

The Second Amendment 2016 in Review: Part I

by the National Rifle Association, Institute for Legal Action

No doubt 2016 was a very successful year for NRA and our members in the fight to protect our Second Amendment rights, culminating in a historic political victory in November! In the most important election cycle in generations, NRA members and supporters proved once again to be the most potent political force in America, electing a pro-gun president and maintaining pro-gun majorities in the U.S. House and Senate.

Here is a summary of the top stories brought to you in 2016 via the NRA-ILA Grassroots Alert. As we move into 2017, we must continue to ensure we're prepared to meet the great opportunities and challenges

before us. We will continue to provide you with information in future Alerts to ensure you have the information necessary to protect

and advance your rights.

January

- President Obama issued a 15-page brochure or

"guidance" on firearm sales. Even though the President could not unilaterally expand the requirement to obtain a federal firearm license, he tried to instill fear in gun owners and have them believe that private firearm transfers were illegal.

- Anti-gunners endorsed Hillary Clinton for President. Clinton received endorsements from the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, Americans for Responsible Solutions, and former Attorney General Eric Holder.

- The FBI stopped processing NICS denial appeals. In what was dubbed a "makeshift reorganization" in a January 20 USA Today article, employees tasked with

reviewing NICS appeals had been "temporarily" reassigned to assist with the considerable increase in background checks.

- Bloomberg considered a run for President. CBS New York reported, "They say Bloomberg would strongly consider running if the general election looked like it would be a contest between Democrat Bernie Sanders and Republicans Donald Trump or Ted Cruz."

February

- U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia passed away. Scalia was a stalwart defender of the U.S. Constitution and author of the critically important majority opinion

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MOΛΩN ΛΑΒΕ

"MOΛΩN ΛΑΒΕ": The phrase, "Molon Labe", was used by the Spartan King Leonidas when the Persian King Xerxes demanded the Greeks lay down their arms at the Battle of Thermopylae in 480 B.C. It means, "Come and Take (them)". The Persians had about 10,000 soldiers and the Spartans 300. The Greeks held the Persians off for three days inflicting serious damage to their army and allowing the Greek city states to prepare, and eventually defeat the Persians.

Colorado Politics



Will Dems' Duran, GOP's Grantham Find Common Ground?

by Joey Bunch, ColoradoPolitics.com

The most important relationship to watch in Colorado over the next four months is House Speaker Crisanta Duran and Senate President Kevin Grantham. The pair have a lot they could fight over and little in common except an outsized influence over the lives of nearly 5.4 million Coloradans.

After several legislative sessions of gridlock over dividing up the state budget, funding transportation and extending social services, Speaker Duran and Senator Grantham have more than the usual tone of optimism over bipartisanship before the opening gavel on January 11th.

The political reality is that both parties — and top legislators — badly need to show something to voters ahead of 2018, when legislative seats and the gover-

nor's office will be up for election.

"I think there's some grounds for optimism," said Colorado College political science professor Tom Cronin, an author who chronicles state politics. "I've talked to a few of my friends who are lobbyists and they say there's more moderation in the leadership circles than in the past."

Gov. John Hickenlooper's legacy — and a foundation to run for national office — may well depend on how he maneuvers funding transportation through partisan circles, Cronin said.

"I think this is a year he could make a name for himself by leading some breakthroughs on stuff," he said.

Transportation is expected to be the defining test of bipartisanship. The state highway department estimates bridge and highway needs at \$9 billion. Facing a tight budget, Gov. Hickenlooper

has recommended the state chip in \$109 million next year. The rest comes from gas taxes and vehicle fees.

"I think people are open to the conversation because there's an understanding that the risk of doing nothing is greater than actually trying to give and take and come up with a solution," Duran said.

Republicans have favored borrowing \$3.5 billion for transportation and paying it back mostly out of existing budgets, but Democrats argue that would gut the allocation for education and other programs.

To find middle ground, the state's first Latina House speaker, a tiger on social programs, must work with a fiscally conservative Cañon City land appraiser with a cowboy drawl and handlebar mustache.

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"I'm a Lineman from the..."

Dear Sangre de Cristo Electric Coop:

I wish to commend with my entire heart, lineman Cory Wagner, on his rescue of my sister and I from the Christmas storm on Kettle Lane down from the Sangre de Cristo Coop transformer station. We had just gotten out of church, and decided, since the wind had apparently settled down somewhat in Westcliffe, we would go see if her horse (which was being kept at the B bar B Ranch on West Hermit Road) was OK since she was in the open field.

The wind and blowing ice kept getting worse and worse the closer we got to the west side of the valley. It was so bad that once we got there and talked to the ranch hand, we decided to return to the safety of home ASAP. We usually take what we think is a shortcut from Hermit Road to Ket-

tle Lane heading north to ultimately get us to Copper Gulch Road. Heading north on Kettle, past the Kettle Sub-station on the corner, the windblown ice was so bad it was a total white out. We went through several short snow drifts across the road and were blinded but we had managed to get traction and continue on. The third drift further up the road we were not so blessed. We anticipated the loss of traction and gunned it. This was not a good maneuver because this high-ended my sister's four wheel drive. I tried and tried to rock us enough to get traction again but since we were high centered we could not force any movement at all. We were frozen solid as the wind-driven snow was piling up around us. We only had on our Sunday church

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not shortened,
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save;
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heavy,
That it cannot
hear.

Isaiah 59:1 NKJV



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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board



The 115th Congress – What Will It Do?

This last Tuesday, January 3rd, the 115th U.S. Congress was sworn in and started doing the people's business. The big question is what will the Republican-controlled Congress accomplish or even attempt to accomplish in the next two years? First of all let's look at the numbers. The U.S. Senate is now split as follows: 52 Republicans, 46 Democrats and two Independents. The Democrats gained two seats. Not much change in the demographics. The U.S. House is split: 241 Republicans and 194 Democrats— 218 is the majority. The Democrats gained a total of six seats. Here's a breakdown of the House demographics; There are 348 men and 83 women— 418 have college degrees and 13 have no degrees. There are 156 lawyers (too many), 77 teachers, 23 farmers, 17 doctors and 13 journalists. The average age is 53. Representative John Conyers (D-MI) is the oldest at 87. Representative Michael Gallagher (R-WI) is the youngest at 32.

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Last week we wrote about the 545. On Tuesday, 535 of those went to work as the 115th Congress convened. Over several decades those 535 have helped lead America to where it is today and that is not such a good thing. Those 535 congressional members, plus the one president, have given us an overreaching, over controlling, leviathan federal government which has spent \$20 trillion more than it could take from the citizens. A majority of other nine (the Supreme Court Justices) have completely misinterpreted the U.S. Constitution and found an invisible right to abortion based on privacy and upheld the government's mandate to force American citizens to buy a specific product – aka health insurance. The 545 do not, obviously, always do what is best for America.

So, what will the 535 legislators do in the next two

years? We watched the happenings in both the Senate and the House all day Tuesday on C-Span. It was very interesting to say the least. It was clear the Democrats plan a full blown obstructionist campaign and the Republicans vowed to make great and wonderful changes. Democrat obstruction is to be expected. That's how Washington D.C. works and exactly why Donald Trump was elected President. No party in Washington is going to let the other party get credit for doing anything good if they can help it. The Democrat Senate Leader is Chuck Schumer from N.Y. Last week he described how he was going to "slow walk" eight of President-Elect Trump's cabinet selections. He also described the cabinet as "rigged." Not sure what that means but so much for even the pretense of working together. After the Senate was sworn in he made about 30 minutes of remarks. They can best be characterized by a list of warnings and threats to the President-Elect. At least 15 times he said that the Democrats would do their job and hold President Trump accountable for everything he said he would do during the campaign. We found that humorous as the Democrats never seemed to hold President Obama accountable for anything. There will be no working together.

On the Republican side there were lots of promises to fix things and change things. Paul Ryan (R-WI) was elected the Speaker of the House. His remarks

sounded very promising. The problem is that newly elected politicians make a lot of promises they never keep. After Nancy Pelosi made remarks similar to Schumer's, Speaker Ryan made these comments: "The American people have let out a great roar. I want the American people to know – we hear you, we will do right by you and we will deliver." Those are great promises but we need to see action. Conservatives have heard all that before. Will this time be different? Ryan went on to say to his majority colleagues, "This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. We must not waste it." We strongly agree with that, Mr. Speaker. Unhappy Americans delivered complete power to you. Don't waste it!

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Taking the "G" Out of "Good"

by J Cascarelli

My mother had dozens of one liners that captured many aspects of the human condition. "Taking the 'g' out of good" was one of them. She would use it to describe someone who through word or action stripped the enjoyment from a simple pleasure. If someone would say that "that piece of chocolate cake will make you fat," this would be taking the "g" out of good.

In today's increasingly intrusive, politically correct society, it is the left who routinely takes the "g" out of good. We can no longer tell a good ethnic or cultural joke. Then there are all the phobias that we are accused of. One can't object to the influx of illegals into the country without being accused of xenophobia. And, when did it become racist to disagree with a politician?

Then there are all these commercials selling some prescription drug. By the time the list of possible side effects are rattled off by the announcer, one can't even enjoy the comfort of a possible cure. The accusations of "sexism" are so over the top that I'm surprised that boys and girls ever get to-

gether. Who in their right mind would even want to take that chance of a serious relationship?

Let's not forget the scam of global warming. We are ridiculed for not buying a solar panel array or a windmill. Don't buy a full-sized car or a hated SUV. If one does buy a full-sized pickup, just try to parking it in one of the "mini-parking" spaces in today's parking lots. Having a new car was once a good thing, but with the "g" out of good, unless it is a mouse car or a hybrid our neighbors will think that we hate the planet.

I almost hesitate to address the use of animal by-products. You know, leather, fur, wool, steaks, shrimp cocktail or even a nice ice cold glass of milk, all offend some over-sensitive-do-gooder animal rights advocate.

Most days I feel like some modern day Rip van Winkle. I feel like I fell asleep in the 1950s only to re-awake in a futuristic world where once common pleasures and conveniences have a big fat guilt trip attached. Yes, I blame this on the left, our politicians and the popular media with the willing help of Hollywood.

Taking the "g" out of good is a poor way to spend one's life. Thanks to my mother, I recognize it and do everything in my power to ignore it.

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clothes so when I got out several times, it was less than a minute before my head was so frozen that I had to quickly hop back in and get warm again. I did this again and again while my sister was fortunate enough to get in contact with our friend that lives above the ranch we just came from. We waited and prayed and about this time, Lineman Cory Wagner slowly stopped, seeing our predicament about 50 feet to the rear of us stuck in the drift. It was blowing so hard it was beginning to bury our car. He was dressed well for the

weather when he came to the lea side of the car so we could talk. He saw that we were high ended and could not move. He went back to his Sangre truck and by this time our friends Mike Kienbusch and his son, Mike Jr., showed up. Cory connected a chain to our trailer ball and yanked us clear. It was such a euphoric feeling to be yanked free that I can't tell you how much our Good Samaritan on Christmas day created our "Christmas Day Miracle".

My intent is to in the high-

est way commend the Sangre de Cristo Electric Coop Lineman, Cory Wagner. He exemplifies the highest standard in kindness and caring of the people who work for your wonderful Coop. He and our friends Mike and his son might very well have saved our lives that day on that lonely road in the worst weather I can remember in my life. This was the best Christmas present anyone could ever hope and pray for.

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in the *District of Columbia v. Heller* case.

- The U.S. Fourth Circuit Court required "strict scrutiny" for the "Maryland Firearm Safety Act of 2013" (FSA). This increased the odds that the U.S. Supreme Court would take up the issue of semi-auto and magazine bans and determine a rule applicable to the entire country.
- Jesse Hughes, front man for the Eagles of Death Metal, the band targeted in the Paris terror attack, stressed the importance of armed self-defense. In an interview, Hughes said, "Did your French gun control stop a single [expletive] person from dying at the Bataclan? And if anyone can answer yes, I'd like to hear it, because I don't think so. I think the only thing that stopped it was some of the bravest men that I've ever seen in my life charging head-first into the face of death with their firearms."

- Corrections Officer Raymond Hughes was hit by a drunk driver while traveling in New Jersey with a firearm and a Pennsylvania concealed carry permit. He faced three and a half to 10 years in jail on a felony charge for possessing a firearm. The drunk driver was only charged with a Class 4 misdemeanor.

March

- Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced that he was abandoning a potential run for the White House in 2016. One national poll found that out of 4,000 registered voters, almost half (43 percent) either didn't recognize Bloomberg's name or had no opinion about him.
- A case involving the scope of firearm prohibitions prompted Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas to break his more than decade-long silent streak on the bench. Thomas asked Assistant U.S. Solicitor General Ilana Eisenstein to identify another "constitutional right that can be suspended based upon

a misdemeanor violation of a state law."

- NRA announced its strong opposition to President Barack Obama's nomination of Merrick Garland to the United States Supreme Court.

- The European Parliament took initial steps on EU gun control measures. Among the most burdensome provisions was a change that would place popular semi-automatic firearms into the same category as automatic firearms, thus barring civilian use.

April

- Hillary Clinton promised to attack gun owners on her "very first day in office." In a town hall meeting, she stated, "I really support everything President Obama said he would do through regulation on guns but we're going to start the very first day and tackle the gun lobby to try to reduce the outrageous number of people who are dying from gun violence in our country."
- The Social Security Administration (SSA) re-

leased a draft of a proposed rule that would strip many recipients of their Second Amendment rights. The proposal focused on five factors to determine if certain SSA recipients receiving Disability Insurance or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) have been "adjudicated as a mental defective" and were therefore federally prohibited from possessing or receiving firearms.

- Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona of the United States District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands struck down the last handgun ban in the United States in the case of *Radich v. Guerrero*. Judge Manglona's opinion held that the Islands' bans on handgun possession, possession of any firearms for self-defense purposes, importation of handguns and firearm possession by resident aliens violated the Second and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution.

(Part II next week.)

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"So far so good," Grantham said of working with his political opposite.

Grantham and Duran came into the Legislature together in 2011, he in the Senate, she in the House.

"We've always been able to talk to each other and we can laugh at ourselves to some extent," he said. "And we're able to talk about things frankly, which helps. We've still got a long way to go, but she's right to be optimistic. I'm optimistic, too."

Common ground

Before the session, Duran and Grantham are on the same page on the state's hospital provider fee, a place their predecessors, Representative Dickey Lee Hullinghorst of Boulder and Senator Bill Cadman of Colorado Springs, never reached.

Hullinghorst wanted the levy collected on hospital beds — more than \$750 million — reclassified as an enterprise fund. That would remove it from the formula

that triggers tax refunds under the state Constitution's Taxpayer's Bill of Rights.

Grantham has made it clear he sees the maneuver as a way to circumvent the Constitution and shortchange taxpayers without their consent.

Duran got the message.

"I think the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and hoping to get a different result," she said. "I think we'll continue to have conversations about the hospital provider fee changing to an enterprise, but I think we also have to listen and recognize where President Grantham is coming from on that and look at different options."

Grantham has signaled he won't allow a lot of partisan clatter among his members or Democrats this year.

"I grew up knowing that telling people what they want to hear doesn't get you anywhere down the road, so people can appreciate that I'll tell them where they're at," Grantham told Jon Caldara last week on the "Devil's Advocate" TV

show on Colorado Public Television. "And if I don't like their bill, they're going to know it.

Different backgrounds

The chamber leaders bring starkly different backgrounds to their views.

Duran is the daughter of well-known labor union leader and lawyer Ernie Duran. Her mother was an advocate for affordable housing, and her grandfather was a steel mill worker in Pueblo. Her grandmother, Eva, who could not read, was her greatest influence to make the most of her opportunities, Duran said in a speech to the Democratic National Convention last summer.

Duran, an attorney, has been branded a "rising star" by state and national sources.

Grantham doesn't show up in the media much and is thoughtful in the moment and in strategy. If the Capitol is a harbor for political showboats, Grantham is a steady ship, colleagues in both parties say.

He was chosen by Senate Republicans to serve on the

state's budget-writing committee the past two years. There compromises have to be made on tough spending issues because the state Constitution requires a balanced budget.

Grantham grew up in politics. His father, Richard Grantham, was a Republican Party chairman in Crowley County. The youngest of five, he moved to Fremont County to work in real estate and appraising. His resumé also includes sports writing and onion farmer.

"I was involved in caucuses and county assemblies long before I could vote," he said.

Grantham and Duran each said they got into politics to help people, using nearly the same words in separate interviews.

"I told her we were worlds apart, because she's optimistically cautious and I'm cautiously optimistic," Grantham said.

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by George Gramlich

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Luke is a certified gunsmith and NRA Certified Firearms Instructor. Advanced Weapons has an extensive selection of pistols, rifles and shotguns with a very good selection of assault

style rifles. The store is chock full of firearms accessories; cleaning kits, holsters, scopes, silencers and tactical accessories. Advanced Weapons stocks items from major manufacturers such as GemTech, Magpul, Ergo, Hogue, Galco, Samson, PWS, ProShot, Blueforce gear, Nightforce, Nikon, Burris, Eotech and more. Advanced Weapons has, of course, a ton of ammunition including a multitude of .223 rounds.

Advanced Weapons is also a Federal Class III dealer (automatic firearms) and recently had a beautiful, full

auto, original Thompson Submachine gun for sale in the store.

Advanced Weapons also cleans, repairs and modifies firearms and can build a custom rifle to your specifications. If Luke doesn't have the firearm you want in stock, he can get in a few days.

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Advanced Weapons owner Luke Golob in front of some of Advanced Weapons' fine selection. Note the Tavor X95 Bullpup assault rifle right above his head and a full auto, original, Thompson Submachine gun, top right.



Above; part of the extensive handgun selection at Advanced Weapons. Right; one of the accessory rooms at Advanced Weapons.

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Thanks to a grant from our environmental health partners in Las Animas/Huerfano County, the Custer County Public Health Agency is offering FREE Radon test kits during the winter months to residents of our County, with a limit of one kit per household. Kits may be picked up at the Public Health Agency, located in the Custer County Clinic, or at the Extension Office in the Courthouse. About 46 percent of all homes in Colorado are estimated to have high levels of radon, which is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers.

We urge all residents of Custer County to

have their homes tested for radon levels. Should your home have high radon levels, remediation can help.

According to the EPA, radon levels in the home ranging from 4 picocuries per liter of air (pCi/L) or higher places occupants at risk. Radon is estimated to cause roughly 21,000 deaths nationwide annually.

Testing for radon is the only way to know if your home is affected, and homes should be tested every two to three years. If you need more information call the Custer County Public Health Agency at 783-3369 or the Custer County CSU Extension Office at 783-2514.

Press Release

The winter months are an ideal time to test your home to determine if it has elevated radon levels. Radon is a naturally occurring, odorless, invisible, tasteless gas that is dispersed in outdoor air, but which can reach harmful levels when trapped in buildings. Radon comes from the breakdown of uranium in soil and rock which can enter undetected into your home through foundation cracks, dirt floors, loose fitting pipes, slab joints or block walls. Breathing air with elevated radon levels over long periods of time is known to increase the risk of lung cancer. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer, with cigarette smoking being number one. Radon has been identified as a risk factor in developing lung cancer because it decays into radioactive par-

ticles that can get trapped in the lungs. These particles release bursts of energy that damage lung tissue. It is estimated that radon may be associated with 21,000 lung cancer deaths per year in the United States. The Surgeon General, the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Academy of Sciences, the American Lung Association, the World Health Organization, and the American Medical Association have all identified indoor radon pollution as a national health problem. The amount of radon in the air is measured in picocuries per liter of air (pCi/L). The EPA has set 4 pCi/L as a recommended action level. The majority of Colorado is located in Zone 1, which means these areas have a predicted average indoor screening level greater than 4 pCi/L. Radon levels are influenced

by a variety of factors. It is recommended that each home in Colorado be tested, regardless of geographic location or a neighbor's test result. Every house is different. There are many factors that influence radon levels in a home. Only individual testing can determine if your home has a radon problem. Measuring radon levels is simple and inexpensive.

Contact the CSU Extension office at 783-2514 or the Custer County Public Health 783-3369 to obtain a short-term radon test.

You can also visit the CSU Extension webpage at www.ext.colostate.edu to view fact sheet #9.953 Preventing Radon Problems in the Home.

Colorado radon info www.coloradoradon.info EPA radon information www.epa.gov/radon/states/colorado.html

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Local Mountain News & Notices

Events Calendar

Friday and Saturday, January 6 and 7, at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, January 8, at 2 p.m.
“Collateral Beauty”
Drama | PG 13
At the JONES THEATER \$\$

Tuesday, January 10,
9 a.m. BOCC Meeting Boardroom
10 a.m. Official Ceremony in Courtroom

Tuesday January 10, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
“Trunk Show” Old Schoolhouse Quilters
featuring Patsy Morris at Bible Valley Fellowship, Silver Cliff

Wednesday January 11, 1 p.m.
Adult Reading Program Registration &
“Big Doings in the Deep” Presentation.
West Custer Library

Wed, January 11, 2017, 4:05 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Girl Scout meeting
School Library

Friday and Saturday, January 13 and 14, at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, January 15, at 2 p.m.
“Allied”
Action, Drama, Romance | R
At the JONES THEATER \$\$

Recurring Events

- Monday**
- 6 -7 p.m.** Closed Step Study Alcoholics Anonymous at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Westcliffe.
Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Emily at (719) 371-5974.
- 3rd Monday**
- 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.** Writers group at the Library. If you write or would like to start writing, please join us in the Community Room for peer editing, feedback, ideas, comradery, and more.
- Tuesday**
- 12 – 4:30 p.m.** Bridge Club meets in the Library Community Room in downtown Westcliffe.
6 p.m. Bible Study at Wild West Cowboy Church. Call 719-783-2676.
- 1st Tuesday of the Month**
- 6:30 p.m.** at Cliff Lanes
American Legion Post 170 monthly meeting.
- 6:45 p.m.** Post 170 Auxiliary monthly meeting (March – October) at the Saddle Club.
- Wednesday**
- 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.** Line dancers meet at the Methodist Church. Call Clem at (303) 909-7370.
- 6-7 p.m.** Closed Big Book Study Alcoholics Anonymous at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Emily at (719) 371-5974.
- 6:30 p.m.** Men’s and Women’s Bible Study. First Baptist Church of Westcliffe Call 719-783-2498.
- 6:30 - 8 p.m.** Custer County Community Band practice in the band room at the high school.
- 2nd and 4th Wednesdays**
- 3 p.m.** Scrabble Group West Custer County Library.
- Last Wednesday of the Month**
- 11 a.m.** Book Club meeting at the West Custer County Library. Open to the public.
- Thursday**
- Second Thursday of the Month**
- 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.** “Ask a Nurse” at the library.
- Friday**
- 6 -7 p.m.** Open Discussion Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Emily at (719) 371-5974.
- 7 -8 p.m.** Bible Talks with Domenic Enrietta and John Hartig. At the Library Community Room. All welcome. No charge.
- Third Friday of the Month**
- Camp Happiness for 0-6 yrs old.
1-2:20 p.m. at West Custer Library.
- Saturday**
- 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.
- 2 p.m.** Laughter Yoga at the West Custer County Library. Open to the public.
- 3 p.m.** Open Drum Circle at the West Custer County Library. All ages welcome! If you have a drum, please bring it. We have a few spares.
- 3rd Saturday of Month**
- 9 a.m.** VFW meeting at Cliff Lanes Conference Room for more info call Commander Randy Knight 783-9340.

Services

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| Club America
50 E. Main Street
Silver Cliff, CO 81252
(719) 783-0750 | Custer County Community Sharing Center Inc.
120 N. 3rd St.
Westcliffe, CO 81252
(719) 783-3303
New Hrs. Fri.1 p.m. – 5 p.m. | West Custer County Library
209 Main Street
Westcliffe, CO 81252
(719) 783-9138
Tue. – Fri.: 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Sat.:10 a.m. – 2 p.m. |
| Custer County Senior Center
612 Main St.
Silver Cliff, CO 81252
(719) 783-9508
Lunch; Mon., Tues. & Thur. at Noon. RSVP by 9:30 a.m. | Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources
417 Cliff Street
Silver Cliff, CO 81252
(719) 783-4357
Mon. and Thur. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Fri. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Wet Mt. Rotary Van Service
For transportation needs, contact Van Dispatch
(719) 783-2343
Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. |

Cathy McCarthy Joins Library Team



Cathy McCarthy. Adult Services Librarian.

Photo courtesy of West Custer County Library

There is a new, friendly face at the West Custer County Library. Cathy McCarthy joined the library staff as the adult services librarian in June. She has embraced her role by lining up numerous educational and fun events for adults in the community and is gearing up for the new Winter Adult Reading Program that kicks off in January.

Looking back on her first six months, McCarthy said she most enjoys meeting new people and talking with the library’s regular patrons. She said it is a great way to get new author and book suggestions for herself and other patrons. Also, it has provided her with a plethora of ideas for classes and events for the coming year.

Originally from the East Coast, McCarthy and her

husband Joe – a dispatcher at the Sheriff’s Office – spent 12 years in Denver raising their family before discovering Westcliffe. In 2009, relatives suggested they check out “this little town” in southern Colorado. As soon as she got to Bear Basin and saw the vista, “I knew I had to live here,” she said. Just one week later, they put money down on property in the valley. After building their home, they moved to the area in early 2015. Cathy’s daughter, Erin, graduated from Custer County High School in 2015, and their son, Ryan, is soon to start with the police department in Adams County.

Books have always been an important part of McCarthy’s life, and she loves to read. As a matter of fact, she said she could not live

in a town without a library. She volunteered at the West Custer County Library for about a year when the adult services librarian position was created, and she decided to apply for the job.

In addition to her work at the library, McCarthy is also on the board of All-Aboard Westcliffe, and she and her husband volunteer for the bluegrass festival every year. When not volunteering, they are tending to their horses, including “a wicked mare and a gentlemanly gelding.”

McCarthy is excited to work with the community to provide relevant, fun adult programs. She welcomes ideas for classes and events and can be reached at the library at 719-783-9138 ext. 5 or cathy@westcusterlibrary.org.

2017 CHILDREN’S HEALTH FUND GRANT CYCLE

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| January 2 | Grant Application available online at wmvcf.org
Hard copy available at the library |
| January 11 | Workshop at the Backroom 9-11 a.m. (Porth Building on Second Street) |
| March 1 | Submission Deadline
kidshealthfund@gmail.com |



*Beloved, I pray that you may prosper
in all things and be in health,
just as your soul prospers.*

3 John 1:2 NKJV

Local Mountain News & Notices

Bobcats Sport Schedule

MS Girls Basketball Game AWAY v South Park <i>Departure time TBD</i> When: Fri, January 6, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Where: South Park	MS Girls Basketball Game AWAY v La Veta When: Tue, January 10, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. Where: La Veta
HS Boys & HS Girls Basketball AWAY v Sargent <i>Departure TBD</i> When: Fri, January 6, 3 .p.m. – 6 p.m. Where: Sargent	HS Boys & HS Girls Basketball AWAY v Cotopaxi <i>Departure TBD</i> When: Thu, January 12, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. Where: Cotopaxi
Elementary Basketball Program When: Sat, January 7, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Where: EAST GYM	MS Girls Basketball Game HOME v Cripple Creek When: Fri, January 13, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Where: Cripple Creek
HS Boys & HS Girls Basketball AWAY v South Park <i>Departure TBD</i> When: Sat, January 7, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. Where: South Park	MS Girls Basketball Game HOME v Cripple Creek When: Fri, January 13, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Where: Cripple Creek
MS Boys Basketball Game AWAY v La Veta When: Tue, January 10, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. Where: La Veta	Wrestling Tournament at HOME When: Sat, January 14, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Where: Custer County High School



Bobcat Menu • Jan. 9- Jan. 12, 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk	Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk	Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk	Breakfast Biscuit & Gravy Fruit Milk
Lunch Elem. Popcom Chicken Roll, Potatoes/Gravy Fruit Milk	Lunch Elem. Hot Dog Oven Fries Fruit Milk	Lunch Elem. Tostada/Lettuce Spice Bread Fruit Milk	Lunch Elem. Creamed Chicken Carrots w/ Ranch Peas & Fruit Milk
Lunch MS & HS Popcom Chicken Roll & Potatoes/Gravy Mixed Veg & Fruit Milk	Lunch MS & HS Hamburger Deluxe Baked Beans/Oven Fries Fruit Milk	Lunch MS & HS Soft Shell Beef Taco Corn & Pinto Beans Lettuce /Tom & Fruit Milk	Lunch MS & HS Creamed Chicken w/Rice Roll, Peas & Carrots Fruit Milk
<i>Elementary: Main Dish, Grain Product, Veg., Fruit, and Milk</i> <i>Middle & High: Main Dish, (Or Premade Chef Salad), Grain Product, Vegetable, Fruit and Milk</i> <i>A la Carte Items To Be Sold To M.S. & H.S. Only</i>			

TEENS GLOW For a Night Grades 6-12

THURSDay, JANUARY 12th FROM 4:15 – 6 p.m.

Black lights, just dance, neon t-shirt creations and glow-in-the-dark snacks will feature at the “Glow Party”, the latest teen event at the West Custer County Library. This free event is open only to students in grades 6-12. All materials will be provided.

For more information, please call the library at 783-9138 or email jessica@westcusterlibrary.org.

KIDS

Friday, January 6, 2017

New Mexico Our Neighbor to the South

Once known as the province of New Mexico, it included all of present day New Mexico, most of Colorado and Arizona, and slices of Utah, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Wyoming. New Mexico became a U.S. territory in 1853 as part of the Gadsden purchase. The boundaries of present day New Mexico were drawn by congress in 1863. On January 6, 1912, New Mexico was admitted to the Union as the 47th state. Present day New Mexico encompasses 121,593 square miles and is the 5th largest state. New Mexico has far more sheep and cattle than people. There are only about 12 people per square mile. Santa Fe is the capital and is the highest capital in the United States at 7,000 feet above sea level. It is also the ending point of the 800 mile Santa Fe Trail.

New Mexico was the site of the top-secret Manhattan Project during World War II. This project consisted of scientists racing to create the first atomic bomb. Nuclear facilities were built at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Hanford, Washington. The main assembly plant was built at Los Alamos, New Mexico. Secrecy was paramount. In fact, Vice-President Truman had never heard of the Manhattan Project until he became President Truman.

On July 16, 1945, at Trinity Site near Alamogordo, New Mexico, scientists of the Manhattan Project readied themselves to watch the detonation of the world’s first atomic bomb. The device was affixed to a 100-foot tower and discharged just before dawn. No one was properly prepared for the result. A mushroom cloud reached 40,000 feet, blowing out windows of civilian homes up to 100 miles away. A bogus cover-up story was quickly released, explaining that a huge ammunition dump had just exploded in the desert. The world had entered the nuclear age from Los Alamos, New Mexico.

After WWII, Los Alamos and Albuquerque had many new laboratories. Hundreds of highly educated scientists and engineers moved into the state. New Mexico soon had a higher percentage of people with PhDs than any other state. Because of its scenic beauty and rich history it is nicknamed “The Land of Enchantment”.

Up for a road trip? Travel south to New Mexico and enjoy the scenic beauty and the different tourist attractions New Mexico has to offer.

by Audrey Slater, Sources: findfast.com, history.com, 50states.com, destination360.com.

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At the Library Kids to Learn Through Play

Monday, January 9th at 11 a.m.

Parents and caregivers of kids ages four and younger can join their children for a one-hour “moving” experience at the library. The latest Play to Learn event will focus on movement in the West Custer County Library Community Room.

Available just since November, Play to Learn is a new monthly event that helps little ones explore and learn through various activities. It is completely free, and anyone who takes care of young children is invited bring their kids and have some fun; no registration or RSVP required.

“Come and Go” Farewell Reception

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"Trunk Show" January 10th

The Olde Schoolhouse Quilters will be hosting their annual "Trunk Show" from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on January 10th, at Valley Bible Fellowship at 116 Hermit Lane in Silver Cliff. The public is cordially invited to attend free of charge.

Patsy Morris of Pueblo West will give the presentation of her quilting talents that span 10 years from beginner in 2006 to juried quilts in 2010, 2011 and 2012. She is well known in her area as a custom free-motion long-arm quilter. Her quilting has won many Pueblo County and State Fair awards. She was also the Pueblo Coun-

ty Fair quilting judge in 2016.

This award-winning quilter was self-taught, sewing clothing for her family, then moving into quilting by hand and machine. Her interests in quilts include; art and painted quilts, memory quilts, portrait and minimal piecing quilts where the quilting produces a second design element. She enjoys "out of the ordinary" quilts or art quilts as they are called.

Patsy will have a couple of her patterns for sale at the end of the show. Please



Patsy Morris

Courtesy photo

come and listen to her tell about her quilting journey and see her beautiful work.

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S 2nd St. • Westcliffe
Mon-Sun 5:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
719-783-2507

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Candy's Coffee
106 S. 2nd St. • Westcliffe
719-783-9516
Mon. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Chappy's Bar & Grill
213 Main St. Westcliffe
719-783-0813
Mon-Thursday, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sunday 11 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Hwy 96 Road House
404 Main St. Silver Cliff
719-783-3331
Sun - Thurs 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Fri - Sat 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Rancher's Roost at Cliff Lanes
25 Main St. • Westcliffe
719-783-2147
Mon. - Sun, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sunday 9 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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Mon.-Sat., 6:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.
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719-783-4045
Tues. - Fri., 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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Sundays, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.



Christian Science
9:30 a.m. Worship
8 Bassick Place
Westcliffe

Church of Christ
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Worship
Wedn. 6:00 p.m. Worship
818 Ohio Street
Silver Cliff
719/783-4601

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
10 a.m. Sacrament Mtg.
12:10 p.m. Sunday School
240 Ridgeline Drive
Westcliffe
719/404-4585

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

Cody Park Community Church
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Mtg.
Wednesday, 7 p.m. Bible Study
0157 County Rd. 27A
Cotopaxi
719/942-3462
719/942-3526

Come and Worship

Cotopaxi Community Church
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Wedn. Bible Study
20326 Hwy. 50
Cotopaxi
719/315-6339

First Baptist Church of Westcliffe
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:45 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Worship
417 S. 6th Street
Westcliffe
719/783-2498

High Country Mennonite Church
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Sunday School
110 Rosita Avenue
All Aboard Westcliffe Bldg.
Westcliffe
719/783-9045

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

Hope Lutheran Church
9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Worship
3rd & Powell Streets
Westcliffe
719/783-9773

Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church
Diocese of Pueblo
11 a.m. Sunday Mass
10 a.m. Wednesday Mass
11 a.m.- 2 p.m. Wedn. Adoration
109 S. 5th Street
Westcliffe
719/783-3507

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

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

St. Patrick's Anglican Church
11 a.m. Worship
401 South Second Street
Westcliffe
719/783-2500

Sangre de Cristo Fellowship
Sundays, 10 a.m. Meet and Greet
Sundays, 10:15 a.m. Service
120 Jerry Court
Westcliffe
719/783-0903

Sangre de Cristo Seminary Chapel
10 a.m. Worship
6160 County Rd. 130
Westcliffe
719/783-2447

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Diocese of Pueblo
Saturday Mass 4:00 p.m.
Highway 69, Gardner

Valley Bible Fellowship
10 a.m. Worship
116 Hermit Lane
Silver Cliff
719/783-9050

Westcliffe Community Church
10 a.m. Worship
103 N. Adams St.
Westcliffe
719/783-2545

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

Wetmore Community Church
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Worship
699 County Rd. 395
Wetmore
719/784-0596

Wild West Cowboy Church
4 p.m. Worship
Followed by Potluck
Tuesdays 6 p.m.: Bible Study
60260 Hwy. 69 North
Westcliffe
719/783-2676

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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES



NOTICE

The following is a list of all bills presented, audited, and ordered by the Board of County Commissioners of Custer County, Colorado, from their respective funds at the regular meeting on December 30, 2016.

Custer County Payments for Airport Fund Payments From November 1, 2016 Through November 30, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
ANDERSON/DALLAS	OFF SUPP REIMB	594.85
ASCENT AVIATION GROUP INC	POS CHARGE	6,688.84
CENTURYLINK	SRV	105.96
DDW INC	SRV	60.00
NORUP GAS INC	SRV	262.50
QT POD	FUEL CARD	7.32
SANGRE DE CRISTO ELECTRIC	SRV	122.47
VALLEY ACE HOME CENTER	BATTERY CHARGER	64.99
	Final Totals...	7,906.93

Custer County Payments for Capital Improvement Fund Payments From November 1, 2016 Through November 30, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
H E WHITLOCK INC	WCCLP CHG 4	79,373.76
T A DUKE & ASSOCIATES	WCC ARCH/ENG FEE	1,813.00
UNITED REPROGRAPHIC	ASSR COPIER	90.00
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING	ASSR MAPPING COPIER	285.40
	Final Totals...	81,562.16

Custer County Payments for Emergency Services Fund Payments From November 1, 2016 Through November 30, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
AT & T MOBILITY	OEM CELL & HOTSPOT	85.32
CEMA	OEM DUES/FEES	270.00
CENTURYLINK	OEM LANDLINE & DSL	106.00
CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	INSURANCE	5,061.60
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	OEM FUEL	84.87
HOWARD/CINDY		191.38
POLICE LEGAL SCIENCES	DISPATCH TRAINING	720.00
WEST CUSTER CO HOSPITAL DIST	RETAC	2,595.00
	Final Totals...	9,114.17
	Payroll...	12,456.24

Custer County Payments for General Fund Payments From November 1, 2016 Through November 30, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
ALL PRO FORMS INC	TAX NOTICE	389.68
AMERICAN FIDELITY	DS W/H	129.58
AMERICAN PUBLIC LIFE	CN W/H	161.10
AMERICAN SECURITY	BALLOT DROP BOX	2,190.00
AT & T MOBILITY	SRV	1,020.60
ATTEBERY/LYNN		503.22
CALPHO	CALPHO & NACCHO	385.00
CARDENAS/CARLAN	REIMBS	73.00
CENTURYLINK	WETMORE FIRE SRV	520.24
CENTURYLINK	SRV	3,997.08
CHASE CARD SERVICES	SCALE LICENSE	25.00
CLIFFES AUTO	SHERIFF AUTO MAINT	69.95
CMI ROADBUILDING INC	LANDFILL REPAIR	1,885.22
COLORADO COUNTY	CLERK'S ASSOC DUES	852.08
COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	GARNISHMENT	135.00
COX/CHARLES	REIMBS	204.00
CRESTONE GRAPHICS	SHERIFF PRINTING	269.85
CSU COOPERATIVE EXTENSION	QTRLY EXT AGENT PAYMENT	3,325.00
CUSTER COUNTY	INSURANCE W/H	33,036.64
CUSTER COUNTY	EXT OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,721.76
CUSTER COUNTY FAIR	FAIR EXPENSES	198.89
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	SHEIFF FUEL	4,472.46
CUSTER COUNTY SCHOOL DIST	LABOR PAYMENT	954.55
DISH NETWORK	JAIL TV SERVICE	97.24
EL PASO COUNTY	CORONER'S SERVICE	1,350.00
ENDPOINT DIRECT	POSTAGE FOR TAX	3,300.00
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY	GARNISHMENT	442.00
FOX DRUG INC	JAIL PRESCRIPTIONS	124.99
FREMONT COUNTY OEM	JUNKINS FIRE	71.96
GAIDE/BRENDA	COMMISS TRAVEL REIMBURSE	26.50
GARREN ROSS & DENARDO	PROFESSIONAL	1,200.00
GCR TIRES AND SERVICE	SHERIFF TIRES	549.56
HENRICH/JAMES D	ASSESSOR TRAVEL REIMBURS	342.30
HOUGH ELECTRIC	COURTHOUSE SECURITY CAM	900.00
HYMARK MOTORSPORTS	SHERIFF ATV MAINT	52.96

IPPOLITO/CHUCK	IT SUPPLIES	1,036.70
KATTNIG/ROBERT (BOB)	COMMISS CCI CONF	355.86
KEY WEST LOCKSMITH	SHERIFF DOOR KNOB	43.00
LEDs LLC	CLERK LABELS	29.76
LEGALSHIELD	LS W/H	38.85
LEHN/LISA	JAIL TRAVEL	500.00
LOWE'S PAY & SAVE INC	JAIL FOOD	1,211.75
MARTIN/RHONDA K	IMMUNIZATION	53.45
MCFARLAND OIL	LANDFILL FUEL	2,247.05
MIDWEST RADAR & ELECTRONICS	SHERIFF 11 RADAR	440.00
MOUNTAIN PUBLISHING CO	TREASURER	52.00
MPH INDUSTRIES	SHERIFF RADARS	4,068.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS OF WESTCLIFFE	SHERIFF VEHICLE	441.81
NOBILITY FUNERAL HOME	CORONER'S	250.00
NORUP GAS INC	SHERIFF PROPANE	1,042.77
OAK DISPOSAL SERVICE	LANDFILL SERVICE	52.50
ODLE/CARMALENE	NURSE TRAVEL	56.81
OFFICE DEPOT	ASSESSOR OFFICE	329.56
OFFICE OF THE DIST ATTORNEY	PROFESSIONAL	7,645.83
PIQUETTE ENTERPRISES LLC	BUDGET PREP	2,387.66
POCKET PRESS INC	SHERIFF LITERATURE	197.78
QUILL CORP	P & Z OFFICE	243.19
ROTH/RANDALL	JAIL MEDS	41.24
ROUND MTN WATER & SEWER	SHERIFF WATER	216.00
SANGRE DE CRISTO	LANDFILL POWER	100.95
SBA STRUCTURES LLC	DEER MTN TOWER	521.68
SHY/CHRISTOPHER (KIT)	COMMISS TRAVEL REIMBURSE	153.00
SIRCHIE FINGERPRINT LABS	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	78.90
SMITH/CLINTON A	PROFESSIONAL	1,600.00
STATE OF COLORADO	CLERK RENEWAL & REPAIRS	167.73
STOLTZFUS/GAIL	NURSE TRAVEL	262.53
SWARTZ/TIM	VSO MEMBERSHIPS	200.50
SYMBOLARTS LLC	SHERIFF PATCHES	2,360.00
TASC PVR	FLEX W/H	999.99
TECHNICAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	JAIL DRUG TESTING	218.70
TENNESSEE CHILD SUPPORT	GARNISHMENT	316.00
TOTAL OFFICE SOLUTIONS	CLERK OFFICE	768.07
UNITED REPROGRAPHIC	ASSESSOR PLOTTER	115.25
US BANK	SHERIFF OPER	1,905.69
VALLEY ACE HOME CENTER	LANDFILL REPAIRS	459.35
VIVID INK AND TONER	SHERIFF FLASH	319.64
WEST CUSTER CO HOSPITAL	NURSE OPERATING	557.21
WESTCLIFFE PETROLEUM	SHERIFF TIRE	32.09
WET MOUNTAIN TRIBUNE	BOCC PUBS	83.35
WIGGIN/TED	MILEAGE	58.00
WILSON/CHRISTINA	UPS OFFICE PRINTER	61.73
XEROX BUSINESS SERVICES	ASSESSOR DATA	6,229.27
YOUNG/ROBIN	EXT TRAVEL	80.00
4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	LANDFILL REPAIRS	202.40
	Final Totals...	105,811.01
	Payroll...	110,754.15

Custer County Payments for Human Services Fund Payments From November 1, 2016 Through November 30, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
	Final Totals...	12,715.50
	Payroll...	14,628.46

Custer County Payments for Road and Bridge Fund Payments From November 1, 2016 Through November 30, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
ACORN PETROLEUM INC	WETMORE FUEL	3,356.50
AFLAC	INS W/H	53.00
AIRGAS USA LLC	CYLINDER RENTAL	606.00
AMERICAN FIDELITY	DS W/H	394.44
AT & T MOBILITY	SRV	184.06
BLUE FLAME GAS	WETMORE SHOP SRV	500.00
CENTURYLINK	WETMORE SHOP SRV	187.06
CENTURYLINK	WC SHOP SRV	331.33
CUSTER COUNTY	INSURANCE	13,138.56
DRIVE TRAIN INDUSTRIES	EQUIP MAINT	3,692.18
ENVIROTECH SERVICES INC	DURABLEND	11,610.00
FARICY FORD	EQUIP MAINT	231.67
FASTENAL	SUPPLIES	50.54
INTERSTATE BILLING	EQUIP MAINT	215.33
INTRAWEST LLC	TIRES	320.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	PARTS	101.96
LEGALSHIELD	LS W/H	51.80
LITZ AUTO SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	5.19
LOWE'S PAY & SAVE INC	SUPPLIES	45.90
MSDSONLINE, INC.	MSDS ACCOUNT	499.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS OF WESTCLIFFE	PARTS	280.51
NORUP GAS INC	SRV	300.38
OAK DISPOSAL SERVICE	DUMPSTER SERVICE	132.00
POWER MOTIVE	MISC PARTS	336.79
PROCOM	PRE-EMP TEST	37.00
PUEBLO RADIATOR	RADIATOR REBUILD	650.00
ROUND MTN WATER & SEWER	SRV	2,479.46
SNAP ON TOOLS	TOOLS	90.75
SQUIRE/ROGER	REIMBURSE	94.63
TASC PVR	FLEX W/H	574.98

TIRE CENTERS, LLC	GRADER TIRES	13,581.51
TRANWEST TRUCKS	PARTS	20.52
VALLEY ACE HOME CENTER	MISC PARTS	1,753.99
WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO	MISC PARTS	301.58
WESTCLIFFE PETROLEUM	FUEL	14,251.32
WHITEHALLS ALPINE BG	EQUIP SUPPLIES	840.05
XEROX CORP	COPIER	116.60
	Final Totals...	71,416.59
	Payroll...	33,206.79

Custer County Payments for Tourism Fund Payments From November 1, 2016 Through November 30, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
WEISENBACH/ROBERT	WEB DESIGN REIMBURSE	460.00
	Final Totals...	460.00

STATE OF COLORADO COUNTY OF CUSTER

I, Kelley S. Camper, County Clerk in and for said county, and in the state aforesaid, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true, full, and correct list of all office bills allowed paid by the Board of County Commissioners of said county and state, at the regular meeting held in December 2016, as shown by the records and files of my office. Given under my hand and official seal this month of December A.D. 2016.

Kelley S. Camper
County Clerk

Date published: January 6, 2017
Sangre de Cristo Sentinel
Westcliffe, Colorado

Custer County BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Agenda

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017

9:00 AM
Meeting Location:
County Courthouse /Commissioners Room

Call meeting to order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Amend Agenda
Audience Introduction
Approval of minutes
Public Comment
Commissioner Items
Executive Session
Old/New Business

- Close Out of 2016 Business
- VSO Report Approval
- Swearing in Ceremony for Elected Officials – Courtroom 10:00 AM
- 2017 County Holiday Calendar
- 2017 BOCC Meeting Calendar
- 2017 BOCC County Appointments
- 2017 BOCC Department Point of Contact
- 2017 Regional Board Appointments
- 2017 EMPG Work Plan - Signature

NOTICE TO PUBLIC: To meet publishing deadlines, all agenda items must be submitted either by calling the Commissioner’s Office at 719-783-2552; in writing to the Commissioner’s Office at PO Box 150, Westcliffe, CO 81252; or by e-mail to brenda@custercountygov.com no later than 9:00 AM on the Monday of the week prior to the BOCC meeting. Items not submitted in time may be tabled for one month so they may be properly published. True emergency items will be heard. (Audio recordings of the BOCC meetings are available for public review or purchase for \$10 per CD.)



**For Financial
Transparency
information for
Custer County
School District
C-1, please see
link at custercountyschools.org.**



Local Mountain News & Notices

CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES



COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 12-16

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:

On October 27, 2016, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Custer records.

Original Grantor(s)	Mayra S Speer
Original Beneficiary(ies)	Washington Mutual Bank
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt	JPMorgan Chase Bank , National Association
Date of Deed of Trust	January 19, 2008
County of Recording	Custer
Recording Date of Deed of Trust	January 29, 2008
Recording Information	209587 Book: 600 Page: 159
(Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)	
Original Principal Amount	\$222,159.00
Outstanding Principal Balance	\$194,694.91

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE STATE OF COLORADO, COUNTY OF CUSTER, WITH A SITUS ADDRESS OF 12100 COUNTY ROAD 255, WESTCLIFFE CO 81252-9515 CURRENTLY OWNED BY SPEER MAYRA S HAVING A TAX ASSESSOR NUMBER OF 0010148862 AND BEING THE SAME PROPERTY MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS TR 45 MC KINLEY MTN RANCH ESTATES.

Also known by street and number as: 12100 County Rd 255, Westcliffe, CO 81252.

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 03/01/2017, at the office of the Custer County Public Trustee, 205 South 6th Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication	1/6/2017
Last Publication	2/3/2017
Name of Publication	Sangre de Cristo Sentinel

IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;

IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

Colorado Attorney General	Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
1300 Broadway, 10th Floor	P.O. Box 4503
Denver, Colorado 80203	Iowa City, Iowa 52244
(800) 222-4444	(855) 411-2372
www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov	www.consumerfinance.gov

DATE: 10/27/2016
Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee in and for the County of Custer, State of Colorado

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:

Klatt, Augustine, Sayer, Treinen & Rastede, P.C. 710 Kipling Street, Suite 402, Lakewood, CO 80215 (303) 232-5606
Attorney File # CO160290
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

**O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good:
for His mercy endureth for ever.**

Psalm 107:1 KJV

Sheriff's Report...

SO Report for 1/6/17

Between 12/27/16 and 1/2/17 there were the following calls for service:

SO: 127
EMS 8
Fire 1

As of 1/2/17 there were 12 males and 2 females in the county jail.

12/27/16:

Arrest: Andrew Rose of Westcliffe was issued a summons and arrested for Driving a Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs or Both and Reckless Driving.

Accident: A deputy was dispatched to Highway 96 MM 14.8 for a single vehicle accident.

12/28/16:

Accident: EMS, the Wet Mountain Fire Department, and a Sheriff's deputy were dispatched to a single vehicle rollover accident on CR 220. EMS processed three refusals to transport.

Arrest: Domestic Dis-

pute: Two deputies were dispatched to a domestic dispute in progress on Butler Street in Silver Cliff. Michael Cessnun of Silver Cliff was arrested on the following charges: Menacing, Domestic Violence, Violation of a Protection Order, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Unlawful Use of a Controlled Substance.

12/29/16:

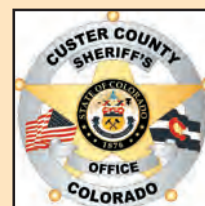
Trespassing?: A deputy responded to Granada Court in Silver Cliff on a report of possible trespassing. The deputy determined it was a civil issue, and no additional action was required.

12/31/16:

Traffic Summons: Robin Espinoza of Frederick, CO, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Jaimie Arterburn of Westcliffe for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Adam Martinez of Colorado Springs for speeding 5 - 9 over.



Threats: A deputy took a report from a party on S. 2nd Street in Westcliffe regarding threats from a former employee.

Lock Changed: A deputy was dispatched to Vista de Agua Road in Cristo Vista to investigate a report of suspicious circumstances. A resident arrived at his cabin to find the lock on the front door changed.

Arrest: A deputy on routine patrol on Highway 69 S, MM57, observed a vehicle being driven erratically. Pedro Viurquiz of Westcliffe was issued a summons and arrested on the following charges: Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs or Both, Driving a Vehicle Without a Valid Driver's License, Failing to Drive in a Single Lane (Weav-

**CUSTER COUNTY
SHERIFF
see page 11**



Wet Mountain Fire Protection District *Report*

For more information about WMFPD or to donate, call (719) 783-9245 or contact firechiefwmfpd@centurytel.net. P.O. Box 342, Westcliffe CO 81252

Part 1 of 2. (Part 2 will run next week.)

On 12/9, three firefighters responded at the Main Station to control traffic and oversee the landing of a Memorial Star helicopter from Colorado Springs for training purposes.

On 12/9, two firefighters responded in a brush truck to reports of a large bonfire on Oak Creek Grade. Since it was a Stage Two fire ban, the fire was extinguished and the property owners were cited by the Sheriff's Office.

On 12/10, five firefighters responded in two engines to an automobile rollover on Hermit Road. The vehicle ended up on its side but the uninjured driver was able to self-extricate. Fire controlled traffic and checked for potential spillage.

On 12/11, five firefighters in two engines responded to another vehicle rollover. The vehicle was on its wheels, off-road and not leaking any fluids. The occupants were already transported from scene.

On 12/15, six firefighters in three engines

responded to reports of a chimney fire in the Rosita area. Firefighters found extensive heat build-up confined to the chimney and were able to cool the burning creosote build-up to safe levels and remove a serious clog in the metal wall pipe. No Damage to structure.

On 12/19, two firefighters in one engine responded to a smoke alarm on Main Street in Silver Cliff. The structure was thoroughly checked for fire, smoke or any unusual heat build-up. It was believed the alarm responded to too much heat build-up in a furnace room. Owners were advised to provide more adequate ventilation.

On 12/20, two firefighters responded in one engine to a report of an auto accident involving a road grader. Then car slid into the parked grader on icy roads. The firefighters separated the car from the heavy equipment and checked for leaks. The un-injured driver self-extricated from the car.

On 12/20, eleven firefighters in seven engines responded to a reported structure fire on Coun-

ty Road 255. The first engine on scene found the unoccupied structure completely filled with black smoke. Firefighters used thermal imagers to locate the source of heat and extension into the walls and ceiling near the kitchen/furnace area. Fire cause was undetermined. The crew spent six hours overhauling and suppressing any remaining fire. There was significant damage to the structure.

On 12/21, seven firefighters in five engines returned to the same address on CR 255 to an unexplained re-ignition. Crews spent an additional five hours and an additional 11,000 gallons of water to fully contain the fire.

On 12/21, four firefighters responded to the same address on CR 255 in two engines to put additional water on the debris field.

On 12/21, three additional firefighters in two engines returned to the same address on CR 255 and put additional water on the debris field after flames were reported. Firefighters found no flames but dispensed water to cool the area for the last time.

IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT
School Board Meetings:
Cañon City Fremont RE-1
2nd and 4th Mon
5:30 p.m.
101 N. 14th St, Cañon City

Florence-Penrose Fremont RE-2
2nd Mon. at 7 p.m.
403 W. 5th St. Florence

Cañon City City Council
1st and 3rd Mondays at 6 p.m.
City Hall
128 Main St. Cañon City

County Commissioners
2nd and 4th Tues.
9:30 a.m.
615 Macon, Rm. 105 Cañon City

Royal Gorge Tea Party
2nd Thursday
6:30 p.m.
Core Knowledge School Gymnasium,
890 Fields Ave. Cañon City
www.royalgorgetea-party.com

Fremont Republican Central Committee
4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
603 Main Street

Southern Colorado Survivors
1st Sat at 10 a.m.
El Alazan Mexican Restaurant
1925 Fremont Dr. Cañon City

Please let us know about an upcoming event or meeting you would like to see printed here, or covered in an upcoming issue.
sdc.sentinel@gmail.com



Happy New Year

by Charlotte Burrous

As a child, it was always fun to come up with resolutions. I don't remember what these were now, but I know it was always hard to keep. After a while, I stopped making them because it was impossible when I came up with such things as losing weight, exercising more, doing more household chores and whatever else I could think of.

The tradition of resolutions began with the Babylonians making promises to their god to return objects they had borrowed or to pay their debts. The Romans made promises to Janus, their god. Then the knights reaffirmed their commitment to chivalry during the medieval times and later Christians made resolutions at "Watch Night" services.

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, picked up "Watch Night"-from the Moravians, incorporating the vigil into the practices of his denomination. Methodist Watch Nights were held once a month and on full moons, with the first such service in the United States taking place in the 1770s at Old St. George's Church in Philadelphia. These services survive to the present day in that denomination's worship manuals as "Covenant Renewal Services."

Over the years, the Jewish people reflected on their past wrongdoings and asked God for forgiveness during Rosh Hashanah. The tradition of making self-improvement promises came out of the Christians' season of Lent, where they made sacrifices.

About a quarter of American adults formed New Year's resolutions by the end of the Great Depression. At the beginning of the 21st century, 40 percent of adults made resolutions with losing weight, quitting smoking and exercising at the top of the list.

Today, most people add getting out of debt, finding a better job, improving grades or going to college, learning a foreign language, traveling, volunteering to help others more, watching less television, praying more and getting closer to God, as well as spending less time on Facebook or Twitter.

But as much as we want to improve ourselves, it's really hard. Many fail because they make unrealistic goals, like losing a pound a week.

Fremont County Community Concert Association Mo' Mungus

Press Release

Attendees of this concert can get a rare dose of reggae when Mo' Mungus brings its own brand of music to the stage on Sunday, January 22nd, at 2 p.m., in the Cañon City High School auditorium, 1313 College Avenue.

This Fremont County Community Concert Association event features the Colorado Springs-based group Mo' Mungus. The band introduces audiences to "Rocksteady" music, which ruled the Jamaican airwaves for 18 months from the summer of 1966 to spring of 1968.

Mo' Mungus salutes the great artists of the period such as Bob Marley and the Wailers, Desmond Dekker and many others. Through music and stories, the band helps audiences understand the special sound of Rocksteady, a melodic, joyful and soothing mix of tunes, according to the band's



Mo' Mungus Band

Courtesy Photo

Facebook page. The band also will perform its own original songs, which are a new twist on vintage reggae.

Tickets are available at the door at a cost of \$20 for adults, \$12 for students in seventh through 12th grades or \$7 for younger children. The children's ticket price includes this concert as well as two different concerts scheduled in February and April. Contact Paula McFarland (719) 275-0144 or Phyllis Koroshetz (719) 275-9616 for additional information.

Events

Jan. 6th - Jan. 22nd

- Florence Senior Community Center hosts it **Diabetic meeting** from 10-11 a.m. on the first Monday of the month.
- COG lunch is served at noon every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday** at 100 Railroad St. in Florence. Call 784-6493 before 9:30 a.m. for reservation. Meals cost \$2 for 60 and older and \$6.50 for 59 and younger.
- Free lunch is served from noon-1 p.m. Tuesdays at Mercy Today Ministries** in the back of the First Christian Church at 320 N. 16th St. in Cañon City. For more information, call 276-9242.
- Lunches are served at noon Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Penrose Center** at 405 Broadway in Penrose. Everyone is welcome. Meals are \$3 per person. Please call 372-3872 for reservations. Thrift Store is open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
- Friends of the Penrose Community Library hosts its weekly used book sales** from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. every Wednesday in the shed behind the library at 35 Seventh Ave. in Penrose.
- First Friday events** take place from 5-7 p.m. on the first Friday of the month in downtown Cañon City. Music, food, art and more.

Jan. 6, "Tight Loose" movie by Fremont Adventure Recreation for one night only at Skyline Theater. Doors open at 5:15 p.m. Show starts at 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 8, Royal Gorge Bridal Expo will be offered from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Abbey Event Center at 2951 E. U.S. 50. The Abbey and Sweet Cheeks Cakery will host the expo, where brides can plan their weddings in one afternoon. The Expo features vendors from wedding dressings, florists, photographs, wedding cakes and much more. For more information, call 275-8631, ext. 3. Admission to the show is free.

Jan. 22, Fremont County Community Concert Association will feature Mo' Mungus at 2 p.m. at Cañon City High School Auditorium at 1313 College Ave. From 1966 to 1968, Jamaica experienced its golden age of music, what is called Rocksteady. Rocksteady was smooth, melodic, joyful and soothing to hear. **Mo' Mungus** salutes the great musicians of the Rocksteady era.

The Sentinel is available at the following location in Fremont County:

Mr. Ed's
1201 Royal Gorge Blvd.
(Hwy 50) in Cañon City

Mr. Ed's Family Restaurant

1201 Royal Gorge Blvd., Cañon City
719-275-5833

CUSTER COUNTY SHERIFF from page 10 <i>ing), and Possessing an Open Alcoholic Beverage Container in a Motor Vehicle.</i> 1/1/17: Disturbance: A deputy was dispatched to	<i>South Street in Silver Cliff regarding a verbal disturbance.</i> Burglary: A deputy was dispatched to Saint Charles Drive in San Isabel regarding a reported burglary. Traffic Summons: Neil Smith of Roberts-dale, AZ, was issued a	<i>summons for Drinking From/Possessing an Open Alcohol Beverage Container in a Motor Vehicle.</i> 1/2/17: Hypothermia: EMS and a Sheriff's deputy were dispatched to Highway 165, MM 12, for a female suffering	<i>from hypothermia after her vehicle ran off the road and got stuck in the snow. The patient was transported to a hospital in Pueblo.</i> Bad Dog: A deputy was dispatched to a call involving property damage on a 2012	<i>Range Rover owned by a party on CR 125. The damage was caused by a neighbor's dog jumping on the vehicle.</i> Missing: A deputy was dispatched to investigate a West-cliffe woman suffering from an altered mental	<i>status who had been reported missing.</i> Traffic Summons: Paul Hmeluk of Coweta, OK, was issued a summons for driving a motor vehicle with a license under restraint (suspended) and speeding, 20 - 24 over.
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Sources of Strength Dodgeball Tournament a Hit

by Holly Wenger, Sources of Strength Peer Leader

Thursday the 17th of November marked a successful night at the school's annual Sources of Strength Dodgeball Tournament. This year, the focus was on positive friends. To gain entry to the tournament, each person had to name someone who has been a positive friend to them and describe why. One of the goals of SOS is to build the strengths of each individual in our school and to focus on hope, help, and strength. We believe that surrounding yourself with people who bring you up instead of down is a huge piece of being able to thrive.

Kids and adults enjoyed pizza from Tony's Mountain Pizza, drinks, and candy before things got kicked off. The night was filled with friendly competition, some dancing, and a lot of fun, including free Subway tickets given out randomly.

The prize for the best dressed team went to middle school team of the Fire-Breathin' Rubber Duckies and the division winners were in elementary- Ranch of Hope, middle school- The Goon Squad, and in the open division- The Eagles.

Sources of Strength was started last year to develop the strengths of students in order to help the school and community thrive. Through the previous and current year, SOS has put on multiple activities for the school, primarily led by the peer leaders. The peer leaders involved in SOS are students handpicked for their leadership and potential to positively influence our hallways. We use this power of peer-led social networks to positively change the culture of our school. With the help of our adult advisors, we also put on a SOS week last year when we allowed everyone to talk about their lives, their struggles, and their strengths and built each other up to find a sense of family with everyone in the high school. Continue to look for Sources of Strength activities and remember to use your own strengths to help yourself and others in our community thrive.



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United Presbyterian Church Celebrates 150 Years of Service

by Barbara Penezic

A church is so much more than its lovely stained glass windows and tall steeples. It should be not just a place of worship but a place to come together to serve others. This church is just that.

A place to “Know-Love- Serve- Jesus Christ.”

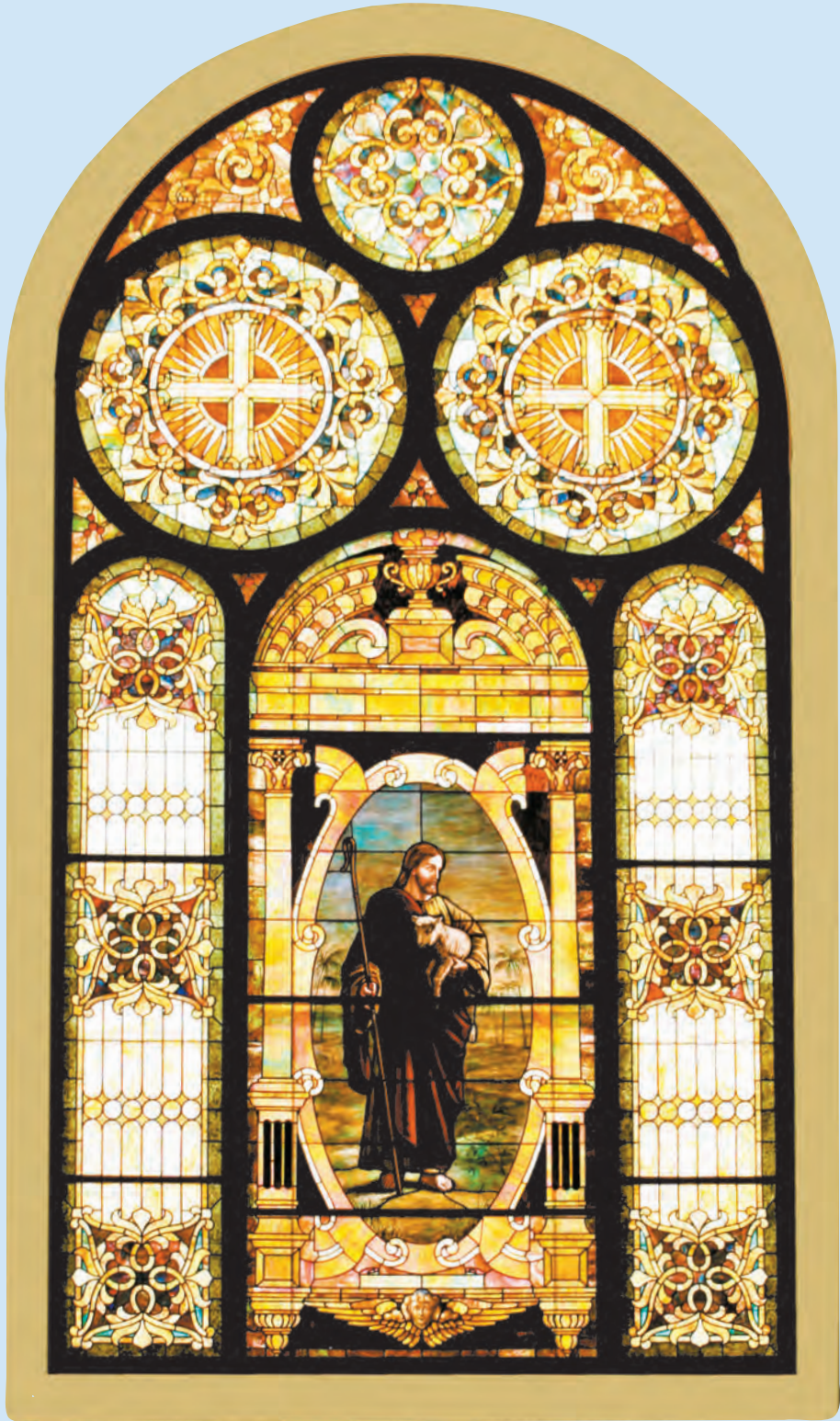
Baking and delivering cookies to first responders and others who work on Christmas Day to ensure the well-being of our community is only one of the many ways the United Presbyterian Church of Cañon City strives to serve our ‘Lord.’

It has been said and rightly so, “You can recognize a Christian by the way they treat those around them.” Being in church every Sunday is only a part of what God requires of true followers. The United Presbyterian Church has been nourishing true believers for 150 years, right here in our community. The church in conjunction with Loaves and Fishes and other agencies has been privileged to help homeless families to find a new beginning through Christ.

The opportunity to mentor our young people is also seen as a very important part of bringing souls to Jesus. If, idle hands are truly the “Devil’s Workshop” he will have to post a ‘Gone out of Business sign’ here. These children are learning that it really is more blessed to give than receive. Opportunities to teach the message of love for our fellow-man abound during the Christmas Season and experience is always the best teacher.

The United Presbyterian church is located at 701 Macon Street in Cañon City and Sunday service is at 9:45 a.m. You are invited to come and discover the awesome people God says you are in his Word.

Be Informed...Get Involved



Children experiencing the joy of giving during this special season.



Colorado State News

Colorado Democrat Senator Wants Higher Property Taxes

Press Release:
Compass Colorado

—DENVER, Colorado

Colorado Senator-elect Lois Court announced she wishes her taxes were higher, in a Joint Budget Committee meeting earlier this week. She also added she believes many of her constituents would also like to be paying higher taxes. During the revenue forecast and strategic planning session, a discussion of Colorado's Gallagher Amendment and

projections of property tax revenue prompted the following exchange:

Sen Kevin Lundberg: Thank you Mr. Chair, just a brief observation, I do agree the Gallagher Amendment does hogtie the system significantly. But, I would observe that with the increased valuations of property overall, you would be hard pressed to find a homeowner who: a) has property tax is going to go down, or even hold steady or b) thinks their

property tax is not high enough.

Sen-elect Lois Court: Thank you Mr. Chair, well I for one do think my property values are higher than the taxation, and **I think my property taxes should be higher.** [emphasis added] So I will just slightly disagree, and I know many of my constituents feel the same way.

As many Colorado families struggle to provide for basic necessities this holiday season, they would be surprised to know they

are represented at the state capitol as wanting to pay even higher taxes. Although Senator-elect Court will be new to the Senate next year representing Senate District 31, she is no stranger in the halls of the capitol where she has served the last years eight years as a state Representative from House District 6 and in various leadership roles within the Democrat caucus.

"We're certainly aware Democrats want us all to be paying

higher taxes, however they rarely will go so far as to declare it out loud," said Kelly Maher, Executive Director of Compass Colorado. "Hopefully Coloradans will push back against Lois Court acting as the Grinch the week before Christmas and tell her we're better stewards of our own money than the government."

Please see: <http://www.compasscolorado.org/press-releases/all-lois-court-wants-for-christmas-higher-taxes>

Not a Cliché: A Kennedy Gets Arrested at an Aspen Bar

by ColoradPeakPolitics.com

Taylor Swift.

him handcuffed.

An environmentalist and member of the prominent Kennedy family was arrested at an Aspen bar for fighting.

But we repeat ourselves.

Conor Richardson Kennedy, 22, is known for his 2013 arrest after handcuffing himself with plastic ties to the White House gate with Daryl Hannah and other fashionable environmentalists to protest the Keystone XL pipeline.

He, along with his father, the litigious Riverkeeper kingpin of environmentalists. Robert Kennedy Jr., were arrested for the crime.

However, he's best known for being eaten alive by

The Aspen arrest occurred early Thursday morning in front of the Bootsy Bellows nightclub where young Kennedy was seen by police beating a man in the head.



When a police officer tried to restrain Kennedy, both fell into a snow bank and Kennedy tried to rejoin his fight already in progress. It took both the officer and another helpful bystander to stop Kennedy and get

The fight was reportedly started after the man Kennedy was beating about the head called his friend the "f-word," and the police report said it was "not clear which 'f-word' Kennedy was talking about."

Fraktivist, perhaps?

Although the incident happened at 1:40 a.m. outside of a nightclub, no drinking charges were filed against Kennedy. He was cited with disorderly conduct and released without bond.

It's good to be a Kennedy, we suppose.

Please see: <http://coloradopeakpolitics.com/2016/12/30/not-a-cliche-a-kennedy-gets-arrested-at-an-aspen-bar/>

Herd the Budget, Corral Medicaid

by Joey Bunch,
ColoradoPolitics.com

tab from the federal government.

If your local school is failing, Obamacare is the root problem. That's the analysis of Rep. J. Paul Brown. The Republican from Ignacio connected those dots in a *Durango Herald* op-ed this week.

He spells out the challenges for the state budget, schools, roads and refunds guaranteed by the state constitution.

Obamacare is the reason enrollment swelled in Medicaid, the safety-net program that assures health care for people of few means.

The Colorado Health Institute summed up the dilemma in a May report:

Colorado's Medicaid expansion, which began in January 2014, was larger – and costlier – than almost anyone anticipated. And attention is now turning to the state's long-term costs as Colorado prepares to begin picking up some of the Medicaid expansion

So far, the federal government has been covering all of the costs for newly eligible Medicaid clients. But it will gradually reduce its contribution beginning next year. By 2020, the ongoing federal payment rate will be 90 percent.

The Colorado Health Institute (CHI) estimates that Colorado will be spending \$222 million annually for Medicaid expansion by 2020 — its 10 percent share for the newly eligible Medicaid clients as well as its 50 percent share for "welcome mat" clients, those who were already eligible but didn't enroll until the expansion began.

Brown won't be back in the legislature when it swears in members on January 11th. He lost his re-election in a close race to Barbara McLachlan last November by what my colleague and Western Slope insider Peter Marcus said was the House's most targeted race.

The sheep rancher Ignacio told Marcus later in November that he might run for governor.

The \$222 million the state might have to put into Medicaid in four years, compares to \$201.9 million the state allots for transportation this year. For next year Gov. John Hickenlooper is requesting \$107.4 million, to help bridge a budget gap. He has requested a 2.6 percent increase for K-12 education to \$162.6 million.

Brown concludes:

Not being discussed and the only long-term solution to a sustained budget is the need to repeal or modify the expansion of Medicaid. This is critical for funding K-12 education and other departments. The Democrats passed the expansion in 2013 with no plan to pay for it. School Districts beware.

Please see: <http://coloradopolitics.com/rep-j-paul-brown-save-budget-eliminate-medicaid/>

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Colorado State News

Gravy Train: PERA Head Takes a SECOND Raise in Just Over One Year Plus \$79k Bonus!



by ColoradoPeak Politics.com

Greg Smith, the Chief Executive Officer of the State's retirement fund for employees, is ringing in the new year with a raise that bumps his base pay to **\$406,000, along with a \$79,000 incentive bonus.** This comes sixteen months after Smith was granted a whopping 20% raise. Smith also has contract clauses that will bring his **total compensation close to \$900,000 in 2018.**

Meanwhile, state workers last saw a raise in 2014 – a 2.5% cost of living adjustment. And we assume private sector work-

ers received even less.

Walker Stapleton, a member of the PERA board through his position as State Treasurer, strongly objected to **Smith's latest compensation package on the grounds that Smith has done nothing to close the gap of PERA's \$30 billion unfunded liability.** Stapleton also points out that Smith's bonus was not tied to any performance metric. The PERA board has the flexibility to award Smith a bonus of up to 30% of his base pay, and the group simply settled on a 25% number this year.

In fact, Smith's organization drastically underperformed the assumed 7.25% return on plan

assets last year, coming in at a meager 1.5%. Every year of



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underperformance exasperates the unfunded liability that would likely fall on the shoulders of

taxpayers if the pension's investment performance cannot keep up.

Just this year, Stapleton won a small battle with PERA, getting the fund's accountants to lower the pension's expected rate of return from 7.5% to 7.25%. As the expected return on assets is lowered, the unfunded liability increases, because capital in the fund is not growing at a pace to keep up with its pension obligations.

The editorial board of the *Colorado Springs Gazette* also came out hard yesterday against Smith's raise. "By no definition can PERA be deemed a success"

the *Gazette* wrote, excoriating Smith for actually bragging about last year's dismal 1.5% return.

Until PERA starts to at least hit the 7.25% annualized return for a couple straight years (we're not holding our breath), Smith should not see an extra penny of taxpayer money. And another year like 2015 should have the board looking for a claw back...or perhaps even a replacement.

Please see: <http://coloradopeakpolitics.com/2016/12/23/gravy-train-pera-head-takes-second-raise-in-just-over-year-plus-79k-bonus/>

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NO JUSTICE YET! NOW ON DAY #948

OBAMA COUNTDOWN: 13.5 DAYS

Colorado "Duh" Science: It Cost \$7 Million to Figure This Out

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

The federal government spent \$7 million in taxpayer dollars on a climate change study that determined trees can't grow here without water.

We kid you not.

A six-year-old child knows that plants and trees can't grow without water, but this came as a surprise to government scientists who spent the \$7 million on seeds, heat lamps and scaffolding to simulate global warming.

They wanted to see if the heat lamps, aka global warming, would entice conifers to grow beyond the tree lines into higher elevations.

In a nutshell, it won't.

Scientists said they didn't realize how important water would be in tree adaptation.



Photo Courtesy of ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

That's right. Unless rainfall is created at higher elevations, one scientist said, trees can't survive.

(Editor/GG: This study was done in Colorado and took, believe it or not, seven years

to finish. If you really want to get physically ill, read the whole story at <http://www.denverpost.com/2016/12/27/climate-change-experiment-colorado-trees/>. You wonder why the country is broke.)

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Edmund Burke

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

"C'mon Man, Really?" Top 10 Awards

There were a lot of statements made and deeds done in 2016 that are deserving of a slap on the forehead followed by the words "C'mon Man, Really?" As the year draws to a close, The Daily Jot wanted to just step outside its regular analytics and provide you what we thought were some of the most foolish statements and actions that characterized 2016. You may agree or not, but they should serve as a reminder of what not to do and how common sense is lacking within our contemporary society. These are things we may want to forget, but for wisdom's sake, should be remembered. So as we count down to the new year, here are The Daily Jot "C'mon Man, Really?" Top 10 Awards, going to...

Number 10: After Attorney General Loretta Lynch meets with former President Bill Clinton in the back of an airplane, her charge, FBI Director James Comey, announces there was a lot of possible violations of the law, but a lack of intent regarding Hillary Clinton's illegal handling of secret information. Most government sources of The Daily Jot said they would have been prosecuted if they handled information in that manner. Then Comey says the investigation is reopened because Clinton's national secrets were found on Huma Abedin's and her pervert husband's computers. Then he says after reviewing hundreds of thousands of emails in just a couple of days, "nothing to see here." C'mon man, Really?

Number 9: Hillary Clinton said that those who would vote for Donald Trump were "unredeemable" and "deplorable." She called Bernie Sanders' socialist supporters "basement dwellers". If you take out the leftist votes of California and New York, Clinton was demeaning the majority of the U.S. voting population. And she thinks she should be president?

C'mon man, Really?

Number 8: The Islamic State is burning Christians alive, crucifying them, beheading them irrespective of man, woman or child, yet the "president" refuses to designate Christians in hostile Islamic areas as refugees. Instead, he allows hundreds of thousands of Islamists from terrorist-sponsoring nations into the U.S. and resettles them as "refugees." C'mon man, Really?

Number 7: The "president" blames the lack of gun control for the spike in murders in Chicago, Baltimore and Detroit, and for terrorist attacks by Islamists across the country—at least one a year during his eight year tenure. Yet the highest murder rates are committed in places with the strictest gun control and the terrorist attacks are the result of his lax or non-existent immigration security. C'mon man, Really?

Number 6: Hillary Clinton, the current "president" and the Democratic Party claims that Clinton was the most qualified person to be president in the face of extraordinary charges of dishonesty, criminality, and the inability to protect important national security information on unsecured private servers in a home closet. Who cares who hacked the information? It was handled with extreme incompetency or lack of caring. And Clinton is qualified to be president? C'mon man, Really?

What does the Bible say? Zechariah 8:16 says, "These are the things that you shall do; Speak you every man the truth to his neighbor; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates."

Number 5: After spending nine months drawing polling samples purposely skewed by at least 12 points in favor of Democrats, reporting that Hillary Clinton would

**C'MON REALLY?
see page 24**

U.S. Should Not Only Defund UN, But Withdraw From It

by Daniel Greenfield,
Front Page Magazine

The United States pays 22% of the total UN budget. What we get for our \$3 billion a year is a corrupt organization whose dysfunctional and hostile agencies are united in opposing us around the world.

The United Nations does only two things consistently and effectively: waste money and bash Israel. Sometimes it manages to do both at the same time.

After an extended, and no doubt costly, visit to the region, the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women blamed Muslim men beating their wives on Israeli settlements.

No wonder the UN Security Council just condemned them. Who wouldn't rightfully be upset that Jews living in Jerusalem somehow causes poor Mohammed to batter his wife?

The Jewish State is the UN's scapegoat for anything and everything. The Palestinian Authority blamed Israel at the UN for Global Warming. WHO denounced Israel for violating "health rights." And even when Muslim terrorists stab Israelis, it's still Israel's fault.

The latest anti-Israel vote at the UN has led to calls to defund the corrupt organization which, even when it isn't actively trying to hurt us or our allies, is making the world worse every which way it can.

Just this summer the UN admitted that it had spread cholera that killed tens of thousands in Haiti. Sexual abuse allegations against its staffers were up 25% last

year. In the spring, the UN admitted that peacekeepers from three countries had raped over 100 girls in only one African country. That's

the process of defunding the UN. And there's every reason in the world for us to also stop tossing money at the United Nations.

We are not making the world a better place by being members of this anti-American organization which vacillates between being evil and useless.

You can always count on UN peacekeeping troops to run away whenever they might be called on to use force. The head of the peacekeeping mission in South Sudan was fired by the UN for refusing to protect aid workers, including Americans, who were being raped and assaulted.

One woman, who was raped by 15 attackers, had even contacted specific UN battalions. And nothing.

The UN was brought into being in the aftermath of the horrors of World War II. Instead of ending "the scourge of war," the UN has a solid track record of uselessness and complicity in the face of genocide.

Israel was the first to alert the UN to Pol Pot's genocide in Cambodia. But Moscow and its Syrian ally conspired to protect the Communist dictatorship. The UN did not condemn the killing. And only a generation later did it convene the Khmer Rouge Tribunal, which has been running for almost twenty years. It took ten years to arrest Brother Number Three, the Foreign Minister of the Communist terror state, whose lies the United Nations chose to believe when the butchery was taking place.

He died six years later while still on trial.

The UN has been apologizing for its non-response to the Rwandan genocide for decades. But apologizing for not doing anything is what the United Nations does best. That and condemn Israel.

Earlier this month, the UN Security Council couldn't even manage to pass a ceasefire resolution on Syria. Venezuela, which championed the anti-Israel resolution, took time out from starving its own people to protect Assad. Why in the world would anyone take this vote, or any UN vote, seriously?

The UN's Human Rights Council members include

"The United Nations does only two things consistently and effectively: waste money and bash Israel."

not the kind of international cooperation that any of the organization's founders had in mind.

Here's what we get for our \$3 billion.

UNRWA schools are turning out students who want to fight for ISIS. The UN's email system has been used to distribute child pornography. UN staff members have smuggled drugs, attacked each other with knives and pool cues, not to mention a tractor. This month the UN marked Anti-Corruption Day despite refusing to fight its own corruption. The former President of the UN General Assembly was arrested on bribery charges last year. He had also headed UNICEF's executive board. UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon is battling accusations of bribery.

Some of this might be defensible if the UN did anything useful. It doesn't. It's just a slush fund for redistributing our money to a vast UN bureaucracy and anyone willing to bribe it for benefits.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu responded to the UN vote by beginning

It's something that we and every sane country should have done decades ago. If you give money to the UN, it will end up anywhere and everywhere except where it's supposed to go. But defunding the UN isn't

"The UN has a solid track record of uselessness and complicity in the face of genocide."

enough. There is no reason for us to remain there at all.

The United Nations has never met any of its lofty goals. During the Cold War it became a playground for the Communist powers. The USSR, the second signatory to the UN charter, helped force out the first signatory, Taiwan. Even while the treaty was being signed, it was taking over Poland, the 51st signatory.

These days, the United Nations is a forum for Islamist powers and the rotting remains of the Communist front to continue its war against the free world while seducing weak-minded nations into going along.



if ANYONE is telling that you are justified in behaving badly or otherwise then they categorically do NOT have your best interest at heart and are clearly lying to you in order to manipulating you for their owns means and ends, not yours. Our current day mass media is the most prevalent of examples. If someone is asking you what is the course of action in your best interest, then you have a friend.

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**DEFUND UN
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Muslim Students Demand Prayer Rooms in Every ‘Major Building’

by Ton Airaksinen,
Campus Reform

Students at the University of Maryland have released a list of 64 demands in their effort to make the campus more amenable to “marginalized student populations.”

The project, known as ProtectUMD, is a collaborative effort between 25 student organizations at the University of Maryland, including Students for Justice in Palestine, Bisexuals at Maryland and the Black Student Union.

There are 64 demands across eight subsets of students—Marginalized, American Indian, Black, Latin, LGBTQIA+, Muslim, Pro-Palestine and Undocumented—including scholarships for “students of marginalized communities,” a ban on Columbus Day, beginning every on-campus event with an acknowledgment that “this is Indigenous Land,” that African American professors get tenure, that preferred pronouns are included on rosters, and that “queer diversity training” is required.

Muslim students also want “one room in each major building designated for prayer” and “shuttle services to [the local mosque] for Muslim students to have access to a place of worship.”

Among the Pro-Palestine demands, students want the administration to condemn the “conflation of Pro-Palestinian activism with Anti-Semitism,” claiming that “Pro-Palestinians do not reject the human rights of any group of people.”

No Jewish student organizations have signed onto the list.

Demand #53 calls for the university to actively encourage students to learn about the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement (BDS).

The Pro-Palestine demands are incompatible with the beliefs of the Jewish student organizations on campus, leading the student groups Terps for Israel, the Jewish Student Union and J Street U to abstain from the project.

Students for Justice in Palestine declined to answer questions from *Campus Reform*, as did every other

organization that was contacted.

“I think [these demands] are ridiculously easy [to accomplish],” said Muslim Student Association member Khaled Nurhssien told *The Diamondback*.

“We commend the students for their passionate advocacy and for coming together in solidarity on these issues,” a university spokesperson told *Campus Reform*. “President Loh has convened a group of his staff to thoroughly review the list of demands and make recommendations ac-

cordingly. That process is well underway.”

The UMD spokesperson declined to answer further questions.

(Editor/GG: The muslims don’t seem to be assimilating very well. Folks, this IS the freak show that is going on at almost every campus in America. We have to defund it and start over. Period.)

Please see: <https://www.campusreform.org/?ID=8559>

DEFUND UN from page 17

China, Cuba, Russia, Saudi Arabia and, of course, Venezuela. UN Women, the body dedicated to empowering women, includes China, which forces women to have abortions; Pakistan, where women can be murdered by their male relatives for marrying on their own; and Iran, where it’s practically illegal for a woman to leave the house.

The United Nations does not promote its own ideals. Or ours. Instead, it sanctimoniously violates them. Providing every brutal dictatorship with equal representation hasn’t ushered in an age of human rights. Allowing Islamic terrorists and the radical left to denounce their enemies hasn’t made the world better. And throwing \$3 billion a year at the towering UN swamp on Turtle Bay only wastes our time and money.

If we want to promote human rights worldwide, the first step is real accountability. If you want a loan, don’t cry to us about your poverty. Hold free and open elections. Toss away your blasphemy laws and free your political prisoners. That is a lot more likely to bring about human rights than buildings of scuttling UN bureaucrats moving around pieces of paper and dining out in posh restaurants.

The UN doesn’t share our ideals. It’s

time to build our closest alliances with the countries that do.

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon has called the 2030 agenda a “Declaration of Interdependence.” We must declare our independence from the UN’s interdependency of corruption and tyranny.

We should defund and withdraw. Where quarreling diplomats once preened in the tower above Turtle Bay, seagulls will soar and young couples will walk with their children. The billions we waste on the UN will go toward taking care of our people. And once we are free of the UN, we will actually be able to promote real human rights instead of pandering to the dictators and Islamists of the United Nations.

Like the League of Nations, the United Nations is a failed experiment. The only difference is that, despite decades of wars, genocides and terror, we still haven’t pulled the plug.

President Trump will have the opportunity to pull out of the UN and drain the swamp in Turtle Bay.

Daniel Greenfield, a Shillman Journalism Fellow at the Freedom Center, is a New York writer focusing on radical Islam.

Please see: <http://www.frontpage-mag.com/fpm/265262/us-should-not-only-defund-un-withdraw-it-daniel-greenfield>

The Debt That Never Dies

Part One

by David Olinger,
The Colorado Independent

Bill Daly knows how it feels to be haunted by debt collectors.

“I got married, got divorced, we practically gave away the house,” he said. “I got the debt, and I finally gave up the ghost.”

But debt collectors didn’t.

Daly, who lives in Denver, doesn’t remember exactly how much credit card debt he inherited from his ex or when the calls began, but thinks it could have been 15 years ago and as much as \$10,000.

When he fell behind on payments, his debt was sold from one company to another. The collection calls continued after his career as a technical writer abruptly ended, when his employer was swallowed by another company whose accountants “walked in the room and laid off a bunch of us.”

The calls kept coming through the illness of his daughter, who died in 2010 at the age of 34. They continued into his retirement years.

“The debt got picked up by people who screamed at me and people who tried to coddle me. Good cop, bad cop. I think I even got a couple of offers to settle.”

Eventually he stopped answering altogether, hiding in his home from his phone.

Daly is 73 now and retired. He finally sought advice from a consumer lawyer, T.A. Taylor-Hunt, who wrote a letter to the latest collector and made the calls stop.

“G*d, she was magnificent,” he said.

Daly was hounded by what has become known as “zombie debt” – the debt that never dies.

The buying and selling of uncollected consumer debts fuels a flourishing business that has grown six fold in 40 years into a multi-billion-dollar industry.

Here’s how it works: The original lenders, usually banks, turn bad debts over to collection agencies. In turn, those agencies may sell debts they can’t collect to companies that buy mass debt lists like commodities for pennies on the dollar. The new debt owners try to track down and sue debtors. If they fail, they may resell debtor lists for even less. And so on.

A federal study found that debts less than three years old may sell on this market for about eight cents on the dollar. Debts three to six years old go for about three cents per dollar, and older debts for even less on the chance of hitting an occasional jackpot. Hundreds of companies have jumped into this business. Though few of these companies are based in Colorado, debt collectors have become the number one subject of consumer complaints in this state, as they have elsewhere in the country.

At the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), reports against companies trying to collect debts have surpassed reports of identity theft. In Colorado, complaints about debt collectors to the attorney general’s office have topped all others. After declining for three years, total complaints nearly doubled last year to more than 1,400, led by claims that collectors were seeking amounts not owed.

An analysis of Colorado residents’ complaints about debt collectors to a new federal agency, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, shows they range from harassment and abusive lan-

guage to illegal threats.

The debt buyer “threatened to publish my name and parents’ names in the newspaper,” one Colorado resident wrote, even though he hadn’t lived with his parents for 22 years and they were getting harassed about a debt he didn’t recognize.

“I do not have any outstanding debt, my credit is in good standing, and I do not know why they are calling me,” another Colorado resident complained, “but it has gotten to the point of harassment.”

When debt buyers acquire mass debtor lists, they may get names, amounts owed, last known addresses and little or no documentation from the original creditor. The FTC estimated that “debt buyers receive documentation” on as few as six percent of accounts.

That can lead to mistakes. Common names get confused. A court summons can be left at an old address. The debt could have been disputed, settled in a bankruptcy or may be acquiring interest without the debtor’s knowledge. A state statute of limitations may have passed.

“It’s often the case that they have the wrong information. They may even have the wrong person,” said Ellen Harnick, Western regional office director of the Center for Responsible Lending, a North Carolina-based non-profit working to promote fair lending practices. “It’s like a game of telephone. Things get lost sometimes.”

(Editor/GG: Part 2 will be next week.)

Please see: www.coloradoindependent.com/162841/zombie-debt-collections-predatory-colorado

“This is the poisoned well of the radical heart: the displacement of real emotions into political fantasies; the rejection of present communities for a future illusion; the denial of flesh and blood human beings for an Idea of humanity that is more important than humanity itself.”

—David Horowitz

Kerry Speech Ignores Arab “Ethnic Cleansing” of Jews From West Bank

by Richard Pollock,
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Secretary of State John Kerry harshly attacked Jewish settlements on the West Bank in a major foreign policy address Wednesday, but dodged a central and disquieting question— why no Jews lived in the West Bank prior to 1967.

“The settler agenda is defining the future of Israel,” Kerry declared in the speech designed to defend the U.S. abstention in a U.N. Security Council vote last week. The vote declared Jewish West Bank settlements illegal under international law.

“Separate and unequal is what you would have, and nobody can explain how that works,” Kerry said before a hand-picked audience at the Department of State. He warned that the growth of settlements forced the separation of Arabs and Jews within.

Kerry, however, sidestepped a vital issue rarely raised by the Obama Administration— why there were no Jews living in the West Bank or in East Jerusalem after the state of Israel was established in 1948.

to this reality? Silence.”

Netanyahu and ordinary Israelis often recall the forcible removal of Jews from the Arab world after the establishment of the Jewish state in 1948.

But well before there was a Jewish state, life for Jews

Abraham and Sarah are buried. At least 133 Jews were killed in the rioting.

“They came in mobs, armed with clubs, knives and axes,” the Jewish Virtual Library website chronicles. “While the women and children threw stones, the men ransacked Jewish houses and destroyed Jewish property. With only a single police officer in all of Hebron, the Arabs were able to enter Jewish courtyards with literally no opposition.”

The survivors fled to Jerusalem. Until the 1967 war, no Jew dared to live in Hebron.

Another wholesale Arab massacre of Jews occurred in Gush Etzion, a part of the West Bank near the Dead Sea. This also occurred before the 1948 establishment of Israel.

In the 1940s, Jewish settlers founded four agricultural villages in Gush Etzion on property legally purchased in the 1920s. On March 13, 1948, the Arab Legion surrounded the villages and massacred 127 Jewish inhabitants.

East Jerusalem also was closed to all Jews in 1948.

When the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1946 and placed with the Rockefeller Institute in East Jerusalem, Jewish rabbis and scholars were not permitted to travel to the eastern half of the city to examine the scrolls, even though experts from all other religions—including Vatican researchers— were given access to them.

The Western Wall, also in East Jerusalem, was regarded for thousands of years as Israel’s holiest site, where the one remaining wall of the Second Jewish Temple was located. Until the city was liberated by Israeli soldiers in the 1967 war, Jews were uniformly barred from the approaching the wall.

Kerry claimed the Obama administration wished to make Jerusalem a dual capital for both Arabs and Jews. But he did not mention that the first time Jerusalem became an “open city” for all religions occurred only in 1967, when local governance came under Israeli authority. The Israeli authorities permitted all faiths to access the area freely.

The sharing of Jerusalem

between the Palestinian Authority and Israel has been backed by Obama and Kerry, but will likely die when President-elect Donald Trump takes office. He has pledged to move the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, signifying that the U.S. considers the latter to be Israel’s capital.

Netanyahu has pointed to a 1922 League of Nations ratification of the Balfour Declaration to claim that Jewish rights are to all of ancient Israel, including the West Bank, which for thousands of years was called Judea and Samaria. He said the declaration “awarded national rights to the Jewish people—and only the Jewish people—in the Land of Israel.”

The Israeli prime minister claimed the Balfour principles were later adopted by the U.N. and “is a binding document under international law that defines the international legal status of the Land of Israel.”

Read more: <http://daily-caller.com/2016/12/28/kerry-speech-ignores-arab-ethnic-cleansing-of-jews-from-west-bank/#ixzz4UASlqwfl>

Obama Economist Admits 94% of All New Jobs Under Obama Were Part-Time

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Just over six years ago, in December of 2010, we wrote “Charting America’s Transformation To A Part-Time Worker Society”, in which we predicted - and showed - that in light of the underlying changes resulting from the second great depression, whose full impacts remain masked by trillions in monetary stimulus and soon, perhaps fiscal, America is shifting from a traditional work force, one where the majority of new employment is retained on a full-time basis, to a “gig” economy, where workers are severely disenfranchised, and enjoy far less employment leverage, job stability and perks than their pre-crash peers. It also explains why despite the 4.5% unemployment rate, which the Fed has erroneously assumed is indicative of job market at “capacity”, wage growth not only refuses to materialize, but as we showed yesterday, the growth in real disposable personal income was the lowest since 2014.

When we first penned our article, it was dubbed “fringe” tinfoil hattery, or in the latest vernacular, “fake news.”

Fast forward six years, when a report by Harvard and Princeton economists Lawrence Katz and Alan Krueger, confirms exactly what we warned. In their study, the duo show that from 2005 to

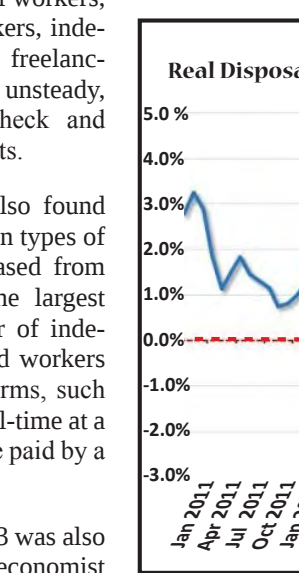
2015, the proportion of Americans workers engaged in what they refer to as “alternative work” soared during the Obama era, from 10.7% in 2005 to 15.8% in 2015. Alternative, or “gig” work is defined as “temporary help agency workers, on-call workers, contract company workers, independent contractors or freelancers”, and is generally unsteady, without a fixed paycheck and with virtually no benefits.

The two economists also found that each of the common types of alternative work increased from 2005 to 2015—with the largest changes in the number of independent contractors and workers provided by contract firms, such as janitors that work full-time at a particular office, but are paid by a janitorial services firm.

Krueger, who until 2013 was also the top White House economist serving as chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers under Obama, was “surprised” by the finding.

Quoted by Quartz, he said “We find that 94% of net job growth in the past decade was in the alternative work category,” said Krueger. “And over 60% was due to the [the rise] of independent contractors, freelancers and contract company workers.” In other words, nearly all of the 10 million jobs created between 2005 and 2015 were not traditional nine-to-five employment.

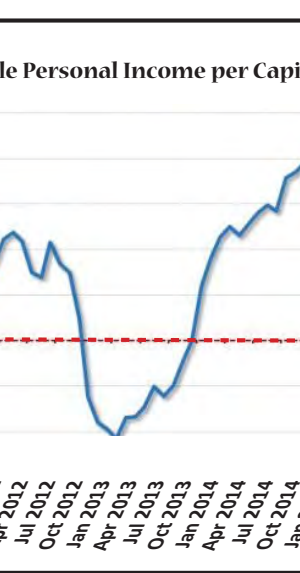
While the finding is good news for some, such as graphic designers and lawyers who hate going to an office, for whom new technology and Obamacare has made it more appealing to become an independent contractor. But for



those seeking a steady administrative assistant office job, the market is grim. It also explains why despite an apparent recovery in the labor market, wage growth has been non-existent, due to the lack of career advancement and salary increase options for this vast cohort which was hired over the past decade.

The decline of conventional full-time work has impacted every demographic. Whether this change is good or bad depends

on what kinds of jobs people want. “Workers seeking full-time, steady work have lost,” said Krueger. He then added, perhaps sarcastically, that “while many of those who value flexibility and have a spouse with a steady job



have probably gained.”

Yes, well, spousal support aside, it also confirms another troubling finding this website reported first earlier this month, namely that the number of multiple-job holders has recently hit the highest number this century.

Not surprisingly, the study found that young workers represented the largest growth of contractors who frequently do not receive any kind of benefits, even when

they are working full-time. The issue is particularly frustrating to employees in the entertainment industry where media conglomerates rely on freelancers for long periods of time without offering benefits, an arrangement frequently referred to as “permalance.”

None of these “qualitative” aspects, however, matter to the outgoing president, who believes his administration was a net positive for workers.

“Since I signed Obamacare into law (in 2010), our businesses have added more than 15 million new jobs,” said Obama, during his farewell press conference last Friday.

He did not delve into the details of just what those 15 million new jobs were. Now we know; and we also know why the Fed is making a huge mistake in thinking it can hike rates and tighten financial conditions, in an effort to reverse-engineer wage growth, when corporations are guaranteed to not increase wages even in response to higher rates. As the data above confirms, the amount of slack in the economy is vastly greater than virtually all economists are willing to admit.

Please see: <http://www.zero-hedge.com/news/2016-12-23/top-white-house-economist-admits-94-all-new-jobs-under-obama-were-part-time>



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"Blessed be the LORD my Rock, Who trains my hands for war, And my fingers for battle—"

A Psalm of David, Psalm 144:1

Where Are They Now?

Look Who's Thriving Without Stupid Laws



by ColoradoPeak
Politics.com

In the continuing saga of what happens when Colorado over-regulates and drives businesses out of our state, Magpul Industries is thriving.

The company used to employ 200 Coloradans to make ammunition magazines until ridiculous Democratic gun-control laws signed by Gov. Hickenlooper in 2013, forced the company to relocate to Wyoming.

It cost former Senate President John Morse and state Senator Angela Giron their jobs and as it turns out, it's now cost Coloradans 400 jobs.

That's how many folks the successful company is now employing, having added a second shift to handle the demand for its product.

The product is so darn good, the U.S. Marine Corps has just signed a mega contract with the company to buy them exclusively for our military.

That's a lot of tax dollars and a lot of jobs Democrats cost us. But, we are happy to see that Magpul continues to thrive in a friendlier business climate.

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by the NRA-ILA

(Editor/GG: Folks, where is the rule of law? This rule will deny 2nd Amendment rights to thousands of seniors without due process and judicial review. Is this where Americans are now with our Constitution, where unelected, non-judicial, left-wing bureaucrats in D.C. determine what Constitutional rights you have? This is outright fascism by the liberals and the Trump Team and the RINOs in Congress better jump on this dung NOW.)

On Monday, Barack Obama's Social Security Administration (SSA) issued the final version of a rule that will doom tens of thousands of law-abiding (and vulnerable) disability insurance and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients to a loss of Second Amendment rights under the guise of re-characterizing them as "mental defectives." The SSA, for the first time in its history, will be co-opted into the federal government's gun control apparatus, effectively requiring Social Security applicants to weigh their need for benefits against their fundamental rights when applying for assistance based on mental health problems.

Barack Obama's political party and the presidential candidate he personally endorsed and campaigned for suffered perhaps the most dramatic rebuke in the history of American politics with the election of Donald J. Trump. Far from being humbled or chastened, however, Obama is spending the waning days of his presiden-

cy releasing duly convicted felons from prison, making low-level appointments, and pushing pet policy projects, all to do something, anything, to leave his stamp after a lackluster tenure.

The Social Security rule is the final version of a proposal that we reported on earlier this year. Public outcry against the proposed rule was fierce, and the comment period drew over 91,000 responses, the vast majority of them opposing the plan.

The NRA itself submitted detailed comments, taking the proposed rule to task for its many legal problems, its lack of empirical support, and the way it would politicize the SSA's functions and stigmatize its beneficiaries.

The SSA, however, essentially ignored the NRA's comments and the tens of thousands of others pointing out problems with the plan and issued a final rule that in most key respects tracks the original proposal.

For example, the SSA did not attempt to answer most of the legal questions raised about its authority, instead deferring to an overbroad and problematic ATF regulation defining who counts under the federal Gun Control Act as a "mental defective" and to Department of Justice guidance on reporting. The SSA did not explain why, some two decades after the federal background check system came online, it was reversing its earlier determination about its reporting responsibilities and only now asserting a mandate to do so.

Incredibly, the SSA also

brushed aside empirical evidence the NRA submitted suggesting that the proposed rule would have no public safety benefit. "We are not attempting to imply a connection between mental illness and a propensity for violence, particularly gun violence," the SSA wrote. "Rather, we are complying with our obligations under the NIAA, which require us to provide information from our records when an individual falls within one of the categories identified in 18 U.S.C. 922(g)." This would seem to be the very definition of the sort of arbitrary and capricious rule-making prohibited by the Administrative Procedures Act.

The SSA also insisted that it was not stigmatizing those who receive disability insurance or SSI for mental health conditions, arguing that the names of the beneficiaries reported to NICS would not be made public. What the administration ignores is that it would stigmatize the entire category of beneficiaries subject to reporting.

The administration further acknowledges that the rule would not provide those subject to its terms the ability to defend their suitability to possess firearms before the actual loss of rights took place. In other words, **it offers no due process** on the question of losing Second Amendment rights.

Instead, the rule forces affected beneficiaries to file a petition for "restoration" of rights and to somehow prove their possession of firearms would not harm public safety or the public interest,

even though the government never established, or tried to establish, the contrary. Regarding the expense of the psychological and medical evaluations required for this purpose, the administration claims it should be "reasonable," although it does not and cannot claim it will actually be affordable to those who are affected by the rule.

The major parameters of the final rule are the same as those we detailed in an earlier alert on the proposal. It will affect those who receive SSI or disability insurance because of a listed mental health impairment and who have been assigned a representative payee to manage the benefits because of the person's mental condition. The bottom line, however, is that tens of thousands of completely harmless, law-abiding people will lose their rights every year under the rule, a premise the SSA did not even try to refute.

The NRA has already prepared proposals for corrective action, and we certainly hope they will be given favorable consideration by the incoming administration.

In the meantime, this is one more reminder of the petty, partisan politics of Barack Obama, and one more reason to be thankful that in a few short weeks, he will no longer wield the power of the presidency against the nation's law-abiding gun owners.

Please see: <https://www.nraila.org/articles/20161223/grandma-got-run-over-by-obama-ssa-finalizes-new-gun-prohibition-rule>

Triggering a Micro-Aggression: Cabot Arms' Made-in-the-USA Trump 1911

Known for bending rare meteorite and wooly mammoth teeth into astounding custom .45s, Cabot Arms has produced a special commemorative Trump 1911. "Merry Christmas!! We have much to be grateful for indeed. #Trump45 #PresidentElect45," the company posted ...

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Liberal Mecca:

61 Shot Over Christmas Weekend in "Gun Ban" Chicago

by Tyler Durden

The colder weather in the Midwest was supposed to bring with it a reprieve for the police and residents of Chicago from the historic levels of violence that have devastated that city this year. Unfortunately, while the colder weather came the violence never subsided.

According to the *Chicago Tribune*, 61 people were shot over the long Christmas weekend and as many as 12 of those people have since died from their wounds, a level of holiday violence not seen in Chicago for years. Meanwhile, per the Chicago Police Department, as much as 90% of those wounded over the weekend "had gang affiliations, criminal histories and were pre-identified by the department's strategic subject algorithm as being a potential suspect or vic-

tim of gun violence."

The city has seen eight multiple-victim shootings, including two double homicides. One was an attack in the East Chatham neighborhood that left two dead and five others wounded, and an attack in the Austin neighborhood left two dead.

Much of the violence happened in areas "with historical gang conflicts on the south and west side of Chicago," said Anthony Guglielmi, a spokesman for the Chicago Police Department. He also referenced the department's "strategic subject list," which is generated daily from a computerized algorithm and assigns a score from 1 to 500 based on such factors as a person's arrests and the activities of his associates. Those people with a score in the upper 200s or higher are considered in danger of being shot or of shooting someone else.

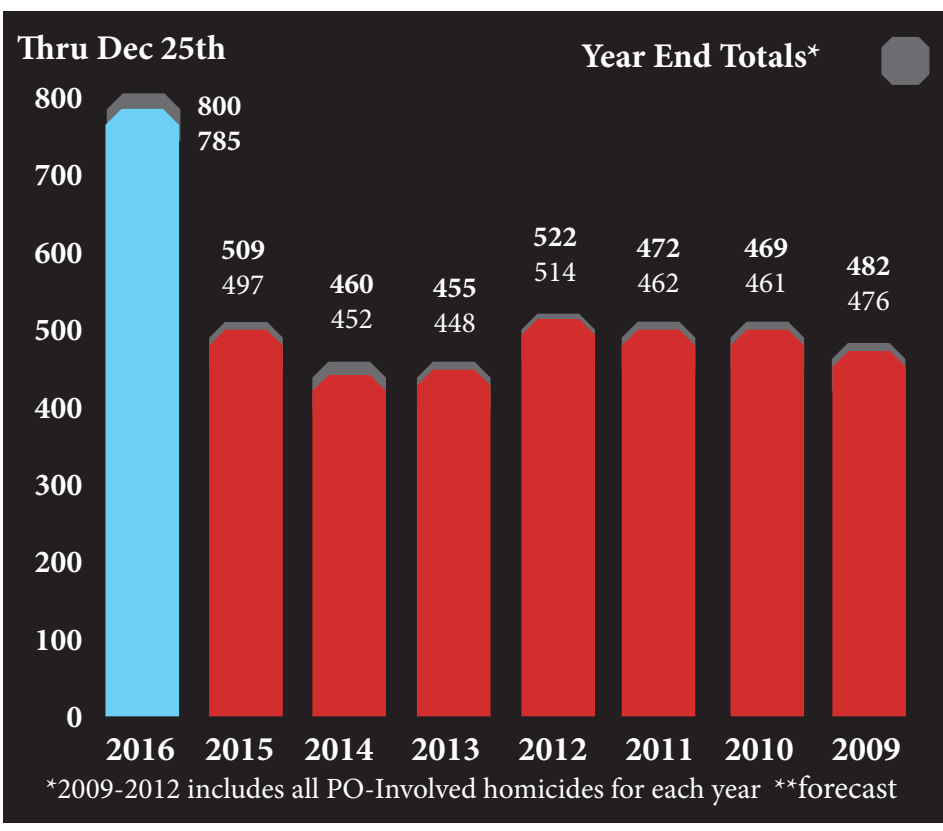
While one might expect violence to subside as people gather with family to celebrate Christmas, per data from the HeyJack-Ass! website, the number of fatal shootings actually surged on Christmas day.

Meanwhile, the annual total of murders in Chicago for 2016 is creeping ever closer to the 800 mark.

While shooting totals were supposed to decline in the colder fall and winter months, as depicted in the chart, 2016 did not follow the same trends as 2014 and 2015. Unlike previous years, the number of shootings recorded in October/November of 2016 remained elevated at around the 400 level which matches the rate of shootings recorded during the summer months.

Finally, the estimate for 800 murders in 2016, which now looks all but inevitable, will be the highest level recorded in over two decades.

Please see: <http://www.zerohedge.com/news/2016-12-27/61-shot-12-dead-bloodiest-christmas-years-rocks-chicago>



Compelling Link Between Perpetrators and Victims of Gun Violence Identified

by Jenn Jacque, BearingArms.com

An interesting fact was derived from research conducted by the University of New Haven on just who the perpetrators of gun violence in America are.

Professors Richard Spano and David Lambert used police incident reports from three major Connecticut cities to create a database of individuals who had both been shot and named by police in gun-related offenses from 2011–2016.

"We were specifically interested in seeing what sequence these incidents occurred: Are they a victim first, or are they an offender first?" Lambert says.

Of the 116 people the researchers identified, more than half—57 percent—had been shooting victims before they had been suspected of a gun crime by police. Ninety-nine percent of the subjects were male, 53 percent were younger than 21 years old, and 89 percent were black.

Lambert also admitted the research wasn't able to account for people who have been shot at or threatened with a gun, since most individuals would not report those incidents, and theorized the percentage of victimized individuals perpetrating gun violence is more than likely much higher than 57 percent.

"The best predictor of violent behavior is previous violent behavior, but the next best predictor is violent victimization," said David Kennedy, the director of National Network for Safe Communities.

"Probably the most important insight in understanding gun violence in the last 25 years is that the violence happens hugely disproportionately among a really small network of folks who are at astronomical risk of victimization and offending," Kennedy concluded.

"Victimization isn't exclusive to gun violence," said Brent Peterkin, the Connecticut coordinator for Project Longevity, "they (men committing gun crimes) have their own little culture where violence is a normal and even positive way to deal with your conflicts. That's the way things should be in their minds."

Earlier this year, a Yale doctoral student published a similar study conducted on perpetrators of gun violence in Chicago. Through his research, Michael Serrera-Arévalo found that 83 percent of the violent offenders he surveyed said they had been or feared becoming victims of violence before obtaining a firearm.

Perhaps if the police would have a more successful clearance rate (currently a dismal 18.4% in Chicago), victims of gun crimes would feel safer in their communities and the cycle of gun violence could be broken once and for all. Of course, those found guilty and sentenced to jail time will probably just be granted early release or clemency.

For now, we're left chasing our tails to follow the age-old gun violence loophole of which came first; the perpetrator of gun violence or the victim?

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Jim Modlish has been in ministry 50 years, pastoring churches from upstate New York to Washington. He holds a doctorate in theology, but frequently states: "I have education, but I got over it."

Southern Colorado natives, Jim and his wife, Linda, happily returned to their home state in 2006. He is currently the founding pastor of Huerfano Community Bible Church in



Walsenburg. Pastor Modlish believes the Bible is the greatest political science textbook on earth, and that all current events should be examined under the searchlight of Scripture.

All Scripture taken from the King James Version.

Obama and Kerry In Denial

Barack Hussein Obama couldn't bypass the opportunity to take one last parting shot at Israel and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu when he ordered his lackey to abstain in a United Nations vote that declared Israeli settlements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem illegal. He then trotted John Kerry out to deliver a seventy-two minute speech defending the action that effectively sided with Israel's enemies. The decision has ignited a political firestorm that has even irritated a number of leading Democrats. Mr. Kerry repeatedly mentioned Palestinians forced to live in an occupied territory which by liberal definition is the land Israel seized in the 1967 Six Day War. Long forgotten is the reason for that conflict which was a massive military buildup on Israel's borders designed to utterly eliminate the Jewish nation. Israel defeated Egypt, Syria and Jordan in battle and claimed Jerusalem, Sinai, the West Bank, Gaza and Golan Heights as its prizes.

Since then Israel has repeatedly offered a land-for-peace deal with the Palestinians and other Arab nations. Gaza was ceded back only to be utilized by terrorists as a base of operations to launch rockets into Israeli residential neighborhoods. The founding document of the Palestinian movement holds to the destruction of Israel as its central tenet. This genocidal insanity has never been repudiated.

The Obama-UN doctrine maintains that Israel is illegally building on land they took from a declared enemy. Utilizing that logic, every white and black American whose ancestors traversed the Atlantic are occupiers and should return to the land of their origin. Native Americans were reduced to living on small reservations or were expected to assimilate into the culture of the oppressors. Should all real estate west of the Mississippi be relinquished to the tribes to satisfy a two state solution? Why do the demands placed upon Israel not apply to us? In truth, Israel is the only democratic nation in the Mideast. It extends full rights to its many Arab citizens who even serve in its legislature. America justifies its sea to shining sea borders by offering the same privileges. Can anyone say "hypocritical"?

I'm certain that John Kerry could not offer a legitimate vindication for his occupation residency on North American soil, but those of us who cling to our religion and guns can provide the educationally deficient with an answer. The learning curve begins with a simple understanding of the identity of the original landowner which reduces us to two options; it was either the Master Designer as outlined in the Scriptures or it was the "god of forces" mysteriously obscured in a big bang? The difficulty of the second choice is no title, deed or message was conveyed

which reduces all ownership to random chance in which case we trespassers can "feel good" about our occupation. Tough luck, Cherokee, Navajo, Sioux, Chippewa, Apache, Iroquois, Kiowa, Kickapoo, Choctaw, Algonquin, Seminoles, etc.--elections, invasions and wars have consequences and you lost. News flash for the Palestinians--DITTO.

For those with a conscience a better explanation is helpful. Bible prophecy regarding real estate is tantamount to title and deed; the original owner can distribute it to whomever he chooses. An obscure verse sheds some light: "God shall enlarge Japheth (Caucasians), and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem (Asians, including American Indians.)" Genesis 9:27 That prophecy was fulfilled when Europeans crossed the Atlantic and took up residence in our present abode. If we American interlopers are resting on the single leg of a three-legged stool, Israel can be sustained by the other two.

Genesis 15:18-21 outlines the original land grant that God promised to the sons of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. This triangular piece of deadly dirt is approximately 300,000 square miles—two and a half times the size of Ireland, Scotland, and England combined. This means, historically and Biblically, that the terror now placed on the shoulders of the UN members is that the Jews own all of Transjordan in northern Arabia for about sixty miles. They also own East Jerusalem, the West Bank, all the Golan Heights, Lebanon, Lake Merom, all of Galilee and the first branch of the Nile River in Egypt (Joshua 15:4), which would include the Sinai Peninsula.

At no time after A.D. 70, was Jerusalem or Palestine connected with any kind of a state. It has been a constant transitory place lacking a governing body or any culture, language, speech or even a history. The early owners were "Jebusites" (Genesis 15:21), and the only time Palestine was ever a "state," with Jerusalem as its capital, was 1000 B.C. to 588 B.C. It was 100% Jewish, reigned over by Jewish kings on thrones in Jerusalem.

Since the UN was created after World War II, the world has been pockmarked by totalitarianism, mass murder, genocide and horrendous atrocities, many of which have never been addressed by this august body, but the Security Council alone has passed 226 resolutions, none positive, involving Israel. From 1955 to 2013, the UN's general body passed 77 resolutions condemning Israel, but just one condemning the terrorist PLO. According to these blockheads the greatest threat in the world today is Israel building houses on land deeded to them. There is only one document on the planet that renders a logical explanation-- go ahead, take a guess!

A Sheepdog Barks!

On Tuesday the 115th U.S. Congress convened and was sworn in. It's the first Republican-controlled Congress with a "Republican" in the White House since "W's" early years. And during that time the Republicans blew it big time. They spent more money than the Democrats did in Bill Clinton's reign. That was a sad and wasted time. Anyway, I digress. The point is we have to hope the Republicans don't waste this new opportunity. I have my concerns because many of the politicians that swore an oath on Tuesday to uphold the Constitution and do the right thing for the American people are the same politicians that served with Bush (43). They lied and failed. Are they still lying and will they fail again? We'll watch closely. **WOOF!**

America is in the pathetic state it is right now because of the "545." If you need to refresh yourself on whom they are please read the editorial in last week's issue of this paper. Yes, Barack Obama was a terrible president but was aided and abetted by the 535 members of Congress and the nine members of the Supreme Court (SCOTUS). Many of those still serving in Congress are members of a group I call the **Straw Lions**. They don't roar, they mew! **MEEOW!** Anyway, those Straw Lions are still in control. Will it be different this time? It might but only for one very significant reason. We have an 800 pound gorilla in the White House that isn't afraid to "thump" his chest. Kind of like **King Kong** if you know what I mean. He just might really get the right things done for America after he swears in on January 20th. Many in this new congress are in fear of him. His "chest-thumping" (sometimes done through a TWEET) is already having an effect even before he is the POTUS. Here is a big example. The stupid Republicans in the House wanted to eliminate some of the power of the Independent Congressional Ethics Committee. The Democrats seized on that midnight closed-door deal to make the Republicans look stupid to the American public. This is not what you want to do when the big gorilla says he wants to drain the swamp. And I, for one, believe there needs to be a very powerful independent

ethics watchdog to help root out the corruption in Washington D.C. Anyway there are much bigger "fish to fry." So the President-Elect (aka **King Kong**) tweeted out a short message about how stupid that might be and the Republicans dropped it completely in a "New York Minute". Now that gives me some hope. **THUMP, THUMP!**

Let me get back to the first day of the 115th Congress. I watched both sessions of Congress on the C-Span channels the entire day last Tuesday. It was difficult at times but I "forced" myself to watch and the hypocrisy and phony friendship stuff was almost too much to bear. Luckily for you I'm going to boil it all down for you in a few short paragraphs. It was made perfectly clear that the LPSDs are going to conduct a full blown campaign of obstruction. They will cooperate **ONLY** when it has something to do with getting reelected back in their district or state. But who cares? That's completely to be expected. The point is Barack and his LPSD friends did just about everything they wanted. Now the shoe is on the other foot. The **Straw Lions** need to steam roll right over them. Senator Chuck Schumer was especially arrogant and condescending in his speech. He spent the entire time warning and threatening President-Elect Trump. He set the stage to be another Harry Reid. It was clear as the LPSDs spoke that they are still in denial and disbelief that Trump won. I took great pleasure at listening to them whine and fear monger. They were downright apoplectic and mean-spirited. They needed safety pins. **WOOF!** The angrier they were the more I enjoyed listening to them. I felt absolute joy and happiness every time I remembered that HILLARY wasn't going to be their president. Senator Schumer kept saying they were going to hold Trump accountable because that was their job. **REALLY?** They never held Obama accountable. They have to deal with **King Kong** now. Schumer called Trump's cabinet a "rigged" cabinet and said his initial plan will be to "slow roll" the consent of at least eight of his selections and to completely boycott the SCOTUS nominee unless



they meet the LPSD standards of being "main stream." So much for cooperation and working together as they always preach! Let the war begin. My biggest concern is not the LPSDs but the **Straw Lions**. **WOOF!**

On the Republican side the right words were said and many good promises were made. The problem is they haven't come through in the past. Senator McConnell is a lifelong establishment pro-Washington D.C. politician. I worry about him. Speaker Ryan is questionable also. He is a Boehner protégé. In fact I have referred to him as Speaker Ryan-Boehner in the past. But I will give him a chance. I was particularly impressed with his remarks after he was re-elected Speaker of the House. He made several hopeful comments about real change in Washington. At one point he said "The American people have let out a great roar. And I want to tell the American people we hear you, we will do right by you and we will deliver." And that all sounds good but they are just words. We need to see actions. I was encouraged by the Rules package passed by the members on a straight party line vote. The rules dictate how the House will operate and the LPSDs hated the package. For one, it allows repeal of Obamacare without wasting a lot of time on technical procedures and the LPSDs were livid. I like that. It's a good beginning. The Republicans have full power. Real hope and real change are at hand. I pray they don't blow it. I pray for their courage and determination. May the Republican become real **Lions** and **ROAR** as they help **King Kong** "Make America Great Again!" America got lucky. **King Kong** is climbing down from the Empire State Building and going to D.C. to climb on the Capitol. **WOOF!**

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



Reminder: Kwanzaa Was Concocted by a Deranged Racist Felon Who Brutally Tortured Women

by Eric Owens,
The Daily Caller

It's Christmastime, America, and you know what that means: It's the season when public schools across the fruited plain are teeming with lessons about Kwanzaa and a handful of other holidays which aren't Christmas.

As a public service, then, *The Daily Caller* is here to tell you the true — and truly bizarre — history of the violent, deranged and radical black nationalist who concocted the completely artificial holiday of Kwanzaa in 1966.

The creator of Kwanzaa is Maulana Ndabezitha Karenga, a 75-year-old professor of Africana studies at California State University, Long Beach. His real name is Ronald Everett. He was born in rural Maryland, the fourteenth child of a sharecropping Baptist minister.

Karenga was convicted in 1971 for brutally torturing two naked women. The women were members of Karenga's ultra-radical, paramilitary, black nationalist cult called the US Organization, according to a May 1971 *Los Angeles Times* story dug up by FrontPage Magazine.

"Deborah Jones, who once was given the Swahili title of an African queen, said she and Gail Davis were whipped with an electrical cord and beaten with a karate baton after being ordered to remove their

clothes," the *LA Times* article reports.

Karenga tortured Jones and Davis with the help of three fellow US Organization members because Karenga believed that the torture victims were using magic crystals to poison him on behalf of his enemies.

"The victims said they were living at Karenga's home when Karenga accused them of trying to kill him by placing 'crystals' in his food and water and in various areas of his house. When they denied it, allegedly they were beaten with an electrical cord and a hot soldering iron was put in Miss Davis' mouth and against her face," the contemporaneous newspaper article says.

"Police were told that one of Miss Jones' toes was placed in a small vise which then allegedly was tightened by one of the defendants. The following day Karenga allegedly told the women that 'Vietnamese torture is nothing compared to what I know.' Miss Tamayo reportedly put detergent in their mouths, Smith turned a water hose full force on their faces, and Karenga, holding a gun, threatened to shoot both of them."

A psychiatrist who examined Karenga in 1971 concluded he was insane. A September 1971 sentencing hearing transcript shows that the unidentified psychiatrist believed that the founder of Kwanzaa was "both paranoid and schizophrenic."

Judge Arthur L. Alarcon read from the psychiatrist's report in court, according to FrontPage Magazine.

"Since his admission here

away for a moment he began a conversation with a blanket located on his bed."

"This man now presents a picture which can be con-

ing in Los Angeles.

The seven principles of Kwanzaa — perhaps your grade-school child has spouted them to you — are: unity, self-determination, collective work, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith in ourselves.

These seven Kwanzaa principles are exactly identical to the seven principles of the infamous Symbionese Liberation Army — the murderous, bank-robbing gang of revolutionary terrorists who kidnapped newspaper heiress Patty Hearst in 1974. A U.S. Congress document from the House Committee on Internal Security lists the Symbionese Liberation Army's seven principles as: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative production, purpose, creativity and faith.

During a 1975 bank robbery, Symbionese Liberation Army members murdered bank customer Myrna Opsahl. The 42-year-old mother of four bled to death on the floor of the bank.

Members of Karenga's US Organization murdered two Black Panthers in cold blood. The murders occurred in 1969 when the US Organization and the Black Panthers were fighting over which group would control the then-new Afro-American Studies Center at UCLA.

There was an acrimonious

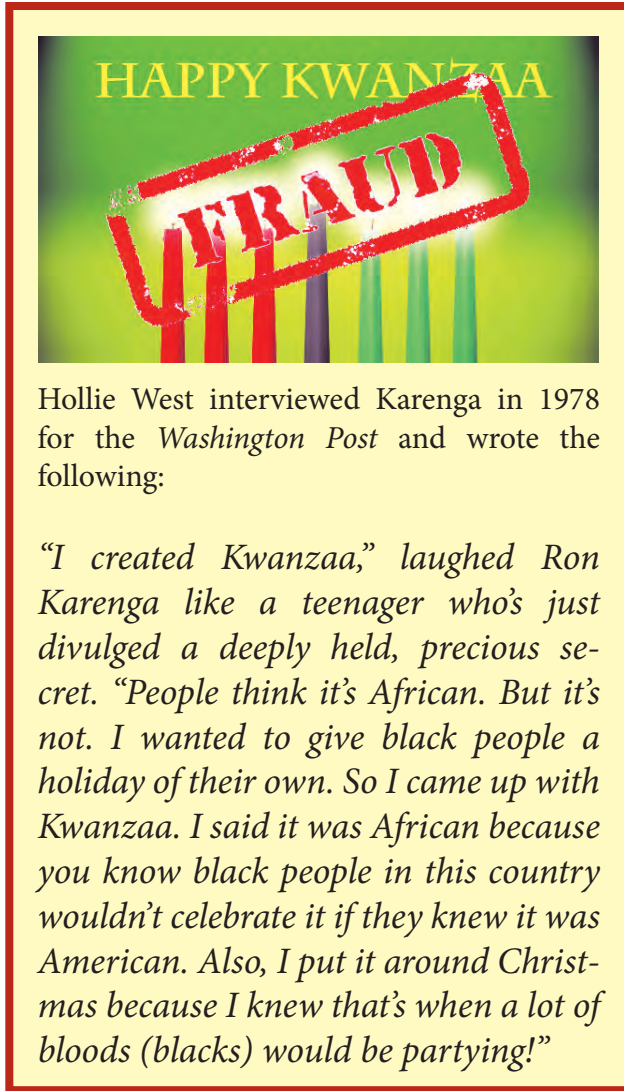
meeting. After the meeting, two members of the US Organization — brothers George P. Stiner and Larry Joseph Stiner — accosted two Black Panthers — John Jerome Huggins and Alprentice "Bunchy" Carter — and shot them to death. (The Panthers were also armed, and one of them apparently shot a Stiner brother in the shoulder.)

Karenga spent just four years in prison. He received a sentence of between one and 10 years for felonious assault and false imprisonment in 1971. A successful campaign of writing letters to state officials led to a grant of parole in 1975.

He received a Ph.D. in 1976 from United States International University. The school is now a for-profit institution called Alliant International University. (Karenga also received a Ph.D. from the University of Southern California in 1994.)

The name change. At some point in the 1960s, Karenga decided he didn't want to be Ron Everett any longer. Instead, he gave himself the name "Maulana," which [he claims] is Swahili for "master teacher." Karenga means "keeper of tradition" in Swahili.

Read more: <http://daily-caller.com/2016/12/24/kwanzaa-was-concocted-by-a-deranged-felon-who-tortured-naked-women/#ixzz4TljING-Mw>



Hollie West interviewed Karenga in 1978 for the *Washington Post* and wrote the following:

"I created Kwanzaa," laughed Ron Karenga like a teenager who's just divulged a deeply held, precious secret. "People think it's African. But it's not. I wanted to give black people a holiday of their own. So I came up with Kwanzaa. I said it was African because you know black people in this country wouldn't celebrate it if they knew it was American. Also, I put it around Christmas because I knew that's when a lot of bloods (blacks) would be partying!"

he has been isolated and has been exhibiting bizarre behavior, such as staring at the wall, talking to imaginary persons, claiming that he was attacked by dive-bombers and that his attorney was in the next cell," the psychiatrist's report said, in part. "During part of the interview he would look around as if reacting to hallucinations and when the examiner walked

sidered both paranoid and schizophrenic with hallucinations and delusions, inappropriate affect, disorganization and impaired contact with the environment," the report said.

Karenga concocted Kwanzaa in 1966 as a secular, "nonreligious" pan-African holiday. At the time, he was a twenty-something graduate student liv-

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University: U.S. History No Longer Required for History Major!!

by Kate Hardiman,
The College Fix

George Washington University (GWU) recently changed its requirements for history majors, removing previously key courses for the stated purpose of giving students more flexibility.

The department eliminated requirements in U.S., North American and European history, as well as the foreign language requirement. Thus, it is possible that a student can major in history at GWU without taking a survey course on United States history.

The new requirements mandate at least one introductory course, of which American history, World History and European civilization are options. Yet, like at many elite universities, the introductory course requirement may be fulfilled by scoring a 4 or a 5 on the Advanced Placement (AP) exams for either U.S. History AP, European History AP or World History AP.

Earlier this year, the American Council of Trustees and Alumni (ACTA) released a report revealing that **fewer than one-third of the nation's leading universities require history majors to take a single course in U.S. history.** George Washington University now joins those ranks.

“A democratic republic cannot thrive without well-informed citizens and leaders. Elite colleges and universities in particular let the nation down when the examples they set devalue the study of United States history,”

ACTA President Dr. Michael Poliakoff said in a statement announcing the report.

Some scholars dismissed the report's findings, however, arguing that most students enroll in U.S. history classes regardless of whether it's required, so handwringing over the lack of the requirement is moot.

GWU History Department Chair Karin Schultheiss, several history professors and the university spokesman did not respond to repeated requests this month from *The College Fix* for comment.

At GWU, history majors must take eight to ten upper level courses: one on a time period before 1750, and three on different regions of the world, including Europe, North America, Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. Previously, students were required to take two courses focused on Europe and North America and complete a thesis or capstone project. Though the thesis requirement still exists, students can choose to complete “digital capstone projects” instead.

This change was motivated by a need to “recruit students” and “to better reflect a globalizing world,” according to faculty comments to the George Washington University student newspaper, *The Hatchet*.

Faced with declining enrollment, from 153 majors in 2011 to 72 in 2015 to 83 in 2016, the history department decided changes were nec-

essary, it reported.

Department chair Schultheiss told the *Hatchet* “the main gain for students is that they have a great deal more flexibility than they had before, and they can adapt it to whatever their plans are for the future. Whatever they want to do, there's a way to make the history department work for them.”

The push for enrollment may also have been motivated by a new funding formula for GW's colleges that began in 2016, *The Hatchet* reports. Money for each department is now linked to the number of students enrolled in that major's classes. Each school will now receive \$301 for every undergraduate student in a class, incentivizing majors such as history to offer classes that will be popular.

Faculty said that the new system incentivizes the individual schools to create popular classes to attract students to boost revenue.

The previous funding formula was related to how many students were majoring in a college. But according to Vice Provost for Budget and Finance Rene Stewart O'Neal, that system did not give the fullest picture of how many students were taking classes in a specific school, as many students choose to take courses outside of their major.

(Editor/GG: Folks, this is just the tip of the socialist iceberg.)

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win the election hands down, and ignoring the thousands showing up in favor of Donald Trump when only dozens were attending Clinton campaign rallies, the news media blamed “fake news” and the Russians for trying to mislead the American people. C'mon man, Really?

Number 4: The CIA, Hillary Clinton and the “president” conspiring to say that Russia hacked Democratic National Committee and Clinton's unsecured home closet email servers to influence the election. It was the classic “look, there's a squirrel” attempt to divert public attention to the unethical and possibly illegal content of the emails themselves. C'mon man, Really?

Number 3: The “president” repeatedly said that he was a friend to Israel. That's why he made Israel's Prime Minister exit the White House where the trash was thrown after making him wait hours for a meeting. But even more recently, he directed the US to abstain in a UN vote condemning Israel after President-elect Trump got Egypt and others to change their minds. The U.S. move sent ripples throughout the Middle East. Friend to Israel, yet supporting Israel's enemies? C'mon man, Really?

Number 2: In the third Presidential Debate, Don-

ald Trump said he would keep people in suspense about accepting the results of the election if he lost. Hillary Clinton immediately went in “aghost” mode and said this would be horrible and damaging to America's democracy. Then she bankrolled the Green Party's challenge of election results; her campaign chairman refused to say the election was fair and accurate; and Clinton tried to undermine the election results after she lost. C'mon man, Really?

Number 1: The occupant of the Oval Office giving an interview to a former staffer now working for CNN (go figure) and talking trash about the election. He said if he had a third term, Americans would have elected him based on his vision which has worked for the nation. The “president” obviously doesn't get it that Hillary Clinton ran on his platform and Americans overwhelmingly rejected it. C'mon man, Really?

Jesus said in John 8:32, “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” And that's how we at The Daily Jot really see the lies and how they were reported as truth in 2016. May your 2017 be blessed!

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