

## Trauner's interview (continued from front page)

In the interview conducted by Richard Anderson of the Planet Jackson Hole free newspaper and published in that paper's issue of January 11, 2006, this is what was exchanged between reporter and future candidate Gary Trauner:

Trauner: "... Wyoming as an energy state should be able to take a leadership role in finding those fuels of the future - whether that's wind, solar, coal liquefaction ... biomass - that might help out farming and ranching industry."

Planet: "Wolves?"

Trauner: "What's a wolf?"

Planet: "Wolves are kind of a totem of the whole conservation discussion, so with the environmental and public lands issue in the back of your mind, what's your take on wolves?"

Trauner: "Wolves are in Wyoming to stay. In the northwest corner of Wyoming, I think that they've been a boon to the economy and they're a boon to the ecosystem in general. By the same token, I think it's pretty clear that wolves are not going to be allowed to roam freely around the state. We're trying to get a management plan for the State of Wyoming, and the State of Wyoming is putting one together, and right now we're locked in an argument with the federal government - a lawsuit in fact - and I guess one of my takes on it is the longer that that lawsuit drags on, the longer the state of Wyoming won't be able to take charge of its own management plan. The sooner we get that resolved, the sooner the state of Wyoming, in a reasonable way, can manage wolves like Idaho and Montana. [They] have some good plans and have been approved by the federal government."

*I think wolves are an indicator of some of the complex issues and some of the differences that different parts of the state have. And I think that if we've got cool heads and we have a good discussion about it, you know what, ranchers and environmentalists and all sorts of folks can probably come to an agreement on something that's reasonable for everybody."*

Planet: "Health care?"

Gary Trauner's response to a question about the wolf issue in Wyoming is 225 words in length. He knows about wolves.

It is dishonest for the Cubin campaign to suggest, in any manner, shape, or form, that Gary Trauner does not know what a wolf is. The implication by that suggestion is that he could not have an opinion on how to deal with the complex wolf issue if he didn't even know what a wolf is. This is a state issue but if Cubin has a solution, she should suggest it.

This specific question and answer of the interview appeared on page 12 of the Planet issue of January 11, 2006. To deceitfully quote Trauner's single word response, done by him in a misguided attempt to inject levity into a serious interview, the Cubin people had to have the entire interview. It was no innocent mistake. It was a deliberate attempt to deceive voters and that is not becoming in any campaign. It is even less becoming in a campaign in Wyoming. And it is downright despicable in a campaign involving a six-term Congresswoman who knows the Rules of Campaign fair play.

The four page interview can be read in its entirety. It can be found on the Planet Jackson Hole website (Planetjh.com), January 11, 2006 issue, pages 11 - 14.

## Ghost Tours



The Cheyenne Street Railway will be hosting its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Ghost Tours. Those who ride will be transported through the ghost ridden streets of Cheyenne for a peek into the past during this chilling 1 1/2 hour tour. This year's tours will be offered from October 28<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>.

The tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Tours will depart from the Depot at 15<sup>th</sup> & Capitol. Tickets can be purchased at the Cheyenne Area Convention & Visitors Bureau in the Depot. Call 778-3133 with questions.

## Volunteers needed

The Wyoming Coalition for the Homeless (WCH) is looking for volunteers to help with classes and training at the WCH Richards Center at 4700 Ocean Loop. People are need to help with the art and music program, frame shop, computer classes/computer repairs and updating, job skills, job training, resume and job interview skills, bike repair, sewing, making sleeping bags and other activities.

The classes and training sessions will be held between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Those interested in registering for classes will need to do so at the main WCH building at 907 Logan Avenue on Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Those interested in helping with these programs should contact Virginia at 634-8499 or come by the WCH main building at 907 Logan Avenue.



**ONE issue of the Cheyenne Herald remains before the general election.**

## Maybe that's why she won't debate

### Did Barbara Cubin inadvertently suggest Wyoming voters choose Gary Trauner?

When the Defense Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission was set up in 1990, it was to face the real and immediate problem of scaling down military installations in the United States, without political interference in the process. It works like this: The Pentagon makes a recommendation for bases and military facilities to close or downsize - the result of those actions sometimes increase military personnel at other facilities.

BRAC then reviews the recommendations and makes adjustments as they deem necessary.

In 2005, BRAC did disagree with the Pentagon and it was reported that, "the commission found that Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld 'substantially deviated' from criteria for base closures that is spelled out in law and in Defense Department policy, according to the commission's legal language. The criteria say closure decisions must be made mainly on the basis of national defense needs and the potential for cost savings to tax payers." The commission believed that Rumsfeld had made recommendations based on political considerations.

Barbara Cubin recently made the audacious statement that Republicans would make F.E. Warren safe from closure or loss of money if they continue to control Congress. That is a blatant falsehood.

Barbara Cubin is incapable of insuring that the local Air Force base is neither closed nor has a reduction in force. During the 2005 closings and realignments, the Great Lakes (Ill.) Naval Training Center, in Illinois and near House Speaker Dennis Hastert's home district, lost about 5,000 jobs. If the Speaker doesn't have the stroke to prevent such action, surely Barbara Cubin will not have.

Local residents and politicians can voice their disapproval or displeasure about the Commission's decisions. But if Warren is downsized or closed, it will be on the basis of its mission having changed and the criteria of "national defense needs and the potential for cost savings to taxpayers," will be the determining factors, not whether Barbara Cubin is in the U.S. House or whether Republicans control Congress.

In order to close or reduce force at any military installation, some member(s) of Congress will be adversely affected and his or her constituents and district communities financially damaged. When asked whether economic factors can be considered, a Commission member's answer was: "We know that the decisions we reach will have a profound impact on the communities hosting our military installations, and more importantly, on the people who bring those communities to life."

Mrs. Cubin's suggestion that a member of the majority party is better positioned to insure F.E. Warren is unaffected in any future round of BRAC actions, she ignored current polls showing that the Democrats are now favored to take control of both the House and Senate. If her reasoning is correct, she is recommending Gary Trauner represent Wyoming in Washington, not she. She was probably joking about that.

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- City News Downtown
- Herschler Building (NW entrance)
- County Governmental Complex (north)
- Estevan's Cafe
- Wonder Bread Bakery Outlet
- T-Joe's Steakhouse and Saloon
- Borderline Cafe (Lottery)
- Laramie County Library, (east entrance)
- Burger Inn

**LCSD2 School Board Candidates Forum**  
**Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Albin Community Center**  
**7:00 pm**  
**All candidates, or their stand-ins, are expected to attend**

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