

Opposition Growing Against Round Mtn’s Sludge Proposal

by George Gramlich,
News and Commentary

After the *Sentinel’s* front-page article (March 17, 2025) on Round Mountain Water and Sanitation District’s (Round Mountain) proposal to disperse the accumulated waste treatment sludge at the bottom of their sediment lagoons as fertilizer on a ranch on the valley floor, there has been a flood of citizens coming forward to object to it. On various grounds.

Note that there are a lot of facts and issues still up in the air as Round Mountain and the contractor hired to do the job, Denali Water Solutions, have yet to bring their case to the public. (This will occur on March 27th, after the *Sentinel’s* press deadline this week. The Board of County Commissioners decided to have a public meeting, at Lange Hall on that date concerning the sludge proposal. Denali and Round Mountain are scheduled to talk about the issue. The public can ask questions only in writing, however. *The Sentinel* will report on this in detail.)

So far, some interesting points have been raised by the parties objecting. The first, and possibly the most important one, is that the sludge may contain “forever chemicals” including the infamous PFAS family of molecules that are linked to cancer and other bad outcomes. Round Mountain has admitted to this but say they are under the current limit for legal dispersion. However, the sludge PFAS results have not been released. One local objector has stated that the feds are working on new regulations regarding various substances, including PFAS, which might be promulgated soon.

Many citizens have stated that rain will cause the dispersed sludge to flow into local waterways including the crucial Grape Creek drainage that feeds Lake DeWeese and eventually the Arkansas River. It is alleged that this would seriously contaminate the water and the creatures that habit the streams.

Also, it would affect any grazing animals on pasture downstream and also contaminate any hay produced

from those fields. Wells were also mentioned as possible issues.

Another potential problem might be the amount of sludge applied per square foot. A citizen, using figures apparently from Round Mountain, has calculated that the amount of sludge/fertilizer applied would greatly exceed acceptable limits based on the amount of sludge and the area available to spread it. (The land in question is the old “Johnson Ranch” on the valley floor. It was told to us by Round Mountain that it’s currently owned by a guy named Knopf, out of Pueblo.)

It is not known if Mr. Knopf has actually signed a contract with Denali to allow them to apply the sludge to his property.

It is known that the Custer County Planning Commission is working on regulations concerning waste treatment sludge and its application as fertilizer in the county. This has just happened in the last two weeks.

One local rancher is considering suing Round Mountain to prevent this. There have been a ton of

articles and research papers discovered in the last two weeks by local citizens that show that this waste treatment sludge to fertilizer application is potentially harmful. In a variety of ways. (We will print several next week and link to others.)

Another potential defendant would be the landowner, Mr. Knopf.

Round Mountain has stated that the sludge meets all Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) standards. CDPHE standards are normally pretty strict, so this is a point to consider.

Custer County Commissioner Lucas Epp is looking into alternatives to applying the sludge to a local hayfield. He is also contacting other companies that do sludge processing for information.

This waste treatment sludge to fertilizer process has been used around the country for a long time.

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Officer-Involved Shooting with Multiple Injured Pueblo Police Officers

Press Release
Pueblo Police Department

—March 18, 2025

Pueblo, CO—On Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at approximately 7:12 p.m., Pueblo Police received a shots-fired call in the area of Mesa Avenue and Cedar Street regarding a report that a Pueblo Police Department officer had been shot. Pueblo Police officers and Pueblo County Sheriff’s deputies responded to the scene and engaged a suspect and additional shots were fired.

The suspect fled the area on foot and continued shooting at officers and they returned fire in response. The suspect was injured in the exchange of gunfire. Officers rendered medical aid; however, the suspect was declared deceased on scene.

All three injured officers were transported to a local hospital and are in stable condition. No members of the public were injured during the incident. Pueblo Police, PCSO, and Colorado State

Patrol worked to secure the area to ensure the safety of the public. A law enforcement presence is expected to remain in the area for several hours.

The 10th Judicial District CIRT (Critical Incident Response Team), led by Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI), has been activated and will conduct the investigation. The Pueblo County Coroner will identify the deceased suspect after appropriate notifications.

No additional information will be released at this time.

The information contained in this press release is based on preliminary information available at the time of its drafting. The Pueblo Police Department’s understanding of this incident may change as additional evidence is collected, analyzed and reviewed. The purpose of this press release is to provide timely information to the public. In consideration of the foregoing, please be advised that any statements expressed herein are subject to change at any time.

BOCC: Some Fatal Fire Facts, P&Z Stats, Sludge/Fertilizer Comments

by George Gramlich,
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The March 20, 2025 Custer County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) regular meeting was held at the All Aboard Westcliffe meeting room and started at 9 a.m. All three Commissioners were present: Chair Bill Canda and members Lucas Epp and Paul Vogelsong.

In Commissioner Items all three Commissioners reported attending several meetings. Canda noted that he is setting up a town hall meeting with the Upper Arkansas Water people to discuss Upper Ark’s plans for our county (including raising the water lever at Lake DeWeese).

First up was Elected Officials reports. The Sheriff’s Office report was written. Of note, the SO got a \$140k grant for court security.

No surprises in the written Treasurer’s Office report.

Next, Coroner Brad Baltzly gave his report. Brad said that the county had only one death in January, one in February and then five in March. With four of those being in less than a week. Brad said his

office spent four days at the fatal house fire death this month. He commented that the cause of the fire will probably be listed as unknown but he thinks it might have been electrical.

Staff Reports were next. Human Resources Director Bob Smith gave the report. Bob covered a lot of topics including an issue where some part-time employees didn’t have their retirement fund deductions made and HR is going through their pay records and correcting that. (Remember, HR is now doing payroll. It used to be done in Finance.) Bob said they are continuing to work on the CIC personnel module and they are “getting there.”

Vernon Roth gave the Information Technology Department report. Vernon said they are doing an internal audit of their inventory. He again mentioned that the upcoming head of the department, the newly hired John Mapes, is doing an excellent job. Vernon said they have spent a ton of time trying to make the new Microsoft software

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of the Word, and not
hearers only, deceiving
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James 1:22 NKJV



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These were the principles that guided our founding fathers and which we believe are still relevant. These are the principles that will guide our reporting and be the basis of all our views.

We will not be constrained by the illogical, misleading and inaccurate thinking and use of "political correctness" but by truth, facts, logic and common sense.

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Colorado State News



Colorado Woman's 57,000 plus ActBlue Donations Raise Eyebrows

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FORT COLLINS — A Larimer County woman has found herself part of a nationwide investigation into an alleged "smurfing" campaign by ActBlue, an online fundraising platform for Democrat candidates, progressive organizations and nonprofits.

In a report by the *American Spectator*, Sonia Immasche, of Fort Collins is shown to have donated \$234,441 over a period of six years and two months in 57,138 separate ActBlue contributions under five different versions of her name, averaging out to \$4.10 per donation.

"Smurfing" is a form of identity theft that uses the names of legitimate political donors to report numerous small donations repeatedly without their knowledge in order to hide larger donations that exceed legal limits or from donors who do not want their name on campaign finance reports.

By law all political contributions must be reported to the Federal Election Commission (FEC).

Complete Colorado reached out to

Immasche to determine if she had in fact made the more than 57,000 separate ActBlue donations, but had not heard back by press time. We will update this story should she make contact.

Immasche's public Facebook posts indicate she is politically active, having organized several fundraisers for progressive ideals.

A search for Immasche on the Colorado Tracer platform, which tracks Colorado political donations, shows that since 1998, she has given about \$15,500 [to] over 854 different donations. A second search for Immasche on the FEC site showed more than 101,000 donations, including all the ActBlue donations as well as donations she made directly to individuals or organizations dating back to 2007.

According to the *Spectator*, before the election in November, the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability requested a copy of all Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs) related to ActBlue from the US Treasury Department, but nothing came of it.

Right after the election, when Democrats lost both the White House and Congress, there was a "sudden departure of seven senior officials from ActBlue in February," the *Spectator* notes, citing a *New York Times* report saying the exodus included "the associate general counsel — who was the highest-ranking legal officer at ActBlue — the assistant research director, a human resources official, the chief revenue officer and an engineer who had spent 16 years building and maintaining the platform's (collection mechanism)."

The *Spectator* report says there are thousands of examples across the country, similar to Immasche's, leading to 19 state attorneys general opening investigations into the practices of ActBlue.

A target letter from the South Carolina attorney general to ActBlue, for example, calls the sheer number of donations made by some contributors "implausible and highly suspicious."

"ActBlue has raised about \$16 billion for the Democratic Party

and other far left organizations since it was founded in 2004," the report says. "According to Open Secrets, it raised more than \$3.8 billion during the recent election cycle, well over \$3.7 billion of which allegedly arrived in the form of "small dollar" donations."

Please see: <https://completecolorado.com/2025/03/19/colorado-woman-57000-actblue-donations-raise-eyebrows/>

What Is a Smurf?

A smurf is a colloquial term for a money launderer who seeks to evade scrutiny from government agencies by breaking up large transactions into a set of smaller transactions that are each below the reporting threshold. Smurfing is an illegal activity that can have serious consequences.

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‘Inorganic’ Denver Rally– GPS Data Reveals Bernie Sanders, AOC Anti-Oligarchy Rally Was Full of Serial Protestors

by Tyler Durden,
ZeroHedge.com

The Democratic Party launched a full-scale propaganda blitz in a desperate attempt to sway public opinion as its favorability ratings plunged to record lows. True to form, the party of leftist radicals prefers to bend reality—relying on rent-a-protesters or, in this case, inorganic crowds—to create a false perception of popularity. And that’s exactly what unfolded on Friday in Denver.

Drone footage shows a large crowd as Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vermont, spoke at Denver’s Civic Center. The outspoken socialist wrote on X: “34,000 people out in Denver. Largest political rally there since 2008.”

Sanders attempted to explain that the large turnout reflected what voters are saying: “No to authoritarianism. No to oligarchy. No to Trumpism.”

Bernie Sanders(@BernieSanders)
March 22, 2025

34,000 people out in Denver. Largest political rally there since 2008.

The message is clear:

NO to authoritarianism. NO to oligarchy. NO to Trumpism.

We are ready to fight back.

Now it’s on to Tucson.

However, leftist corporate media failed to fact-check the socialist for misinformation or disinformation. Others did—using a sophisticated algorithm to analyze data from all smartphone devices at the event—and found the numbers were severely overinflated.

Many of the attendees were probably bussed in and had a history of participating in Antifa/BLM, pro-Hamas, and pro-Palestinian protests. The Democratic Party is known for bussing activists through NGO networks to events to fill seats—a tactic repeatedly used throughout Kamala Harris’ 2024 presidential campaign trail to create fake hype.

Data analyst Tony Seruga exposed just how staged the latest Democratic Party rally was, revealing their ongoing attempts to manipulate public perception with inorganic crowds made up mainly of DEI activists rather than genuine grassroots supporters:

Tony Seruga (@TonySeruga)

“GPS—Here we go again, there were 20,189 devices. Still a large crowd but not even close to the 30,000 quoted in Denver newspapers nor the 34,000 quoted by Bernie Sanders and AOC.

84% of the devices present had attended 9 or more Kamala Harris rallies, antifa/blm, pro-Hamas, pro-Palestinian protests, 31% had attended over 20.

For more insight into what data we also look at in addition to GPS location data would be demographic and psychographic data using over 6,000 different

personal details, like beliefs even life goals.

Additionally, by cross pollinating each device with other devices regularly within close proximity

Rally Attendees:

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databases, i.e., like the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), Pew Research Center, market research firms like YouGov, Experian, specialized tools like ESRI’s Tapestry Segmentation, consumer surveys, social media platforms like..., Facebook, LinkedIn.

Demographic data includes basic characteristics like age, gender, income, education level, occupation, marital status, family size, ethnicity, and where people live (e.g., city, state).

Psychographic data dives deeper into people’s lifestyles, values, attitudes, interests, personality traits, social class, activities, and how they make purchasing decisions. For example, it might show if someone values sustainability, enjoys outdoor activities, participates in community activism.

While demographic data is straight-forward, psychographic data can reveal sensitive

to the target device we are able to build a detailed profile for each target.

90% of those in the above 84% were likely working with one of these five groups and is the reason for their presence.

Once again, this is based on a very sophisticated algorithm that looks at the behavioral metrics for each device, including the physical 1:1 proximity to leaders and paymasters from these groups in the past.

Disruption Project, Rise & Resist, Indivisible Project, Troublemakers and the Democratic Socialists of America.

Each receives money from ActBlue and at least three, via USAID.

Disruption Project: Legal status is unclear, likely operating illegally. Rise & Resist: 501c4 non-profit Indivisible Project: 501c4 non-profit Troublemakers:

Legal status is for profit. Democratic Socialists of America: 501c4 non-profit

Elon Musk (@elonmusk)

The Dems just move around the same group of paid “protesters”

That massive Bernie Sanders and AOC rally in Denver? Turns out it wasn’t as “grassroots” as advertised.

Despite claims of 34,000 attendees, GPS data analysis reveals the real number was closer to 20,000—still big,

This is also a ploy by the imploding party to create momentum in public polling data that’s favorable for Democrats ahead of the color revolution against Elon Musk that could begin very shortly. It’s the same Dem playbook used with BLM riots in the 2020s, yet this time around, the NGOs won’t have USAID funding to unleash domestic color war operations.

The inorganic production in Denver only suggests that if the game is all about optics, it might be time to counter with rallies in support of ‘America First.’

(Editor/GG: I betcha all of the local looney lefties were there.)

Please see: <https://www.zerohedge.com/technology/gps-data-reveals-bernie-sanders-aoc-rally-was-artificial-full-antifablmp-pro-hamas-pro>



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Local Catholic Church Completes Improvements

by Fred Hernandez

“A word or a smile is often enough to put fresh life in a despondent soul.”
- St. Thérèse of Lisieux

No matter what belief system human beings espouse, the recognition and acceptance of a Higher Being has to be the most important reason for their existence. Absent that core belief, they will live a life devoid of true joy and human dignity. For devoted Catholics the focus is, as it always has been,

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam...All for the Glory of God.

At the Parish of Our Lady of the Assumption in Westcliffe, Colorado, the Pastor, Reverend Father Stephen Injoalu, is one who is totally committed to the Glory of God and, as far as he is concerned, no effort or expense is too great for God’s greater Glory. From the time he was first assigned to Westcliffe (and St. Benedict’s Catholic Church in Florence) he had some concerns about the way the Altar, and the Church in general, was finished when it was constructed approximately two decades before. Slowly, quietly, he formed a plan in his mind. After he was reassigned to the parish for a second term of six years, he was ready to implement the plan. It



Behind the communion rail is the Ambo, the main Altar. Behind the Altar is the Tabernacle.

Photos by Fred Hernandez

started with his giving approval to raise funds for the stained-glass windows project. Work began immediately as funds were received, one window at a time. There are twelve windows in all, six on each side of the building and today eight have already been completed.

Now for the rest of the church. The old carpet had to go and a new center aisle redesigned using light colored tilework to more appropriately give the perception of focusing all attention on the most important part of the whole building, the Sanctuary; The Altar, which becomes the center of the universe when the bread and wine are changed/transformed into the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (The affirmation of this doctrine on the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist was expressed, using the word “transubstantiate”, by the Fourth Council of the Lateran in 1215): when the Real Presence of Almighty God becomes a reality right there in front of the entire congregation. The effect once the work was completed is awesome.

All the furnishings on the Altar also needed upgrading and this was achieved in a most impressive way. In fact, Bishop Stephen Berg of the Diocese of Pueblo, under whom the Parish of Our Lady of the Assumption belongs, was visibly impressed. According to the good Bishop, who had to approve all plans and expenses for any construction or improvements to all churches under

his jurisdiction, he reviewed and gave his blessings and approval to all the plans on paper but when he actually came to the church to consecrate the new Altar, he could hardly believe the transformation and was rather amazed at the final results. Much research, planning and actual work went into the beautiful, final appearance of the Altar.

The assortment of old furnishings had to be removed as well as the carpet on the Altar which was replaced with the same type of tilework on the center aisle. The new furnishings were built of solid oak timber in North Dakota. More than four thousand pounds were delivered. It took almost a dozen members of the Knights of Columbus to uncrate all the furniture and move each piece into the church. A special forklift moved the heavy altar from the sidewalk into the building through the front door. It was then carried to the Altar by ten strong men. The Ambo itself was about three hundred fifty pounds. Each of the chairs weighed a hundred fifty pounds.

The Tabernacle, which appropriately resembles the Biblical Ark of the Covenant, had to be carried by three Knights to position front and center behind the Altar. Everything had to be precisely according to the rubrics and the requirements as approved by the bishop. Finally, with everything in

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Letters to the Editor

Resident Concerned About Longterm Result of Biosolids as Fertilizer



MY OPINION RE: Should Custer County approve biosolids being applied to our county’s agricultural land?

The term “biosolids” means sewer sludge that has been treated to meet current EPA standards so that it can be applied to agricultural land as a “soil conditioner or fertilizer”. This treatment process increases the solids content, reduces odors, decreases volatile solids, decreases viable pathogens, and conserves nutrients.

Much of the bagged gardening soil sold commercially contains biosolids unless they are certified organic and even then, oversight can be lax. As an organic gardener, I have gone to great lengths to avoid using these products anywhere on my property including my vegetable garden for obvious reasons, opting to use my own easily-made 100% organic soil blend rather than using something made from what goes down toilets and drains.

I see that the BOCC is scheduled to meet about this topic on Thursday, March 27th at 5 p.m. at Lange Hall, and I am writing because I hope that our leaders will take the necessary time to consider this decision wisely. I also hope they will permit adequate time for public input in what sounds like our first-time ever officially considering the use of “biosolids” on our beloved agricultural land. The U.S. Geological Survey found that biosolids contain high concentrations of ingredients commonly found in a variety

of household products and drugs. Besides macronutrients, biosolids are byproducts of everything that goes down our drains including pharmaceuticals, household chemicals, detergents, personal care and hygiene products, and even things not meant to be poured down the drain like auto fluids and paint, as well as the feared PFAS, which represent nearly 15,000 synthetic chemicals and as you can guess many or most of which are not tested for. We as a community have already experienced algae blooms in Lake Deweese, and so I question, should we be willing to risk introducing thousands of chemicals into our soil and waterways via biosolids? It’s not like once it is done, it can be undone.

Doing research at sites like <https://childrenshealthdefense.org/> using the search word biosolids, can provide more information about this common EPA practice, how long it has been around, and its outcomes.

Due to these serious outcomes, would it be better to truck our biosolids to the landfill as allowed by EPA, as a safer alternative? A local newspaper states that this sewer sludge amounts to 375 tons. I just now asked Artificial Intelligence (AI), “how many truck loads would 375 tons of biosolids be?” It came back with the following: “A tri-axle truck can typically carry around 26 tons per load. You would need 15 truckloads to transport 375 tons of biosolids.”

V. Sjoldal, Westcliffe

Radon Gas Awareness

Is your home safe?

Press Release
Custer County Health

—March 19, 2025

What is radon? Radon is a radioactive gas produced when uranium in soil decays; it can be found all over the United States. Radon gas moves up through the ground into your home through cracks and holes in the foundation, becoming trapped inside. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that about one out of every 15 homes in the United States has elevated radon levels, and approximately half of Colorado homes across all counties have radon gas levels that exceed the EPA’s action level. You can’t see, smell, or taste radon, but in high concentrations it can be harmful. It is the second leading

cause of lung cancer in the United States among the population as a whole and the primary cause of lung cancer among non-smokers. It is estimated to cause 500 lung cancer deaths each year in Colorado. The best way to protect yourself against radon is to test your home, and winter is a good time. When windows and doors are sealed tightly, radon levels inside your home can rise.

Custer County Public Health Agency (CCPHA) has a limited number of free radon test kits available to residents of Custer County. This includes a test canister, post-paid return envelope, and lab testing. Help with radon mitigation for low-income households may be available. Contact CCPHA at 719-783-3369 for more information.

Ex-DA Linda Stanley Ordered to Pay \$300k to Three Counties

by George Gramlich

Last week a judge with 11th Judicial District ordered the former 11th Judicial District District Attorney Linda Stanley to pay \$307,264.23 in damages to the three 11th District counties that sued her for using District Attorney funds to pay for her own legal defense in an

ethics case brought against her. The three counties are Custer, Fremont and Chaffee.

The disgraced Stanley, who lost the ethics case and was disbarred by the State of Colorado, did not show up for the trial and put up no defense. Stanley was involved in a variety of cases from capital murder on down that were surrounded in controversy.

Hanme Clark Article Correction

Editor/GG: We received a rather aggressive letter regarding our article in last week’s *Sentinel* on the Hanme Clark Motions Hearing. In the article we stated that the private attorney representing Clark at the hearing was being paid for by the Colorado Public Defender’s Office.

who was paying for the private attorney.

Based on what was told to us at the time, we assumed that the Public Defender’s Office was paying for the counsel as it had done so in other cases in Colorado.

The *Sentinel* is trying to confirm or deny this and will get back to our readers when we get further information. So, for now, we retract the statements that stated that the private counsel was being paid for by Colorado.

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6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (CLSD) 12 Step study, at St. Luke’s, 3rd & Rosita, Westcliffe. Martha at 719-371-1853.

1st Monday of the Month
5 p.m. Post 170 Auxiliary mo. mtg (year-round) Cliffe Lanes
2nd and 4th Monday
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Tuesdays
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“As Bill Sees It” St. Luke’s, 3rd & Rosita in W/C.
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1st Tuesday of the Month
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Old Schoolhouse Quilters Comfort Quilters @Valley Bible
6:00 p.m. American Legion Post 170 monthly meeting at Cliff Lanes meeting room.
4-6 p.m. Christian Music on KLZR 91.7 FM
2nd Tuesday of the Month
9 a.m. Old Schoolhouse Quilters Guild Mtg @Valley Bible
3rd Tuesday of the Month
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10 a.m. Pickle Ball (SCMP) info: lizbrannen@gmail.com
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First Thursday of the Month
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6 p.m. Custer County Republican Central Committee meeting. Ranchers Roost. The public is welcome See www.CusterGOP.com or Facebook page at https://m.facebook.com/custergop

3rd Thursday of the Month
2 p.m. Round Mt Water District Meeting.

Fridays
10 a.m. Pickle Ball Silver Cliff Memorial Park
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1 - 4 p.m.- Mah Jongg at the Senior Center
6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Open Discussion, St. Luke’s, 3rd & Rosita. Call Martha 719-371- 1853

2nd Friday of the Month
8 am- Westcliffe Band of Brothers & Sisters Men’s Prayer Breakfast, at the Senior Center followed by **Monthly Meeting at 9:30** - all are welcome

Saturdays
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3rd Saturday of Month
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1 p.m. VFW meeting at Cliff Lanes Conference Room, Post Commander Burt Daniels 719-783-3050

SLUDGE CONCERNS from page 1

However, it has only been in the last few years that possible problems with the application have come to light. We are now in an ongoing process to see if the problems are serious enough to stop the practice.

Round Mountain has stated that the cost for Denali to do this job is \$300k. If the sludge can’t be dispersed close to Round Mountain, the cost could go to at least \$1.3 million to \$2 million to take it some other place. (Note: Our landfill is prohibited from taking biosolids, waste treatment sludge.) Round Mountain says it does not have the money to pay for that increase.

If Round Mountain can’t get rid of the sludge, then it won’t be able to install its new Electrocoagulation system wastewater processing system and will be in violation of Colorado waste treatment standards. (They are probably in violation now, as are dozens of other small municipalities/ counties around Colorado, due the enormous cost to meet the radical discharge standards that CDPHE has promulgated.)

Whether there are any other cost-effective means of getting rid of the sludge so Round Mountain can proceed with their waste treatment processing upgrade is unknown.

If no upgrade to Round Mountain’s waste treatment system occurs, it means no new water/sewage taps for

the Town of Westcliffe and the Town of Silver Cliff. This would cause great economic distress in the two towns, and eventually the whole county.

It looks like the County Commissioners, via the Planning Commission and the County’s Zoning Resolution, will have the power to regulate this. And to give it the OK or stop it. Round Mountain is planning on doing this in May, so time is possibly short to get it through the regulation process. Or a citizen might try a lawsuit to stop it.

County Commissioners Bill Canda, Lucas Epp and Paul Vogelsong: Put on your big boy pants as this is going to be a tough one.

We will know more after the Lange Hall meeting.

BOCC from page 1

updates work on the county’s computers. Vernon noted that the updates “have been a nightmare”. Vernon commented that the IT Department is going to have to make some changes in the future as the software world “is not the same as it was ten years ago.”

Epp gave the Finance Department report. Epp said they were creating “outlines” of the relationships with Finance and the other departments they work with. He said “a lot of audit prep work was going on”. The Finance Department’s consultant, Redlands Accounting, has been working with our auditor, Epp noted. The county will be ready for the auditor on April 1st but due to the auditor’s schedule, they won’t be able to start until April 28th.

The Veterans Service Office Report was written. It was the usual good news as more veterans are being helped with claims.

Vogelsong gave the Human Services written report. He said there were 73 child support cases and the monthly collections for these are around \$14k. The department is also under budget so far.

The Road & Bridge report was written. R&B is very happy with the used belly dump trailer they bought. The report noted that at the fatal house fire in March, two Wet Mountain Fire vehicles slid off the icy road and suffered some damage plus a Sheriff’s Office Deputy slid off.

Vogelsong did the Planning & Zoning report. He said the Commissioners had a workshop with P&Z regarding Round Mountain Water’s sludge disposal proposal. P&Z revenue was up and down according to what metric was measured but total permits

were up from 2023 (17) with 24 so far in 2025.

The Airport Report was made by Canda. Canda said the airport land survey was done and the three airport entrance gates were upgraded to prevent critters from getting into the airport.

The Landfill Report noted that the state has approved our new areal fill Phase One (just in time).

Recycling had a good report. They made 43 total bales through the end of February with 33 of them being cardboard. YTD sales were \$6.3k.

In New Business, Kelly Camper, Custer Clerk and Recorder, said that she obtained a \$144k grant from the Electronic Recording Technology Board to assist in the digitizing of records.

The last item was Epp announcing that the BOCC meetings will be moved to Wednesdays starting in a month. The current Thursday date is causing a lot of conflicts with other meetings.

said Round Mountain wants to do the spreading in May sometime. He said the Commissioners are having a big BOCC meeting at Lange Hall on March 27th at 5 p.m., with Round Mountain and the consultant, to get the facts. Canda wants as many people as possible to attend.

Jimmy then brought up an interesting point: He asked the Commissioners what legal vehicle would they use to stop Round Mountain’s plan, if the Commissioners decided to prevent it. The Commissioners danced around this a bit, but with Jimmy still prodding, they finally stated it would be done through Planning & Zoning and the county’s Zoning Resolution.

Epp also said that he had asked our Public Health Department to look into this and get back to him. Epp said that the landfill is prohibited from taking this sludge. He further noted that the contractor, Denali, had to pay a \$600k fine in one state re a nitrate disposal violation.

The discussion would not have been complete without our lovable favorite, James Gilbert, giving his two cents. His comments were a little surprising and note Gilbert has a science background. Gilbert said human waste has been used for fertilizer “forever” and that replacing some of the artificial fertilizer that the ranchers are using with the sludge fertilizer “could have a positive impact on the county”. Gilbert commented that the artificial fertilizers used by our ranchers are “contaminating Lake DeWeese”.

Canda made an interesting comment during this discussion. He stated that the “forever chemical” levels in Grape Creek now are higher than the Round Mountain sludge. (Grape Creek is the major waterway in that area.)

And that was that. We will “sludge” our way to the next episode.

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Monday, March 31

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Tuesday, April 1

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Thursday, April 3

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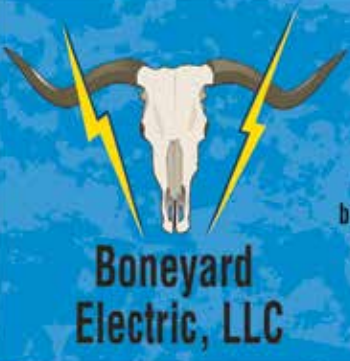
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Wedn. 7 p.m. Bible Study
0157 County Rd. 27A
Cotopaxi 719/942-3526

Community United Methodist Church
8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Worship
202 S. 6th Street, Westcliffe
719/783-2511

Cotopaxi Community Church
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Wedn. Bible Study
PastorSteveHolcomb@gmail.com
20326 Hwy. 50, Cotopaxi

First Baptist Church of Westcliffe
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:45 a.m. Worship
4:30 p.m. Wedn. AWANAS
410 S. 6th Street, Westcliffe
Pastor Josh Olsteen
719/783-2498

High Country Mennonite Church
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Sunday School
103 N. Adams St, Westcliffe
719/783-9045

Huerfano Community Bible Church
10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
7 p.m.: Thursday Bible Study
603 Leon Street, Walsenburg
(719) 251-9053

Hope Lutheran Church
2 p.m. Worship
3:15 p.m. Bible Study
3rd & Powell Streets, Westcliffe
Pastor Dan Kletke 719/783-2323
Lange Hall 719/783-2561

Living Stone Calvary Chapel
Saturday evenings: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Mornings: 9 a.m. & 11a.m.
830 Bridge St., Canon City, CO
Pastor Sean Meagher 719/276-0863

Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church
Diocese of Pueblo
11 a.m. Sunday Mass
10 a.m. (2nd Tuesday of month) Mass
10 a.m. Wednesday Mass
5:30 p.m. Thursday Mass
109 S. 5th Street, Westcliffe
719/783-3507

Our Lady of Mt. Zion Catholic Church
11 a.m. Mass, 2nd & 3rd Sunday of month
210 S. 2nd St, Westcliffe
719/783-2491

Praise Community Church
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Praise & Worship 10:45 a.m.
215 N Pikes Peak Ave., Florence
719/784-1184

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
10:30 a.m. Worship & Eucharist
11:30 a.m. Fellowship
8:30 a.m. Prayer Service, Thursdays
3rd & Rosita Streets, Westcliffe
719/783-2477

St. Patrick's Anglican Church
11 a.m. Worship
403 S. 2nd S., Westcliffe
925/339-0175 or 719/783-2500

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Diocese of Pueblo
Saturday Mass 4 p.m.
Highway 69, Gardner
Bldg. Mickey 719/746-2037

Sangre de Cristo Cowboy Church
Pastor: Mike Shields
10 a.m. Sunday School Bible Study
11 a.m. Worship
Last Sunday of Month:
Potluck at Noon
sangredecristocowboychurch.com
also on Facebook
60260 Hwy 69, Westcliffe
719/232-5372

Sangre de Cristo Fellowship
9 a.m. Meet & Greet
9:30 a.m. Service
120 Jerry Drive, Westcliffe
719/783-0903

Sangre de Cristo Seminary Chapel
10 a.m. Worship
6160 County Rd. 130, Westcliffe
719/ 371-1822

Valley Bible Fellowship
10 a.m. Worship
116 Hermit Lane, Silver Cliff
719/581-7572

Wetmore Baptist Church
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Worship
Junction of Hwy 96 & 67, Wetmore
719/371-1230

Wetmore Community Church
9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Worship
699 County Rd. 395, Wetmore
719/784-0596

The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood,
before that great and notable day of the Lord come:
And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of
the Lord shall be saved. Acts 2:20-21 ESV

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Courthouse Bldg. (Rosita Rd. Entrance)

West Custer County Library
209 Main Street Westcliffe, CO 81252
(719) 783-9138
Tue. – Fri.: 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m..
Saturday: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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Volunteer of the Year Nominations Now Being Accepted

Press Release

WESTCLIFFE, Colorado - The Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation is excited to announce the opening of nominations for the 2025 Wet Mountain Valley Volunteer of the Year Award. This prestigious recognition will be presented to an individual who has demonstrated exceptional dedication, commitment, and impact through their volunteer efforts within our Wet Mountain Valley community or organization. This award honors individuals who selflessly give their time, talents, and resources to make a positive difference in the lives of others. The recipient of the Wet Mountain Valley Volunteer of the Year Award embodies the spirit of service, leadership, and compassion, serving as an inspiration to others and leaving a lasting legacy of kindness and generosity. A donation will be made to a registered 501c3 (of the winner’s choice) serving the Wet Mountain Valley in honor of their award.

We encourage community members, organizations, and businesses to nominate deserving individuals who have made a difference in our community. Nomination categories include: Youth Volunteer of the Year (up to age 18); Young Adult Volunteer of the Year (19-39); Adult Volunteer of the Year (40-59); and Senior Volunteer of the Year (60 and up). To nominate a volunteer for the Wet Mountain Valley Volunteer of the Year Award, please visit www.wmvcf.org and complete the nomination form. Nominations will be accepted until **April 11, 2025**. The recipient of the Wet Mountain Valley Volunteer of the Year Award will be announced during National Volunteer Week, April 20-26, 2025

For more information about the Wet Mountain Valley Volunteer of the Year Award, please contact Dr. Jennifer Howerton at director@wmvcf.org. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates and announcements

CHILDREN GLUED TO PHONES MORE LIKELY TO BECOME HIGH-STRUNG, DEPRESSED TEENS

By StudyFinds Staff, Reviewed by Steve Fink, Study: Research Led by Dr. Eero A. Haapala, University of Jyväskylä

- In a nutshell
- Children with higher screen time, especially on mobile devices, showed increased stress and depressive symptoms as teenagers.
 - Physical activity, particularly supervised exercise like sports, appeared to protect against mental health problems in adolescence.
 - The combination of low physical activity and high screen time was associated with the worst mental health outcomes, suggesting both factors should be addressed together.

JYVÄSKYLÄ, Finland — In case you needed another reason to hold off on buying your child a phone, research shows a troubling connection between childhood screen habits and teenage mental well-being. The eight-year study, which tracked children from elementary school into adolescence, found that kids who racked up more screen time—especially on mobile devices—showed higher levels of stress and depressive symptoms as teenagers.

The study adds to the large body of research that should make parents think twice about unlimited device access, especially as more children experience mental health struggles at an early age. Between one-quarter and one-third of adolescents worldwide experience mental health problems, with symptoms typically first appearing during the teenage years. Researchers now have more concrete evidence about lifestyle factors that might help prevent psychological distress before it takes root.

Digital Habits and Mental Health: What the Research Shows

Study authors used data from the Physical Activity and Nutrition in Children (PANIC) study, which followed 187 Finnish children over eight years, from ages 6-9 into their mid-teens. Researchers regularly checked in on their physical activity, screen time, sleep patterns, and eating habits. When these children reached adolescence (average age 15.8), the researchers assessed their mental health using standardized measures of stress and depression.

The data painted a clear picture: teenagers who had accumulated more total screen time and mobile device use throughout childhood showed significantly higher levels of stress and depressive symptoms. The connection between mobile device use and depression was particularly strong, showing a “moderate effect size”—substantial in behavioral research terms.

The team found that adolescents spent nearly five hours daily on screens, with over two hours on mobile devices alone. Many parents might find these numbers unsurprising, but the mental health correlations deserve attention.

Physical activity told the opposite story. Teens who maintained higher activity levels during childhood, especially in supervised settings like sports or structured exercise programs, showed better mental health outcomes. This protective effect remained significant even after researchers accounted for factors like parental education, body composition, and puberty status.

Gender differences added another dimension to the findings. For boys, physical activity showed stronger protective effects against stress than for girls.

KIDS & CELL PHONES
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KIDS Friday, March 28, 2025 Leprechauns

We celebrated St. Pat’s Day on the 17th but this week we will be looking into the famous Irish Leprechauns.

The leprechaun is a long-time part of Irish folklore. They were also known as “wee folk” or “little people”. Today, these cheerful, prank-loving leprechauns are beloved symbols of luck and prosperity in Ireland and also for the millions of Americans with Irish roots. They weren’t always depicted in this manner. Century old legends painted them differently, as mischievous and menacing tricksters.

They stand approximately 2 – 3 feet tall. They are quick-witted, highly intelligent and will do anything to evade capture. They were portrayed as cunning and untrustworthy tricksters who were often mean, delighting in leading people astray, stealing or playing harmful pranks. They are known to have inhabited Ireland before the arrival of the Celts. Some consider leprechauns to be the true natives of Ireland who are descended from Irish royalty.

They are depicted as little men with red beards, green clothes and hat. However, in earlier accounts they were depicted as wearing red and having a variety of hats, often three-cornered.

Where do they live you might ask. They are only found in Ireland often in underground caves or hollowed out trees. They remain hidden, staying away from people who try to capture them so they can be granted three wishes. According to Irish folklore if you capture a leprechaun, he may offer you three wishes or take you to his pot of gold. Beware they are known to be clever and even deceitful.

They are known as the bankers and cobblers of the fairy world. These tiny men are said to always have a hammer and shoe in hand. Legend claims you can always hear them coming by the telltale tapping sound they make. Some say their wealth comes from the fine shoes they make. While others say leprechauns act like bankers to make sure the frivolous fairies don’t spend all their gems at once.

In 1989, a local businessman in Carlingford, Ireland, claimed to have found evidence of a real leprechaun on a mountain called Slieve Foye. Supposedly there are still 236 leprechauns that still live in the caverns of Slieve Foye. In 2009, the EU granted heritage status to the remaining wee people. They now have their own sanctuary nestled in the mountain.

by Audrey Slater. Sources: <https://yourirish.com/folklore/legend-of-leprechauns>, <https://www.history.com/articles/leprechauns-history-lucky-irish-gold>, <https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/62173/15-lucky-things-you-probably-didnt-know-about-leprechauns>.

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Custer County School District C-1 MENU for the week March 31 thru April 3 2025

	Breakfast	Lunch
Monday	Cereal, Yogurt, Oatmeal Fruit Milk	Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich Macaroni Salad, Mixed Veggies Fruit, Milk
Tuesday	Cheese Omelet, Sausage Yogurt, Fruit, Milk	Cheeseburger Tater tot Casserole Green Beans, Milk
Wednesday	Breakfast Bar Fruit, Milk	Pizza Muffins, Fresh Salad Fruit, Milk
Thursday	Biscuits and Gravy Sausage Yogurt, Oatmeal Fruit, Milk	Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes, Corn Fruit, Milk

ELEMENTARY - MAIN DISH, GRAIN PRODUCT, VEGETABLE, FRUIT & MILK
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Fifth Grade Field Trip to the Space Museum



Thanks to the funds that were donated to the Space Museum via the Spirit Campaign, we were able to fully fund a field trip for both 5th grade classes from the Custer County School. The students were able to spend the day learning about some of the exhibits in the collection and spent time in the STEM Lab. This was the 6th time that the museum was able to bring students from Westcliffe to the museum to learn about space. Pictured above are this year's 5th grade classes taught by Kristi Barnes and Heather Gazlay. We look forward to doing this again for next year's 5th graders. Special thanks to all of those who donated to make this possible.

Photo Credit: Stacy Terrill

Tony's Player of the Week



Baseball MVP – Lucas Bradford

Courtesy photo

Track MPV—Robert Bachman



We chose **Robert Bachman** as our athlete of the week. He showcased his speed and athleticism during the Banana Belt Classic. He finished 3rd overall in the 400m with a huge PR (personal record), beating his previous 400 time by a whole second. He was in the second to last heat and dominated, beating 4 other athletes that were in the “fastest” heat. He also put on a show at Triple Jump -- even getting his best jump on the wrong leg! We are really proud of Robert and can't wait to see all that he accomplishes this season!

Thank you!
Joy Parrish, HS Head Track and Field Coach
Photo (Left) from Coach Joy Parrish

Booster Club Bobcat Corner



Come out and support your Custer County Bobcats!

All games and dates are subject to change without notice.

- Thursday, April 3:
tbd HS Baseball @ HOME vs ECA/PPC
- Friday, April 4:
10 am HS Track: Steel City Fast Track @ Dutch Clark - Pueblo
- Saturday, April 5:
tbd HS Track: Warren Mitchell Invitational @ Limon
11 am & 1 pm HS Baseball @ HOME vs South Park (Double Header)
- Thursday, April 10:
11 am & 1 pm HS Baseball @ Hoehne (Double Header - away)
- Friday, April 11:
tbd HS Track @ LAN/RAM @ D2 Stadium/Liberty in Co Spgs
11 am HS Baseball @ Cotopaxi (away)
- Saturday, April 12:
9 am HS Track: Thunder-Storm @ CSU Pueblo

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Marble, Colorado

Marble Details

Status: Active Town

Elevation: 7,950 Feet

State: Colorado

County: Gunnison

Date Settled: 1880s

Current Population: 130

Peak Population: 1,500 (1915)

Commodity: Marble



Marble History

A world-class deposit of marble was discovered in a remote section of Colorado wilderness in 1873. The discovery was made at what would become known as the Crystal River Valley, one of Colorado’s most spectacular locations. The town of Marble would be settled in the valley below the marble deposit, but not until many years later.

Despite the fantastic size and quality of the marble discovery, the isolated location was too far from markets to be economically quarried and shipped, and it would be decades before the marble industry of Marble was fully developed.

A settlement was established at Marble in the 1880s as a supply point for prospectors in the area but remained a small outpost until the late 1890s when sporadic shipments



Yule Marble Quarry, ca 1910



Yule Marble Company Finishing Mill, ca 1913

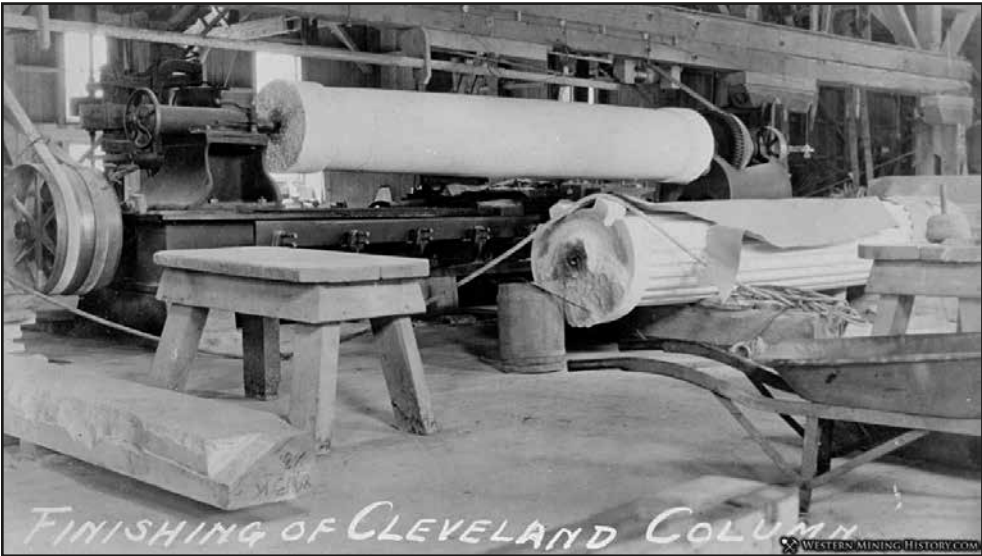


Workers hand polish marble slabs at the Yule Marble Co finishing mill

of marble started leaving the valley. It wasn’t until 1899 that the town of Marble was incorporated.

Marble grew slowly until 1906 when a railroad line was built to the town. A new finishing mill and 3.5 mile tramway that linked the mill and the quarry were also built, greatly improving the efficiency of the operation.

At its peak, the Colorado Yule Marble Company employed several hundred men at the enormous finishing mill at Marble, with a high percentage of them being skilled laborers from Italy. The quarry employed around 125 men.



Marble columns being milled

Marble peaked in 1914 with around 1,500 residents. The town had two newspapers, three hotels, a movie theater, an ice cream parlor, and numerous other businesses. Some buildings in town featured marble foundations, certainly a very unique construction material for a frontier mining town.

Starting in 1905, the Yule Marble Company developed the quarries at Marble, and to this day the marble shipped from this location is identified as being Yule Marble, a particularly fine product that is known around the world.

Yule Marble has been used in many famous buildings and monuments in the United States and around the world, including the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, Hearst Castle, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and numerous capital buildings, banks, and hotels.



Yule Marble Quarry 1920s

& the Yule Mine



Sorting yard at the Yule Marble Company Mill

Despite the fabulous quality and quantity of the Yule Marble, the quarries and town of Marble have experienced numerous booms and bust periods related to conditions in the world market for marble products, and the extremely high cost of quarrying the stone from the steep alpine terrain.



Hauling Marble Slabs to the mill, ca 1910



Larkin Hotel, Marble, Colorado 1911

By World War I, the market for marble collapsed and most of Marble’s Italian stone workers returned to conscription in the Italian army. Marble’s population dropped to 50 people.

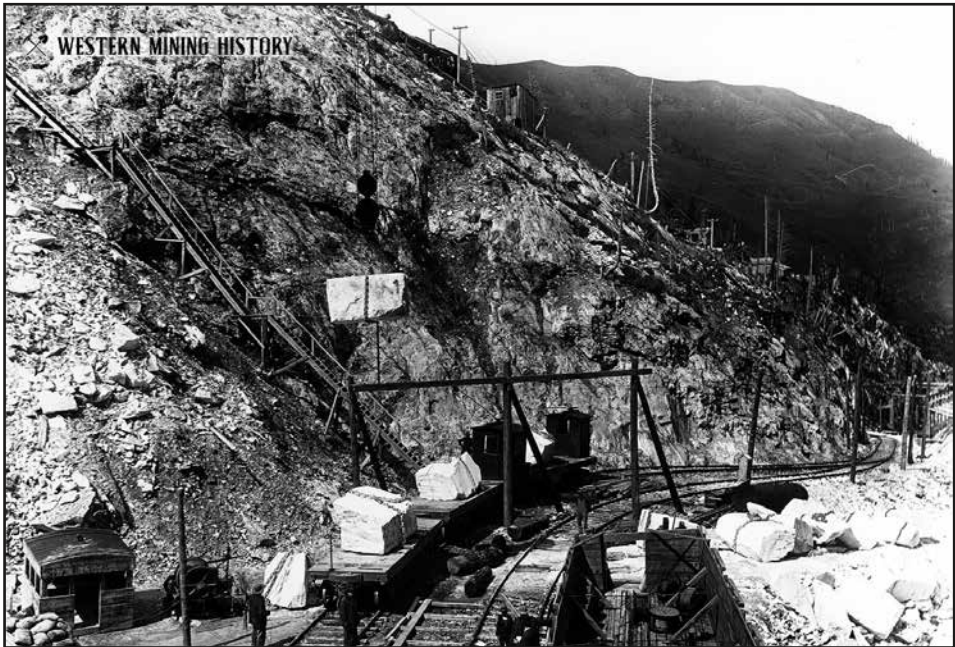
1922 saw the resumption of marble production, but on a much smaller scale.

The most famous product of the Yule quarries was the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, components of which were quarried in 1930 and 1931. The largest block, called the die, took three quarry attempts requiring 75 men working for a full year. The resulting block was 124 tons and had to be lifted by a heavily rigged and reinforced derrick, then transported over a period of 4 days down the mountain to the mill.

World War 2 signaled the end of marble production for over four decades. In 1942 the mill was disassembled and the railroad tracks removed. The town of Marble was reduced to just 30 people and in 1943 the post office closed.



Yule Marble Quarry, Marble CO



Loading marble slabs onto the electric railway

The Yule quarry was once again activated starting in 1988 and has operated intermittently since with at least four different owners during this time. An Italian company has operated the quarry since 2010 and is still active today.

The town of Marble has experienced a bit of a renaissance lately due to tourism. The population is once again over 100, and the location in one of Colorado’s most beautiful valleys has attracted many summer tourists and new homeowners.

A visit to Marble reveals one of the West’s most unusual and interesting mining towns. Marble blocks are lying around all over, and some of the old marble building foundations are still intact. Great columns built of marble blocks line the edge of the former mill site, part of what was once a huge wall designed to protect the mill from avalanches.



Interior view of the Yule Marble Quarry

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Colorado State News

Government Secrecy All the Rage Under Colorado's Gold Dome

by Jon Caldara,
CompleteColorado.com

Last year, majority Democrats in the legislature voted to exempt themselves from large portions of our beloved Open Meetings Law because, as Mel Brooks famously said, “It’s good to be the king.”

It took them no time to exploit this new power to operate in the dark. For the first time in half-century, starting at the special session on property taxes, reporters were not allowed in Democrat caucus meetings. The negotiating was done behind closed doors and rubber stamped when they met in public view.

Fast-forward to last week, while voting down a bill to let the sun shine again in the state capitol, freshman state Rep. Chad Clifford indignantly proclaimed his legislature is, “as open as it can be.”

“As open as it can be”? That’s right up there with, “If you like your health care plan you can keep it...” “I did not have sexual relations with that woman...” and “I am not a crook.”

Exempting themselves from open meetings and putting caucusing and negotiating bills behind closed doors seems the opposite of “open.” But simpletons like me are easily confused.

Could it get worse? How about effectively taking government records that are lawfully open to public inspection and putting them out of reach of reporters and citizens?

Sparking a transparency movement

This is a tale of two conflicting bills on transparency. Spoiler alert: The bill that makes it worse is on its way to becoming a law. The bill that would hold our government more accountable was slaughtered in its first committee.

None of this is a surprise. All of this is an insult.

I've mentioned previously, the legislature's hubris in exempting itself from transparency sparked a countermovement unlike anything I've seen in 35 years of political work. Independence Institute, which I run, has

become the meeting ground for a wickedly diverse coalition of about 50 groups, “team transparency”, coming together to force governments to let the sunshine back in.

This is the most unusual ideological gathering of forces since America, Europe and Russia joined together in World War II. When a coalition that includes Independence Institute, the League of Women Voters, Common Cause, the press and broadcasters' associations and Jason Salzman of the progressive *Colorado Times Recorder* come together, is it a sign of the apocalypse? As said in "*Ghostbusters*," "Real-wrath-of-God kind of stuff ... dogs and cats living together. mass hysteria!"

Or does it mean those in power have gone so far in hiding what they're doing, they've unknowingly done the impossible. In the most polarized and divisive period any living American has seen, they've brought sworn political enemies, left and right, together for a shared goal. This is Nobel Prize stuff. Send them to Gaza.

Adding insult to injury

House Bill 1242, by state Sen. Byron Pelton and Rep. Lori Garcia Sander, was a product of this coalition. The bill would have repealed last year's act of legislative arrogance, capped and standardized the costs of open record requests and set hard deadlines for Colorado governments to make requested material available.

On March 10th, Rep. Garcia Sander passionately presented our bill to the House Committee on State Affairs, affectionately known as “the kill committee.”

And on a party-line vote, kill it they did. And the executioners stuck to their talking points: Pillaging the Open Meetings Law was needed so accidental meetings in the Capitol stairwells weren't violations (which was never an issue).

To add insult to injury, this same committee of courageous heroes dutifully passed **Senate Bill 77**, which allows districts to stall open records requests potentially indefinitely. Not only does it greatly increase costs to get public records, but it also

lets districts legally say, “oh, the person who could get that record is on maternity leave, come back in a year, and then, well, maybe.”

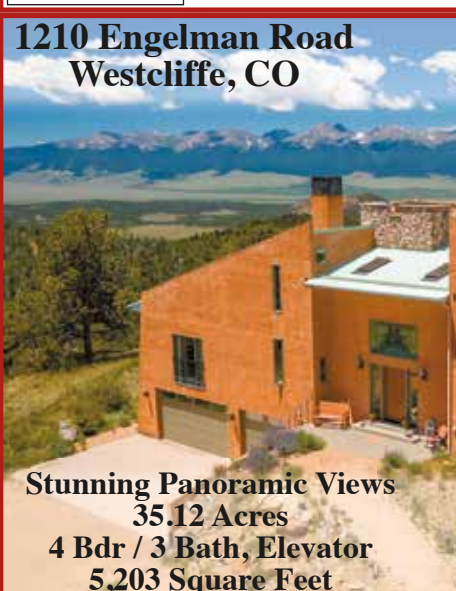
In a brazen attempt to suck up to the legacy press, the bill treats requests from “mass media” to faster and better access than we poor schlubs, like citizens, activists and bloggers. Who might they be trying to butter up?

When Governor Jared Polis unfortunately signed the bill exempting lawmakers from open meetings, he said it was just the legislature making its own rules. But if he signs Senate Bill 77, he will be putting more than 5,000 governments out of reach from the people who hold them accountable.

Maybe he wants a Nixon-like legacy.

Jon Caldara is president of the Independence Institute, a free market think tank in Denver.

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Colorado Illegal Alien Cult Hero Captured

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

There are two sides to every story, as the old saying goes. But that axiom is lost on today's journalists whose sole mission is to advocate for leftist causes.



They're outdoing themselves in Colorado this week with heart wrenching tales of the ICE detention of our most famous illegal immigrant who used a church to flout immigration officers with a deportation orders and now reportedly teaches others to do the same.

Her defiance of court orders and U.S. law has made her a folk hero. *Time Magazine* named her as one of their 100 most influential people in 2017 for being the test case of Obama's law, which forbade federal agents from arresting criminal illegal aliens inside churches or schools.

She's been in this country for decades ducking deportation orders that followed arrest and due process, then turned advocate to seemingly teach other illegal aliens how to skirt the law as well instead of pursuing legal residency.

This week Jeanette Vizguerra-Ramirez was detained by immigration and faces deportation. Again.

ICE Denver



Jeanette Vizguerra-Ramirez, 53, was arrested by ICE Denver March 17th without incident. Vizguerra, an illegal alien from Mexico, has convictions for possession of forged documents and illegal entry. She will remain in ICE custody until her removal from the United States.

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She wasn't arrested inside a church, not in her bed, but in an orderly manner without incident after she left her job at a Target store.

And now, her supporters in the media and the dozen or so protestors at the Aurora detention center are having a meltdown.

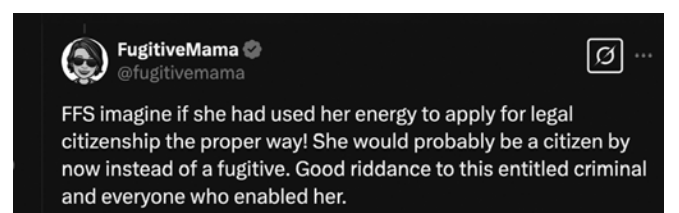
Her supporters claim she is being targeted for her beliefs. But in the U.S., we don't prosecute thought crimes, only law-breaking activities.



She has used the fame from her illegal status to start her own non-profit advocacy group to help other migrants in this country illegally remain here.

Meanwhile, Sanctuary City Mayor Johnston, who faces legal problems of his own for rewarding Biden's border busters, is comparing the enforcement of U.S. immigration laws to assassinating dissidents in the former Soviet Union.

“This is not immigration enforcement intended to keep our country safe,” the mayor said in a news release. “This is Putin-style persecution of political dissidents. Jeanette Vizguerra is a mother of U.S. citizens. She works at Target. She’s the founder of a local nonprofit.”



No reporters bothered to ask Johnston if Denver helps fund her nonprofit.

Gov. Polis is also in on the sanctuary act demanding the federal government only deport border busters here illegally who are convicted, and presumably use up all their appeals, of certain violent crimes. That would exclude dealers of Fentanyl that results in the death of so many Coloradans.

Congressman Gabe Evans

Colorado is #2 in the nation for teenagers overdosing on fentanyl, and it's not a mystery why.

Sanctuary state policies have allowed the Jalisco and Sinaloa cartels to traffic this poison in #CO08.

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Polis demanded the federal government

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Colorado Gun Bill Update

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March 25, 2205

On Monday, Colorado’s latest iteration of an assault weapons ban, SB25-003, passed third and final vote in the State House chamber of the Colorado Legislature. The bill has already passed the State Senate although because it has House amendments it will need to return to the Senate for concurrence of those amendments (meaning a majority in the Senate will need to vote the House amendments into the bill). I do believe they have the votes for it to pass concurrence, but if for some reason it did not, the House and Senate would form a conference committee where a small group of legislators from both parties would hash it out. From Senate concurrence, the bill will move to Governor Polis’ desk for either veto or signature, or if he chooses to do neither, it will automatically become law. Contact Governor Polis and ask he veto this bill: (303) 866-2885 or governorpolis@state.co.us.

Make no mistake: Republican legislators, activists, and citizens put up a very valiant fight, but in the end the numbers to kill it simply were not there. The bill passed the House 36-29, with all 22 Republicans and 7 Democrats voting NO. Ultimately it needed 4 more Democrats to join Republicans for it to die. In my opinion, that was never going to happen. Through my con-

versations with many Democrat legislators and my own personal vote count, I thought it could possibly get as close as passing by one single vote if all Democrats stayed in line, but the last “kill” vote wasn’t there no matter how much we tried. No Democrat would be willing to take that hit. The bill passed after going through 4 committees – 3 which included hours and hours of testimony from the public, the majority of the testimony being in opposition. Thank you to those who testified! The bill was amended 35 times. It had 6 different fiscal notes.

Here’s what it looks like now:

- The enactment date is August 1, 2026 so none of what you’re about to read will apply until then. The date was amended from the original enactment date of Sept 1, 2025.
- At its core, it is a blanket firearm ban, prohibiting the sale, purchase, transfer, and manufacture of semi-automatic rifles, shotguns and gas-operated pistols that can accept a detachable magazine. The language around pistols is very nuanced as it tries to exempt those that also use recoil operations, but ultimately the Colorado Attorney General would have the power to further “clarify” what is banned.

- Possession is not banned under this bill.
- Firearms with fixed magazines holding

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University of Colorado: A Corrupt Deep State Institution?

Biden appointee makes \$360K soft landing at University of Colorado

Sherrie Peif, CompleteColorado.com

BOULDER — A long-time Democrat operative has landed a sweetheart gig at the University of Colorado (CU) after losing his job because of the change of administration in Washington D.C.

He’s not the first Democrat insider to make a soft-landing at Colorado’s flagship university system.

Andrew Mayock became the vice chancellor for sustainability as of March 10th, for a whopping \$360,000 per year. According to a CU media release, the position is “newly created.”

Mayock, is the former chief sustainability officer under President Joe Biden. He led Biden’s agenda on sustainability efforts.

Biden was not his first role under U.S. presidents, having also served in both the Obama and Clinton administrations.

Under Obama he served as Deputy Director for Management and Associate Director for General Government Programs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Under Clinton he worked at the White House and the U.S. Treasury Department. He also served on the steering committee of the Climate 21 Project.

It is the second time in two years that a newly created position at CU has been filled by an outgoing Democrat loyalist. The two positions combined amount for more than \$750,000 a year in salary and benefits.

In 2022, amidst the highest tuition increase in the previous four years, CU hired then Congressman Ed Perlmutter’s long-time chief of staff after Perlmutter announced his retirement.

Her salary started at \$325,000 a year, more than \$400,000 a year including benefits.

According to *Colorado Politics*, Danielle Radovich Piper joined the CU Staff on January 3, 2023, with some controversy, as Piper was the only candidate brought to the CU Board of Regents for approval, despite sources indicating that “a prominent woman of color was also among the candidates, which could have bolstered the university’s diversity profile within its administration.”

At the time of Piper’s hiring, she was the fourth highest paid employee in the CU system.

As senior vice president for external relations and strategy, Piper coordinates and advances external efforts for system administration in communications, marketing, government relations, fundraising operations, and outreach and engagement.

According to a source close to the CU system, yet another Democrat operative was also hired at the end of February to fill the position of Denver Metro Regional Program Manager. Nigel Daniels is the former special assistant to U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet. He also served as both special aide and eventually senior advisor to former Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock.

The details of Daniels’ position are currently unknown. *Complete Colorado* will update this story when information is made available by CU.

(Editor/GG: You wonder why tuition cost is out of control. This corruption permeates the state of Colorado and a ton of our institutions. This is YOUR money paying for this. Don’t let it happen here.)

Please see: <https://completecolorado.com/2025/03/14/former-biden-official-makes-360k-soft-landing-at-university-of-colorado/>

CO 115 Resurfacing Project Set to Begin March 31

Press Release
CDOT

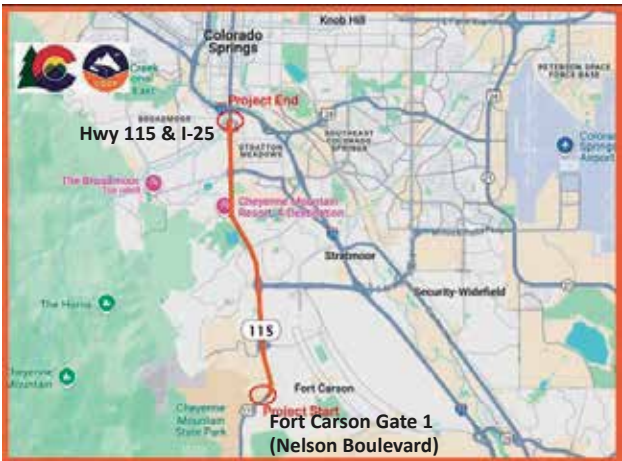
Work will occur from Fort Carson Gate 1 north to Brookside Street in Colorado Springs

El Paso County — The Colorado Department of Transportation will begin surface treatment work on March 31st.

Work will occur along Colorado Hwy 115 from Fort Carson Gate 1 (Nelson Boulevard), continuing north to Colorado Springs, ending at Brookside Street just south of Interstate 25, Mile Point 41.5 to MP 47.3. Schmidt Construction Company is the contractor for this project.

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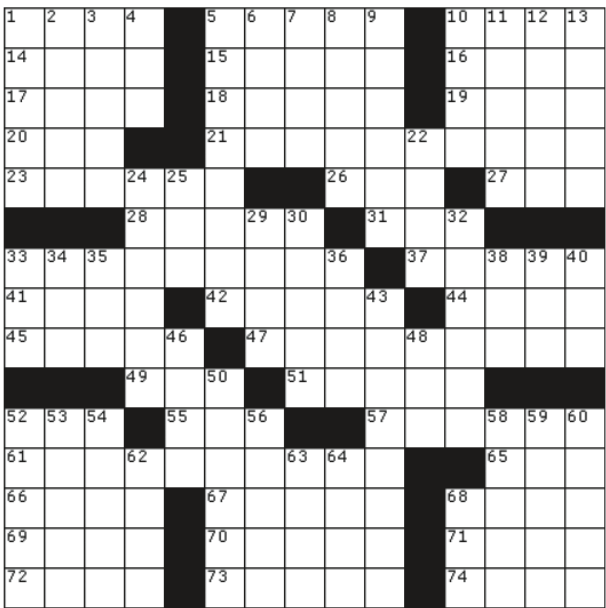
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Westcliffe Planning Commission needs to fill a vacancy on the Commission. The member must be 18 years of age or older and must live within the Town of Westcliffe limits. If interested, please submit a letter of interest to the Town of Westcliffe at P.O. Box 406 or Patterson Hall – 1000 Main Street, Westcliffe, Colorado 81252.

Letters of interest must be submitted on or before Friday, April 11, 2025, by 5:00 p.m.

Erin Christie
Town Clerk
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give the state a “transparent accounting” of their operations and notify them about arrests. So the state can leak operations? Don’t hold your breath, governor.

Polis is also stomping his red sneakers demanding a cost and impact statement on the raids and detention of the other violent criminals he says it’s okay to deport.

Isn’t it funny how Democrats only demand fiscal responsibility when it’s for a policy they really oppose.

And while they pretend to only want the most violent of violent criminals deported, it’s only after they’ve remained in this country for decades exhausting court hearings, appeals, and emptying our wallets in the process.

Don’t believe us? Look no further than the District Court judge in D.C. this week who ordered planeloads of violent criminals and TdA gang members returned to these shores,

and trying to make martyrs out of them as well.

The Democrats have been handing out our hard-earned dollars faster than we can earn it back, and the government can print. This country is headed for bankruptcy unless we get some order back in the immigration system Democrats purposely broke.

Please see: <https://colorado-peakpolitics.com/2025/03/19/colorado-cult-hero-who-helped-illegals-skirt-immigration-finally-captured-by-ice-faces-her-own-deportation/>

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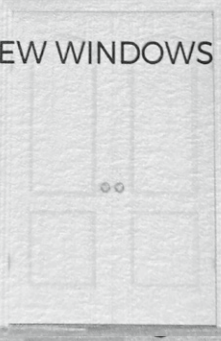
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NOTE: When writing about God and Jesus, The Daily Jot means YHVH as God and Yeshua Ha Mashiach as Jesus--the actual original names and the true nature and character of them.

Constitutional Crisis

For weeks now the Democratic Party and Marxist media have been screaming at the top of their lungs that America is in a “Constitutional Crisis” because of Elon Musk and the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). They are using the argument that the President is outside of the Constitution because he appointed Musk to head up DOGE, which is not a government agency authorized by Congress. In none of the words they are using do they cite what is a violation of the Constitution. The media and Democrats are twisting the truth and misleading the American people about Musk’s advisory role with DOGE and the President’s authority to hold government accountable. Maybe they all should study the Constitution.

Article II Section 2 says the President “may require the Opinion, in writing, of the principal Officer in each of the executive Departments, upon any Subject relating to the Duties of their respective Offices,” which seems that he has authority over the actions of executive departments.” Article II Section 3 charges the President with taking care “he shall take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed, and shall Commission all the Officers of the United States.” Meaning that the President has authority to uphold the law (which also means he can hold accountability on waste and corruption) and oversee the appointed officers of the country. In short, he is the chief executive officer responsible for running the country.

Article I Section 8 enumerates 18 powers of Congress, ranging from levying taxes to pay the debts, provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States to borrowing money to regulating commerce to uniform laws, coining money and setting weights and measures standards to declaring war. In addition, Congress raises the army and navy, provides for militia to execute the laws and suppress insurrections and repel invasions. In summary, Congress is to make the laws necessary for domestic tranquility and raise the money needed to provide for the common defense and general welfare. The Constitution does not divest authority to administrative agencies to make laws. An administrative “law” that protects a government agency from being held accountable is neither a law nor is it constitutional.

The President has the duty and the authority to hold his own executive branch accountable, especially when there is waste and corruption. In January 2014, the media and the Democrats thought Barack Obama brilliant for saying “I’ve got a pen, and I’ve got a phone” as a means to do what he wanted. Now that Trump is doing the same thing to end waste and corruption, they claim a Constitutional crisis. In reality, for good or bad, the President has a lot of authority over the executive branch. Courts will start determining the legality of Trump’s accountability, but even the courts are full of corruption. Even “experts” interviewed by Marxist media couldn’t name a Constitutional violation in the DOGE efforts. Christ said in Matthew 24:4, “Take heed that no man deceive you.” Don’t believe the media. Study for yourself.

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An Ugly Truth? Attractive Workers Earn More than ‘Unattractive’ Ones

by Study Finds Staff,
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71% of CEOs rate themselves ‘9 or 10’ in looks

In a nutshell

- 81.3% of people believe “pretty privilege” exists in the workplace, with those rating themselves as extremely attractive earning nearly \$20,000 more annually than those who rate themselves as unattractive.
- CEOs are more than twice as likely to rate themselves as extremely attractive compared to the average person (71% vs. 33%), suggesting a strong correlation between career success and self-perceived attractiveness.
- Nearly 4 in 5 workers (78.9%) feel pressured to spend money on their appearance to meet professional expectations, with the average person spending an extra \$178 annually on work-related grooming.

LONDON — We all know the saying “Don’t judge a book by its cover,” but a new survey suggests that in the workplace, your “cover” might matter more than you think — especially when it comes to income. A recent survey asked 1,050 Americans about “pretty privilege” – the idea that better-looking people get more advantages in life – and found that a whopping 81.3% believe it exists at work.

The results show how our appearance might be influencing everything from who gets hired to who gets that next big promotion.

Pretty privilege isn’t just limited to modeling or acting jobs. Eight in ten people surveyed believe attractive coworkers are more likely to be promoted, hired, or given raises. Even more telling, 66.9% of people have actually seen someone treated unfairly or talked about negatively because of how they look.

The survey, conducted by Standout CV, shows that the pressure to look good at work is real. About 64.2% of people feel pushed to change their natural features – like straightening their hair or wearing makeup – just to fit in at the office. And 83.4% think colleagues who put more effort into their appearance are seen as more capable professionals.

How We See Ourselves

When asked to rate their own workplace attractiveness on a scale of 1 to 10, the average person gave themselves a 7.7. Men seemed more confident about their looks, with 37.5% rating themselves a 9 or perfect 10, compared to only 27.4% of women.

These self-ratings revealed a lot about career experiences. Nearly half (46%) of people who rated themselves as unattractive (scoring 1-3) said their looks had hurt their careers – that’s five times higher than the average of 7.6%.

On the flip side, those who considered themselves good-looking (rating above

7) were likely to say their appearance helped them professionally (60.7%). This number jumped to 66.8% for those who gave themselves a 9 or 10.

People who saw themselves as average lookers (rating 4-6) were most likely to say their appearance had no impact on their work life (38% compared to just 16.2% overall).

Interestingly, one in five people said their looks affected their careers both positively and negatively. This stayed consistent regardless of how attractive they thought they were. This might happen when someone benefits from good looks but also faces issues like not being taken seriously.

In fact, 55.7% of people admitted to downplaying their appearance to be taken more seriously at work. This number rose to 68.7% among those who considered themselves very attractive.

Success, Power, and Good Looks

One of the most striking findings shows a clear link between job success and self-perceived attractiveness. Entry-level employees were least likely to think of themselves as attractive (65.52%), while almost all CEOs – 99.8% – rated themselves at 7 or above. Even more telling, 71% of CEOs gave themselves a 9 or 10 – more than double the survey average of 33%.

This pattern held steady up the career ladder, with self-rated attractiveness increasing alongside job rank. The researchers note this connects to other studies showing that 18% of CEOs show narcissistic traits, compared to only 5% of the general population.

The financial impact of this beauty bias is clear. People who rated themselves as very attractive reported earning an average of \$63,954, while those who saw themselves as unattractive earned about \$44,009 – a difference of nearly \$20,000 a year.

The Cost of Looking Good for Work

Beauty standards at work don’t just create pressure – they cost real money. Almost four in five people (78.9%) feel they need to spend on their appearance just to meet job expectations.

The average person spends about \$30 extra each month on grooming products specifically for work. Yearly, people spend around \$178.18 extra on beauty treatments and services like dry cleaning, manicures, and haircuts that they wouldn’t buy if not for work.

People with higher incomes tend to spend more on their appearance. Those earning over \$100,000 a year were twice as likely to spend over \$300 on looking good for work compared to the average person (34.8% versus 15.1%).

Following industry beauty standards seems to pay off financially. People earning over \$80,000 were most likely to follow these standards (77.2% compared to the average of 64.2%).

About 62.8% of people said they’ve been directly told to dress or present themselves in certain ways to fit their industry’s standards. This pressure

exists even for remote workers – 60.4% of women and 45.2% of men working from home admit to putting on makeup and spending extra time on grooming just for video calls.

Can You Buy Pretty Privilege?

The survey suggests that while natural good looks help, much of “pretty privilege” might actually come from investing in your appearance.

People who rated themselves as most attractive also spent more money on their looks. Those who saw themselves as very attractive felt more pressure to spend on maintaining their appearance (46.9%) compared to those who considered themselves unattractive (14.7%).

About 74% of people who rated themselves 9 or 10 spent extra money on grooming services to look good at work – much higher than the average of 57.3% and nearly triple the percentage of those who rated themselves between 1-3 (23.3%).

Only people who rated themselves 7 or above spent more than \$101 monthly on grooming products for work, and only those rating themselves 6 or above spent over \$500 monthly on work clothes and accessories.

This suggests a cycle: people who think they’re attractive invest more in their appearance, which might influence how they’re treated at work, potentially leading to more career success and higher earnings, allowing them to spend even more on their looks.

What This Means for Workplaces

The survey shows a complicated relationship between looks and workplace success. While it doesn’t prove whether attractive people succeed because of their looks or whether successful people just have more money to spend on appearance, it does show that beauty bias is common in today’s workplaces.

For employers, these findings highlight the need for fair hiring and promotion practices that minimize unconscious bias. For employees, especially those just starting their careers, the data suggests that investing in a professional appearance might actually help your career.

However, the survey also raises questions about workplace fairness. With nearly two-thirds of people feeling pressured to change natural features to fit beauty standards, companies might need to rethink workplace cultures that penalize those who don’t fit certain appearance norms.

Survey Methodology

Standout CV surveyed 1,050 employed Americans in December 2024. The survey looked at attitudes about appearance in the workplace, personal experiences with appearance-based treatment, and the financial pressures to meet industry beauty standards.

UGLY TRUTH
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Columbia University Human Rights Fellow Convicted for Having a Slave

by Thomas English,
The Daily Caller News Foundation

British jury convicted United Nations Judge Lydia Mugambe on Thursday of forcing a Ugandan woman into domestic servitude after luring her to the U.K. under false pretenses.

Mugambe, who also serves as a high court judge in Uganda, brought the victim to Britain under the guise of securing her a job in a diplomatic household — only to make her work as an unpaid maid and nanny. She confiscated the victim’s passport and visa, leaving her trapped until she was able to contact a friend, who alerted authorities, according to a Thames Valley Police statement.

“Lydia Mugambe used her position to exploit a vulnerable young woman, controlling her freedom and making her work without payment,” Eran Clutliffe, an attorney for the Crown Prosecution Service’s Special Crime Division, said.

The 49-year-old judge, who was studying for a doctorate at the University of Oxford at the time, according to her profile on the U.N.’s website, was found guilty on four charges, including forced labor, an immigration offense and conspiracy to intimidate a witness. Mugambe is also listed on Columbia University’s website as a fellow in their human rights program. Prosecutors argued she “exploited and abused” the victim’s lack of knowledge about her rights to keep her in a state of servitude.

Mugambe leveraged her connections within the Ugandan High Commission in London to secure a visa for the victim, presenting it as an official employment opportunity, according to court testimony. Instead of placing the woman in a diplomatic household, however, Mugambe brought her to her private residence and forced her to work without pay.

The case shocked observers, with audible gasps heard in the courtroom as the verdicts were delivered at Oxford Crown Court, according to the Associated Press. Mugambe reportedly appeared distressed and unwell following the decision, prompting the judge to clear the courtroom.

Mugambe, who was appointed to a U.N. international court in May 2023, denied all changes. She is now scheduled for sentencing on May 2nd.

(Editor/GG: Reparations anyone?)

Please see: <https://dailycallernewsfoundation.org/2025/03/13/columbia-university-human-rights-fellow-convicted-for-having-a-slave/>

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• 15 rounds or less are exempt, as are firearms that have a detachable magazine permanently affixed (like with epoxy or weld according to the bill sponsors – BIG YIKES). There is no clear definition of “permanently affixed” and again the attorney general would be in charge of further clarifying that.

• For individuals who want to continue to purchase these banned firearms, a license to buy scheme was added. This requires a potential consumer to obtain a new “Firearms Safety Course Eligibility Card” which will be added to a new “Firearms Training & Safety Course Record System” that will be funded and managed by Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW). Once in the system, the consumer would then need to take training and pass a test. Here is the breakdown of how that scheme would work:

1. Individual completes application that will be provided by CPW. This application had not yet been developed.

2. Individual pulls their own name-based background check from approved provider and gives it to their county sheriff.

3.Their county sheriff reviews background check, the applicant’s photo ID, and the CPW application, then decides if individual should be able to buy one of the banned guns.

4. If the sheriff approves, the individual is provided with a “Firearms Safety Course Eligibility Card” and is entered into the new “Firearms Training & Safety Course Record System”; if the sheriff denies the applicant, the firearm prohibition remains in place for that individual but they can still purchase non-banned firearms assuming their

Form 4473 is approved at the point-of-sale.

5. Once the individual has the eligibility card, they can then take the required training. The training must either be a 4-hour Hunter Safety Course plus a 4-hour Basic Gun Safety Course, both completed within the 5 years prior; or a 12-hour Extended Firearms Safety Course that must be split into two days. None of the class can be completed online.

6. At the completion of the training, the individual is required to pass a yet-to-be developed test with a score of 90% or higher.

7. Once ALL of this is completed and paid for, CPW will add the individual into their “approved gun buyer” registry which gun stores and FFLs will be able to access when the individual attempts to purchase a banned gun.

8. Other notes:

• CCW permits do not count toward any of this. NRA was saying they do but that is inaccurate. Every amendment that was run to add CCW permit holders to this was killed by Democrats.

• When purchasing the otherwise banned firearm, the individual will still need to complete a background check and comply with all state regulations, including the 3-day waiting period.

• The bill also bans bump stocks and forced reset triggers.

• The funding for this license to buy program will come out of CPW’s Outdoor Parks and Recreation Fund which gets a lot of its funding when you add the \$29 state park pass to your car registration. It also gets funding from hunting and fishing licenses, state park camping fees, and more. Any money you give to CPW from here forward will be funding your own disarmament.

• There was an incredibly arbitrary list

of guns that were exempted (meaning you can still purchase these without a gun buyers license); these include: Ag42 Ljungman, Benelli Argo E Pro, Benelli R1 Big-Game Rifle, Browning Bar Mk 3, Browning Bar Longtrac Rifle, Browning Bar Shorttrac Rifle, Fabrique Nationale Model 49, Fusil Automatique Modele 1917, Gewehr 43, Globco Mohawk, Hakim Rifle, Hk SL6, Hksl7, M1 Carbine, M1941 Johnson Rifle, Marlin Camp Carbine, Mas49, Remington Model 4, Remington Model 8, Remington Model 740, Remington Model 742, Remington Model 750, Remington 7400, Ruger Deerfield Carbine, Ruger Mini-14 Ranch Rifle, Ruger Mini Thirty Rifle, Ruger Model 44, Springfield Armory M1a Standard Issue Rifle, Svt40, Valmet Hunter M88, Vz.52, Winchester Model 100, Winchester Model 1905, Winchester Model 1907, Winchester Model 1910.

The fate of this bill in the courts will be seen as this is by far the most draconian piece of gun control to ever come out of a state legislature. I break down various legal issues with different parts of this bill here and here.

The passage of this bill is not only an assault on our rights, but it is absurd to think it will stop mass shootings, as if mass shooters lack training and a license will instill morals in an evil person. Additionally, the firearms this bill targets are used in a fraction of murders, with them being responsible for approximately 8 murders a year in Colorado.

We continue to track other Colorado firearm-related legislation here. The 2025 legislative session will end on May 7, 2025. Until then, lawmakers can continue to advance and introduce bills.

Please see: <https://wethesecondcolorado.com/colorados-gun-ban-era-begins-unpacking-the-controversial-sb25-003/>



The American Legion Monthly Meeting is the 1st Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. at the bowling alley.

The American Legion Auxiliary Monthly Meeting is the 1st Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at the Cliff Lanes meeting room.

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The Second Amendment Corner

Liberty's Line in the Sand

2025



.50 BMG, .338 Lapua & the .338 Lapua Magnum Compared

by Alan Chwick, Joanne D. Eisen & Gary Mauser, ammoland.com

The .50 BMG (Browning Machine Gun), .338 Lapua, and .338 Lapua Magnum are some of the most powerful and widely recognized cartridges in long-range shooting.

While the .50 BMG is renowned for its immense power, the .338 Lapua and its Magnum variant have become prominent in military and precision sports shooting due to their balance of power, range and accuracy.

The development of these rounds traces distinct historical lines that reflect their intended uses and design philosophies.

.50 BMG (Browning Machine Gun)

The .50 BMG was developed by John Browning in 1918 for the M2 Browning machine gun. It was designed to be a powerful anti-aircraft and anti-vehicle round. Over time, its military applications expanded, and the round has been employed in sniper rifles, notably in the Barrett M82 and the McMillan TAC-50. Its immense stopping power became a significant asset in both anti-material and long-range sniping scenarios.

.338 Lapua

The .338 Lapua was created in the 1980s by Finnish ammunition manufacturer Lapua. It aimed to fill the gap between smaller, more conventional sniper cartridges, like the .308 Winchester, and the larger .50 BMG. The round gained prominence among military and law enforcement agencies for its ability to engage targets at extended ranges, offering a better balance of recoil and power than the .50 BMG.

.338 Lapua Magnum

The .338 Lapua Magnum was essentially a higher-pressure version of the standard .338 Lapua, designed to push performance further by achieving greater velocities and delivering more energy downrange, extending the effective range and



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increasing terminal performance. This round is optimized for extreme long-range shooting and military sniper applications, particularly in open terrain or mountainous environments.

Bullet Weight & Case Length

The .50 BMG is known for its immense size and weight, and its bullet weight is between 600 and 800 grains. Its case length is approximately 3.91 inches, making it a large, heavy round that requires heavy-duty platforms like the Barrett M82. The primary focus is on its high-energy delivery, with little or no concern for recoil control or cost in military and anti-material applications.

The .338 Lapua is a more modest cartridge, with bullet weights ranging from 250 to 300 grains and a case length of 2.72 inches. It is highly effective at long ranges, typically up to 1,500 yards, while its recoil is relatively moderate compared to the .50 BMG, thus making it a versatile choice for military snipers and competitive shooters.

The .338 Lapua Magnum, at 2.85 inches, has a slightly longer case than the standard Lapua and delivers higher velocities, extending its effective range to about 2,000 yards in optimal conditions. Its increased pressure results in a bit more recoil, but it remains more manageable than the .50 BMG.

Ballistic Performance

A round's ballistic performance can be assessed by examining its muzzle velocity, energy, ballistic coefficient (BC), and trajectory characteristics.

The .50 BMG's massive size gives it substantial kinetic energy, often exceeding 13,000 foot-pounds at the muzzle with velocities around 2,800 feet per second (fps). Due to the large, heavy bullets, its ballistic coefficient is high, and its trajectory remains relatively flat over extreme distances, making it effective for very long-range shots.

The .338 Lapua's muzzle velocity is around 3,000 fps and delivers about 4,500 foot-pounds of energy at the muzzle. Its flatter trajectory and high BC make it an excellent choice for long-range shooting, with accuracy at distances of up to 1,500 yards.

And the .338 Lapua Magnum as we said, pushes the performance envelope further, with velocities reaching 3,200 fps and muzzle energy above 5,000 foot-pounds. Its extended effective range and increased energy make it ideal for extreme long-range applications, while maintaining good accuracy at distances greater than 1,500 yards.

Ballistic Coefficient Specs

Comparative Analysis			
Feature	.50 BMG	.338 Lapua	.338 Lapua Magnum
Recoil	Heavy	Moderate	Heavy
Ammunition Cost	Very expensive	Expensive	Expensive
Hunting Use	Not common (due to excessive power)	Excellent for large game	Excellent for dangerous game
Competition Use	Rare due to cost and recoil	Popular for long-range competition	Gaining popularity in long-range events
Sniping Use	Effective for anti-materiel	Effective for personnel and vehicles	Effective for personnel and vehicles
Rifle Weight	Heavy and bulky	Medium to heavy	Medium to heavy

The energy of a bullet decreases over distance due to air resistance, which can affect its ability to penetrate targets and deliver terminal effects. While all three rounds are high-powered, the .50 BMG has the advantage in raw energy, especially at longer ranges

where its retained velocity helps it maintain energy for penetration. The .338 Lapua and .338 Lapua Magnum, on the other hand, have a flatter trajectory, which aids in more precise aiming and easier adjustments for range.

What Do They Do?

The power and recoil of these rounds make them suitable for large game, but considerations must be made regarding the type of game being pursued. Smaller game or varmint hunting is im-

practical with these rounds due to over-penetration and excessive damage. terrain where distances can be long and can handle extremely large game, like Cape buffalo or bison.

In long-range shooting competitions, precision and accuracy are paramount, and the .338 Lapua and .338 Lapua Magnum are favorites due to their balance of performance and recoil management over the .50 BMG, which is powerful, is less favored due to its extreme recoil, cost, and specialized nature.

Ballistic Coefficient Specs			
	.50 BMG	.338 Lapua	.338 Lapua Magnum
Muzzle Velocity (fps)	2,800-3000	2,950-3,100	3,200
Effective Range (yards)	1,500-2000	1,200-1,500	1,800-2,000
Muzzle Energy (foot-pounds)	13,000-15,000	4,500	5,000-6,000

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The .50 BMG is best reserved for large, dangerous game, such as elephants or bears, where massive energy delivery is beneficial. However, the recoil and size of rifles chambered for this round make this round challenging to use in most hunting contexts.

The .338 Lapua is ideal for hunting large game such as elk, moose, and bear. The recoil is

Real World Use

Back from the range: while the .50 BMG is unparalleled in sheer power and anti-material applications, the .338 Lapua and .338 Lapua Magnum provide a better balance of accuracy, recoil management, and versatility across hunting, competition, and sniping applications. Each round has its place depending on the task at hand, but for most tactical and sporting applications, the .338 Lapua and .338 Lapua Magnum offer a practical solution with exceptional performance.

(Editor/GG: Partial to the big guy, Mr. 50. Very popular up on the Grade....)

Please see: <https://www.ammoland.com/2025/03/50-bmg-338-lapua-the-338-lapua-magnum-compared/>

KIDS & CELL PHONES from page 10

Surprisingly, neither diet quality nor sleep duration showed strong relationships with teen mental health in this study. This doesn't mean these factors aren't important for overall health—just that screen time and physical activity may have more direct impacts on adolescent mental well-being.

More Screen Time Should Mean More Physical Activity

For parents struggling with screen time battles, this research provides compelling evidence

for setting reasonable limits. The findings highlight that mobile device use specifically—more than television or computer time—warrants special attention. With smartphones and tablets become increasingly central to education and social connections, creating healthy boundaries becomes more challenging but potentially more important.

The study, published in JAMA Network Open, also emphasizes the value of supervised physical activities. Children who participated in more structured exercise from ages 6-15 showed fewer mental health problems in adolescence. It's all the more reason schools

and community programs aimed at promoting youth mental health should find more ways to get children moving.

Most revealing were the outcomes showing that teenagers with both low physical activity and high screen time had the worst mental health outcomes. This demonstrates that addressing either factor alone might not be as effective as a balanced approach that both limits screen time and increases physical activity.

Creating Healthier Digital Habits for Children

While conducted in Finland, the study's findings likely apply to

children in other developed countries with similar technology access patterns. As smart-phone use continues rising globally, understanding its potential psychological impact grows increasingly urgent.

For families navigating the complex digital landscape, this research offers practical guidance: limit screen time (especially on mobile devices), encourage regular physical activity (particularly supervised activities like sports), and remember that these choices may affect not just current behavior but long-term mental health.

Mental health professionals and

pediatricians may want to include screen time discussions in their preventive care conversations. Creating balanced digital environments and promoting consistent physical activity within supportive social contexts could become key strategies for protecting youth mental health.

Incorporating technology into children's lives at younger ages is understandably commonplace these days. But here's another study showing why childhood habits matter..

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Trump DOJ Allows Federal Gun Rights Restoration for First Time Since 1992

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—March 21, 2025

The Department of Justice (DOJ) has issued an Interim Final Rule removing the Attorney General’s delegation of authority to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) to process applications for relief from federal firearms disabilities under 18 U.S.C. 925(c).

This action follows more than three decades of Congressional funding restrictions that have rendered ATF unable to process individual applications.

The rule removes outdated regulations and is part of a broader review of firearm-related policies under Executive Order 14206 (Protecting Second Amendment Rights). Upon the interim final rule’s expected publication tomorrow, the DOJ will begin allowing individuals who are not “dangerous to public safety” to use the statute and petition to have their gun rights restored.

Background on Federal Firearms Disabilities and 18 U.S.C. § 925(c)

Under federal law, certain individuals are prohibited from possessing or acquiring firearms. These restrictions, commonly referred to as “firearms disabilities,” are outlined in 18 U.S.C. § 922(g) of the Gun Control Act of 1968 (GCA). The law bans firearm ownership for felons, individuals with certain mental health adjudications, those convicted of domestic violence misdemeanors, and others deemed ineligible.

However, 18 U.S.C. § 925(c) was designed to provide a mechanism for individuals subject to these restrictions to seek relief. The provision allows an individual to apply to the Attorney General (via the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives – ATF) for the restoration of their gun rights. To qualify, the applicant must prove that they are **not likely to endanger public safety** and that granting relief would **not be contrary to**

the public interest. If denied, the applicant has the right to seek judicial review.

Despite this legal pathway, Congress has blocked funding for the ATF to process these applications since 1992, effectively rendering § 925(c) useless for most individuals. This leaves alternative routes—such as state-level restoration processes, expungements, or presidential pardons—as the only viable options for those seeking to regain their Second Amendment rights.

The lack of enforcement of § 925(c) has long been a point of contention among gun rights advocates, who argue that a legitimate avenue for relief exists in federal law but remains inaccessible due to congressional inaction.

Key Points of the Rule Change:

- Since 1992, Congress has prohibited ATF from using funds to process gun rights restoration applications, making the statute obsolete.

- ATF will no longer handle individual firearm disability relief applications under 18 U.S.C. 925(c). DOJ will instead carry out the statute and process petitions for gun rights restoration.
- The DOJ rule goes into effect immediately upon publication and will simultaneously accept public comments on the rule before issuing a final version.
- Gun Owners of America remains committed to monitoring this process and ensuring that any future policies respect the constitutional rights of all law-abiding citizens.

Erich Pratt, Senior Vice President of Gun Owners of America, issued the following statement:

“For decades, law-abiding Americans who have had their gun rights unfairly restricted have been left in legal limbo—creating an unconstitutional de facto lifetime gun ban. This bureaucratic failure has denied thousands of individuals their lawful opportunity to restore their rights. The DOJ’s decision to finally

withdraw ATF’s authority in this matter is an encouraging sign that this administration is serious about protecting the Second Amendment for all Americans.”

Aidan Johnston, Director of Federal Affairs for Gun Owners of America, issued the following statement:

“Since its enactment in 1992, Gun Owners of America has fought against the ‘Schumer Amendment’ which defunded the federal gun rights restoration statute. GOA and thousands of would-be gun owners are grateful to President Trump and Attorney General Pam Bondi for once again allowing gun owners to petition to have their gun rights restored by the Department of Justice. We hope to see many more infringements repealed as the federal government carries out President Trump’s executive order Protecting Second Amendment Rights.”

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SMITH & WESSON M&P FPC Now Available in 10MM AUTO

by Duncan Johnson,
Editor, ammoland.com

Smith & Wesson Brands, Inc. (NASDAQ Global Select: SWBI), a leader in firearm manufacturing and design, is pleased to announce the release of the M&P FPC chambered in 10mm Auto.

The optics-ready FPC, now chambered in 10mm, utilizes a blowback design and is equipped with three 15-round double-stack M&P M2.0 pistol magazines. It features an integrated recoil buffer system, an overall length of 30 ¾ inches, and can fold to a compact length of 16 ¾ inches for easy storage. The horizontal folding mechanism of the FPC provides a locking latch to ensure secure transport and prevents interference with most top-mounted optics or accessories. Its 9/16-24 threaded muzzle can be paired with the user’s preferred suppressor,



while the in-stock magazine storage facilitates fast and efficient reloading.

The M&P FPC handguard features an upper Picatinny rail and M-LOK® slots for accessories, a flat-face trigger with a crisp break, and interchangeable palmwell grip inserts for comfort. It also includes a carrying bag with multiple storage compartments to keep components and accessories organized and secure. In addition to the new standard 10mm

model, Smith & Wesson now also offers a compliant version that shares the same feature set but includes three 10-rounds magazines.

Smith & Wesson M&P FPC 10MM Auto

For more information on the M&P FPC, visit www.smith-wesson.com

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There really was a time



when men drove in peace

America Wakes Up! Dem's Approval Collapses 20 Points in Four Years, As Trump Posts Career High

by Tyler Durden, ZeroHedge.com

Despite all the leftist and mainstream media wailing and gnashing of teeth about the new administration, fresh polling from two major mainstream news outlets paints a truly bleak picture for Democrats and a relatively rosy one for President Trump.

In the most striking read on the pulse of America, the Democratic Party's favorability rating has collapsed by a whopping 20 percentage points in just four years, and now stands at just 29%, according to CNN. That's the lowest in the history of CNN's poll, which goes back to 1992. NBC News had a similar reading: 27% positive against 55% negative. "In more than 30 years of this poll, we've never seen either party hit a number this low, in terms of negatives," said NBC's Steve Kornacki.

While it's different in degree, the dissatisfaction extends to Democrats themselves. Only 63% of Democrats and Dem-leaning independents view their own party favorably, and 52% say leaders are taking the party in the wrong direction. That compares to 79% of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents who give a thumbs-up to the GOP.

The sense that the Democratic Party is adrift is further reinforced by Democrats' lack of any consensus whatsoever about who "best reflects the core values" of the party. More than 30% drew a complete blank, while the top three people named by respondents were Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (10%), failed

presidential candidate Kamala Harris (9%) and Sen. Bernie Sanders (8%).

Readings for Republicans are much better. With the GOP now in control of the White House, Senate and House of Representatives, NBC News found 44% of registered voters think America is heading in the right direction -- the highest it's been since early 2004.

As Democrats hit a record-low in approval rating, Trump has tied his career-high approval rating, with 47% of registered voters content with his performance. That still leaves him with a net-negative, as 51% disapprove. That's lower than any of his four predecessors at this point in their terms, but higher than the 40% approval rating Trump posted in 2017. Then, only 50% of Republicans viewed Trump "very positively." That number has soared to 74% in this month's NBC poll.

Americans are coming around to Trump's approach to handling border security and immigration, with 55% approving and 43% disapproving. The Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) has a net-positive approval rating, with 46% saying it's a "good idea" compared to 40% who say it's a "bad idea." There's a major split about the future of DOGE: 33% say there's "much more to be done" while 33% say it's "reckless and should stop now." Elon Musk has a 51% negative-feelings rate, compared to 39% who feel positive about him.

Please see: <https://www.zerohedge.com/political/dems-approval-collapses-20-points-4-years-while-trump-posts-career-high>

(Editor/GG: Multiple studies have shown that conservative men and women are dramatically more attractive than their liberals/democrats counterparts. Absolute fact. Heck, just hang around the Post Office for a while and check out the hordes of ugly, lib, "childless cat ladies" and old, anorexic ex-hippy, red diaper baby "males" shuffling in and out. It looks like the movie, "The Night of the Living Dead". How they made any money being that ugly raises some serious questions....)

Please see: <https://studyfinds.org/attractive-workers-earn-more-pretty-privilege/>

US Border Patrol Significant Arrests

Press Release
US Border Patrol

—March 18, 2025

CHILD PREDATOR ROUNDUP

Over the past three weeks, USBP, ICE, and Monroe County Sheriff's Office conducted a major operation in the Florida Keys, leading to the arrest of 10 convicted sex offenders illegally present in the U.S. All

of the individuals have convictions for sex crimes against children, to include: Lewd and lascivious acts on a child, lewd and lascivious sexual battery, statutory sexual seduction, and solicitation of a child. They are now pending removal.

This operation underscores law enforcement's unwavering commitment to protecting our communities and ensuring that criminals have nowhere to hide

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People rated their workplace attractiveness on a scale of 1 to 10. For analysis, scores of 1-3 were labeled "unattractive," 4-6 as "average," 7-8 as "attractive," and 9-10 as "extremely attractive." The survey included 55.9% men, 43.0% women, 0.7% non-binary respondents, and 0.4% who preferred not to say. About 27.3% worked in hybrid arrangements, 37.1% worked in-person, and 35.5% worked remotely.

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Top: Center, Bishop Stephen Berg. Right of Berg is Father Stephen Injialu, left of Berg is Father Ed Wills. Also pictured are all the alter servers. Right: Fathers Wills and Injoalu spreading oil on the Alter



CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS

From page 4

place and all work completed, the new ambiance is focused totally on Our Lord Jesus and the Eucharist. There can be no mistake that this is truly a traditional Catholic Church.

On February 23rd, Bishop Stephen Berg came to consecrate the Altar as required in Catholic teachings and traditions. The impressive ceremony was highlighted by the Bishop pouring Holy Chrism, consecrated oil, on the marble topped Altar. Slowly and carefully he spread the oil with his hand throughout the entire surface of the Altar. With special prayers of dedication he blessed the Altar which becomes the platform upon which the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be performed. There is no greater prayer that pleases God the Father Almighty more than every Mass said on every Altar throughout the world.

After the Holy Mass offered by Bishop Berg and concelebrated by Father Stephen, Father Wills and assisted by Deacon Richard the Bishop expressed how pleased he was with the upgrading of the Church and thanked the parishioners for their support and teamwork in getting this all-important project funded and completed so well. He also thanked the Knights of Columbus for their cooperation and help. It was a truly memorable day at the Parish of Our Lady of the Assumption. A day devoted to the greater Glory of God. *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam. AMDG.*



Top:The Ambo from which the Priest Preaches. Bottom: Carved front panel of the Alter.



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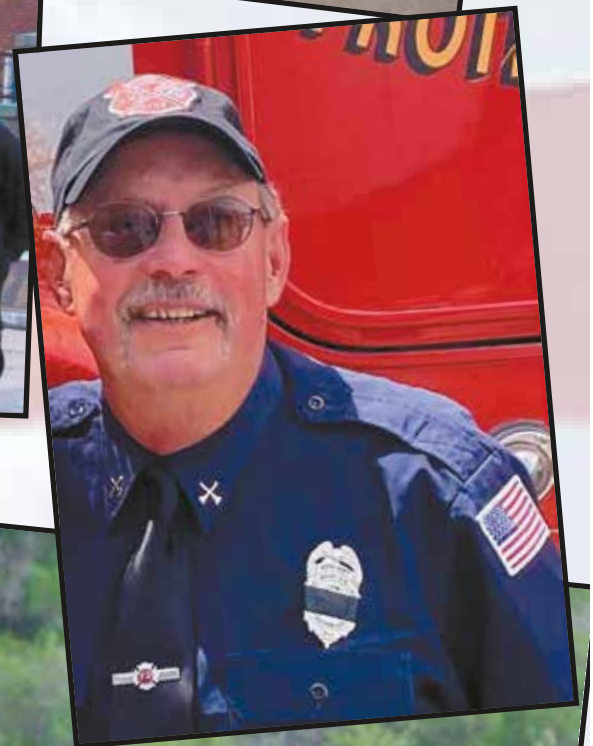
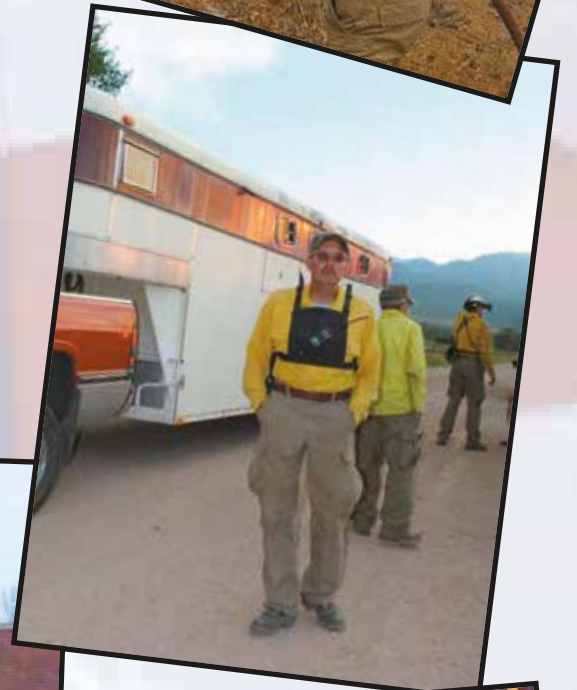
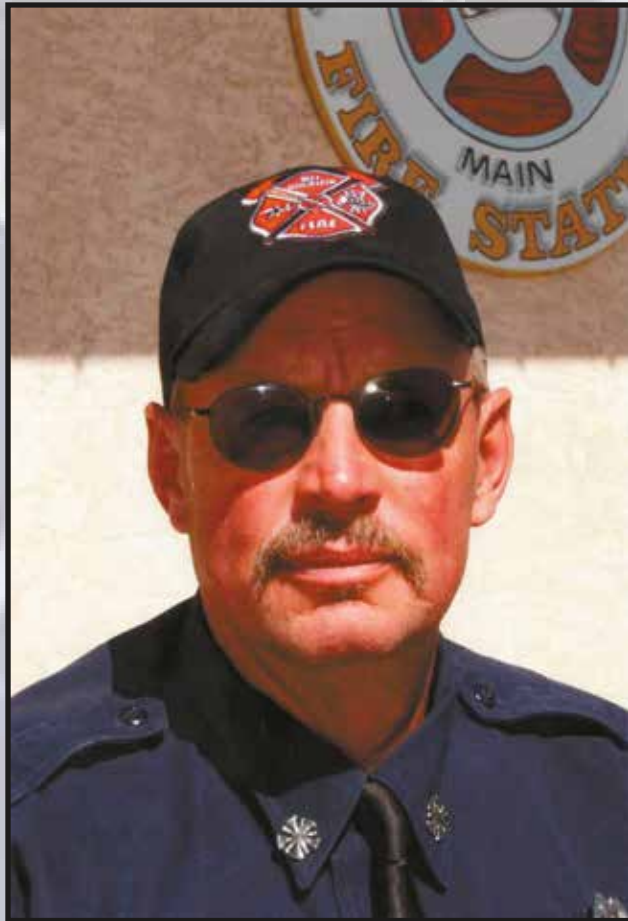
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