



“ Hi Yo Silver, Away!!!!” BOCC Rides to the Rescue Donates \$40k to Help Save Round Mtn’s Critical Project

by George Gramlich,
News and Commentary

This was a good’un. A plea for help. The “good” cowboys coming to the rescue. Peace in the Valley. We need more of these happy episodes in the continuing Happy Valley drama.

Here it is:

Background: Our Round Mountain Water & Sanitation District (Round Mtn) was given the ok by the Colorado deep state to proceed with their last chance attempt to put in a low cost, but highly effective, waste treatment process at its current site. The state had mandated Round Mtn to replace its out-of-compliance treatment system with a new one. As the cost of a traditional solution was in the neighborhood of \$15 million, there was no way Round Mtn could afford that. Round Mtn; District

Manager, Dave Schneider, discovered a treatment process that was originally used to treat mine waste and was being used by two municipal waste treatment facilities in other states. It was revolutionary and a fraction of the cost to install here. Dave researched it and asked the state for an ok to use it. After years of wrangling, they finally gave the nod but said Round Mtn had to install it in 180 days. Which is kind of short. (Note the State of Colorado can take forever to put in a sidewalk, but our poor rural counties have to jet stream their projects.)

In order to install the system, Round Mtn had to remove the 30 years of accumulated sludge at the bottom of its sedimentary lagoons. There was only one company in Colorado that had the proper equipment to do that, Denali Water Systems, and they gave Round Mtn a bid of \$300k to

retrieve the sludge and apply it as fertilizer on local land. Dave said Denali estimated that to haul it out of the county would cost an additional \$600k and up. A local ranch in the Valley, the “Johnson Ranch” was selected for the local application. After deleting setbacks and other considerations the amount of land available to application was 80 acres. The estimated amount of sludge was 1.2 million gallon or 200 truckloads at 6,000 gallons per load. A pretty heavy load for just 80 acres.

This news got out and there was an uproar of condemnation. (Read our previous articles.) The Custer County Board of County Commissioners called a special meeting so Round Mtn and Denali could present the plan to

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‘Crossed the Rubicon’: Colorado House Passes Bill Treating As Child Abuse, Dissent from Transgender Orthodoxy

by Tyler O’Neil, The Daily Signal

The Colorado House of Representatives passed a bill Sunday that would remove kids from parents’ custody for behaviors like “misgendering” and “dead-naming” after Democrats cited the Southern Poverty Law Center to justify excluding parental rights groups from discussion on the bill.

The bill, HB 1312, passed with 36 votes in favor, 20 against, and nine absent in a largely party-line vote. One Democrat, Bob Marshall, voted against the bill.

The Colorado House of Representatives has 43 Democrats and 22 Republicans.

Rep. Jarvis Caldwell, a Republican, accused the House Democrats of silencing debate on the issue because they knew their position is unpopular.

“After preventing us from the ability to debate, Colorado House Democrats rammed through HB 1312,” Caldwell told *The Daily*

Signal in a statement Monday. “It’s codifying into law that if their ideology confuses your child, and you don’t affirm that delusion, you’re committing child abuse and can lose custody of your child.”

“We have now crossed the Rubicon of parental rights with this bill,” he added.

Caldwell noted that the Democrat majority invoked Rule 16, which calls the question and ends debate, leading to a vote. “I believe they did this to silence us because they know how much negative attention this has been getting nationwide,” he said in a video message Sunday.

Comparing Parents to the KKK

The bill has garnered nationwide attention after Rep. Yara Zokaie, a Democrat, compared parental rights groups to the Ku Klux Klan in a hearing on the bill last week.

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Jena Griswold to Use Powers for Evil, Announces Attorney General Bid

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

Jena Griswold signaled Monday she intends to use her powers for further evil by pursuing the Democrat nomination to become Colorado’s next attorney general.

More of Griswold in any elected office let alone as the chief law enforcement officer is exactly what Coloradans don’t need.

She’s made a wreck of the Secretary of State’s office as evidenced by the leaked password scandal right before the presidential General Election in November. And, that time she mailed voter registration letters to 30,000 people who were in this country illegally.

And now she wants more power to screw up our state.

If elected, Griswold would also be the state’s chief propaganda officer in charge of defining misinformation to “prevent and combat the sharing and spreading of factually inaccurate data.”

PeakNation™ will recall that’s the state law passed by our Democrat-controlled legislature and signed by Gov. Polis last summer. No good will come of it under Griswold’s watch.



She is a melodramatic princess with a voracious appetite for revenge. Griswold would be a waking nightmare as attorney general.

Even the Democrats don’t like her, as evidenced by this ongoing poll by a Denver activist on X.

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the King of Israel that
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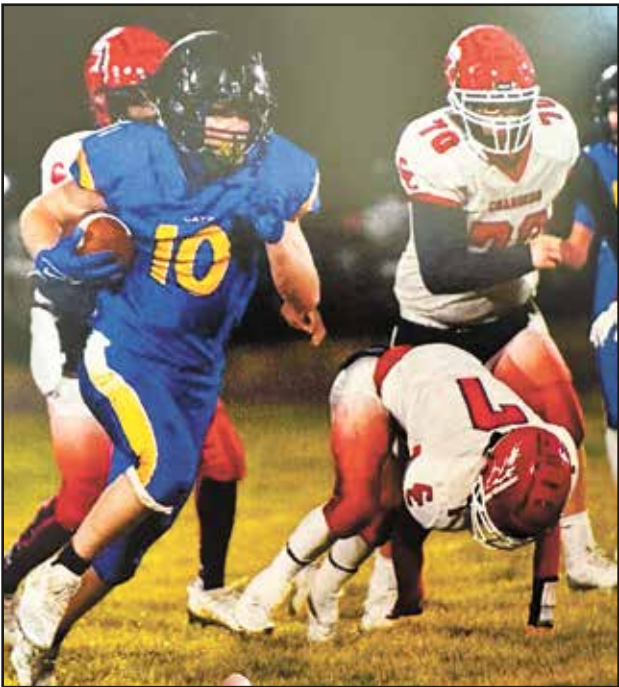
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Custer Student Pursues Football, Signs with Tabor College



Action Photos by Lea Grundy



On April 3rd, we gathered to celebrate a historic moment for Custer County: Wyatt Grundy's signing to play football for Tabor College! This achievement marks a remarkable milestone as Wyatt becomes the first student from our community to pursue college football in 15 years.

We couldn't be more proud of Wyatt's dedication, perseverance, and passion for the sport. His journey is an inspiration to us all, and we wish him the very best as he embarks on this exciting new chapter.

Congratulations, Wyatt! You're not just representing yourself; you're making your community proud. We can't wait to see the incredible things you'll achieve at Tabor College!



Right to Left: Mark Grundy, Dad, Assistant Coach; Aundrea McCormick, High School Principal, Athletic Director; Wyatt Grundy; Clayton Stallones, Head Coach; Lea Grundy, Mom, Reggie Foster, President of the School Board; Alexis Grundy, Sister.

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Oak Creek Grade Fire Department Congratulates Six New Firefighters

In a joint training exercise with Wet Mountain Fire Protection District in Westcliffe on March 28th and 29th, the Oak Creek Grade Volunteer Fire Department was able to certify six new firefighters, and recertify one firefighter. After many hours of study online and in-person, the new firefighters were able to participate in live training on the finer points of controlling a fire.

Oak Creek Grade Fire Department is located approximately 18 miles south of Cañon City, on Oak Creek Grade, encompassing the area from the Stultz Trailhead to the Custer County line. Informally in existence for many years, the department called itself a Brigade where residents came together to assist in fighting fires as a community. In 2018, the department formally incorporated and is striving for professional status today.

Assistant Chief, Rick Madrigal, one of the newly certified members, proud-



New Firefighters, Chip Doxzon, Assistant Chief Rick Madrigal, Tony Edwards, Briana Waggoner, Tyler Waggoner, Board President Bob Vanatta. Not pictured: Jerry Madrigal.

ly stated, "I'm really excited about the direction our department is on and the success we have made."

"We are grateful to Wet Mountain for allowing us to certify with them", Rick added.

OAGVFD Board President, Bob Vanatta, has years of

experience as a first responder in medical and fire, and was able to recertify for the department. "I have been with the department for about 1-1/2 years and have seen a great change in the attitude of the department. Rick's team accepted the challenge and did a great job. Assistant Chief Rick Madrigal did

an excellent job spearheading the effort".

If you are in need of assistance in the Oak Creek Grade Fire Department community, call 911. For further information, check out our website, <http://oakcreekgradebrigade.com/>, or call Rick at 719-557-2925.

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Gallery, 59000 Hwy 69, Westcliffe, CO. Register online at sangresguild.org and click on "Events". The cost is \$25 for SAG members and \$30 for non-members, supplies are included.

Selected to Receive Grant Funds: Colorado Open Lands, 4-H, Historic Pines Ranch

Press Release

WESTCLIFFE, Colorado

The Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of the 3rd Youth in Philanthropy Initiative grant. The Women Helping Others grant was fully funded by women in the Wet Mountain Valley and designed to support initiatives that directly impact individuals' lives.

The grant recipients of the Women Helping Others grant were The Pines Ranch, Colorado Open Lands and 4-H.

The Pines Ranch received \$2,500 to assist with the new "Caregiver Cafe" program. Colorado Open Lands received \$1,500 to help offset the cost of the Juniper Series - Women in Ranching program. 4-H received \$1,000 for the Livestock Scholarship, which covers the entry fee for lamb, goat, and swine clinics for those young women who are selected from their scholarship application.

The purpose of the Youth in Philanthropy Initiative is not only to provide grant funds to local nonprofit organizations but also to introduce and teach young

adults in our community about philanthropy and grant processes.

The WMVCF's Youth in Philanthropy Initiative is currently accepting applications for the Art in the Valley: Rebecca's Fund Grant. Applications can be completed online at <http://wmvcf.org/youth-in-philanthropy/> or obtained by emailing Dr. Jennifer Howerton, WMVCF Managing Director, at director@wmvcf.org.

The deadline for the Art in the Valley Grant is May 4, 2025.

Hanme Clark Motions Hearing, March 31, 2025

by George Gramlich

There was another Motions Hearing in the Hanme Clark alleged triple homicide case last Tuesday, March 31st, at the Custer County Courthouse. Our new 11th Judicial District District Judge Lauren Swan presided. Defense was led by Attorney McCabe and the Prosecution was headed up by our District Attorney, Jeff Lindsay. The hearing started at 10:30 a.m. to about 11:45 a.m. and resumed at 1 p.m.

The hearing involved two parts. The first was a "reopening" of the Preliminary Hearing (that was held a few months ago) to re-examine several witnesses from the first Preliminary Hearing. This was requested by the Defense as they stated that they have received evidence from the Prosecution after the initial Preliminary Hearing that could have impacted how they examined the witnesses. This request was granted by Judge Swan in the last hearing.

The Defense had Sheriff Smith recount the events of that tragic day from the first phone call at his home until the next day. Smith said that he, Deputy Sabato, Coroner Brad Baltzly and Assistant Coroner Nikita Phillips arrived at the Oak Creek Grade scene. They put on their body armor, grabbed their AR15's and medical supplies and cautiously, first driving a bit, and then dismounting, down the private road to the crime scene. They did not know if the perpetrator was in the vicinity or not. They retrieved the only survivor and transported her back to Oak Creek Grade where ambulances were waiting. They then waited for the Fremont County SWAT team to arrive to help secure the site. Based on the Defense Counsel's questions, Smith went into a lot of detail regarding the crime scene and their interaction with the lone survivor.

The next witness to be called by the Defense was the surveyor, William Bechaver, who was hired by the Geers family to survey

the disputed boundary between them and the Herbal Wellness Gardens property associated with the defendant, Clark. Mr. Bechaver told of Mr. Clark approaching the Geers/Dalton couples and subsequent events leading to the deaths of three of them and the severe wounding of Mrs. Dalton. Mr. Bechaver ran from the scene for help after the first shot was fired.

The last person called for testimony was then Custer County Deputy Jason Sabato. He also told his account of that day.

The second part of the hearing concerned several evidence-related motions the Defense made primarily concerning alleged late or missing evidence. Judge Swan took one motion under advisement for a later ruling and ruled on the second in favor of the Prosecution.

In closing, with regards to the reopened Preliminary Hearing, Judge Swan ruled that there was sufficient evidence and probable cause for the case to proceed to trial.



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Custer County's Students Explore and Learn in Costa Rica

Press Release

Eight days in Costa Rica provided hands-on lessons for eighteen of Custer County's high school aged students. The education travel program is not district sponsored but is led by middle school English teacher, Heather Ramer. Both homeschooled and district students were part of this cultural learning experience.

The students learned about the Costa Rican ecosystem through a kayaking tour, volcano and rainforest hikes. Fun fact: for several years the kayaking tour leader has challenged every one of his tour groups to a race back to the boat barn. For the first time ever, he was beaten by Custer County high school juniors, Doc McCoy and Grant Rusk! The students were also praised as a group for their good manners and kindness to each other and the guides.

A visit to a Costa Rican elementary school is a favorite memory for many of the students. The classrooms were small and sparse, with worn wooden desks and minus technology. Custer County Senior Reagan Hatfield said, "It was an amazing experience to be able to witness and immerse our-

selves in a different culture that makes you think about how privileged we all are."

The students also enjoyed a hands-on experience with Costa Rican foods. They helped grind sugar cane and made their own candy. They made their own tortillas and empanadas and marveled at the deliciousness of their creations. They tasted the freshness of Costa Rican coffee. "I have never tasted such delicious pineapple," said Custer County Junior Alexis Grossardt. These are the multisensory learning experiences that make a real difference in a student's future.

Exposure to monkeys, sloths, snakes and other Costa Rican native animals and birds were an exciting first time experience. Ziplining and a gondola ride along the treetops provided a different view of the country. A river crocodile tour included a discussion and real time view of plastics and how they are impacting our environment and the health of all living creatures. Students were encouraged to be more mindful of and care for the world we inhabit. No matter which continent we may reside.

These trips were born from Ramer's

love of learning outside of the classroom. She wanted to share the fun and positive impacts of this type of learning with the students in Custer County. She believes these are the experiences that build confidence and help students grow in immeasurable ways. Understanding the intrinsic value of cultural experiences and also the price tag, Ramer partnered with the Education Legacy Fund (ELF) three years ago to help bring the costs down and make the students share more attainable for Custer County's students.

Students who participate in the trip are required to donate 20 hours of service to our community. Ramer believes that it is important for her student travelers to give back to the community that supports their learning. Students, whether homeschooled or district educated in 9-12 grades are eligible to participate. Once Ramer receives confirmation of funding assistance for the next trip she will reveal the next location and hold an informational meeting. Homeschooler Brandon Richardson says we should end this story with his favorite Costa Rican saying, "Pura Vida"! Enjoy Life!

See pages 12-13 for photos of their adventure.

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Letter to the Editor Fertilizer in the 70's

Just had to respond a bit on human waste on the land. Back in the 70's I lived in Colorado Springs. The "movers and shakers" decided human waste would be great fertilizer and they began putting it on people's lawns all over the city. I don't really know if it was dangerous or not, but it was great fertilizer and the lawns with that on them flourished very well. The only big complaint most were talking about was this: Tomato plants would spring up all over the

yards using it. It seems tomato seeds pass right through the human gut and soon sprout. Seemed funny at the time. Now keep in mind, this was not farm land being treated. this was everybody's front and back yards where all the little children normally played. I think these days the kids would be safe as they don't go outside to play anymore. Just stay on their phones trying to become couch potatoes. (Maybe "couch tomatoes"?)

Now I'd like to comment on our

new wood chipper that comes with a "qualified" operator. I sure am glad they bought that instead of say, paving/chipping the dusty streets of Silver Cliff. Thanks a lot commissioners, (Guardians of our tax moneys.) Who doesn't love runny sinuses and watery eyes from road dust, and don't forget the rock mining dust up in our breathing air from sun up to sun down. You guys are rockin it for sure.

Frank Searight, Silver Cliff

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the people. Save for one person, all the citizens who spoke were against it. Based on the feedback, Dave asked Denali for another estimate on hauling the sludge out of the county and Denali came back with \$98k (which is a bunch less than the previous estimates). Round Mtn didn't have that much and asked for help.

The BOCC responded with holding a special meeting at the emergency services building April 3, 2025 at 1 p.m. A fair amount of citizens showed. On the Agenda was how to help Round Mtn get this done. In other words, money.

All three Commissioners were present: Chair Bill Canda and members Lucas Epp and Paul Vogelsong.

Canda was clearly charged up. He opened the meeting with a pretty good "rah rah" speech about how the whole county, not just the Round Mtn District, is involved in this. He noted that "everybody in the county has contributed to the sludge in the lagoon" and "we are in a crisis", "looking for the best answer". The retired Air Force Colonel was in stride, "Without Round Mtn this place would be a

desert" emphasizing the financial impact the failure of the project would be not only for the two towns in the District, but for all the rest of the peasants in the county. Canda said he invited the two town majors, the school superintendent and the fire district to attend. Canda asked everybody, "Why didn't we help them sooner". He finished saying the BOCC is considering donating "county money to Round Mountain to help solve this problem". With that, he turned the meeting over to Dave Schneider.

Dave briefly reviewed the whole history of the project. Dave said after the special meeting last Thursday, that he "didn't want to get into a war" with the citizens over dumping the sludge on the Valley floor. He said after the meeting he asked Denali "to sharpen their pen" with regards to a quote to haul the stuff out of the county. Dave said he was "pleasantly surprised" when Denali came back with a quote of only \$98.6K to haul it out of here. Dave noted they could only come up with about \$58k and needed \$40k more to do the deal. He said he contacted Commissioner Epp for help with this. Thus, this special BOCC meeting.

Canda then opened the floor for discussion. Westcliffe Town Mayor Paul Wenke stated, "What are you asking

from us". Canda said how about \$5k? Wenke responded positively with, "I think we have the funds to do that".

Dave Schneider said they have let Denali know by the middle of next week due to scheduling issues. He said if I get the verbal ok here that is all I need to give the go sign.

One citizen suggested a GoFund-Me effort. Another citizen suggested a citizen fundraising committee be formed to raise money. These suggestions were basically rejected due to the time schedule.

Dave then went into some the desperate efforts Round Mtn is going through now to treat is sewage and those actions will not last for long. After that, big problems.

Epp suggested that the County take \$40k out of the LATCF grant it got a few years ago (with \$385k still left). Canda agreed. A motion was made to do just that. Resolution 25-25 was voted on and all three Commissioners voted for it, so it passed.

So, it looks like a go for Round Mtn's project. We will keep you posted on the progress.

(Some will ask in the future, who were those masked men who voted for this....)

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Recurring Events

Mondays
10 a.m. Pickle Ball Silver Cliff Mem.Park (SCMP)
More info: lizbrannen@gmail.com
6 -7:30 p.m. Men’s Bible Meeting (The Bible and X) w/ Scott Munger. at First Baptist Church.
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
6 – 7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
Community United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
Children Welcome. colobamanana@yahoo.com

Tuesdays
12 noon – 1 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (CLDS)
“As Bill Sees It” St. Luke’s, 3rd & Rosita in W/C.
Call Martha at 719-371-1853.

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
Liberty Rocks TUESDAY Meet/greet &order 5:30 p.m. Presentation 6 p.m. Location Tony’s Pizza All welcome.

Wednesdays
8 -9 a.m. Veterans Coffee Social, Veterans and Caregivers welcome. West Custer County Library Community Rm., 209 Main St. Westcliffe
9:30 – 11 a.m. Line Dancers meet at United Methodist Church, 204 S 6th St. Call Debbie Underwood at (432) 553-7483.

9:45-11:30 a.m. The Posse Ladies Bible Study @Sangre de Cristo Fellowship, 120 Jerry Dr. Westcliffe. Holly 703-338-4100 or Rene at 719-371-7076

10 a.m. Pickle Ball (SCMP) info: lizbrannen@gmail.com
6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (CLSD) Big Book Study at St. Luke’s, 3rd & Rosita, Westcliffe. Martha at 719-371-1853.

6 p.m. Prayer Group Meeting. First Baptist Church of Westcliffe. Call 719-783-2498.

First Thursday of the Month
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Comfort Quilters, FBC (log bldg next to the church) 417 S. 6th St. Contact Delores at 719-371-1451.

2nd Thursday of the Month
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

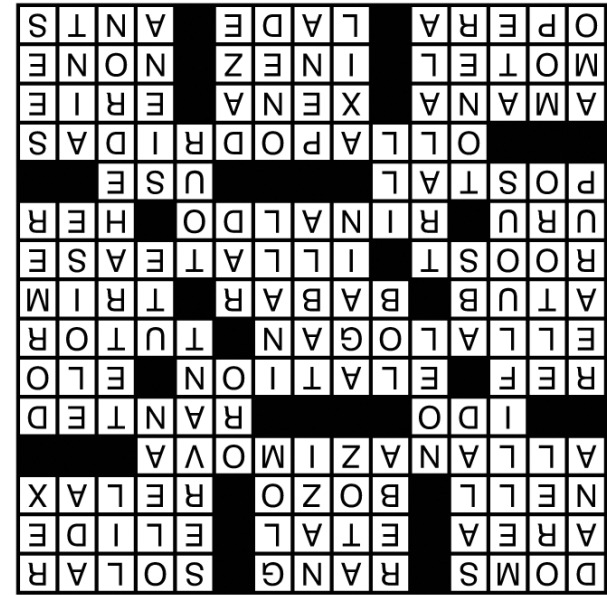
3rd Thursday of the Month
2 p.m. Round Mt Water District Meeting.

Fridays
10 a.m. Pickle Ball Silver Cliff Memorial Park
More info: lizbrannen@gmail.com
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
10 a.m. Wet Mountain Al-Anon Family Group meets at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. Call Dee (719) 404-1851 or Jean (719) 371-1229.

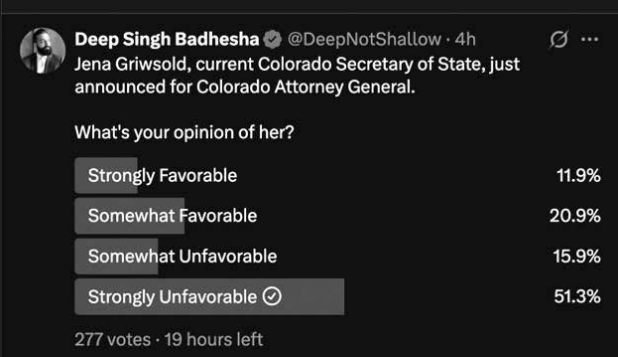
3rd Saturday of Month
8 a.m. Valley Bible Fellowship Men’s Breakfast Open to all Men of the Community, 116 Hermit Lane, Silver Cliff
Questions, **Mike @ 719-650-0362**
1 p.m. VFW meeting at Cliff Lanes Conference Room, Post Commander Burt Daniels 719-783-3050



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The qualification she’s flouting to serve as Colorado’s attorney general is that she hates Trump.

He**, every Democrat elected official in the state hates Trump, that doesn’t make them [qualified] to be attorney general.



What next? Democrats announcing their intention to run for governor because they know how to sign their name on every misguided bill passed by the inept Democrat legislature?

Has Colorado really sunk so low that voters would even consider putting Griswold in charge of equal protection under the law?

She doesn’t even meet the basic job description, which is to promote open and accountable governance and the highest level of ethical legal services to the state.

She has no interest in advocating for

policies that help law enforcement protect Coloradans from criminals, or the state from any legal challenge — unless it’s from a Republican.

Jena’s running on a revenge tour to help pile on lawsuits against the Trump administration using Colorado’s limited government budget.

And while many Democrats want to see Trump suffer, even if it’s at the country’s expense, surely, they want an attorney general who is dedicated to doing the actual job for Coloradans, which is this:



Please see: https://coloradopeakpolitics.com/2025/04/07/jena-griswold-to-use-powers-for-evil-announces-attorney-general-bid/

Custer Senior Center Menu

Monday, April 14
#96 Tahitian Chicken
Seasoned Green Beans
Brown Rice
Salad w/Lite Italian, Apple
WW Bread w/Butter

Tuesday, April 15
#59 Macaroni & Cheese
Salad w/Lite Italian
Asparagus
Banana
WW Bread w/Butter

Thursday, April 17
#4 Baked Ham w/Raisin Sauce
Sweet Potatoes
Green Bean Amandine
Cranberry Mold, Pecan Pie
WW Dinner Roll

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10:30 a.m. Worship
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Pres: 719/214-4589

Cody Park Community Church
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Bible Study
Tues. 8:30 a.m., Prayer Mtg.
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

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11 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Wedn. Bible Study
Pastor Steve Holcomb@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
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10:45 a.m. Sunday School
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7 p.m.: Thursday Bible Study
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10 a.m. Wednesday Mass
5:30 p.m. Thursday Mass
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Praise & Worship 10:45 a.m.
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11:30 a.m. Fellowship
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11 a.m. Worship
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also on Facebook
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9:30 a.m. Service
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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
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10 a.m. Worship
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April 19 10 a.m.
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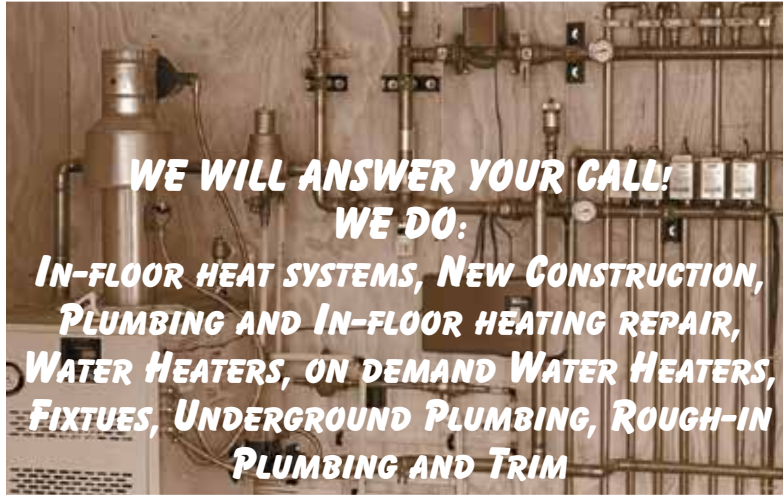
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Local Mountain News & Notices

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Friday, April 11, 2025
Utah



Utah is a land locked state in the western part of the United States of America. It is one of the corner states sharing a border with Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico. At the point where all four of these states join you can actually place your hands and feet, one in each of the four states.

In comparison to the other states, it is the 13th largest by area, the 30th most populous, and the 11th least densely populated. It became a state on January 4, 1896, becoming the 45th state to join the union. The state flower is the sego lily which stands for peace.

Utah is home to some stunning natural landmarks. In Utah’s Arches National Park more than 2,000 natural sandstone arches can be found. In the past, hikers who have discovered undocumented arches have been given the honor of getting to name them.

In 1824, Jim Bridger became the first English speaking person to discover the Great Salt Lake. Because of its size he thought he had reached the Pacific Ocean. This lake contains between 4.5 and 4.9 billion tons of dissolved salt. The parts of the lake with the highest salt content are nearly nine times saltier than the ocean ergo the name.

The capital of Utah is Salt Lake City, due to its proximity to the Great Salt Lake. Kane County, Utah is known as “Little Hollywood” because it has served as the backdrop for many Westerns like “Stagecoach”, “The Lone Ranger”, and “Gunsmoke”.

The Utahraptor, one of the largest raptors ever known to exist, at around 18 feet long, was discovered in Utah and named after the state. Remains of other dinosaurs have turned up in the state also.

According to the state’s license plates, Utah boasts “The Greatest Snow on Earth.” Supposedly the snow is lighter and drier than what’s found in other states. Research shows that this may not be unique to this state alone.

One last little nugget about Utah is the town of Levan (which is “navel” spelled backwards) is located in the middle of the Utah. According to local lore, the town got its name because it sits at what would be the bellybutton of the state.

Well, I hope you enjoyed this week’s trip to Utah. Join me next week for another state’s idiosyncrasies.

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Friday, April 4:

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Grant Rusk: 5th in the High Jump, 6th in the Triple Jump, 13th in the Long Jump

Levi Carichner: 6th in the 400m, 17th in the 100m

Robert Bachman: 7th in the 400m, 10th in the Triple Jump

Hayden Hampton: 8th in the 100m, 11th in the Triple Jump

Reagan Shank: 8th in the 200m, 17th in the 100m

Liz Ergo: 10th in the 300m Hurdles, 13th in the 100m Hurdles, 15th in the 100m

Miranda Benoit: 9th in the 1600m, 11th in the 800m

Chris Mullett: 10th in Discus, 10th in Shot Put

Saturday, April 5:

HS Track Celebrations from Warren Mitchell Invitational @ Limon: 22 teams in attendance:

Levi Carichner: 1st in the 200m, 4th in the 100m, 10th in the Long Jump

Grant Rusk: 1st in the High Jump, 2nd in the Triple Jump, 4th in the Long Jump

Mason Stover: 2nd in the 3200m, 4th in the 1600m

Liz Ergo: 3rd in the 300m Hurdles, 4th in the 100 Hurdles, 11th in the 100m

Girls 4x400m Relay: Miranda, Lily, Reagan, Hayden: 3rd Place

Hayden Hampton: 5th in the 100m, 6th in the 200m, 8th in the Triple Jump

Miranda Benoit: 5th in the 1600m

Robert Bachman: 6th in the Triple Jump, 7th in the 400m

Chris Mullett: 5th in Shot Put, 6th in the Discus

Reagan Shank: 9th in the 100m

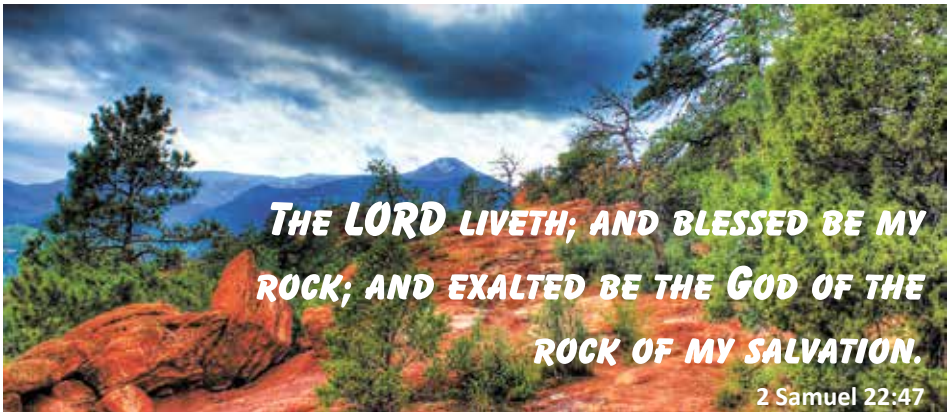
Layna Jones: 11th in the Triple Jump

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Monday, April 7:

HS Baseball vs ECA: 19-4, loss



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ROCK; AND EXALTED BE THE GOD OF THE
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2 Samuel 22:47

Tony's Player of the Week

Press Release
Custer County Public Health

—April 2, 2025

As of March 31st, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment have confirmed a case of measles in an unvaccinated adult Pueblo, Colorado resident. The individual recently traveled to an area of Mexico experiencing an ongoing measles outbreak.

Anyone who was in the following locations during the dates listed may have been exposed to measles and should monitor for symptoms for 21 days after exposure and consider avoiding public gatherings or high-risk settings. Monitoring for symptoms is especially critical for people who are not vaccinated with the MMR vaccine.

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Southern Colorado Clinic
109 S Burlington Drive, Pueblo West, CO
81007 March 22nd - 1:30 – 4:30 PM

South Side Walmart (*particularly those
who were in or near the pharmacy)
4080 W. Northern Ave. Pueblo, CO 81005
March 22 - 2:30 - 5 PM

If you were at one of these locations during the exposure window and develop symptoms, immediately contact your health care provider by phone.

If you do not have a provider, call an urgent care center or emergency department and explain that you may have been exposed

to measles. Calling ahead can help prevent additional exposures!

The measles, an airborne, extremely contagious, and potentially severe rash illness. Measles is often spread over times of high travel (like spring break).

Know the symptoms:

Measles symptoms typically appear 7-21 days after exposure and include:

- A high fever (may spike to more than 104°F).
- Cough.
- Runny nose.
- Red, watery eyes.
- Rash (3-5 days after other symptoms begin).

* If you develop these symptoms, stay away from others as much as possible and contact your health care provider immediately. Health care providers caring for a patient suspected to have measles should contact the state or local public health agency immediately. CDPHE can be reached at 303-692-2700, or after hours 303-370-9395 (evenings, holidays, weekends).

The best way to protect yourself is through vaccination. The MMR vaccine is highly effective in preventing measles, providing about 93% protection after one dose and about 97% protection after two doses. The MMR vaccine is available for no or low-cost at CCPHA, doctor's offices, and some pharmacies.

If unsure of your vaccination status or have other measles related questions, call the Custer County Public Health Agency (719-783-3369).

This week-- we select Levi Carichner as our athlete of the week for HS Track and Field. Levi always has the best attitude. He is easily one of the most genuine students and athletes we have. He will put a smile on your face and is one of the kindest souls. He thanks his coaches almost everyday, even on the hardest workout days. He is thoughtful, hardworking and positive. Levi's performance this weekend was outstanding! He placed in the 400m Dash on his first ever time running it. He was the 200m champion at the Limon meet as well as placing in the 100m. Keep up the awesome work! We are proud of you!

—Coach Joy Parrish

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The Fix Is In to Repeal Colorado's Taxpayer Bill of Rights

by Glenn K. Beaton,
The Aspen Beat

Back in 1992, the citizens of Colorado passed an amendment to the state constitution to limit tax increases. They called it the Taxpayer Bill of Rights, or TABOR.

TABOR did not eliminate taxes, nor did it prohibit tax increases. Instead, it merely limited tax increases to the rate of inflation plus the population growth of the state.

Even those limits can be exceeded by a mere majority of the voters of the jurisdiction seeking to exceed it. If the voters of Colorado want to raise the state income tax rate, for example, they can do so with a simple majority vote in the next election. Likewise, if the citizens of a municipality want to raise the city sales tax, they can do so by a simple majority vote in the next election.

The people of Colorado love TABOR. That's true even now, when Colorado is a solid blue state with a Democrat governor, a Democrat majority in the state legislature, an all-Democrat state Supreme Court, and a population that voted for Kamala Harris by an 11-point margin.

But the Democrat establishment hates TABOR, and it's not just because it has the dreaded "Bill of Rights" phrase in its name. They hate it because it accomplishes its objective – it limits tax increases that are not approved by the citizens being taxed. Democrats want taxes to go up far faster than inflation and population growth, and they want it to happen without the OK of the voters.

Democrats have tried to repeal TABOR, have tried to challenge TABOR in court, and have tried various work-arounds, all unsuccessfully.

But Democrats might succeed with their latest challenge. The Democrat-controlled legislature is passing a resolution call-ing for the legislature as an entity to sue the state for a court declaration that TABOR is a violation of the U.S. Constitution. The purported violation is that TABOR runs afoul of the Constitutional mandate that states be run by a "republican" form of government. That's "republican" with a small "r."

A "republican" form of government is one where the people elect representatives to pass laws, as distinguished from a direct "democracy" where the people themselves pass the laws. The Democrats contend that a system where people have the right to approve or disapprove tax increases by direct vote, is not a "republican" government, and therefore is in violation of the U.S. Constitution.

Note the irony. The Democrats are suing on the grounds that the Constitution prohibits a democratic form of government and mandates instead a republican one.

Whatever the semantics, the Democrats have a lousy argument. But the fix is in.

You see, the plaintiff in this lawsuit will be the state legislature which, as mentioned, is controlled by Democrats. Fair enough.

But the defendant in the lawsuit will be the State of Colorado – which is

also controlled by Democrats. In fact, the attorneys who will represent the state in a purported "defense" of TABOR are the Colorado Attorney General's Office. That office is an elected position, and is currently held by a declared Democrat who ran as one.

In short, to get TABOR thrown out, the Democrats are bringing a collusive political lawsuit against other Democrats. One set of Democrats sues a second set of Democrats, and the second set pretends to defend the suit. Wink-wink.

It gets worse. The federal district court in Colorado where this case would be heard is comprised of mainly Democrat appointees. Five of the seven active judges were appointed by Joe Biden.

The final insult is that the taxpayers will pay the legal fees for both sides of this farcical suit. Because the plaintiff legislature is a state entity, the state will pay for its lawyers. Because the defendant state is also obviously a state entity, the state will also pay for its lawyers. Although the Colorado Attorney General's Office which will pretend to "defend" the lawsuit may not do so vigorously, it will certainly run up a healthy legal bill.

Last time this happened, the state spent over half a million dollars on lawyers, just for representing one side of the case. This time, the state will pay for the lawyers on both sides, and lawyer rates are higher now.

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Colorado Dems Push Resolution to Sue Over TABOR

by Derek Draplin,
The Center Square

(The Center Square) – Colorado Democrats are looking to challenge the constitutionality of the Taxpayer’s Bill of Rights in court again.

A joint resolution introduced this week, if passed, would require the Committee on Legal Services to hire legal counsel and file a lawsuit over TABOR on behalf of the General Assembly.

TABOR, which was added to the state constitution after voters passed it in 1992, requires voter approval for all proposed tax increases. It also reins in state spending by limiting revenue growth to inflation plus the rate of population growth. Any revenue surplus must be refunded to taxpayers under the constitutional amendment.

Democrats have long pointed to TABOR for the state’s budget woes. Joint Budget Committee Chair Jeff Bridges, D-Greenwood Village, on Thursday pointed to TABOR after the Senate passed the state’s \$43.9 billion budget bill and dealt with a \$1.2 billion deficit.

“This is a budget that no one is happy with but that everyone can be proud of,” he said in a statement. “Thanks to the rationing equation in TABOR, the Joint Budget Committee faced difficult decisions that resulted in painful tradeoffs. But unlike Washington, we made these cuts thoughtfully, strategically and with bipartisan support. We eliminated dozens

of programs and invested those savings in public education and public safety and public lands.”

“It’s not a perfect budget, but it’s responsible and responsive to our TABOR constraints while keeping our commitment to the people of Colorado,” Bridges added.

Conservative advocacy groups and defenders of TABOR point to the majority Democrats’ bloated spending as the issue.

“The problem isn’t that people are taxed too little. The problem is that state government is spending too much,” Sen. Barbara Kirkmeyer, a Republican on the JBC, said on the Senate floor Thursday. “It is our moral duty to justify every dollar that we spend. So the first step needs to define our priorities because if you think everything should be funded, if you think everything is a priority, you essentially have no priority.”

Americans for Prosperity Colorado, a major defender of the constitutional amendment, pledged to use its grassroots “to help ensure TABOR remains the law of the land in the Centennial State.”

“After years of desperate attempts to end TABOR and the generous tax refunds that come with it, it’s clear Democrats don’t trust Coloradans’ ability to decide tax increases facing our communities. So they’re resurrecting a decade-old legal challenge to end TABOR and TABOR tax refunds,” AFP-Colorado Deputy

State Director Brittany Trujillo said in a statement.

A lawsuit from 2011 that also challenged TABOR was dismissed in 2021, *The Center Square* reported at the time.

In recent years Colorado voters have rejected measures to cripple TABOR. In 2023, voters opposed Proposition HH, which would have lowered property tax assessment rates but backfilled lost revenue with excess TABOR funds. In 2019, voters rejected Proposition CC, which also proposed allowing the state to retain excess revenue and spend it on transportation and education.

An analysis of TABOR ballot measures by Ballotpedia found that voters have rejected 68% of statewide ballot measures related to the constitutional amendment.

The joint resolution, HJR25-1023, is scheduled to be heard Monday by the House Finance Committee.

(Editor/GG: Will they ever stop? The state budget has risen incredibly the last 15 years on a per capita basis. Same with the size to the state government. No excuse for that. It's libs spending everybody else's money for their dystopian paradise they think they can create with money and power. Thank goodness for TABOR.)

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Colorado State News



Democrats Cut Parents Out of the Discussion on Transgender Custody Bill

by Tyler O’Neill,
The Daily Signal

A Democrat member of the Colorado House of Representatives doubled down on previous remarks defending her excluding parental rights groups from discussions about a bill that would remove kids from parents’ custody for behaviors like “misgendering” and “deadnaming.”

She did so by comparing parental rights groups to the Ku Klux Klan in a hearing on Tuesday.

While witnesses in a hearing on House Bill 1312 said they had been working on the legislation for over a year, Jarvis Caldwell, a Republican member of the state House of Representatives, said that he only heard about it Monday.

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“I really am curious about how much stakeholding went on both sides of the issue and if parent groups that are not part of the LGBT community, if they were involved,” he said.

State Rep. Yara Zokaie, a Democrat, loudly condemned the idea of strategizing with parental rights groups on the bill.

“A well-stakeholded bill does not need to be discussed with hate groups, and we don’t ask someone passing civil rights legislation to go ask the KKK their opinion,” she quipped.

Another Democrat, state Rep. Javier Mabrey, said, “There’s no reason to go to the table with people who are echoing the hateful rhetoric going around about the trans community.”

What Does the Bill Do?

According to the bill summary, HB 1312 defines “coercive control” as including “deadnaming, misgendering, or threatening to publish material related to an individual’s gender-affirming health care services.”

“A court shall consider reports of coercive control when

determining the allocation of parental responsibilities in accordance with the best interests of the child,” the summary adds.

These provisions would effectively require parents to endorse gender ideology in order to maintain custody of their own children in a dispute. Gender ideology teaches that a person’s internal sense of gender overrides his or her biological sex.

“Deadnaming” involves referring to an individual who claims to be transgender by the name that person has rejected. “Misgendering” involves referring to a person who claims to be transgender with the pronouns associated with their biological sex, rather than their preferred pronouns. “Gender-affirming health care” is a euphemism for experimental medical interventions designed to make a man appear female or vice versa.

Supporters frame the bill as an attempt to prevent anti-transgender discrimination.

“This bill is about ensuring that what we say exists with anti-discrimination is a reality for those who truly live life every day in fear of being discriminating against, retaliated against, harmed, harassed,” state Rep. Lorena Garcia, a Democrat who sponsored the bill, told *The Denver Post*.

Critics warn that a bill like this could make stories like that of California father Jeff Younger more likely in Colorado. Younger is battling in court to prevent his ex-wife from putting his son on experimental treatments to make him appear female.

“It prejudices the court by saying any non-affirmation of gender, anything short of actual celebration of the genital mutilation and the hormone therapy, the conversion, is discriminatory and is coercive control,” state Rep. Ken DeGraaf, a Republican, told *The Daily Signal* in an interview Friday. “It just prejudices the court in this civil arena.”

“This bill puts one parent waste-

deep in a hole for the other one to start throwing stones at them,” he added.

Caldwell, the Republican who asked about stakeholders, told *The Daily Signal* that the bill creates a “legal imbalance that could lead to serious consequences for parents who do not affirm their child’s gender dysphoria.”

“I believe the ultimate intention of this bill is to make it impossible for a parent to get their child help when the child is gender confused by declaring such help as child abuse,” he added.

Heritage Action, a grassroots lobbying group, opposes the bill.

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“This bill is an open assault on parents’ rights and free speech,” Christensen added.

Republican Criticism

Zokaie did not respond to The Daily Signal’s request for comment about her remarks, and neither did the bill’s Democrat sponsors in the Colorado House or Colorado Senate, but two House Republicans condemned them.

“While I cannot speak for Rep. Zokaie, I can say that parental rights groups that are fighting for their children are not organizations that should be equated with hate groups like the Ku Klux Klan; this is completely inappropriate,” Caldwell told *The Daily Signal* in a statement Thursday. “These groups are

focused on advocating for parental involvement and ensuring parents have the authority in their children’s upbringing, especially in educational matters.”

Caldwell further said the comparison uses “inflammatory labels that are only meant to create division” and “dismisses the valid concerns of parents.”

“Calling parental advocacy groups ‘hate groups’ is just their excuse to marginalize and ignore them while maintaining a pretense of moral superiority,” DeGraaf told *The Daily Signal*.

Where Does This Come From?

Parental rights groups have faced this kind of vitriol before.

The Southern Poverty Law Center brands parental rights groups “anti-government extremist groups” and puts them on a “hate map” with chapters of the Ku Klux Klan. The SPLC has long branded as “anti-LGBTQ hate groups” conservative and Christian organizations that oppose its activism on social issues. Last year, the SPLC branded an openly LGBTQ organization, Gays Against Groomers, an “anti-LGBTQ hate group,” in part because it opposes sexually explicit materials in school.

Numerous scandals have roiled the SPLC. The SPLC has apologized to celebrated neurosurgeon and former Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Ben Carson for branding him an “extremist” over his views on marriage. The group paid more than \$3 million to settle a defamation lawsuit from a Muslim reformer it had branded an “anti-Islamic extremist.” A racial discrimination and sexual harassment scandal led the group to fire its co-founder, Morris Dees, in 2019. After that scandal, employees unionized, and now the SPLC faces accusations of “union-busting” for laying off union members.

Amid that 2019 scandal, a former employee called the “hate” accusations a “highly profitable scam.” Critics say

the SPLC uses the “hate map” to exaggerate hate—terrifying donors into ponying up cash—and to demonize its political and ideological opponents.

DeGraaf, one of the Colorado Republicans, told *The Daily Signal* that his Democratic colleagues had cited the SPLC in previous legislative debates, despite its scandals.

He mocked Democrats’ citing of the SPLC.

“It says poverty, it’s southern. These people are for the oppressed,” he said, adopting the mentality of his opponents. “How dare you deign to question somebody with such a righteous name as the Southern Poverty Law Center?”

Zokaie Doubles Down

After facing criticism, Zokaie doubled down Friday and essentially acknowledged that she was citing the SPLC.

She also claimed that parental rights groups “call our trans community members groomers and pedophiles, that accuse our community members of heinous acts with children, simply because they exist, because of who they are.” (Parental rights groups often warn of the sexualization of children through the normalization of sexually explicit material in schools, but they do not call everyone who identifies as transgender a pedophile.)

“I will call those groups hateful, and I am not the only person who has done so,” Zokaie added.

“Some of the groups in opposition to this bill are on a list of hate groups maintained by one of the most well-known civil rights law firms, and yes I will compare that to saying it’s like asking someone working on civil rights legislation to consult with white supremacist groups, and I will do that unapologetically,” she said.

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When Caldwell asked whether “parent groups that are not part of the LGBT community” were involved in discussing the bill, Zokaie ridiculed the idea

“A well-stakeholded bill does not need to be discussed with hate groups, and we don’t ask someone passing civil rights legislation to go ask the KKK their opinion,” she quipped.

Zokaie doubled down on the comparison on Friday, explicitly citing the Southern Poverty Law Center. Critics claim the SPLC has used its history in suing Klan groups into bankruptcy to demonize mainstream conservative and Christian organizations. The SPLC puts out a “hate map” that plots religious freedom law firms like Alliance Defending Freedom and parental rights groups like Moms for Liberty alongside Klan chapters. The “hate map” has inspired an act of domestic terrorism.

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What Does the Bill Do?

According to the bill summary, HB 1312 defines “coercive control” as including “deadnaming, misgendering, or threatening to publish material related to an individual’s gender-affirming health care services.”

“A court shall consider reports of coercive control when determining the allocation of parental responsibilities in accordance with the best interests of the child,” the summary adds.

These provisions would effectively require parents to endorse gender ideology in order to maintain custody of their own children in a dispute. Gender ideology teaches that a person’s internal sense of gender overrides his or her biological sex.

“Deadnaming” involves referring to an individual who claims to be transgender by the name that person has rejected. “Misgendering”

involves referring to a person who claims to be transgender with the pronouns associated with their biological sex, rather than their preferred pronouns. “Gender-affirming health care” is a euphemism for experimental medical interventions designed to make a man appear female or vice versa.

Supporters frame the bill as an attempt to prevent anti-transgender discrimination.

“This bill is about ensuring that what we say exists with anti-discrimination is a reality for those who truly live life every day in fear of being discriminating against, retaliated against, harmed, harassed,” state Rep. Lorena Garcia, a Democrat who sponsored the bill, told *The Denver Post*.

A Danger to Parental Custody

Critics warn that a bill like this could make stories like that of California father Jeff Younger more likely in Colorado. Younger is battling in court to prevent his ex-wife from putting his son on experimental treatments to make him appear female.

“It prejudices the court by saying any non-affirmation of gender, anything short of actual celebra-

tion of the genital mutilation and the hormone therapy, the conversion, is discriminatory and is coercive control,” state Rep. Ken DeGraaf, a Republican, told *The Daily Signal* in an interview Friday. “It just prejudices the court in this civil arena.”

“This bill puts one parent waist-deep in a hole for the other one to start throwing stones at them,” he added.

Caldwell, the Republican who asked about stakeholders, told *The Daily Signal* that the bill creates a “legal imbalance that could lead to serious consequences for parents who do not affirm their child’s gender dysphoria.”

“I believe the ultimate intention of this bill is to make it impossible for a parent to get their child help when the child is gender confused by declaring such help as child abuse,” he added.

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What Happens Next?

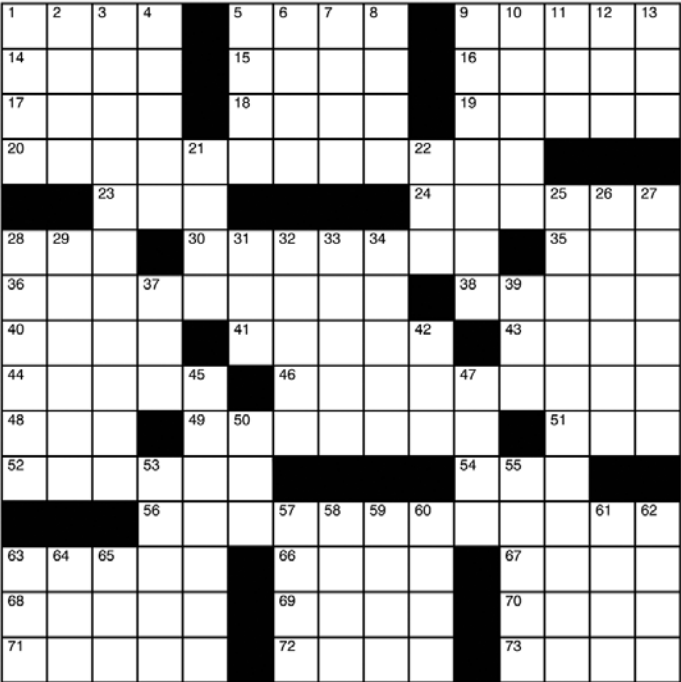
HB 1312 will head to the Colorado Senate Judiciary Committee. If the bill proceeds out of committee, it will head to the state Senate, which has a 23-12 Democrat majority.

Gov. Jared Polis, a Democrat, generally supports transgender orthodoxy.

(Editor/GG: They are literally, demons.)

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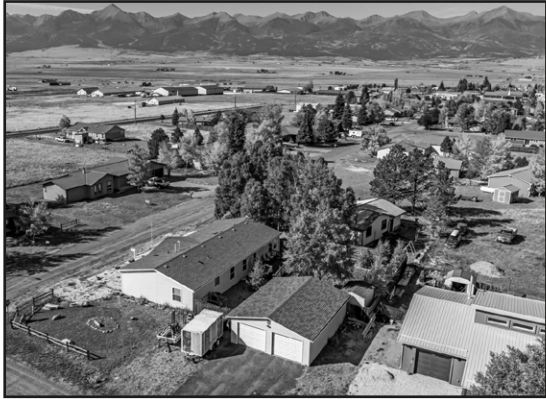
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The Judicial Constitutional Crisis

America is facing a judicial crisis where activist Democrat-appointed judges are overreaching their Constitutional boundaries by politically interfering with the Executive Branch’s authority. For example, House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) says that 62% of the federal injunctions issued over the last century were against Donald Trump. And 92% of those were from judges appointed by Democrats. *Washington Times* Columnist Robert Knight reports that “In Mr. Trump’s first 60 days, Democrats have filed more than 125 lawsuits challenging his policies, many of which involve downsizing the government under the aegis of Elon Musk’s Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE).” Knight says this is the real Constitutional crisis.

Knight reports, “Democrats charge that anything Mr. Trump does constitutes a “constitutional crisis.” But the real crisis is allowing any of more than 677 unelected district judges around the country to cancel the policies of a nationally elected president. The Biden administration’s lawfare against political opponents aided by willing judges badly damaged the judicial system’s reputation. Much of it was aimed at jailing Mr. Trump and preventing his return to the White House. Mr. Trump promised that upon being elected, he would pursue justice, not retribution, and return the justice system to defending constitutional norms. However, what’s happening now in the federal courts is anything but normal. Democrats hope hundreds of legal bee stings will bring down the elephant.”

One example of many is reported by *Epoch Times*: “U.S. District Judge James Boasberg recently ordered the Trump administration to halt deportations under the 1798 Alien Enemies Act and recalled flights already on their way to El Salvador. As the legal case continues, it has spurred a debate on the authority of the executive branch versus the judicial branch.” Boasberg is an Obama appointee who has a reputation of standing in the gap for leftist interpretations of the law. What is happening here is that the Marxist left of the Democratic Party shops legal challenges around to get the most sympathetic judge and then files for injunctions. Rather than interpret the law as it is written, these judges bend the law to their political beliefs—which former House Speaker Newt Gingrich says is their religion, where they put their faith.

Article III of the Constitution says that “The Judges, both of the supreme and inferior Courts, shall hold their Offices during good Behavior.” Judicial good behavior traditionally means acting in the best interest of the law. Unfortunately, Congress has never removed a federal judge for disagreement with the law’s application or of difference in political views. Federal judges have a wide berth to interpret the law as they see fit. Congress would need to impeach. Judicial activism such as we are seeing has little to do with law and a lot to do with politics, but the Constitution’s remedy is Congress—good luck there, right? Isaiah 59:13 says that justice is far off because of “transgressing and lying against the Lord.” This is happening because these judges religion is Marxism and Congress is inept. And that’s why we have a judicial constitutional crisis.

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Elon Musk & DOGE Expose “Disturbing” Social Security Fraud Involving Illegals

by Tyler Durden, ZeroHedge.com

(Editor/GG: Below are some excerpts from the article. See the link at the end for the whole deal.)

Ahead of last Tuesday’s pivotal election in Wisconsin—which [would] determine whether conservatives or liberals control the state’s Supreme Court—Elon Musk’s America PAC hosted a town hall to rally support for conservative candidate Brad Schimel. The event covered several topics, including an update on DOGE-related efforts in the corrupt DC Swamp.

Forty-two minutes into the online town hall—streamed on X and other social media platforms—Musk welcomed Antonio Gracias, founder and CEO of the Chicago-based growth equity firm Valor Equity Partners. Gracias has been leading DOGE efforts to uncover fraud and waste in Social Security.

Musk told the audience with Gracias on stage that DOGE found “20 million dead people marked as alive... Social Security database, this is too crazy, and then you’ll notice there’s a strange trend here.”

At that moment, Musk and Gracias turned their backs to the audience to explain a graph projected on the wall titled “New Non-Citizen Social Security Numbers Issued. “

Gracias told the audience, “We started at the top of the system—mapping the whole system of Social Security to understand where all the fraud was—and there were a lot of great people there who showed us, um, really a lot of waste, and so that came with a big list of stuff. But this is what jumped out at us. When we saw these numbers ... we were like, what is this? In 2021, you see 270,000 people go all the way to 2.1 million in 2024. These are non-citizens that are getting Social Security numbers.”

Musk said this chart “was mind-blowing ...”

Gracias followed that up with: “This literally blew us away. Like we went there to find fraud, and we found this by accident - and this isn’t political, by the way - my parents are immigrants - uh yeah, this country has been great to us. My brothers and sister were all born in Spain. I’m pro legal immigration. This is not political. This is about America and the future of America, and there are a lot of good people in the system who pointed us in this direction. I want to honor them right now who work in the government today, who took risks to show us these numbers and tell us what’s going on. I want to stop for a minute. I want to honor those people today - very good

people. I have been from D.C. to Social Security offices and to the border to track this down, and very good people have helped us along the way. I want to thank them.”

He explained, “This number - what is when you come in the country if you’re an illegal, uh there’s a couple ways come in - you can go through a Port of Entry and you can tell them you’re afraid and you’ll get an asylum case and you’ll get an interview then you get in - that’s one way to do it. Another way to do it is to go to the border - literally, this happened. I talked to the border patrol myself. Elon was there too. I went to Laredo, and you walked up to a border portal officer and told them you wanted to come. They have a couple of choices. They could charge you with a misdemeanor or a felony under 1325 or they can make an administrative offense like a parking ticket basically, they were told to do that make an administrative offense under the last Administration and then you go walk across the border they uh do what’s called a release from your own recognizance and they give you an NTA (notice to appear) which to appear at a judge the weight times on judges are like average six years -look at Grok- you’ll see it on immigration judges - there’s only 700 of them this is 5.5 million people.”

“Next, once you’re in the country and you got asylum through one of these pathways we mapped the whole thing out - you can apply for a work document - you file a 765 - it’s the work form - you get this form called the 766 - that’s the authorization - and then Social Security Administration

disenfranchise the American people and make it a permanent deep blue one-party state, from which there would be no escape.”

Gracias emphasized that “defaults in the system from Social Security to all of the benefit programs have been set to Max inclusion - max pay - for these people and Minimum Collection - that’s what’s happening. We found that 1.3 million of them are already on Medicaid. And the 5 million of them on benefit programs.”

“What was really disturbing us was why. We’re asking ourselves why, and so we actually just took a sample and looked at voter registration records and we found people here registered to vote in this population - yes - and we found some by sampling some that did vote. And we have referred them to prosecution at the homeland security investigation,” Gracias said, adding, “Truly disturbing thing to me and the darkest thing about this to me uh the voter fraud is terrible but the human tragedy this created is extraordinary. Americans need to know - that’s why I’m here - that human traffickers made 13 to 15 billion dollars off of this - that’s the money that’s going around the world moving people around the world to our borders because of these incentives.”

Libs of TikTok on X

Elon Musk exposes massive social security fraud with non citizens receiving a social security number

Why would anyone be against eliminating fraud like this in government?

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automatically sends you in the mail your social security number - no interview no ID,” Gracias explained further.

Musk chimed in: “Just reiterating, sometimes people think that Biden was asleep at the switch. But this was a massive large-scale program to import as many illegals as possible ultimately to change the entire voting map of the United States and

Last month, Musk summed up why the Democratic Party and corrupt NGOs, along with far-left globalist billionaires, facilitated the illegal alien invasion:

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Capping Carbon Admission: The Biden Administration Accused of Burying Conflicting Climate Change Report

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There is a major story developing on Capitol Hill after House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Chairman James Comer, R-Ky, revealed that a long-withheld report from the Biden administration directly contradicted the claims of climate change used to limit increased U.S. liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports. The suggestion is that this was an knowing effort to cap carbon admissions rather than carbon emissions.

The impact that new U.S. LNG exports have on the environment and the economy was reviewed by U.S. Energy Department scientists and completed by September 2023. It appears that neither President Biden nor Secretary Jennifer Granholm liked the science or the conclusions. Rather than “follow the science,” they buried the report while allegedly making claims directly refuted by their own experts.

The report was finished while Biden was still run-

ning for reelection and would have likely enraged environmentalists. The draft study, “Energy, Economic, and Environmental Assessment of U.S. LNG Exports,” found that, under all modeled scenarios, an increase in U.S. LNG exports and natural gas production would not change global or U.S. greenhouse gas emissions. It further found that it would not increase energy prices for consumers.

Biden and Granholm reportedly buried the report and then announced a pause on all new U.S. LNG export terminals in January 2024, citing the danger to environmental and economic impacts.

Comer’s office told Fox News Digital that DOE repeatedly declined to provide this study to the House Oversight Committee or comply with other requests for information.

What is most concerning is that our LNG exports help reduce the dependence on Russia and would have decreased the revenues to that country to support its

war in Ukraine. However, critics charge that Biden ignored the national security and economic benefits. Supporters note that we still exported a massive amount of LNG.

When the U.S. ramped up exports to Europe, progressive Democrats like Senator Jeff Merkley, D-Oregon., went ballistic. This appears to have worked in shelving the study while slowing demands for further increases.

The Biden administration later released data in December 2024 suggesting that a rise in exports could cause consumer prices to rise by as much as 30%.

There are obviously two sides to this debate. The problem is that it seems that only one side was allowed to be publicly presented by the delay in the release of the study.

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Study Destroys Basis of EPA Climate Regulations

by Vijay Jayara,
The Daily Signal

For two decades, the public has been bombarded with dire warnings of an impending climate-induced agricultural apocalypse. The claim is that a climate warmed excessively by the carbon dioxide emissions of human activity will ravage the food supply and plunge humanity into famine and chaos.

For many reasons, none of this ever made sense. Now, a new study published in *Scientific Reports* has turned this narrative of catastrophe on its head, revealing that a global temperature rise of even 5

degrees Celsius (9 degrees Fahrenheit) would not reduce crop yields—and might even increase harvests.

The paper, written by economist Ross McKittrick, dismantles a key pillar of the Biden administration’s always-suspect upward revision of the “social cost of carbon”—a metric used by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to quantify the supposed economic damage of carbon dioxide emissions. The fivefold increase of the social cost of carbon—from \$51 per ton of carbon dioxide to more than \$250—was based partly on the assumption that warming would devastate agriculture.

The new findings aren’t just a minor correction to the scientific record; they are a reversal of dangerous conclusions drawn from sloppy—perhaps even fraudulent—analyses. Everything we’ve been told about climate change and food security is wrong.

How did the EPA arrive at a social cost of carbon that equates with mass starvation?

In 2014, a widely cited meta-analysis of crop-model studies claimed that a warming climate would slash global crop yields,

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Elon Musk on X

The REAL reason so many Democrats are upset about entitlements (social security, medical, etc) fraud investigations is that they are using your taxpayer money as handouts to attract and retain ILLEGAL immigrants. Their future voters.

That’s what it’s all about.

Truth.

At the same time, the Democratic Party and their globalist billionaire allies prioritized their desire for more power over the nation, which triggered alarming national security and biosecurity threats.

In response to the **Democratic Party’s illegal alien invasion scheme, shadowy Marxist NGOs aligned with the woke party have launched firebombing attacks** against Elon Musk’s Tesla showrooms, charging stations, and vehicles across the country—all in **retaliation for DOGE exposing this massive fraud.**

(Editor/GG: Hey, fellow retired citizens who paid into SS our whole lives. The DEMOCRATS are giving that money away to ILLEGAL ALIENS who haven’t put a dime in. This is a big reason SS is going broke. Plus SS is paying billions to DEAD PEOPLE’s scammers. Thank God for Trump and Elon. They are saving our country.)

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Cory Booker's Gun Control Hypocrisy Exposed

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While Senator Cory Booker was grandstanding on the Senate floor during a marathon speech attacking Republicans, one of his closest staffers—whom he’s called a “best friend”—was being arrested for illegally carrying a gun into the U.S. Capitol. That’s right: while Booker ranted for hours about supposed threats to democracy, his longtime driver and security sidekick, Kevin Batts, was cuffed and charged with “carrying a pistol without a license.”

Let's just call this what it is: another shining example of "guns for me, but not for thee."

Batts, a retired Newark police detective, wasn’t some unknown intern. He’s been on Booker’s personal detail for nearly two decades. And according to Capitol Police, Batts didn’t even go through the normal security checks—he was escorted around security by a Member of Congress. The implication? Someone knew he was carrying and didn’t want it detected.

Think about that. The same Cory Booker who’s never met a gun control bill he didn’t love—the same guy pushing for “assault weapon” bans, universal background checks, magazine limits, and laws that would disarm you for living in a “sensitive place”—is walking around the Capitol with a buddy likely serving as de facto armed security. Meanwhile, the rest of us are told we shouldn’t need guns because we have police.

Hypocrisy, Meet Reality.

Let’s make something clear: under federal law, no one is allowed to carry a firearm on Capitol grounds, not even a retired cop with a permit.

If you or I had done what Batts did, we’d be facing federal charges and likely jail time. But because this guy is part of Team Booker? Crickets from the anti-gun crowd. The same folks who would’ve had a meltdown if this had been a staffer for Marjorie Taylor Greene or Rand Paul are dead silent. *Not a peep from Brady, Giffords, or Moms Demand.*

Alan Gottlieb of the Second

Amendment Foundation put it best: “Cory Booker has never met a gun control law he didn’t like... but it’s okay for him to have armed security while he labors to keep every average citizen disarmed.”

The Double Standard is Disgusting.

And it’s not new. Remember when Ted Kennedy’s bodyguard was busted in the Capitol with an Uzi? Or when Diane Feinstein pushed gun bans while carrying her own pistol? Or is Kamala Harris claiming she’s “pro-gun safety” while owning a gun herself?

These people don't actually hate guns. They just hate you having one.

Meanwhile, law-abiding citizens are demonized, red-flagged, and disarmed in the name of “public safety,” while violent criminals like Sharon Evans in North Carolina rack up dozens of felonies and walk free to kill. Evans had 37 felonies and nine misdemeanors in under two years. He was caught repeatedly with stolen guns and cars, and he even

strangled a woman—and yet, he kept getting released. Eventually, he killed an innocent man on the way to dialysis.

So, let’s recap:

Booker’s staffer, armed illegally = no national outrage.

- Gun control groups = silent.
- Everyday Americans = disarmed in “sensitive places”.
- Violent repeat offenders = back on the street.
- Politicians = protected by armed friends and privilege.

It’s no wonder more Americans are embracing their Second Amendment rights and rejecting the elitist hypocrisy of politicians like Cory Booker. If the people crafting the laws don’t follow them—and are quietly surrounded by guns themselves—*why should we trust anything they say?*

- You don’t get to push for disarmament while sneaking your armed buddies past security.
- You don’t get to rail against

“gun violence” while turning a blind eye to the revolving-door justice system, letting actual violent criminals go free.

And you definitely don’t get to claim the moral high ground while enjoying protections you’re actively trying to deny the rest of us.

Gun rights are not just for the politically connected. They’re for everyone. Especially those without private security details and friends in high places.

It’s time the double standard ends. Equal protection doesn’t just mean equal laws—it means equal rights, including the right to keep and bear arms. Speak Out! Because the louder we are, the harder it is for hypocrites like Senator Cory Booker to keep lying to the public while hiding behind armed privilege.

Stay armed. Stay aware. Stay free. Stay Dangerous.

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Lawsuit Challenges Constitutionality of Prop KK Guns and Ammo Tax

by Sherrie Peif,
Complete Colorado Page Two
COLORADO SPRINGS Colo.

An El Paso County resident, a Colorado licensed firearms dealer and several gun rights advocacy organizations are asking for an injunction in Denver District Court to halt a new state excise tax on guns and ammunition.

Zachary Langston along with the National Rifle Association, the Colorado State Shooting Association (CSSA), the Firearms Policy Coalition (FPC), the Second Amendment Foundation (SAF), and Magnum Shooting Center of Colorado Springs are asking a judge to stop Proposition KK from taking effect.

The defendants named in the case are Heidi Humphreys, the Executive Director of the Department of Revenue, who is

required by statute to “administer and enforce the tax,” and Michael J. Allen, the District Attorney of El Paso County, who is charged with prosecuting the criminal penalties imposed by Proposition KK.

Proposition KK — passed in November with 54 percent of the vote — will add a 6.5 percent excise tax on the manufacture and sale of firearms and ammunition. It will be imposed on firearms dealers, manufacturers and ammunition vendors, with the exception of those selling less than \$20,000 per year as well as law enforcement agencies and active-duty military.

The lawsuit was filed on the basis that the tax is unconstitutional because it does not pass a “means-end” test handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court in the 2022 *Bruen* decision, which says gun rights restrictions must

be consistent with the nation’s historical tradition of firearm regulations.

Taxing an enumerated right

“The United States Supreme Court has repeatedly held in various contexts that the exercise of a constitutional right cannot be singled out for special taxation,” says the complaint in part, filed on March 31st.

“Federal legislation to prevent this sort of tax was introduced just days ago in both the House and Senate,” SAF Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb said. “They’re calling it the Freedom from Unfair Gun Taxes Act, and greedy, anti-gun lawmakers in Colorado are probably at least partly responsible for such a bill on Capitol Hill. You simply cannot tax the exercise of a constitutionally-protected fundamental right.”

The tax went into effect April 1st.

Colorado became the first state to impose such a tax through a ballot initiative, 11 other states have similar excise taxes that were enacted through the state legislature. Prop KK was referred to the ballot by the Democrat-controlled Colorado legislature. It was expected to generate \$39 million in the first year, with the money being earmarked for crime victim services, veteran’s mental health services, children and youth behavioral health crisis response system and school security grants.

“Proposition KK will — as intended — financially burden both vendors and consumers seeking to exercise or facilitate the exercise of Second Amendment rights,” plaintiffs continue in the complaint, adding the that the right to keep and bear arms “wouldn’t mean much” without

the “closely related rights” of being able to acquire both firearms and ammunition.

Petitioners are asking the court to declare a permanent injunction against enforcing the tax. They are represented by Colorado Springs-based First & Fourteenth PLLC, a law firm specializing in constitutional challenges.

“Colorado’s new law impermissibly taxes an enumerated constitutional right,” said SAF Executive Director Adam Kraut. “Not only does the tax lack any basis in our nation’s history and tradition of firearms regulation, it violates Supreme Court precedent that states the exercise of constitutional rights cannot be targeted through taxation.”

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Ruger LC Carbine .45 ACP Review

by Mike Searson,
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When Ruger debuted their PC Carbine in 9mm in 2018, we all heard the lamentations from the masses: “Oh, I’d buy it if it was only in 45!” In 2022, Ruger rolled out the LC Carbine in 5.7x 28mm. Once again, we heard: “Oh, I’d buy it if it was only in 45!”

Well, if we heard it, so did Ruger. Earlier this year, they launched the LC Carbine in 45 ACP. As much as I am a fan of 45 ACP, it felt a little lackluster, to be honest. Probably because I think of the old-school 230-grain FMJ subsonic loads for 1911s first. However, after a few hours, the hamster wheel started turning in my mind, and I began thinking of the newer loads that have emerged in recent years that used better, lighter bullets that traveled faster. How would they perform in a 16-inch barrel?

Maybe there’s a method to the madness that I almost overlooked.

The Build

Ruger LC Carbine 45 ACP

Unboxing the Ruger LC Carbine reveals a sleek yet rugged pistol caliber carbine sporting a Type III hard-coat anodized aluminum handguard with M-LOK attachment slots all around. There are numerous QD sling sockets to allow attachment of a sling wherever you find it convenient. The butt stock is side-folding and the 16.25-inch barrel is thread-

ed .578×28” for a silencer, flash suppressor or muzzle brake.

The safety is ambidextrous, the non-reciprocating charging handle is reversible, and the magazine release is generously sized. Speaking of magazines, Ruger ships the carbine with a 13-round Glock pattern magazine that fits the Model 21.

While the LC Carbine comes with Ruger’s Rapid Deploy open sights, I mounted Lucid’s new E7 optic. This is a rugged little sight that uses a blue colored emitter as opposed to the more common red or green.

The LC Carbine has a remarkable balance due to Ruger using a bolt-over-barrel system. This allows the chamber to set directly over the trigger and in the subsequent range test, may be the key to its reliability.

Range Time

In order to zero the rifle, I started out with 200 rounds of Winchester White Box 230-grain FMJ. With the price of ammo these days, I wasn’t going to burn up the good stuff unnecessarily. Besides, WWB ammo is great for the old reliability test.

Recoil was mild and the carbine proved to be accurate, reliable but most of all a lot of fun; especially due to the Lucid E7. At 25 yards I was able to shoot 1.75-inch groups from the bench.

With the LC Carbine and the Lucid E7 dialed in, it was time to change it up again.



Black Hills Honey Badger Ammunition uses a solid copper, non-deforming, non-fragmenting 135-grain projectile with wide, sharp flutes. It doesn’t expand like a hollow point because its design is optimized for penetration.

The groups tightened up to just over an inch. According to Black Hills, the Honey Badger 45 ACP travels at 1250 fps when fired from a 5-inch barrel. Out of the Ruger LC 45 I clocked these at 1,466 fps with the chronograph.



Some shooters will scoff at an increase of 200 fps, but I’ll take it.

Switching back to Winchester White Box, I attached a Bowers Group ASP 45.

The Bowers ASP is 1.5” in diameter by 7” long and as such, is one of the smallest and lightest 45 pistol silencers on the market.

It tips the scales at a mere 5 ounces. It is made of lightweight aluminum except for the mounting insert in order to keep weight down.

This one is intended to be used only as a “wet” silencer on handguns. Bowers says you can run it dry on a carbine, but I prefer using an ablative on a pistol round, particularly if the slight increase in velocity makes the rounds go supersonic.

You can use a cap full of water or

a wire-pulling gel as an ablative. Sound level with the can attached and the 230-grain bullets went to about 125 dB.

Closing thoughts

If you’re a tried and true 45 ACP fan with a stack of Glock 21 magazines and have the need for a Pistol Caliber Carbine (PCC), this seems to be one of the

better options out there. Although it doesn’t take down like most backpacker-type carbines, the folding stock makes it highly portable.

The increased performance of a lighter bullet with faster speed may make it a contender for small-game hunting or use against predators.

While I’m personally not a fan of PCCs unless they’re SBRs or full auto, this one has a lot of potential.

- ### Ruger LC Carbine 45 ACP Specs:
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 - Model: LC 45
 - Capacity: 13+1
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National Constitutional Carry Reciprocity Advances in House

by Tom Knighton,
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Constitutional carry is kind of the Holy Grail for gun rights in most states. When you get that, you tend to have pretty permission laws on the books. Sure, they might not be perfect, but if you can get permitless carry, you tend to have the right environment to get anything else pro-gun you need to get passed.

Unless you’re in Florida, apparently.

Anyway, one issue with constitutional carry, though, is that if you’re traveling to a non-constitutional carry state, you have to go through the permitting process of your home state if you want to carry in that other state. That is, of course, assuming that your state has reciprocity with your destination.

National reciprocity has been high on gun rights advocates’ wish lists for quite some time. Constitutional carry reciprocity is even better, and it just advanced in the House.

Allowing people with state-issued concealed carry licenses or permits to conceal a handgun in any other state, a bill proposed by a North Carolina congressman, has moved forward from a congressional committee.

The Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act, authored by Rep.

Richard Hudson, R-N.C., and also known as House Resolution 38, would amend title 18 in the United States Code. The Judiciary Committee of the House advanced the bill in a voice vote on Tuesday.

As of midday Wednesday, 178 cosponsors were on board in the chamber. That includes a lone Democrat in Rep. Jared Golden of Maine and each of the nine other Republicans from North Carolina.

Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, chairman of the committee, told colleagues, “Our First Amendment rights do not change from one state to another and our Second Amendment rights should not either. Law-abiding citizens should be able to a concealed firearm between states without worrying about conflicting state criminal laws or onerous civil suits.”

He said there are in excess of 22 million concealed carry permit owners throughout the nation. Twenty-nine states have constitutional carry, or permitless carry laws.

Gun Owners of America celebrated the move, noting that those of us living in constitutional carry states will be able to lawfully carry nationwide without a permit should this bill pass.

Also celebrating the victory was the NRA-Institute for Legislative Affairs,

which was thrilled with the win of both this bill and H.R. 2184, which is the Firearm Due Process Protection Act. That bill gives people wrongfully denied a gun purchase due to an administrative mistake with the NICS database some kind of recourse.

The bill now goes to the full House for a vote, where it will hopefully pass.

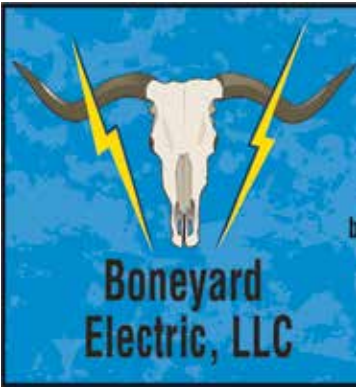
That’s the good news.

The bad news is that there are still enough anti-gun Democrats in the Senate to jam this up indefinitely via the filibuster. It kept a lot of gun control from passing when Republicans were the minority, but it’s a double-edged sword. It may keep this bill from getting the vote it deserves in the Senate.

But that doesn’t mean there’s no hope. Wheeling and dealing is part of politics, so it’s entirely possible this will be part of some deal and get put on the table for a vote, where I suspect it will narrowly pass.

For now, though, we’re seeing movement on an important bill that many of us are extremely eager to see become law.

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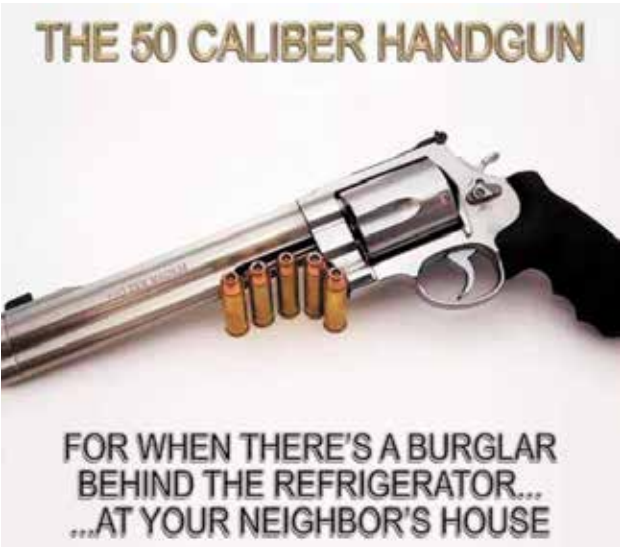
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An Effort to End New York’s Ban on Carry in Parks Merits Briefing at 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals

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—NEW YORK CITY

Firearms Policy Coalition (FPC), [working under the direction of the Second Amendment Foundation,] announced the filing of its opening brief with the federal Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in *Christian v. James*, an FPC Law case that challenges some of the State of New York’s post-Bruen bans on public carry. The opening brief, filed Friday, addressed the plaintiffs’ claims regarding carry in public parks and can be viewed at firearmspolicy.org/boron. The Second

Circuit plans to hear arguments in June.

Supreme Court has unequivocally stated that the ‘plain text’ of the Second Amendment extends to cover carrying firearms in public.

“Given that the Supreme Court has unequivocally stated that the ‘plain text’ of the [Second] Amendment extends to cover carrying firearms in public, and the Parks Ban prevents carrying firearms in public parks, this case unquestionably passes Bruen’s threshold inquiry, and the Parks Ban is presumptively unconstitutional,” argues the brief. “The question then

is one for history, and the history of firearms regulation demonstrates that the Parks Ban is neither facially constitutional nor, in the alternative, constitutional when applied to parks outside of urban areas.”

“New York’s ban on carry in parks is unconstitutional and it’s not a close call. The Second Circuit should put a stop to this restriction that the State enacted in defiance of the Supreme Court’s clear decision in Bruen,” said FPC President Brandon Combs.

The Christian case is part of FPC’s high-impact strategic litigation program, FPC Law, aimed at elim-

inating immoral laws and creating a world of maximal liberty. FPC is joined in the litigation by an individual FPC member and the Second Amendment Foundation. FPC thanks FPC Action Foundation for its strategic support of this FPC Law case.

(Editor/GG: Same as some counties/muni’s banning guns in parks, etc. in Colorado.)

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an assertion that fed into subsequent models that influenced the Biden EPA’s social cost of carbon hike.

That original dataset, however, was flawed—crippled by missing variables. Of its 1,722 records, nearly half lacked critical data, such as changes in CO2 concentrations, leaving only 862 usable entries. This incomplete picture painted a grim outlook of crop yields declining with only modest warming.

McKittrick, undeterred by what had become climate orthodoxy, dug deeper. By revisiting the source ma-

terial, he recovered 360 additional records, bringing the total to 1,222—about a 40% increase in usable data.

The additional information showed “positive average output gains for all crop types across the warming scenarios even up to 5 degrees Celsius”—a temperature jump far beyond warming predictions of the U.N.’s International Panel on Climate Change. This isn’t cherry-picking; it’s what happens when the full scope of evidence is examined.

“If over the next 100-200 years, yields of all crop types increase, it does not stand to reason that a global trade model could generate global welfare reductions,” writes McKittrick in his

concluding remarks.

McKittrick’s findings, grounded in a more comprehensive dataset, suggest the doomsday assumption was built on sand. Far from heralding a collapse, the data show crop yields at least holding steady and even improving with significant warming.

Moreover, plants are not too frail for a warming world. They’re built to thrive in the contemporary temperatures of the 20th and 21st centuries.

Most crops fall into two categories: C3 and C4 plants, so named to reflect their different photosynthetic processes. C3 crops, such as wheat, rice, and soybeans, flourish in elevated

CO2 conditions characteristic of the 21st century.

Carbon dioxide is food to plants, necessary for the process of photosynthesis—a process where oxygen is a byproduct.

Higher levels of CO2 act like a supercharger, boosting photosynthesis and water-use efficiency. Studies have long shown that CO2 enrichment in greenhouses can increase C3 yields by 20% to 40%. C4 crops—like corn and sorghum—are less responsive to CO2 but do well in hotter, drier conditions.

In summary, if crop yields don’t crash—if they hold steady or grow—the rationale for a sky-high social cost of carbon disappears.

The McKittrick study is consistent with an extensive historical record that documents human flourishing during earlier eras warmer than today. The Minoan Warm Period 3,000 years ago and the Roman Warm Period and Medieval Warm Periods that followed are examples.

Unfortunately, the United Nation’s International Panel on Climate Change—relied on by many as the standard-bearer for information on climate change—favors adherence to climate dogma over rigorous scientific inquiry. It often ignores cutting-edge findings like McKittrick’s.

So where do we go from here?

First, the social cost of carbon calculation needs a reset. A realistic assessment would show that carbon dioxide is a benefit, not a pollutant, and that increasing CO2 adds to global productivity rather than imposes costs on society.

The EPA must revisit its numbers, stripping out inflated agricultural damages and grounding its estimates in all the data available. It is time to look at the facts, trust the real science, and end the irrational governmental messaging that feeds climate hysteria.

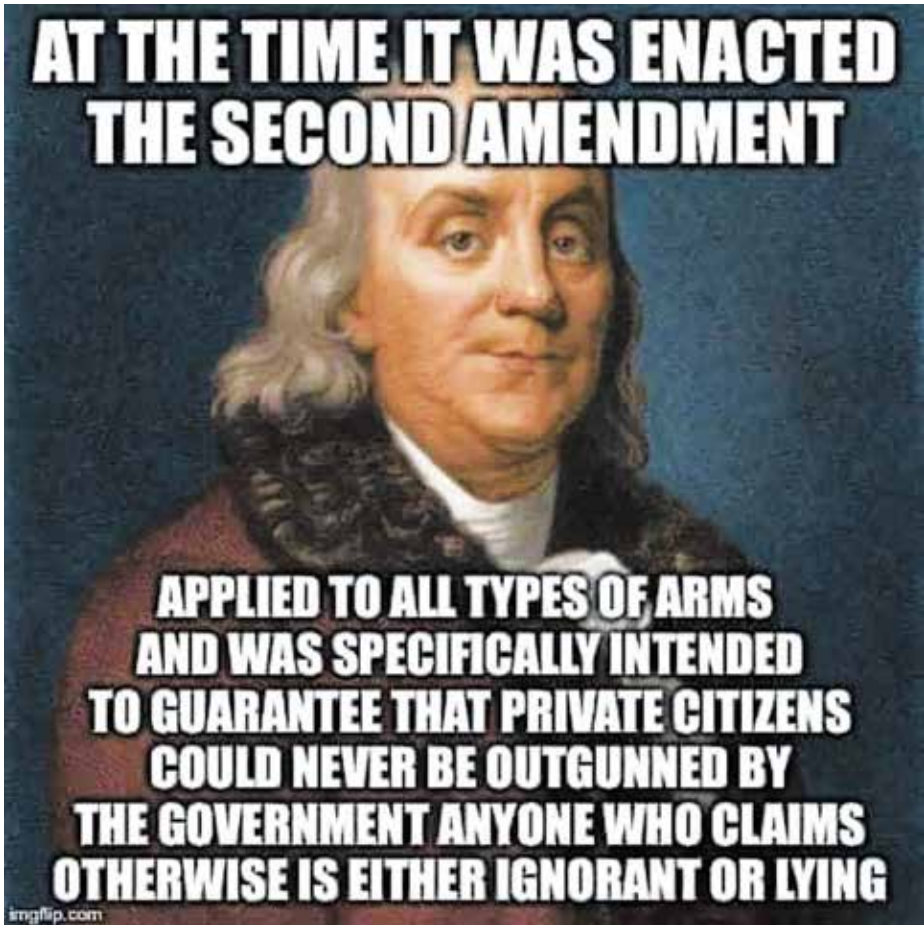
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Female Fencer Gets Disqualified for Refusing to Play Against a Trans-Identifying Opponent

by The Washington Stand

Over the weekend, female fencer Stephanie Turner didn't just forfeit a match; she lit a match under the powder keg of women's sports.

The day before the Cherry Blossom Open fencing competition in Maryland, Turner had decided she would not play against Redmond Sullivan, a transgender-identifying man. But rather than quietly bowing out early, she bided her time, choosing when to act. That moment came on the mat, for all to see, in a deliberate and defiant stand.

"I saw that I was going to be in a pool with Redmond, and from there I said, 'OK, let's do it. I'm going to take the knee,'" Turner told Fox News. Once it was time to compete, "I took a knee immediately," she said. "Redmond was under the impression that I was going to start fencing. So, when I took the knee, I looked at the ref and I said, 'I'm sorry, I cannot do this. I am a woman, and this is a man, and this is a women's tournament. And I will not fence this individual.'"

"Redmond didn't hear me," Turner continued, "and he comes up to me. ... He asks, 'Are you okay?' And I said, 'I'm sorry. I have much love and respect for you, but I will not fence you.'" Per footage of this event, the trans-identifying athlete stood visibly stunned. According to Turner, he insisted he was "supported" and "allowed" to compete. "You will get black-carded," he warned her. Fully aware of the consequences, Turner pressed forward with her protest, later explaining to Fox that "USA Fencing had not been listening to women's objections regarding" their gender eligibility policy.

In an instant, the black card slammed down — the harshest penalty one can face in fencing —

banishing her from the bout. She was hauled before the committee, handed a copy of the trans policy, and forced to sign a document acknowledging her punishment. Only moments later, she was kicked out of the tournament entirely.

A USA Fencing spokesperson clarified to Fox that Turner's punishment stemmed not from her protest itself, but from her refusal to fence, which violated their trans-athlete policy. "We respect the viewpoints on all sides and encourage our members to continue sharing them with us as the matter evolves," a USA Fencing statement read. "It's important for the fencing community to engage in this dialogue, but we expect this conversation to be conducted respectfully, whether at our tournaments or in online spaces. The way to progress is by respectful discussion based in evidence."

Turner anticipated backlash, and its looming shadow weighed heavily on her. Reflecting on the fallout, she admitted, "It will probably, at least for a moment, destroy my life. I don't think that it's going to be easy for me from now on going to fencing tournaments. I don't think it's going to be easy for me at practice. It's very hard for me to do this." Yet, as a lifelong Democrat, she revealed a profound shift, claiming she has woken up to the "lies of the mainstream media." Citing escalating concerns — particularly the movement to protect women's sports — she now identifies as a "new Republican conservative."

"Something needs to be done," Turner insisted, "and there are activists who have embedded themselves in authoritative positions in sports bodies." The Independent Council on Women's Sports (ICONS) has supported

Turner, and they see her decision as a welcomed addition to the fight to safeguard fairness and safety in women's and girls' sports. In fact, so do many others.

All-American swimmer Riley Gaines shared on X, "Women should BOYCOTT any event/game/match against a man. This is the way!" Tennis legend Martina Navratilova voiced, "This is what happens when female athletes protest! Anyone here still thinks this is fair??? I am fuming... and shame on USA Fencing, shame on you for doing this. How dare you throw women under the gender ... bus!!!" Both journalist Megyn Kelly and famous author J.K. Rowling hailed Turner as a "heroine," amplifying the chorus of voices rallying behind her cause.

Ultimately, Turner's protest reflects only one flare in an ongoing battle. Across the country, the debate is alive and well, with both sides of the controversy voicing their opinions loud and clear. Over in Philadelphia, parents of trans-identifying athletes are claiming it's "cruel" for their children to be forced to compete alongside athletes of the same biological sex. Just recently, the infamous trans-identifying athlete Lia Thomas decried "a ban on transgender swimmers." The male-born athlete claimed he was "devastated" after World Aquatics, connected to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), ruled that transgender athletes could no longer compete in women's sports.

The NCAA rule change came after President Donald Trump's executive order, "Keeping Men Out of Women's Sports." Yet, even so, some trans-identifying athletes have managed to "slip past" the new rules and still compete, Breitbart reported. Just this past weekend, the outlet

highlighted, "Juniper Gattone, a transgender sophomore at Ithaca College in New York, competed on the women's rowing team Saturday at the Cayuga Duals, the opening regatta of the spring season held at the Cayuga Inlet in New York."

ICONS quickly flagged this as a violation of Trump's order barring men from women's sports. Coaches from the New York school waved it off as a misunderstanding. However, because instances such as this have not been isolated, the calls for Trump to take further action are abounding like never before — even within blue states.

In Washington state, for instance, biological boys continue to compete against girls in track and field competitions, and two female high school athletes, Kora and Soleil, have taken their fight to the federal level through a complaint. Current Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) policy allows athletes to compete in events that are "consistent with their gender identity." Additionally, WIAA said any policy change would violate state laws. Nonetheless, the girls have asked Trump to intervene.

Mary Szoch, a former Division I athlete and director of Family Research Council's Center for Human Dignity, reacted to the ever-swelling tension in the movement to protect women's sports. "Inside every great female athlete is a burning desire to compete," she told The Washington Stand. Female athletes want "to lay it all out on the floor, leave the competition ... completely exhausted with absolutely nothing left in the tank, and to be able to say 'whatever the outcome, I did my best. I gave it my all.' This burning desire is fueled by the knowledge that hard work, commitment, and

dedication are what make the difference in the final outcome of the game."

As Szoch went on to say, "women build virtue" in this kind of training. "They become fierce competitors, fearless leaders, and strong teammates — learning skills that will serve them well long after the last buzzer has sounded."

And yet, she insisted, "When men are allowed to play women's sports ... that burning desire to compete is dulled because the game is no longer fair. It is no longer the 5 a.m. workouts, the extra repetition, the disciplined eating and training that makes a difference." Instead, "the final outcome comes down to a Y chromosome." Szoch emphasized that "women deserve the opportunity to feel the fire that true competition inspires" — which "ultimately forms them into women who will strive for virtue in all areas of their lives."

Sports "isn't the only arena where virtue can be shaped," she clarified, "but it sure is one of the most fun, and every girl deserves that opportunity." As a swelling tide of pro-women's sports activists clamor for change, a critical question hangs in the air: will voices like Turner's steer women's sports back to equilibrium, or will the fuse that's been sparked keep blazing amid the escalating fight?

For now, the mat remains a battleground. But, Szoch concluded, "We must keep fighting to save women's sports for the little girls who will put on their first jersey today and feel that fire."

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Holy Week

St. Patrick's Corner
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Lent is almost over, but it gets more dramatic before it reaches its joyous climax on Easter, Sunday after next.

The six weeks before Easter are the longest weeks of the year (or so it seems to miserable offenders). On Ash Wednesday, we recall that we are still ruled by death that comes to all of us, although in heaven it has been defeated. With our mortality on our minds, we start Lent as if we are training for the Olympics.

The rest of the year, we pray, we fast, we give and serve God, we share the Thanksgiving feast Jesus commanded of us at the Last Supper. These things are like our spiritual workout. We do it, keeping in mind that we are preparing our souls for everlasting life, as physical exercise prepares our bodies for life on earth.

Lent is different, because we are in a spiritual workout that culminates in the Olympics of the Spirit, the yearly remembrance of Christ's resurrection and ascension into heaven. For this, we step up our workout. We fast, imitating Jesus's forty days and forty nights in the wilderness. We may not give up food for

forty days, but we give up as much as we possibly can, both in quality and quantity. Another commandment we have during this time is extra care for those less fortunate, so we increase our gifts to the poor and anyone who needs our help; the sick, the helpless, the unborn. That is alms. Finally, for Lent, we increase our prayer and worship. Most churches have special church services and Bible studies to help us grow in our love for God and for one another. At St. Patrick's it is Friday night remembrance of Holy Week, the Stations of the Cross, a little virtual journey with Jesus, which we follow with soup and bread dinner together.

The most important thing to remember in Lent is that every single thing we do must be done in love for God and for one another. For some miserable offenders, this may be the hardest part, as we walk around hungry, broke and grumpy, but it is far and away the most important part.

This Sunday, Palm Sunday, begins Holy Week, the last week of Lent, which builds drama with remembrances of Christ's historic and theological sacrifice. Each day between Palm Sunday and Easter, there is something special to commemorate each day. On Monday, we remember St. Mark's recounting of Jesus going

to dinner at the home of Simon the Leper. A woman broke into the meal carrying a large box of extremely valuable ointment used for preparing the bodies of dead royalty. She broke it open over Jesus's feet and wiped it gently with her long, unbound hair, crying openly. This shocking display is recalled because Jesus was and is King of heaven and earth.

On Wednesday, the daily reading recalls that Judas Iscariot, the disciple who had not approved of the "waste" of the spikenard on Jesus because it was a waste of money, sells betrayal of Jesus to the leadership of the Temple, who only worried about their own power and ability to keep peace with the ruling Romans.

Thursday, the drama escalates. The Western Church calls it Maundy Thursday from the word to command, referring to Christ's commandment to love one another. This is the setting of the Last Supper. Jesus arose from the Passover table, wrapped a towel around his waist, and proceeded to wash the feet of the disciples. Peter was so abashed. He could not let his beloved leader do such a humble task. Jesus said that Peter could not have a place with his followers. Peter said, "then wash my whole body." Jesus, Lord of all, tried once more to show that the kingdom of heaven

is completely upside down from the world. The greater the leader, the more humble he must be as a servant.

Good Friday commemorates the death of Jesus Christ with a shameful and cruel death reserved for the lowest class of people who are guilty of the most heinous crimes. No one has ever been so unjustly condemned and punished, no one ever will. Jesus never sinned. Jesus brought life and hope to people past, present, and future and this is how we treated him.

We all think we would be the one person who would stand by Jesus, but in the end, almost no one did, except his mother and the youngest disciple, John. We would have been one of the people calling for his death. Or, we would be those who blew off the whole drama, buying and selling, cleaning and cooking, and ignoring the King of Glory altogether. Jesus forgave us all.

Mostly, we modern Christians ignore the Saturday before Easter. As a miserable offender myself, I know it to be a difficult day, getting the house and the church ready for Easter. There is so much to do!

AND YET, this is the day that Jesus descended into Hell. He

went to where the saints of the Old Testament, and the ordinary people who had listened to God's commandments throughout the centuries waited to be rescued, at last. It is well for us to keep in mind that Jesus Christ was busy defeating Satan's hold on us once and for all. It is a profoundly solemn day of remembrance. At St. Patrick's we like to read the poem the Harrowing of Hell on Good Saturday. Fasting should continue at its strictest level for those who are healthy enough to do so, between Good Friday and Easter.

Finally Easter arrives! Throughout the days of Christianity, there would be a midnight church service to welcome the Day of Resurrection.

The time for feasting has begun. The bells ring. The fasting is over. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed! Hallelujah! Next week we will tackle all that stuff about Easter being a pagan word, and all that. May you have a blessed Lent, and an especially blessed Holy Week.

At St. Patrick's we will have a 6 p.m. Maundy Thursday service, an 11 a.m. Good Friday service, Stations of the Cross followed by soup and bread at 6 p.m., Harrowing of Hell reading at 6 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. Easter service Sunday, April 20. Call 710-431-9979 for information.