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• The Wonderful: The U. S. Supreme Court just ended the repetitive left-wing illusion of "Separation of Church and State" argument by allowing **Trinity** Lutheran Church in Columbia, Missouri to receive government funds for asphalt on it's kid's playground.

For years, liberals, including the Associated Press, have written stories about the so-called "Separation of Church and State," as if those words were really

of our constitution. They are not!

The exact words are, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.

The words "Separation of Church and State" simply do not exist there. Jefferson wanted them, but did not prevail.

Wake up, people!

• The Scary: A liberal Bernie Sanders supporting shot at Republicans at a Virginia charity baseball game, serious-

in the First Amendment ly injury Congressman **Steve Scalise.**

How outrageous!

Thank God people were there with guns to kill the shooter! Imagine how this could have turned into a blood bath without guns to defend.

- The Stupid: London cops are not armed. Thank God some were that saved another blood bath in London last month.
- The Sad: Departing Superintendent Jason Glass admitting that achievement student scores did not soar Continued on Page 2

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Vail Rec District tax increase worthy of consideration!

Editorial Opinion

The Vail Parks and Recreation District (VRD) is considering asking it's voters for a property tax increase in November 2016 to help pay for recreation programs for kids and adults. The District hasn't had a tax increase since 1993. That's 23 years without an increase.

Recreation programs are vital for residents and visitors to Vail.

The elected board of directors was granted a contract to manage some of the Town of Vail's recreation property back in 1989, when Ye Olde Publisher (YOP) was elected to the Vail Town Council and was the final vote in a 4-3 vote to transfer recreation management from the town to the VRD, a vote YOP has never regretted.

Vail town councils had rarely spent much time studying the recreation needs of residents and visitors and the VRD was set up to do just that on a monthly basis, instead of the couple of times a year that the Vail councils only spent. That meant that an unelected town employee had way too much power over recreation, and YOP wanted to put an end to that by having an elected board who would be more account-

able to the voters. In YOP's view, the VRD has done a commendable job doing just that.

Years ago, Vail Golf Course revenues paid for all the financially losing programs that locals and employees seem to like for their kids and themselves. However, with all the new golf competi-

tion in the county, the Vail golf course can no longer subsidize all those other programs.

Business Briefs is willing to consider a tax proposal forthcoming from the district to determine if a tax increase is reasonable.

One thing the current Vail council can do is eliminate the ridiculous \$122K per year lease, going up to \$137K per year, that the VRD pays the town. Who ever heard of a manager paying it's owners rent for the property that the manager is working on behalf of the owner to take care of? That is not what the 1989 council setup. The town has no debt and can easily absorb this amount each year.

4 members of the VRD board fistbumped YOP after hearing these comments at last weeks' Vail council meeting.

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The Good, Bad and Ugly!

From Page 1

under his tenure. He failed at what was the most important goal.

He did succeed in overfunding the public education system by suckering in just enough voters to cough up more money for a failing system.

The Terrific: Conversely, the Eagle County Charter Academy reported high levels of student achievement.

The Control Freaks: Rumor Control has it that the Motor Vehicle Department won't let you smile for your driver's license photo because smiling faces reportedly don't work well for facial recognition software.

Big Brother trying to control us once again! Tell Big Brother to Stick It, but smile when you do it.

The Sad: Not seeing Rick Richards at the Tuesday night Ford Park summer concert series. Ye Olde Publisher helped him get the food con-

cession contract 20 or 30 years ago. YOP can no longer donate to the tip jar for the Rick Richards retirement fund!

The Funny: A close friend, a local successful businessman who says his business motto is, "We're not happy until you're not happy!" This seems to be the motto of the majority of the Avon Town Council!

The Wrong: A liberal New York judge who wrongly ruled that Uber drivers, who use their own vehicles and set their own hours, are to be considered employees.

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The Ugly: Nationally, the Left is working to prevent conservative speech on college campuses. This is not to be tolerated. Colleges who do this should not be eligible for taxpayer dollars! The Hypocrites: People who hate plastic. The hypocrites on

the Avon and Vail town coun-Continued on Page 9

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Valley View Hospital - The Jewel of the Rockies!

By Ye Olde Publisher

Glenwood Springs - Last month, Ye Olde Publisher wrote the following:

"Dying is bad for business," Ye Olde Publisher (YOP) said to a close friend last month.

Yes, last month, YOP was facing the prospects of colon cancer, rectal cancer, kidney cancer, and possible melanoma on the arm. It seemed possible that some of these cancers could be life threatening.

Of course, YOP has stayed out of doctors office for around 25 years, not wanting to get diagnosed for anything. Big mistake.

YOP shouldn't have even been around for YOP's triple heart bypass in 2014.

"How are you even walking around?" said the heart surgeon. "You should have been dead a month ago!"

Only because YOP was getting up 3 and 4 times a night, YOP guessed that YOP was having colon prob-



Thankfully,_ Stephen Laird of Colorado Mountain Medical in Avon diagnosed the problem, and took out 6 good-size polyps in the colon, but couldn't get out the giant one in his surgical center.

He then referred YOP to Dr. Brad Nichol of Roaring Fork Surgical, who is based at Valley View Hospital.

After an MRI, it looked like YOP would have to remove a foot-and-a-half of colon and half of the rectum.

The result would mean that if YOP kept eating 3

meals a day, YOP would be in the bathroom a lot.

It also meant that if a malignant cancer had gotten through the wall of the colon, then YOP's other organs could be in real trouble and Stage 4 could be coming down the road.

Thank God YOP had Dr. Nichol and Dr. Ross

YOP had given Dr. Nichol the authority to remove a portion of the colon and half of the rectum, but because Dr. Nichol and his partner, Dr. Randall Ross aren't greedy, they decided to stop the operation and give YOP a chance to see if the giant polyp was malignant. They could have just removed the organs and made more money like stories we've all heard about unscrupulous doctors doing - removing organs that did not need to be removed, but they didn't.

And, these guys didn't know YOP from Adam.

A few days later, the biopsy of the giant polyp



Valley View's Ritz Room

was benign, not malignant.

Had they removed the organs, YOP would have spent up to 5 days recovering in the hospital, and 4 to 5 weeks recovering at home.

But, thanks to Nichol and Ross' last-minute operating decision, YOP feels healed in the colon area and doesn't feel the need for more colon surgery.

However, YOP will smarten up and get more regular colonoscopies.

YOP should have known better about that, having lost a good local entertainer friend who went fast after he was diagnosed in his 50s.

Dr. Nichol also cut out a squamous cancer on YOP's arm, biopsied it, and determined is was spreadable cancer, but not the killer melanoma.

Thank you, thank you, Drs. Nichol & Ross.

When YOP woke up in the hospital room at Valley View, YOP thought he was at the Ritz in Vail or Beaver

In addition to the hospital bed, the room had a sofa sleeper, seating for 10, an electric fireplace, a dining table, a wet bar, 2 desks, and 3 giant picture windows with mountain views.

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Judge Frederick Gannett presided over the

Spencer Kluesner was stabbed in the stomach with a knife by Timothy O'Brien. At the time of the stabbing, Kluesner and his wife, Julia Watkins, were renting a lower-level apartment in a home owned by Jacklyn Potter in Eagle.

O'Brien, who was Ms. Potter's boyfriend at the time, also lived at the home.

O'Brien allegedly had On August 15, 2014, numerous incidents and



Attorney Joe Bloch

confrontations with Kluesner and Watkins prior to the stabbing.

On the day of the stabbing, the jury heard testimony that O'Brien became enraged because Kluesner was allegedly using a weed-wacker to cut the grass at Potter's home.

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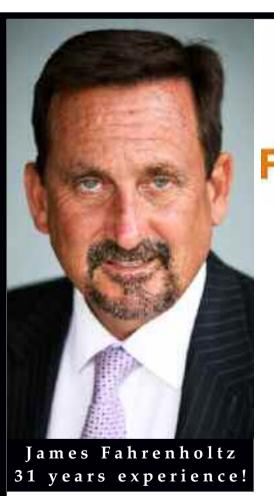
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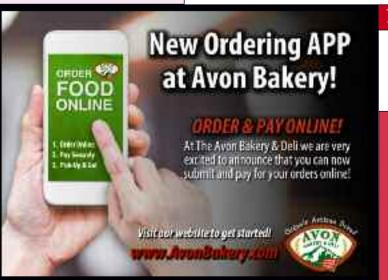
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The Vail Chamber and Business Association is honored to continue the tradition that was created, and every 5 years welcome back these "Vail Pioneers." Criteria for this year's event is that attendees must have lived or worked in Vail prior to 1983.

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Many attendees will be traveling with extended family in tow. There will many activities available to this group outside of the planned parties.

We are looking for not only financial community sponsorships, but for our local business community to open their doors and provide Pioneer Weekend specific promotions and messages.

and would like to promote your business through those. <u>Please contact the</u>

VCBA with how you would like to be involved.

Thank you again for your consideration of sponsorship! We look forward to celebrating the Pioneer Spirit with you in September!

Warmest regards,
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Press Release

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> **Planned Cancun** Airport expansion?

If projects the

Travel



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planned for Terminal 4 at the Cancun International Airport are approved, about 400 new jobs will

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be generated. The number could be lower since Terminal 1 will be closed and employees assigned to this zone will be relocated in Terminal 4.

The new terminal is expected to be inaugurated before the end of the year, according to Rafael Aguirre Gómez, president of the MERA Group.

New airfield in Playa del Carmen

By the end of this year, Playa del Carmen should count with a new airfield. Urban density was one of the reasons to seek a new location.

The project is called Hacienda Taema and will also come with a residential complex west of Puerto Aventuras. The current airfield in the south of the city counts with 18 air crafts, owned



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The Institute Culture and Arts of Benito Juárez is known for performing different events, such as dance festivals and local and national artworks presentations. This time, they are presenting Salsa Fest Cancun.

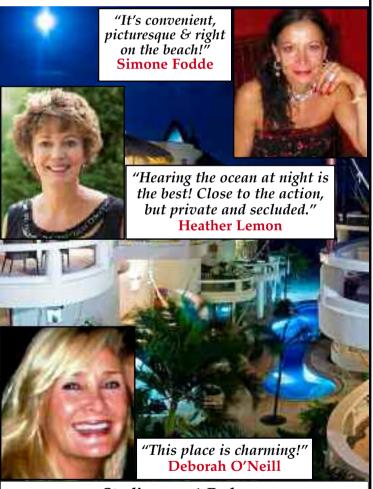
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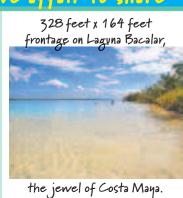
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Alpine Arms concealed classes

Advertorial

Eagle - The next concealed carry class by Alpine Arms in Eagle will be at 10:30am to 2:30pm Saturday, July 1st, 2017 at the Masonic Lodge in downtown Eagle.

You must sign up at the Alpine Arms website: www.AlpineArms.com.

There is also a class on Saturday, August 5th, 2017,, also at the Masonic Lodge.

Get a group of 6 or Swarovski,

more and Alpine Arms will host a private class at a mutually agreable time.

The classes are taught by Alpine Arms very own Rob Christian. He is a former Marine and an excellent instructor, according to Matt Solomon, Alpine Arms proprietor.

Alpine Arms also features in-store and online sales through their website.

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The Good, The Bad, The Ugly!

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cils don't want grocery stores to use plastic bags, but these towns don't hesitate to use big plastic bags for their trash cans and recycle cans.

Can you say, "Do as I say but not as I do?"

The Needy: The Town of Avon held a kids acting program with a Montana group at the stage at Nottingham Park last week.

The kids were terrific actors. However, it was difficult to hear them speak outdoors.

The Town needs to purchase a portable Bose Speaker 802 speaker system with Shure wireless handheld and lavalier microphones for these kind of events. They could also use them for their council meetings.

The lavaliers would be great for those council people that refuse to speak directly into the current microphones.

The Wall Payers: Their's been much hoopla about who will pay for a border wall with Mexico. Trump is correct that Mexico will pay for it. But, so will you and I and others who travel to the United States.

As Ye Olde Publisher explained to Democrat U. S. Senator Michael Bennett when he was in Edwards last month, "Just as U. S. citizens pay to leave Costa Rica (\$27.00 the last time YOP did that), most countries have entry fees and exit fees.

Those fees will undoubtedly go up to pay for better border security, just like we all pay a TSA security tax every time we fly out of Denver International Airport.

Let's stop the nonsense and quit beating a dead horse. We all will pay for security, period!











The Trump Watch! - The Good, The Bad, The Ugly!

Opinion

The Bad: Removing TV cameras from Friday White House briefings.

The American people deserve to see what's going on. Just because CNN, MSNBC and others are no longer news organizations and are biased completely against Trump, is no reason for us not to be able to come to our own conclusions about that and see what's going on.

The Great: **CNN fires 3** employees over a retract-Russia collusion story involving one of Trump's supporters.

CNN had lost all credibility by droning about ludicrous alleged claims that President Trump had colluded with Russians to get the American people to vote for him.

Yeah, right.

The **CNN** Ugly: International's continuous 24/7 spewing of hate for President Trump that **Publisher** Olde watched for 3 weeks while working Mexico in April & May.

No wonder YOP's Mexican friends hate **Donald Trump.** They never get to hear a positive word about him. Fox News is rarely seen in Mexico.

The Ugly: The New York Times, for violating journalism ethics by using an indirect source (a Columbia University professor) who was fired FBI director **James** Comey's friend, when Comey illegally leaked FBI information to the **professor**, rather than The Times hearing it



President Donald Trump

direct from Comey or another direct FBI source. The Great: Trump's travel ban against countries where we are unlikely to be able to vet possible terrorists from entering the country was allowed by the U.S. Supreme Court, overturning the left-wing zealots on the 4th and 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

If only the judges on those courts could be replaced by judges who

actually enforce our constitution, instead of legislating from the bench.

The Great: The recent exposure that President Obama lied about Russian election attempts to meddle in the U.S. election.

Now the shoe is on the other foot, since the liberal spin networks have unsuccessfully tried to tie Trump to Russian meddling, when Obama knew about it prior to the November 2016 election AND DID NOTHING!

More egg in the face of the liberal press, when this became public!

The Ugly: The Former liberal Attorney General Loretta Lynch, for getting fired FBI director James Comey to aid in the spin of downplaying Hilary Clinton's illegal server's classified emails

from an "investigation" to a "matter," after meeting with Bill Clinton secretly in an airplane on the tarmac at an airport, just prior to November election.

The Ugly: 97% of Justice Department employee campaign donations went to Hilary Clinton.

Now these people investigate want to Donald Trump.

Total bias!

The Fantastic: Trump's Religious Liberty executive order allowing ministers to have the right to discuss political issues with their congregations, not that many of these ministers deserve it, since they acted like stupidly sheep and became IRS non-profit organizations and gave away their constitutional right of free speech.

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Dispute Resolution - Mediation can save bundles!

Advertorial By Attorney David Sondheimer

In American life today, as it has been through history, we, as a society or people, don't seem able to live without getting into disputes.

Contrary to public opinion though, disputes aren't always bad. Properly handled, they can have positive effect.

Conditions change, and things just happen. Many are just handled poorly.

With that as a given, the question, as always, is, how do we resolve our disputes.

Is there an effective way to find the silver lining in a dark grey cloud?

Or, make lemonade out of a lemon. Do we just have to go to war, or have trials by ordeal?

In early days on the American frontier, there was always the duel, as Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr would attest, or the proverbial gunfight /shoot-out at the OK Corral. Short of that, you can hire an attorney to file a lawsuit. Or?

Anyone can file a lawsuit!

There are always more applicants to law school than there are places, and there are way more lawyers graduating than there are jobs (and thus, practical training) available for them, so there is no shortage of lawyers who, for enough money, or even without it, will help almost anybody file a lawsuit about almost anything.

But, are there enough court rooms?

Also, however, there are not enough courtrooms, or judges, or even people willing and able to serve as



Mediating Attorney David Sondheimer

jurors, to allow more than a small fraction of lawsuits that are filed to actually go to trial.

The question then becomes, when two or more people or businesses, or organizations or families find themselves in serious disagreement, how do they resolve them?

Can they do so in such a way as to leave the parties in better shape than when they got started? As law students, we studied Civil Procedure and Trial Tactics. The premise is that, as lawyers, we file a lawsuit and let the adversary system determine who wins and who loses.

On the other hand, 150 years ago, Abraham Lincoln said, "Discourage litigation."

A lawsuit then, is a modern day equivalent to war.

Sometimes that is necessary. But, as they teach at Harvard Law School's advanced training for attorney's, there are numerous options for resolving a dispute, from sitting down at "ye olde Starbucks," to plea bargaining with the prosecutor, to having the husband sleep on the sofa, or in extreme cases, asking the United States Supreme Court to overturn a deci-

sion from a lower court that we, whoever we may be, don't like.

How then does media-

That will be the subject of upcoming articles in this series.

tion work?

Do you want to try a less stressful way to resolve a dispute?

Call David Sondheimer today at (303) 681-3040, or, email to: DSondheimer@Gmail.com.

David Sondheimer is a Colorado licensed attorney, working out of Denver and Avon. He is a graduate of Southern Methodist Law School, with post-graduate work at the Harvard Law School.

He has practiced law for over 25 years.

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Letters to the Publisher - Ruemmler says Water District is wrong!

Tom Ruemmler challenges impact fees Dear Linn Brooks,

Thanks for providing a copy of Eagle River Water & Sanitation District's white paper. It would have been nice if you would have discussed the paper with me before you finalized it and provide it to others.

Please provide me the email addresses and other contact information of all people that may have read the white paper and the other letter you provided to Avon decision makers.

Please also provide a history of the amount of yearly impact fees collected and if available the associated number of housing units, square footage and number of yearly building permits issued since 1970.

Please provide the source and amount of revenue collected to purchase ERWSD employee housing.

Please also explain how the water and sewer district employee housing program works.

I am providing you my response to the incorrect and misleading information that you have disseminated. If there are any inaccuracies please let me know before I send it out.

I will be back in Avon from June 16th to near the end of September. When can we meet?

Tom Ruemmler, Avon

Linn Brooks replies Dear Tom,

To answer your questions below:

The white paper was prepared for the Board of County Commissioners, and was also sent to the Vail Valley Partnership, and Towns of Avon and Vail. Contact information for those entities can be found on their respective websites.

I don't know who might have read it.

The information you request in your third and fourth paragraphs will require staff time to address.

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Some of this information is available electronically, but anything before 2008 will probably require significant research time in archives.

I suggest you look at our financial audits available on our website for financial information first.

Then, if needed, we can fill in the remaining data through a more narrowed data search.

As I explained in an earlier email, the first hour of our time in responding to your request can be accomplished at no cost.

Thereafter we will charge you \$30/hour for our staff time and \$0.25 per copy, as allowed by state statute. We will require a deposit of \$300 up front, against which we will charge. If we don't use the entire 10 hours, the remaining funds will be returned.

If more time is required, we will need additional deposited funds before we complete the work. We will get to work as soon as we receive your deposit check.

Building permit applications can be obtained from the County and/or towns.

I don't feel the need to provide corrections to your white paper response; the District's information and opinion are clear in the white paper.

You appear to be resolute in your own opinion, and my boards and I are resolute in our disagreement with your suggested

approach.

I suggest you disseminate your own information and see if you can get the attention of the electorate, who would have to approve at the ballot any tax that would support your theory.

If you are still interested in meeting with us, I will have my assistant Carol Dickman work to find a time that fits everyone's schedule.

Let me know if you would like me to direct her to begin working on that.

Linn Brooks, Eagle River Water & Sanitation District Publisher's response: The school district tried that hourly fee stuff and required a \$1,700.00 price just to allow Ye Olde Publisher to view their public records. That cost them \$48K in legal fees to defend when they were sued, and when they lost, they did show what was requested without a charge! Good luck!

The Homestead Board worked with 2 county commissioners and 4 members of the Eagle Valley Land Trust to put 120 acres of Homestead homeowners' property in a conservation easement for any of the public, including people from Denver, to access.



Is this in Homestead's future?

The value of Homestead Homeowners 120 acres in 2011 went from approximately \$9 million, to only \$360,000.00, without Homestead Homeowners being able to vote on that decision. Today, a lot at the top of Homestead is for sale for around \$500,000.00. Why weren't Homestead Homeowners allowed to vote in 2011?

Signed: Barbara Allen