

Letters - Thursday

The Gazette, Sept. 2).

Rapid sequence intubation is a medically necessary procedure required in the outof-hospital emergency environment that reduces morbidity and mortality in patients that require an artificial airway.

This action by the ESA is in direct contrast to its stated purpose for existing. The restriction was imposed with no scientific data presented regarding patient harm or patient outcomes; nor was any clinical reason given for this new requirement.

The paramedics performing this procedure are highly educated, trained and skilled.

It is incomprehensible that two politicians are now acting as medical directors for the EMS responders. This reeks of a political agenda.

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TIME TO CELEBRATE

Constitution Week marks milestone in history

The week of Sept. 17-23 is Constitution Week, the 220th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America. This annual observance was initiated by the Daughters of the American Revolution more than 50 years ago, and was adopted by the U.S. Congress and signed into law in 1956.

It is important that we recognize this magnificent document and reaffirm the ideals of our Constitution by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering that lost rights may never be regained.

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HOW SOON WE FORGET

National news shows paid little heed to anniversary

It was six years to the day after the terrorist attacks and what did we get on TV? ABC was talking about acne medicine, Britney Spears and vitamins. NBC was also talking about Spears and CBS was talking about the hazards of fast food. Hardly a mention, except in passing, of what the day was all about.

The networks did not even break out of their fluff long enough to join in during the moments of silence when the towers fell, when the plane hit the Pentagon, and when the plane plowed into the ground in Pennsylvania, killing those courageous passengers who fought the hijackers.

U.S. soil.

I hope that, as a nation, we will never forget.

Jayne Wroblewski

Monument

TRUTH AND JUSTICE

Inaccurate plea bargains undermine legal system

I was shocked to hear this tale from a friend who recently received a ticket for a minor moving violation. She challenged it in hopes of reducing the

point and monetary assessment. The judge allowed her a plea-bargain option; she could plead guilty to a lesser charge of a broken headlight for which the penalty was much less.

That is nice, but wrong. She did not have a broken headlight and our law system was encouraging her to lie.

Metro & State, Sept. 6). Breed-specific bans appear to be a quick, easy solution to a very complex problem. The Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region firmly believes a ban is not the answer.

The society receives around 1,500 reports of animal bites each year, fewer than 200 of which involve pit bulls. The bottom line is that all breeds of dogs can and do bite.

Dogs, I think, are a lot like people. Most are inherently good, a few seem bad due to some genetic quirk, and some behave poorly because of their environment. Pit bulls have seemed particularly susceptible to this last category.

Some have been purposely bred by unscrupulous humans specifically to increase their aggressiveness and tenacity.

Regardless of breed, very few dogs are inherently dangerous; generally, when a dog is dangerous, it is due to either cruelty or neglect by its owner. Banning the breed is not going to make our community safer. And how does it affect the majority of pit bull owners in our region, who are responsible owners with family pets?

A more effective solution might be to strengthen our local ordinances, placing more responsibility on owners for the behavior of their dogs, regardless of the breed, and imposing stiffer penalties for those who fail to act responsibly. The Humane Society handles dozens of cases each year that involve second, third and even fourth offenses with the same animal. In these cases, the owner causes the continuing problem by failing to obey ordinances, and even court orders.

It takes the entire community working together to create a safe and kind environment for all people and pets. It is important to act responsibly and kindly to the pets in our care, and we can prevent abuse, neglect and even aggression by reporting animal welfare concerns. We can create a safer community not by banning one breed, but by being good pet owners, good neighbors and requiring greater responsibility of owners of any type of dangerous animal.

Dr.

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I have worked in EMS for the past 5 years with several different private agencies. During that time, I have assisted with performing Rapid Sequence Induction, RSI, many times. What the media failed to explain was the indication for this life saving procedure. This one-sided article makes it sound like paramedics drive around looking for people to paralyze and intubate. Far from it! This complex procedure is reserved for critical patients. The rare cases that call for RSI involve an IMMEDIATE life-threatening situation, where the patient NEEDS a controlled airway, and there is NO OTHER way to secure one.

The paramedics who are authorized to perform RSI have to meet very strict standards, must have several years of experience, and must annually prove that they have maintained the skills and knowledge to perform this procedure safely and effectively. This is a life-saving procedure, which needs to stay in the paramedic tool box. If it becomes revoked, patients will ultimately suffer the consequences. In my opinion, someone is using this very isolated incident as a scare tactic to help in HER own, dirty, political agenda.

I Personally am tired of the Media and people making a huge deal of September 11, 2001. Yes it was an event that changed the way we thing the way things are done and the fact that we are at war. It is unfortunate that the media did not take the time for a moment of silence, but we as a nation need to get over it and move on. Living in the past and constanly looking at the past makes you blind to the present as well as the future.

PLAYING POLITICS? It is good to know there are two doctors on this board,not unusual for doctors to have a difference of opinion. I want to know what the doctors as a whole, ALL the emergency doctors as a community for all our hospitals feel regarding the politics of this. I still feel this seems

like a witch hunt - or Mike Nifong syndrome by Sallie Clark towards this company for her own political gain and agenda. Where can I find out more information about how ALL doctors as a whole in our community with the emergency medical aspect feel about this? Not just politicians and two doctors.

I agree with McKelvey, I think that every officer should request that no plea bargains be offered then when the defendant loses the case and has to pay a huge fine they can't complain. But like every other whining citizen they can complain that the violation never happened or that the officer lied or that the courts favor the police. They could come up with every excuse in the book except for actually being responsible for their illegal actions.

I agree its not the breed but it is the lack of accountability that owners have. Make a dog owner carry 1M liability insurance and charge them good for it. Make the penalties for their dog biting someone else extremely severe, like jail time. And put any dog down that bites someone else once. Also, ban the person from ever owning a dog again.

Anne. The fact is AMR made the decision to call a doctor first to get approval on this procedure. ESA imposed nothing. There were no motions made and no vote was called for. That is public record. It is still available for use. Get the facts before you start believing everything that is being said. It makes you look smarter.

As I was reading todays article of how those teens were arrested for the dry ice bombs my 17 year old informed me that this is taught to the teens in chemistry class in school. My son stated that he was not aware that it was against the law. Now were these kids properly informed that this was against the law when they were taught this? Apparently our kids are not only learning bad things from friends and TV but from school as well. I am a bit worried. As a Peyton Mom I am sure this happens a lot. Maybe when our teachers are teaching our children distraction they should inform them that this should not be done elsewhere.

A pit bull ban would not encourage responsible pet ownership. Instead it should be excruciatingly expensive to deal with an animal attack. Very high criminal fines for negligence and unlimited civil liability would go a long way toward helping people remember to use their leashes and find the holes in their fences.

Bob, its worse than that. It is not 200 pit bull bites out of 1500 dog bites, it is 200 pit bull bites out of 1500 ANIMAL BITES. Take your 100 different breeds and make it more than 1000 to account for cats, horses, etc. Now look at 200 pit bull bites when making them one out of more than a thousand different breeds of animals. I understand that not all bites are reported, but this is still a disproportionally large number of pit bull bites when compared to any other breed of animal.

Holy Cow! 200 out of 1500 dog bites are from Pit Bulls? What Doctor Wes is not telling you is that there are HUNDREDS of breeds out there and that the figure he reveals is not equally proportional to the ratio of dog breeds. Instead, it suggests that Pit Bulls are even more apt to bite you than any other dog. I have been around purportedly "mellow" and "sane" pits when they snap. No one ever sees it coming, they just snap. Honest pit owners will tell you the same. I don't know if a ban is in order, but if it's working in Denver, why not? And for those thinking, "what'll they ban next?", stop it. Denver's ban hasn't become the slippery slope the opponents have predicted and it's full of crazy liberals like me.

I cringe every time I hear someone spout that tired line that "We are fighting them over there so we don't have to fight them over here". What a load of bull. The War on Iraq in no way guarantees that we won't again suffer a terrorist attack. By nature, terrorism only requires one whacked out individual, and that threat will never be mitigated by sending our military to occupy foreign nations.

I might agree with Mr McKelvey if the police did not use such tactics as hiding behind bushes or just over the edge of a hill to find speeders and give them tickets. This is a huge revenue generating source for our community, roughly \$11,000 for one afternoon in traffic court. If the city chooses to be devious in how they generate the income, then there should be some way for the "voilaters" to respond.

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Vitamin for acne guide describes the common vitamins people with acne are usually.

Vitamin A is necessary for the maintenance of healthy skin and hormonal balance. Research has confirmed that people with severe acne typically.

If consumed sufficient either through our foods or supplements, vitamins can actually help stop acne before it has a chance to emerge. Since the body is .

Find out which vitamins are beneficial for acne, and how they work. Learn about side effects of too much vitamin A, and how much of skin vitamins.

However, the downside of using vitamin A in connection with acne is that high. Although one report implies that the vitamin relieves.

Most people are deficient in vitamins, minerals and herbs that are important for your body to function.
Vitamins and minerals play an important role in the treatment of acne and other skin disorders.
Vitamin for Acne Guide to understand the vitamins and mineals that prevent acne and maintain.

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