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### **What do you think?**

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(Of course, he got a 4.5% raise.)**

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didn't?*

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# **A tea party is a way to let the Mayor and 5 Golden City Councilors know that you know that they are fiscally irresponsible!**

**If you have any ideas about having a tea party, contact Golden Government Watch at [goldengovernmentwatch@gmail.com](mailto:goldengovernmentwatch@gmail.com) or 303-719-8636**

**There might be a press release with a message to council something like this.**

It is disappointing that the City of Golden is funding frills such as the arches over the Highway 58 bridge before tending to such necessities as missing or damaged sidewalks and streets in need of repair.

It is disappointing that most city councilors find it acceptable to spend more money than is being taken in and spending down cash reserves to do it.

It is disappointing that city councilors attack citizens and colleagues who express views that differ from theirs. It is disappointing that Mayor Smith and Mayor Pro-tem Oxman lead the city council to behave this way.

It is disappointing that city manager Bestor, whose salary was about \$151,000 a year, was willing to take a 4 ½% raise and advised taking no steps to reduce city spending during this economic downturn.

The city council has failed in its duty to take appropriate care of the city's financial resources in spite of hearing stated concerns.

The majority of the city councilors have overtly attacked others who have views that differ from theirs or have sat by and watched this behavior without comment. This is not what city councilors are elected to do. You are a disgrace to your oath of office.

**It might be held at one of the parks near city hall. Should we have music, speakers? Should we march to city hall to a council meeting? Should we go in or just stay outside with flags and signs.**

**The crazy spending of government starts here. If we cannot do something about it at the city level, how can we expect to change it at the state and national level. Keep in mind that the Progressive Majority political action committee picks and trains individuals like Mayor Smith with the plan that they will move up through the political system – on to the state legislature and to Congress. Get the picture?**

The City of Golden has about \$50 million in debt. A lot of our tax money goes to pay the debt service on that debt. If the city council had not voted to approve construction of new shops, building a bigger fire station and associated costs, tax dollars could have been used to reduce the debt on the golf course bonds early. As soon as they are paid off, we could lower our sales tax by 1 percent and we could take the tax off food. Of course, the city council and staff does not want to reduce tax income because it wants to spend, spend, spend.

How do you feel about the five-story building at the corner of 12<sup>th</sup> and Washington? Most citizens responding to a questionnaire prior to its construction were against it. The city council approved rezoning that lot to a Planned Unit Development (PUD) to get around following the existing zoning. The courts have found this to be illegal. This is a classic example of the city council doing whatever it wants to do with no regard for its oath of office.

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# The truth about the recall

**It did not “fail.” It was stopped out of fear.**

**It seems Golden has its own version of the mob.**

The recall effort began after the city council took steps that effectively destroyed the Pioneer Museum as Golden had known it for years and years. Also, Councilor William Fisher made abusive remarks directed at the wonderful volunteers who had selflessly served the museum. Other councilors either concurred or sat by and let him proceed without comment. Certainly Mayor Smith did nothing about it.

After the recall effort became known, Mayor Smith activated his supporters, following the Progressive Majority guidelines, and they soon became known as Citizens for Golden.

The mayor and five councilors who were targets of the recall would have a difficult time defending themselves as the charges stated against them came directly from the minutes of city council meetings from May through October of 2008. Thus, the “Citizens for Golden” took the low road. They did what many perpetrators without a defense do, they started abusing the people whose names appeared as committee people on the petitions and others with interest in the recall with letters and phone calls.

Collecting petition signatures is a constitutionally protected right. Nonetheless, the Citizens for Golden took it upon themselves to harass petition circulators and citizens considering signing. The aggressiveness of these acts was of some concern, but then, Matt Burde, one of the leaders of Citizens for Golden, took it to another level. Two seniors had agreed to serve as committee people to support the position of their daughter, Linda. Linda reported what transpired at their home:

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Something happened in January that upset me and scared me. Shortly after it happened, I wrote down what I remembered of it.

On Sat 24 Jan, around 3pm, someone rang my doorbell. I answered the door and there was a man with 2 little children. He told me he lived in the neighborhood and wanted to speak with my parents about a city issue. I told him I was the home owner. He said he wanted to talk to my parents, he used their names. My mother was not available but I opened the door and let him in. He didn't stop at the door but barged through the house to where my father was sitting.

My father is 88 years old and hard of hearing. He did not know what was going on and was confused at why this person was harassing him. The person, Matt Burde, wanted to know why he signed the recall petition, why he was trying to split the community. My father could only half hear and understand him. I stepped in and told him we did not like the present city council except for one individual and that councilwoman was ganged up on when she tried to help the community. I said I thought they were crooks and not looking out for the citizens of Golden. He totally ignored me and started harassing my father again “why did you sign for a recall”? At this time, I told him to get out of my house now. He did not move and again started harassing my father. His tone was not a pleasant tone and his children were there listening to everything. I again told him to get out of my house now or I would call the police. This time he started toward the door but stopped and asked if he could talk to me. I told him no and why I wanted the recall. He said how expensive that would be. I told him I was not concerned with the expense, that the present council wasn't concerned how they spent our money anyway. He left the house. About 10 minutes later I got a phone call. It was Matt Burde apologizing for his behavior and asked if it would help if he sent the Mayor over to talk to me. I said “no” he was one of them and hung up the phone.

I was confused and not sure about everything going on, but after this and the continued harassment in the form of letters and phone call, I'm no longer confused. I feel if the present government officials had nothing to hide or anything to be ashamed of they would not try so hard to intimidate and harass me, my family and other citizens of Golden.

Since I wrote this, I learned that Matt Burde was one of the leaders of Citizens for Golden, the group organized to oppose the recall. His mentioning the mayor makes me believe that the mayor was involved in this, too.

Matt Burde lied to get into my house. He ignored my first order to get out. He accosted my father. He and the others involved with him sent letters and phone calls. The right of recall is a right under the Colorado Constitution. There is a right to oppose a recall, but I don't think it includes a right to do the things that were done in Golden. .

I would like to file a complaint against Matt Burde for his actions in my house, against Jacob Smith for his involvement in Mr. Burde's actions and the actions of the Citizens for Golden, and against the individuals who make up the Citizens for Golden committee: Casey Brown, Gina Brown, Matt Burde, Saoirse Charis Graves, Carl Gould, Pamela Gould, Dan O'Neill, Ann O'Neill, Josh Pollock, and Leslie Pollock, for their role in planning and implementing activities, including those that took place in my house, intended to interfere with the right to support a recall.

I am afraid of retaliation for filing complaints. Is there anything that can be done to make sure that my home, my family and I are safe?

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**How does this fit with the “small town” feeling you say you enjoy in Golden?**

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After this event, there was about a month left in which to collect signatures, however, signature collection was stopped. It was stopped out of concern for what else Mayor Smith's Citizens for Golden might do. It was not worth the risk that other homes might be invaded or, worse, that there might be damage to property or people.

## **In case you don't "recall" the recall petition discussion:**

**The citizens in favor of the recall want to restore citizens rights, to assure that the oath of office and the laws are followed, to treat citizens, volunteers, visitors and fellow councilors with courtesy and respect, to keep citizens honestly informed, to handle financial matters in a responsible, business-like manner, and to set an example for other communities to follow in restoring trust in government.**

**What do the mayor and five city councilors do? To put it in the simplest terms -**

- **They play very loose with our money and do not follow rules related to spending.**
- **They attack and abuse people who do not agree with them.**
- **They make a practice of not following laws and going to great lengths to get around the law.**

### **The Recall Petitions**

There was one petition for each of the positions, Mayor (Smith), District 1(Sloan), District 2 (Oxman), Ward 2 (Behm), Ward 3 (Chesbro) and Ward 4 (William Fisher). The reasons for the recall are the same for each. No one can deny that the votes shown are true because the information came directly from the minutes of the city council on the city's web site. Since the opponents can't deny anything, they attack some of the people who are involved and send misleading information.

The city council is supposed to spend our money wisely and take care of it as we would. Yet they approved spending \$600,000 on a sound barrier from highway noise that is experimental and unproven.

The city is supposed to use the bidding process and following bidding rules to get the most for our money when they make contracts for work. Yet, they didn't put the solar project out for bids and approved a contract for over a million dollars to do solar work. How do we know if another company might have done it for less - if we really needed this right now? Yet, they took the high bid instead of the low bid for a contract to manage the museums - higher by \$100,000. And now the Pioneer Museum is gone!

**This shows that the 5 city councilors and mayor are not taking care of our money as they should and are thus fiscally irresponsible.**

**There is no question that city councilors verbally abuse citizens, volunteers, visitors, and a fellow city councilor or agree with or condone this practice. This is simply not acceptable.**

Even though the Open Meetings Law specifically says it is a matter of statewide concern and the courts have said that home rule cities are not to legislate on matters of statewide concern, the Golden City Council refuses to follow the law because they don't want the legislature telling them what to do. When they hold executive sessions, not in accordance with the law, the sessions are not secret. That can create legal problems for the city. Also, they put a meaning of study session in their rules that effectively amends the city charter without a vote of the people.

**This shows the city council just won't follow the law as they are required to do and this can cause legal problems when executive session tapes have to be made public. It appears that it is more important to the council to rebel than to follow the law.**

**They wasted our money by having the city attorney draft up a resolution in favor of the school bond issues - a matter on which Golden citizens had differing views and was not a matter of city business.**

Since October, they have voted to give the City Manager a 4.5% pay raise plus another 2% later, if the money is available. This when the financial future is unknown.

Since this recall effort began, the city has allowed the mayor and councilors to use city resources for mailings, council time, video-streaming and recording to discuss and put recall issues before the citizens which is a form of campaigning.

Opponents to the recall say we should wait until November and not have a special election now. They say it will cost \$50,000. I doubt that figure, but a responsible city council could reduce the 2009 budget by far more than \$50,000 in six months. By November, the 2009 budgeted moneys will be mostly spent and the current council will have had another 6 months to do damage to the city and its citizens,

**What do the opponents have to lose?**

#### **Money**

The mayor is paid over \$1500 a month. The councilors are paid over \$1000 a month. The city manager and the city attorney can be removed by the city council.

The city council decided that the city manager deserved a 6.5% raise. His salary was in the \$150,000 a year range. They have given him and all employees a 4.5% raise and will give him another 2% after the city determines it will have enough revenue.

#### **Power.**

- The mayor is in a powerful place to impose on the citizens the positions of the Progressive Majority, an organization that is taking over towns in many states, including Colorado. The mayor has also let it be known that he would like to be in the legislature one day. Being recalled would have a bad effect on his future political plans.
- The mayor-pro tem (District 2 councilor) is working toward running for mayor. She was groomed to run for council by the Golden Good Government League.(3GL)
- The power of the city council is increasingly being used to take away the rights of the citizens, to avoid following the law, and to abuse those who try to stand up to them.
- There are councilors who collect their pay and just go along with the others.

General statement of grounds on which the recall is sought:

From May through October 2008:

#### 1. Fiscally irresponsible

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#### 2. Lack of civility

During a publicly-aired Council meeting, made, or agreed to, unnecessary and cruel derogatory comments about citizens who volunteer in Golden.

#### 3. Failure to adhere to oath of office

Willfully voted to convene executive session(s) in a manner that conflicts with the City of Golden Charter and the Colorado Open Meetings Law.

Voted to approve a resolution supporting two school bond issues on the November 2008 ballot that were not city council's business and on which Golden Citizens had differing views.

**The opponents to the recall said it would cost \$50,000 to have a special election. They said wait until November and vote in a regular election. Well, that election is here. Three of the councilors who were subject to the recall are running for re-election. Wards 2, 3, and 4. So, now is your opportunity to vote.**

## **Do you remember “go along” politics?**

**This was written in October of 2003. Sadly, nothing has changed. It could be said that things are worse. Starling's message still has meaning today.**

### **“Go Along Politics” or “GAP”**

by Brian Starling, former Golden City Councilor

Most Golden residents would like to believe that everything is OK with Golden politics. As our former Police Chief, Russ Cook, once told me, “you will find it easier to just go along.” I now refer to this type of political approach as “Go Along Politics or GAP”. It may be easier to go along with the current political powers, but it results in “business as usual” politics. This approach does just as its acronym implies; it leaves a gap between the majority of residents, and the powers that run their city. It results in abuses of power to the detriment of the majority of residents, while a minority is empowered and benefits from a sleeping public.

Some of the symptoms of “Go Along Politics” (GAP) by city government include:

- 1) Public demeaning of any opposing views
- 2) Statements that everything is great, don't change anything
- 3) Public vilification of residents rather than their political positions or statements
- 4) Gross distortion of facts, statements and records
- 5) Reappearance and proliferation of malefactors
- 6) Limitation of public access to public information
- 7) “Group Think”- No significant oppositional views on city council, although there is significant public dissent, and little change in issues of public concern.

Over the past two years, I have quietly observed the operation of our city government. I had great hopes that many of the public concerns such as: the Northwest Parkway, poor financial investment decisions by GURA, water problems, representation of residents by city councilors, direction of the City Manager and his Directors activities by city council, public broadcast of city council meetings, and gross opposition by city personnel and city councilors to citizen led initiatives would be rectified or improved. It has been a great disappointment to find that little, if any, changes have actually been made in these issues.

The Northwest Parkway is coming through as led by the City Manager and his directors. GURA is still adversely spending your tax dollars to diminish the small town atmosphere of Golden. The Guanella Reservoir continues to cost millions of additional dollars, due to poor planning. The city water ditch system has been systematically dismantled by the city staff to serve the needs of the new golf course. Residents concerns are routinely diminished in city council meetings unless large oppositional groups demonstrate in city council meetings, as evidenced by opposition to the TV towers and restrictions on low cost housing (manufactured homes). The City Council is led by the City Manager and his staff, rather than vice versa, as evidenced by city council agenda preparations and non-participation or observation of city staff meetings by city councilors. The city council meetings are still not publicly broadcast, although the majority of other surrounding cities broadcast meetings and encourage public participation. The city staff and city councilors are still opposing public initiatives in court, such as the incentive initiatives passed during the last election, and more recently the gross misrepresentation of the titles in the current charter amendments. I attended the “title battle” in court. The ruling actually encourages a city to set any title, even if both parties agree, as they did in this case, that they do not want what is represented in the title to occur. These titles were clearly established to discourage voter approval of the charter amendments.

As for the symptoms of Golden’s “Go Along Politics”, compare the following to the previous list:

- 1) Read the Transcript Newspaper and attend city council meetings: the city staff has referred to concerned citizens as “paranoid”. Several city councilors, city staffers, and public leaders have told concerned citizens to just move out of the city, if they do not like what is happening.
- 2) Read the campaign literature: “Let’s keep it this way”.
- 3) The most recent damning event of vilification was the statement made in city council and in the Transcript Newspaper that inappropriately and maliciously linked concerned citizens to white supremacist hate groups.
- 4) Charter amendment opposition falsely states (a) that all future employees will have to live in Golden and that employee salaries would have to be raised, if the city directors amendment passes, (b) that senior housing will have to be torn down, if the 1% charter amendment passes (c) that we cant afford to loose GURA, by passing the GURA charter amendment. (I fail to see how the city could squander more money with less return, than the millions squandered on the Mitchell Site. GURA provides the easiest access to your tax dollars by the “good old boys”.)
- 5) The former mayor, Jan Schenck, who promoted NIKE on South Table Mtn. behind the backs of residents, was recently appointed by the city council to the GURA Board and indirectly to the Economic Development Commission. (This event alone, is a good reason to pass the GURA amendment.)
- 6) A resident was recently denied access by city employees to recordings of a public city council meeting. This is not only wrong, but is illegal and again points to the need to publicly broadcast all public city council meetings.
- 7) At city council meetings, you will rarely hear the pertinent questions: How much will this cost? Who pays? Who will benefit from this action? Who will be harmed by this action? What are the potential adverse impacts? What is the priority of this action? Items are usually passed as presented by the city staff to the city councilors.

It is obvious that the city council needs “renewal” in thinking, planning and action provided by new individuals, who are not tied to the old ways. This is the type of “urban renewal”, which will reduce the “GAP”.

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Editorial addition in 2007:

You have an opportunity to elect individuals who are not tied to the old ways or who have not already succumbed to the "Go Along" mentality. AND - It doesn't take very long to succumb. The two individuals elected in April have already shown by their votes that they have joined the "Go Along" crowd. There are candidates who have no ties to the old ways or the special interests. They have shown no interest in using the city council as a stepping stone to some other political position. They all have demonstrated honesty and integrity. This can be the time that the City of Golden can truly have the republican form of government it was intended to have, a government that represents the people rather than the special interests.

**The only way you can help reduce "Go Along" politics in Golden is to vote. The citizens are the boss. The City Council works for them. They are elected to represent you, not special interests. If you don't vote, you become a "Go Along" citizen. When your mail ballot arrives, vote it and send it back right away before you lose it or forget it!**

## **What is Leadership Golden? And Leadership Golden Alumni**

It is a private organization whose goal, apparently, is to indoctrinate citizens who take its course to follow the line of thinking of the Golden Good Government League. Speakers include city staff. A few years ago a person was taking the course. He made the mistake of asking a question, the answer to which would shed an unfavorable light on the city government. He was thrown out of the class.

Thus – if a candidate for city council indicates he has taken Leadership Golden and also says he has no biases, put your skeptic’s hat on!

## **What is the Golden Civic Foundation?**

Many years ago, F.A. Foss and Cliff Evans both wanted a piece of downtown property for parking for their businesses. It was owned by a utility company. Foss figured out that, if he had a foundation, the company would be more likely to let him have it. It worked. Since then, the foundation has become as source of low interest loans for downtown businesses. (Remember, almost none of the downtown businesses are owned by Golden citizens.) It is a good way to get loyalty to the political process from the downtown businesses.

Chuck Baroch has been the paid executive director of the foundation for years, including those when he served as city councilor and mayor. The board includes local business people. Thus it has philosophical connections to the Golden Good Government League.

**Do you believe that all government, including city government, should manage our tax dollars in a responsible manner?**

*No deficit spending  
Tend to health, safety and welfare first*

**Do you believe it is important for government officials to follow the rule of law?**

*U.S. Constitution  
Colorado Constitution  
City Charter*

**Would you like to have an 18 inch by 12 inch American Flag to place in your yard to support these principles, remember 9/11, and celebrate the September 17th birthday of the U.S. Constitution?**

**e-mail [goldengovernmentwatch@gmail.com](mailto:goldengovernmentwatch@gmail.com)  
or call 303-719-8636 to leave a message**

**There are 400 flags available.**

**Get yours soon!**

**Turn Golden RED, WHITE and BLUE!**

## Headlines from March 2008

**Mayor and Councilors Oppose Beltway Plans because they increase traffic**  
*Council approves plans for construction of light rail station at the Taj that will be a magnet for traffic and create pressure for completion of Beltway*

**Mayor and Councilors agree the train station at the County Building will lead to displacement of families in most of Golden's affordable housing**  
*Council seeks members for committee on affordable housing*

**Mayor Jacob Smith is the Pride and Joy of the Progressive Majority - a political action committee set on taking over the state.**

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**Does it make you uncomfortable at all to know that Golden has been targeted by a national political action committee to take over our elections and our city council?**

**Does it bother you at all to know that Mayor Jacob Smith was selected and trained and is supported by this organization?**

### Progressive Majority 2007 Colorado State Election Results

**2007 was a banner year for Progressive Majority Colorado, as we achieved many of our longstanding goals, including the first Colorado pipeline election when Jacob Smith moved up from Councilman to Mayor.**

During Spring Elections, two Progressive Majority recruited and trained candidates shifted the balance of power of the Fort Collins City Council to a progressive majority! David Roy easily won re-election with 71% of the vote for District 6 and Lisa Poppaw took the open seat in District 2 by 58 votes to give progressives a 4-3 majority.

In the fall, we flipped two city councils and four mayor's offices from conservative to progressive. Four Progressive Majority candidates - Bob Murphy, Cindy Baroway, Karen Kellen, and Tom Quinn - make up the new progressive Lakewood City Council. In Longmont, Sean McCoy helped flip the city council to a 4-2 progressive majority.

Four of our five Fall mayoral candidates were victorious. Bob Murphy of Lakewood, Pat Quinn of Broomfield, Jacob Smith of Golden, and Eric Drummond of Manitou Springs all won and are now in prime position to launch progressive initiatives.

These are all huge victories and once again demonstrate that voters identify with progressive values and want more progressives in power in Colorado.

### Jacob Smith Colorado

#### Candidate for Mayor of Golden (Open Seat)

**Jacob is Progressive Majority's first down-ballot candidate in Colorado or the country who is moving up from city council to Mayor.**

#### HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT

Progressive Majority is focused not just on the next election, but on building a progressive political movement that will elect an enduring majority for years to come. We know that the way to accomplish this goal is to begin locally, where politics matter most. To support this work, in 2004 we launched the Candidate Recruitment and Development Program, Progressive Majority's main vehicle to recruit, train, and elect the next generation of progressive political leaders

Through this program —the only one of its kind in the nation —we are building a formidable farm team of progressive candidates at the local and state legislative levels who will provide progressive leadership in their local communities once elected, and fill the political pipeline for higher office for decades to come.

Candidates identified, recruited, and supported by Progressive Majority receive comprehensive and substantive support during their campaigns, including:

- \* Regular small-group training sessions in the areas of campaign planning, fundraising and budgeting, targeting, voter contact, message development and delivery, and media;
- \* Help meeting key political benchmarks requiring that candidates are developing viable campaigns;
- \* Intensive one-on-one support with developing and implementing campaign plans and budgets, developing a winning message and stump speech, fundraising, developing effective websites, and building strong field and GOTV plans;
- \* Assistance with hiring campaign staff and recruiting volunteers;
- \* Individual mentor relationships with local and national political professionals;
- \* Comprehensive campaign manuals providing guidance at all stages of campaigning, including helping secure re-election once elected;
- \* Assistance raising money for their campaigns;
- \* Access to, and assistance receiving endorsements from, allied organizations and progressive leaders; and
- \* Direct financial support.

Through the Candidate Recruitment and Development Program, Progressive Majority is working today to elect principled progressives to office at the state and local levels, to fill the political pipeline with candidates who will continue to seek higher office, and to ensure the vitality and continued political growth of the progressive movement for decades to come.

#### 2000

Board of Directors, progressive Members of Congress, leaders from organized Labor, and a core group of progressive donors determine the need for Progressive Majority to transform into a fully operational organization. Name is changed to Progressive Majority.

**THINK ABOUT IT!**

## How to Vote for a Write-in Candidate in Ward 3

### By Richard Cusack

When I first ran for the city council District 2 seat many years ago, I ran as a write-in candidate. My campaign was mostly just walking. Granted, I didn't win, but I did get 44 percent of the vote. And most of those votes came from Ward 3. A lot of people have moved into Ward 3 or gotten old enough to vote since then, so a little review is in order.

This is a mail ballot election and the ballots are read by a machine. There will be no polling places open on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The only Golden race that will appear on the Ward 3 ballot is for the Ward 3 City Councilor.

There are four candidates. The ballot has printed the names of three candidates. A blank line follows the list of candidates.

- o Name of candidate number 1
- o Name of candidate number 2
- o Name of candidate number 3
- o \_\_\_\_\_

**If you want to vote for the write-in candidate, write the first and last name or the first initial and last name on the line. Questions: call 303-279-3052**

**THEN color in the oval. When the ballots used to be hand counted that didn't make so much difference. Now the machine needs to know you wrote in a name so you need to fill in the oval.**

## CSM Field of Flags Event Remembers 9/11 Victims

9/11 Victims were remembered with a Field of Flags September 11, 2009 at 10 am at the Colorado School of Mines North IM Field, located below the sorority houses. The CSM Republicans put out an American flag for every man, woman and child who was tragically killed in the September 11 attack. A brief ceremony focused on the importance of remembering 9/11 and support for our troops.

Speakers included Golden City Councilor and Navy veteran Mary Weaver, Col. Richard Cusack, CSM graduate, former Golden City Councilor, and retired Marine fighter pilot, Dr. Marian Olson, former Regional Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and Jefferson County Commissioner Kevin McCaskey.

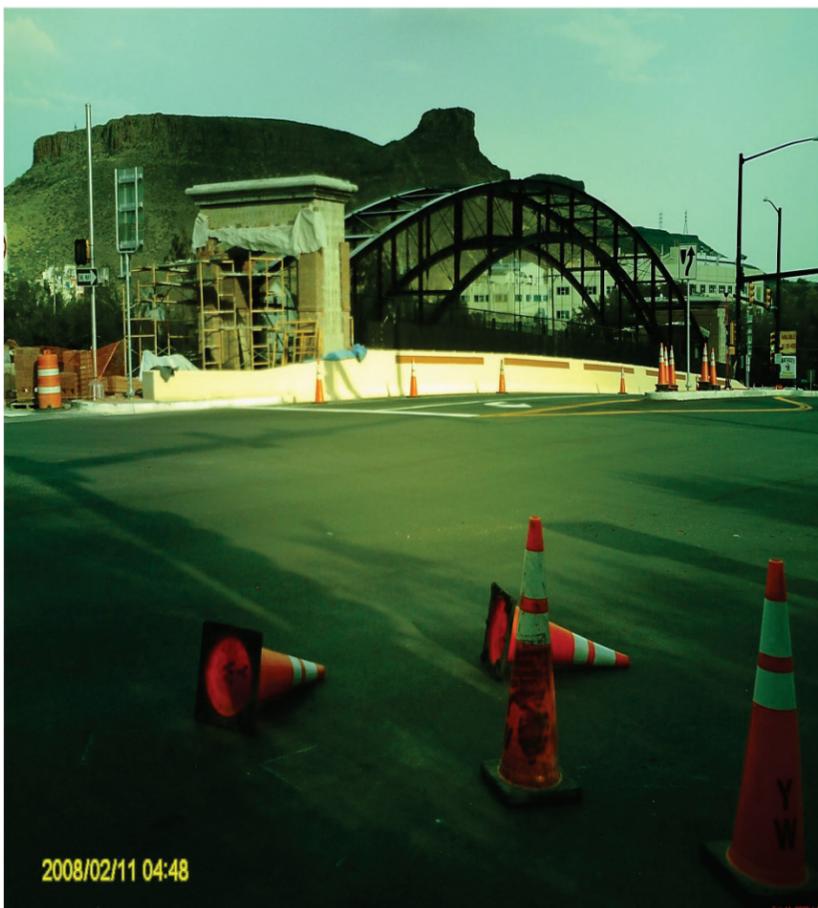
Braden Johnson, President of the CSM Republicans, encouraged the CSM community and all Coloradans to join in this time of remembrance and commitment. This was the first time for the Colorado School of Mines and the Colorado Federation of College Republicans to hold this event. There are plans to make the Field of Flags an annual affair. He hoped that many people would join them in remembering the victims of 9/11, considering the impact on all our lives, and honoring the service men and women who protect us overseas and at home. He noted that this also provided an opportunity for visitors to see the Colorado School of Mines, one of the significant assets of our State.



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CSM students setting flags for 9/11



\$1.8 million worth of frills



Are frills worth \$1.8 million to you?