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If ever there was a day to buy the local paper, today is that day. I specifically recommend the current issue of the Boulder City Review, hot off the press, and brimming with news you need to know. Today's issue is a milestone. I commend Editor Knightly for publishing both sides of some very important issues. It has been too long since we have had a community based paper with any degree of objectivity. Hopefully today's issue will set the standard for those that follow.

In today's Review you can read about the traffic problem, the defense's foot dragging in the Markotay trial, and the latest law suit filed against the City and its officers. Chief Finn has his usual column. Harold Begley, in a letter to the editor, dislocates his shoulder to pat himself and other members of the Sunrise Rotary on the back. Then there is a letter to the editor by Dick Farmer.

Mr. Farmer seems particularly gifted at reading between the lines. On its face his letter is about heroes. Mr. Farmer addresses the opportunists in our community as well, and he touches too on the latest law suit, the Markotay matter, and the antics of the Rotary. I can think of only one city official who belongs to the Rotary and who has a DUI conviction. I tried to go to the Sunrise Rotary website to see how the unnamed city official might have appeared as a "poster child" but the website was down. Coincidence?

Using Mr. Farmer's definition, I would have to say that Mr. Knightly is a hero. I will support his efforts by subscribing to his paper. If you do not subscribe at least buy a copy of the paper today. Last year we saw three law suits which targeted First Amendment Rights, vis-à-vis the electoral process, brought against our neighbors. Free speech is not free, it needs to be defended and supported. A copy of the paper will cost you far less than the beer you might have purchased from that city official/Rotarian/DUI guy. (Come to think of it, didn't his wife work for that other local paper that never published anything about what was really going on?)

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