

MY HEROES

Letter to the Editor

I write about what I believe in. I do not need to spin tales of morality to distract people from my conduct, or to create a public persona to hide who I really am. Might does not make right any more than having money conveys moral authority. What is prettied up for the public eye is not always fit for public consumption.

Should I regard our chief of police as a hero? He uses the word often enough and even claims to know a few. Too bad he destroyed his credibility in the e-mails he exchanged with our city manager regarding the registration of her Nissan. And how about that “Peeping Tom” business with the cameras from Homeland Security?

What verdict should I reach on our municipal court judge? He will sentence others for the same acts he commits himself. Ex-constable-city code enforcement officer Markotay was one of his best customers. The last case the judge handled for Markotay was dismissed only weeks before the car crash that resulted in Markotay’s arrest and criminal charges.

It is sobering to see a civic group publicly sell beer to help fund a drug/alcohol free graduation party and use a city official with a DUI conviction as a poster child for the event. Group members and their spouses provided most of the money for the 2007 recall effort. Now these self-appointed elite have named and anointed their candidate for city council.

This is not to suggest that there are no heroes in Boulder City. Heroes do what they know to be right, even when they do not think anyone is watching. I have been privileged to witness acts both selfless and courageous. This has made me want to become a better person, and that is the effect that true heroes have on you.

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