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We wish to express our thanks to the neighborly gentleman rockhound who kindly stopped and lent us a crescent wrench in the backcountry. It would have been a long, hot walk back to town with three dogs in tow. We will remember our toolbox next time and not hesitate to repay the favor to another in need.

To avoid taxing citizens already paying their share to finance road repairs, we need to enforce the law that says new residents "must register their vehicles within 30 days of being employed and residing in the state. Residency is defined as owning a home or renting a place of occupancy." I am tired of paying more taxes and fees because our present laws are not being enforced.

So, Myanmar doesn't want our help with its disaster. They must remember George Bush's efforts after Hurricane Katrina.

As an independent voter in a country (supposedly) as great as this one, I'm very disappointed in the dismal choices we will have for the presidential election this year.

How can you call yourself a sportsman and avid hunter when what you do is sit on the edge of a prairie dog town and pick off unsuspecting rodents when they come out of their holes? Great sport, and do you eat them? You just like to kill things.

To all the people who use Bureau of Land Management land and camping areas: It costs money for upkeep and picking up trash that other people leave. If you don't like the cost of a campsite, I suggest you should not use it. You pay money to stay in a motel; you pay money to go to a movie. If you don't want to pay for use of our BLM resources, then don't use them.

With Colorado Student Assessment Program scores dropping, maybe School District 51 should focus on the amount of time the students are out of school. There was not one month this year when the elementary students were in school every day. I understand the teachers need planning days, but with getting out early every Wednesday, do they really need both?

CSAP is a waste of time and resources. It demeans teachers and students to have the scores published. For what? So someone can say, "My school is better than yours?"

I'm a mule deer doe with good genetics and in the prime of my life. I just survived a terrible winter in the Gunnison Basin. Hundreds of my weaker friends perished. The Division of Wildlife spent more than a million dollars trying to keep some of us alive. Now I find out the DOW is going to shoot 70 of us come fall. Feed us, then shoot us. We don't think they have any common sense, and they for sure are not our friends.

Shooting prairie dogs is not hunting. It is simply murder and cruelty for fun. True sportsmen and hunters abide by our local creed of "if you kill it, you eat it," and teach their children to do so as well.
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