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Edward "Ed" Charles Mellon

Edward "Ed" Charles Mellon passed away on January 5, 2021, in Dillon, Montana at 78 years old. Ed was born in Anaconda, Montana on February 23, 1942.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Germaine Mellon; sister and brother-in-law, Brad and Betty Roeder; brother-in-law, Charles Houston; and nephew, Wayne Houston.

Ed loved watching The Price Is Right, Jeopardy, and Wheel of Fortune.

He is survived by his sisters, Irene Houston of Kalispell, Montana and Madeleine Mellon of Hamilton, Montana; his nephew, Jeff Houston and his wife, Janelle Houston, and their daughters and families Michelle Huff of Kila, Montana, and her daughter Haley Huff and her father Kenneth Huff of Kalispell, Montana, and Cynthia Thorsen and her husband Cliff Thorsen and their sons Rorik Thorsen and Matteus Thorsen of Kalispell, Montana; his nephew Blaine Roeder of El Pardo, New Mexico; his niece, Blythe German and her husband, Dennis German and her daughter Danielle Foster and her husband Barry Foster all of Barstow, California.

A graveside service will be held at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Anaconda. Memorials may be sent to Kambich Group Home, 612 Highland Ave. Dillon, Montana 59725.

9-1-1/Communications Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 • 11:00 a.m.
Courthouse, Commissioners' Room Dillon, MT 59725
AGENDA

- ▶ Call to Order
 - ▶ Roll Call
 - ▶ Action on Previous Meeting Minutes
 - ▶ Old Business
 - Review of Budget/Discussion
 - Technical Advisory Committee Report
 - Update on Recent Projects
 - Wise River Communications
 - Repeater/Wise River Link Progress
 - 911 Grant for Dispatch
 - Progress Report
 - Homeland Security Grant for Dispatch
 - Progress Report
 - ▶ New Business
 - Technology Business Review
 - ▶ Public Comment
 - ▶ Set next meeting date and time
 - ▶ Adjourn
- Practicing COVID-19 guidelines is strongly recommended while attending this meeting**

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Letter to the Editor

Welcome to the Anti-Democracy Democratic Party!
Yes, the Anti-Democracy Democratic Party!

I make this accurate assessment as a political independent, moderate liberal, and past supporter of national Democratic Party candidates such as Hillary Clinton and most recently Tulsi Gabbard in the primary and general elections.

The Anti-Democracy Democratic Party consists of three primary, but temporary allies: (1) Illiberal Liberals (ILs) including Hollywood elites, (2) Regressive-Progressive Socialists (RPSs) including some Bernie Sander supporters, and (3) Big Tech Multi-Nationals (BTMNs) such as Google, YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Apple, and Amazon, and their billionaire ceos..

Cancelling. Cheered on by the ILs and RPSs, the BTMNs are deplatforming and cancelling conservative voices and conservative communication access to the internet and social media.

Reprogramming. Whether in the New York Times, Washington Post, CNN, or MSNBC, Democratic Party pundits are strongly advocating that Trump supporters need to be reprogrammed. A staff lawyer for PBS TV even advocated taking children from their Trump-supporting parents to reeducate the children.

Cancelling and Reprogramming are the core values of the Anti-Democracy Democratic Party. The Democratic Party was once a primary champion of the First Amendment and Free Speech. Biden voters need to strongly denounce the ILs, RPSs, and BTMNs that are crushing free speech.

Our democracy will not survive with the Anti-Democracy Democratic Party.

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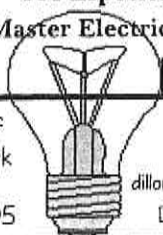
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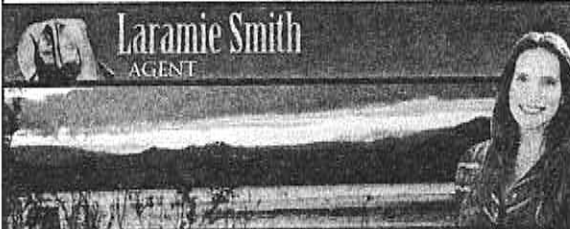
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The driver of the vehicle was 34-year-old Spencer William Roddick of Rexburg, Idaho, according to Jefferson County Sheriff Craig Doolittle. Roddick was pronounced dead at the scene and his family has been notified.

The crash occurred around 4:30 p.m. about 40 miles south of Helena in Jefferson County near Basin, according to a Montana Highway Patrol incident report.

Roddick was driving south on I-15, MHP reported. The road was wet and the vehicle was traveling too fast for the conditions around a corner when it overturned, causing the tanker to leak and catch fire.

Authorities do not believe alcohol or drugs were involved.

According to Jefferson County Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator Doug Dodge, the truck was carrying fuel, but at this time DES hasn't determined whether this was gas, diesel or ethanol. Dodge, who was present at the scene, said a cleanup effort began Wednesday to remediate what is left on the scene.

"A substantial quantity of fuel burned off as a result of the crash. The extent of any contamination will be determined during the cleanup process," Dodge said. "The timeline to finish that work will also be dependent upon the magnitude of what is left in the soil. Because of the burn-off, and the fortunate fact that the fuel did not enter the Boulder River, we are optimistic that the cleanup time frame will not be substantial."

Dodge said repair work to a guardrail is currently underway and it's expected to be completed quickly.

"We would ask that travelers take extra precautions in the area and watch for those that will be working alongside the freeway," Dodge said. "It is located in a limited sight distance area between Basin and Bernice, and while the work location is well signed, we urge everyone to slow down and move over in the area of the incident."

This was the ninth fatal crash in Montana so far this year.

Independent Record editor Jesse Chaney contributed to this story.

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Tyrades! by Danny Tyree

Reminiscing with one of my mother's photo albums, I encountered a snapshot of a long-deceased neighbor (a dear, sweet man) who is still summed up by the phrase "He never met a stranger."

I'm sure all of you know someone like that (or ARE someone like that): the one-person welcoming committee who is drawn like a moth to the flame and wants every casual acquaintance to feel like they're loved, appreciated and the survivor of an interrogation by Jack Bauer on "24."

Alas, thanks to social distancing, political minefields ("No, I'm not through with the sports section and you look like one of those tree-huggers who doesn't even want trees turned into paper in the first place, so you'll get my Semi-Weekly Clarion when you pry it from my cold, lifeless fingers, you hypocrite!") and ubiquitous handheld devices, such people are a DYING BREED.

Ironically, most of the people they gladhanded in their lifetime won't even come to the funeral. ("Well, okay, if you think mourners will bring pigs-in-a-blanket to the funeral home, I might go honor the chatty guy from the interstate rest stop.")

Many gregarious people work with the hope that they just might be the one bright spot in a person's otherwise dreary day. ("That lady in the waiting room made me feel special. So, I think I'm WORTH a DOUBLE latte before I hurl myself from the 35th-floor balcony!")

Sometimes "people persons" are simply striving for the satisfaction of learning something new. ("I'm glad I met you! I've learned three things today: Your aunt worked for Howard Hughes. Your daughter met Justin Bieber. And you're going to beat the \$%^ out of the next *%&^%\$ who doesn't have sense enough to mind his own %\$#@ business!")

If only the Titanic had as many ICEBREAKERS as an extrovert! A good conversationalist comes armed with "Think it will rain?", "I couldn't help but notice..." and "I never was much of a history student, but oh, the history I could tell you about my gastrointestinal system!"

As Sigmund Freud might have observed, "Sometimes a line at the DMV is just a line at the DMV. You don't need Mickey Rooney shouting, 'Hey, kids, let's put on a show!'"

Although I work in a retail environment and have been teaching an adult Bible class for 35 years, when it comes to one-on-one encounters, I remain a stay-under-the-radar, speak-when-spoken-to introvert. I can be counted on for eye contact, a smile, "good morning" and "thank you"; but I am capable



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of being out in public WITHOUT performing a Vulcan mind meld! (Seriously, if you have the entire Klingon alphabet tattooed to your inner thigh, let that be YOUR little secret.)

Okay, for the sake of communications and civility, we need at least a FEW benign stalkers out there. But they must prove their worthiness.

"Uncle Burt, are you SURE you've never met a stranger? What about that guy in the van, wearing a trench coat and handing out candy?"

"Him? Oh, he's not a stranger ANYMORE! I learned that his electronic tracking anklet was made at the factory that sits on the site where my momma worked as a soda jerk after school! It's a small world after all! Speaking of which, I forgot to ask him how his GI tract handled the Pirates of the Caribbean ride on his 1989 vacation..."



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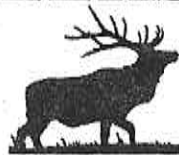
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AG Knudsen Orders Dismissal of COVID Curfew Case Against Rocking R Bar in Gallatin County

Montana's Attorney General Austin Knudsen today exercised his supervisory powers in the Gallatin City-County Board of Health and Health Officer Matt Kelley v. Rocking R Bar case. Knudsen directed County Attorney Marty Lambert to promptly dismiss the case against the Bozeman business that had refused to adhere to the mandate that businesses close at 10:00 p.m.

"The ten o'clock closure rule defies commonsense. This type of government overreach is devastating to Montana workers and small businesses," Attorney General Knudsen said. "Our action today is a clear message that we need to safely reopen our economy and will not allow overzealous local governments to hold Montana businesses and their employees hostage."

"This announcement will give stability and certainty to Montana businesses. They will no longer have to fear prosecution for simply serving their customers," John Iverson of the Montana Tavern Association said.

Governor Greg Gianforte issued a directive Wednesday removing operational hour restrictions on Montana businesses.

Full text of the letter:

Dear County Attorney Lambert:

Pursuant to M.C.A. § 2-15-501(5), it is the duty of the Attorney General "to exercise supervisory powers over county attorneys in all matters pertaining to the duties of their offices." Consistent with this authority, I hereby exercise my supervisory powers with respect to the case entitled Gallatin City-County Board of Health and Health Officer Matt Kelley v. Rocking R Bar, Gallatin County Cause No. DV-20-1278B.

At your earliest convenience, but no later than 12:00 p.m. on January 15, 2021, I order and direct you to dismiss the above-entitled action in accordance with Rule 41(a)(1)(A)(ii) of the Montana Rules of Civil Procedure. Procedurally, the dismissal of the action eliminates any sufficient grounds for the preliminary injunction issued on December 18, 2020. For that reason, I further direct you to coordinate with the defendant to ensure that it may file—simultaneously with or before the filing of the stipulated notice of dismissal—an application to dissolve the preliminary injunction, along with a supporting affidavit, as required by M.C.A. § 27-19-401.

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At my place at the dinner table, I had a clean dinner plate under my loaded dinner plate. After finishing my dinner, Becky, who was engrossed in a conversation with her children, did not notice me slip the clean plate out from under my dinner plate, and place it on the floor on the right hand side of my chair. I did this with a wink to Dean, who was watching this, and I suspect guessed I was up to no good. I then placed my empty dinner plate on the floor next to the left side of my chair, and called Bimbo over to lick the plate.

When Bimbo finished licking the dinner plate, I looked down and said: "Good job, Bimbo." I then picked up the clean plate from the right side of my chair and showed it to Becky. I said: "Becky, doesn't Bimbo do a good job? No need in washing this one.", and placed it in my cupboard.

Then Becky's vision became glued to her dinner plate. Dean and I burst out laughing. When I showed Becky the plate that Bimbo had licked, she realized the joke was on her!

Judiciary Committee Meeting

~ Agenda ~

Tuesday, January 19, 2021
4:00 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Discuss/Recommend Revising Title 10 Vehicles and Traffic
3. Public Comment On Items Of Significant Public Interest Not On The Agenda And Within The Jurisdiction Of The City
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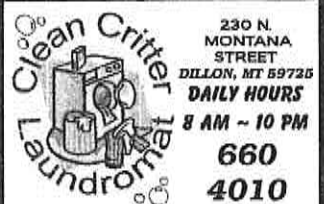
9:00 A.M.	Updates on County Projects <i>Public Comment</i> Action on Previous Meeting Minutes <i>Public Comment</i> Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda
10:00 A.M.	Discussion & Action ~ Resolution 2021-04 - Intent to Order Referendum on Creation of Beaverhead Ambulance Special Service District and Providing for the Election of Board Members <i>Public Comment</i> <i>Recess Commission Meeting</i>
11:00 A.M.	9-1-1 Communication Board Meeting <i>Public Comment</i>
12:00 P.M.	RECESS for lunch
1:30 P.M.	Reconvene Commission Meeting Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda <i>Public Comment</i>
3:00 P.M.	Unfinished Business / Other Topics of Discussion
4:00 P.M.	Payment of Invoices <i>Public Comment</i>
5:00 P.M.	ADJOURN

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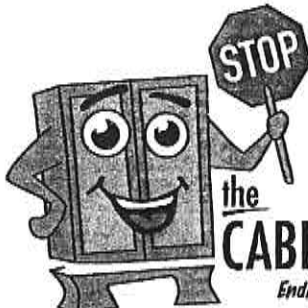
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