has the name to fit his style. There was a time when cities tried to elect mayors of competence - not because they resembled or conducted themselves like Pee Wee Herman (not the theater-going Paul Reubens, the bike riding Pee Wee Herman). Characters now trump character.

### Watering lawns.

The ban on watering during the day has been lifted and residents can now try harder to relieve some of the BOPU's massive debt by watering all they want on their assigned days to water their lawns. That means the Water Cop can store his balloon-tire Schwinn for the winter and use his time for something other than riding through neighborhoods listening for sprinklers. Ah, life is wonderful.

## "Meth house" ... (from Front Page)

*This story was going to be about the interview I conducted with two residents of the so-called meth house in the Avenues but I contacted the owner of the property just before deadline and switched to a story about our conversation. The interview coverage with inhabitants will appear in the next issue.*

by Dave Featherly

The owner of the house at 211 E. 3rd Avenue lives in Boulder, Colorado and works in Denver. He is very accessible, cooperative and candid about the situation as he knows it at 211.

We first spoke after the Cheyenne Herald learned the City of Cheyenne had "parked" \$90,000 of HUD funds intended for the needy. The City said they were going to divert the money to demolish three properties - one of them being 211. When I called the owner in Boulder three years ago, he told me that my input was the first he knew of any plans to demolish his house and advised against it.

What he had to say to me on Tuesday, October 16, 2007 was equally as shocking. We spoke for about 45 minutes and he had much to offer.

He first offered that the red tag on the front door of his house surprised him. He had never been notified by the local police department that the house had been used as a meth lab, as the notice states. He said he had been told that people in the house in 2003 did have some materials common to the production of meth but they were not manufacturing meth inside.

Upon being told of the WARNING sign on the front door, he contacted the Drug Enforcement Administration to inquiry about their placing such a sign on the door.

A local DEA official told him **THEY** had not posted the sign on the house and suggested the owner contact the Cheyenne Police Department.

It seems unusual that other agencies have the authority - even the blank signs - to post on doors as though they were put there by the more imposing DEA. The fact that DEA did not put up the sign explains why it had no date or phone no. as pointed out on page one of this issue.

The owner also told me that he has been inside the house on multiple occasions since Chief Bob Fecht labeled the house a meth laboratory in need of demolition. Asked if the interior has, or ever had, a strong odor similar to cat urine, which is

a telltale sign of manufacturing meth, he said there was never any unusual odor except recently the house smells "musty" from being shut up for so long.

When asked if he had received a formal, written demand that he clean up the house - the interior - because it had been a meth lab and was dangerous to neighbors or future occupants, he said he had not. In fact, he said, police department officials had told him just the opposite - that the house had **never** been used as a meth lab. That meth manufacturing had **never** taken place in his house.

He was told that people in hazmat gear had been inside but evidently found nothing because he was never ordered **not** to enter the house and even the sign on the front door doesn't go that far.

When asked about other contacts he may have had from up here, he told me he had been contacted by a "remediation contractor" from Billings, Montana who told the owner that he had made arrangements with Bob Fecht to buy the house and he was calling to finalize the arrangements. He offered \$10,000, saying there would be great expense to clean up the house. The owner rejected the offer. He had never authorized Fecht to act for him.

The Colorado owner did not even know who Bob Fecht was and, when I told him, he became very concerned. When a local police chief and state senator takes the unauthorized step of making a deal to sell your house, that's pretty intimidating. The owner told me he didn't want to cause the City any problems and was in the process of making repairs necessary to either sell or rent the house. He was under the impression that the house had seen little use of meth but I corrected that.

When asked if the PD had contacted him for any other reason, he told me he had been contacted about an unlicensed vehicle parked behind the house and he had informed the neighbor that it had to be moved. It was not his. After promising to move it and not doing so, the PD contacted him again and asked that he sign a form that would authorize them to tow the unlicensed vehicle off his property. He has been contacted about weeds twice. He told me that there had been two break-ins but he had "shored up" the windows to prevent that. He also told me someone had dumped trash in his garage, which he cleaned up *and* that the City had removed the water meter even though he continues to pay the water bill.

### The legal use of meth

As the country laments the use of illegal methamphetamine and tries to cope with the addiction and damage it causes our residents, parents have the option to have meth prescribed for their child's ADD or ADHD. (Attention deficit disorders.) The chemical name is usually camouflaged so parents can pretend that they are not approving the use of a highly addictive drug on their child. Ritalin® is methylphenidate, Dexedrine® is dextroamphetamine and Adderall® is mixed amphetamines. Each of these can be prescribed for the treatment of ADD/ADHD. In the event those are not helpful, the real McCoy is available. Desoxyn® is "a brand pharmaceutical form of methamphetamine hydrochloride, also known as desoxyephedrine" and is prescribed for the treatment of ADD/ADHD, obesity and narcolepsy. Desoxyn® is a Schedule II "medication" under the US DEA schedule system but is available by prescription. It is "not recommended for patients with high blood pressure or with a previous history of addiction or alcoholism." Can't you just sense the love?