

Was Robin Young Treated Fairly by the BOCC?

Commissioners Demand Extension Agent Be Terminated: CSU Chancellor Acquiesces

by Jax Bubis

After six years in the position, Robin Young has been abruptly removed from her position as Custer County CSU Extension Agent. Robin is an employee of Colorado State University (CSU) and was removed from her job as Custer County Extension last week at the demand of the Custer County Board of Commissioners, Bob Katnig, Donna Hood and Jay Printz. She is still employed by CSU and is a regional agent serving the Peaks and Plains region.

As you will see below in the details of this affair, the Commissioners held a public “workshop” on February 16th to discuss the Extension Agent, Robin Young, and its relationship with the Custer County 4-H Foundation. Also attending was the state 4-H Program Director, Jean Glowacki, and Bill Nobles, the CSU Extension Regional Director. The main issue in the over one hour meeting was Mrs. Young’s proper action of stopping payment on a \$4,000 check written by the 4-H Foundation to the County Fair Board to fix the pens at the fairgrounds (a BOCC responsibility; Donna Hood’s signatures are on both the Custer County 4-H Foundation Bylaws and the Custer County Fair Boards where Mrs. Hood served as the Treasurer). (At the time the check was cut, Commissioner Donna Hood was the President of the 4-H Foundation.) According to CSU Extension rules it is illegal for a 4-H organization to give money to a non “educational”

endeavor and also illegal to give money to another non-profit organization.

Prior to this meeting, the Commissioners decided in an Executive Session to discuss Mrs. Young’s status with CSU Chancellor Dr. Anthony Frank. Note that the Commissioners went above the Regional Director, and even the President of Engagement, Dr. Louis Swanson, who oversees the Extension program in Colorado. The Commissioners did NOT give advance notice to Mrs. Young to the meeting so she could attend and defend herself or demand the meeting be held in public as is required by Colorado law. In any event, Mrs. Young was NOT given a chance to defend herself.

A week later, the Commissioners sent a letter (see it on page 23) to the CSU System Chancellor essentially demanding that Mrs. Young be removed from her position as Custer County Extension Agent. A little over a week after that, CSU President Frank sent the Commissioners a letter (see page 23) stating the Mrs. Young had been removed from her job as Extension Agent in Custer County but remains an employee of CSU Extension.

The current Board of County Commissioners were in office for six weeks and one day when they unanimously signed the letter to CSU Chancellor Dr. Anthony Frank, demanding urgent dismissal of Mrs. Young from her position.

Here is a recap of the timeline.

- On January 10th, the new Board of County Commissioners was seated.
- On February 15th, this new Board traveled to Fort Collins to meet with the CSU President/Chancellor of the CSU Extension system.
- On February 16th, this Board held a public workshop concerning the “operation of the local Extension Office.”
- On February 21st, the Board held an Executive Session (without Robin Young in attendance) cited as a “personnel” matter. This is despite that fact that Robin Young was not their employee. When they came out of Executive Session, they directed Attorney Clint Smith to draft a letter that was “discussed” for the signature of all three commissioners relating to a “confidential personnel matter.”
- On February 22nd, the Board signed and sent the letter to the CSU System Chancellor Anthony Frank.
- Before March 1st, Robin Young was instructed by her employer, CSU, to clean out the office of all CSU materials and not go back.
- On March 2nd, a letter was sent from CSU Chancellor Frank to the BOCC.

At the February 16th workshop meeting, Mrs. Jean Glowacki, the 4-H State Program Director, and William Nobles, the CSU Extension Regional Director, both firmly defended Mrs. Young’s action

in stopping payment of the \$4,000 check as proper and actually required by charter rules of the Extension Office/4-H. They both chided the 4-H officers for failing to follow the rules on disbursements. It was also noted that the motion to cut the check was made at a 4-H Board meeting that Mrs. Young could not make, but, in any event, they should have known as it is in the rules for the charter.



Robin Young, CSU Extension
Courtesy Photo

Other than some talk of having better communications between the Extension Office and 4-H, there was NO mention of any other issues with the Extension Office by the public attending or the Commissioners.

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American Academy of Pediatrics Report: Marijuana NOT Benign for Youth

by The American Academy of Pediatrics

(Editor/GG: The American Academy of Pediatrics has just released a new report highlighting the dangers of adolescents smoking marijuana. It is a definitive and comprehensive analysis. It is entitled, “Counseling Parents and Teens About Marijuana Use in the Era of Legalization of Marijuana”. Below are some findings excerpts. Please read the whole report using the web address at the end of the article.)

“The adverse effects of marijuana have been well documented. Numerous published studies have shown the potential negative consequences of short and long-term use of recreational marijuana in adolescents.⁸ These consequences include impaired

short-term memory and decreased concentration, attention span, and problem-solving skills, all of which interfere with learning. Alterations in motor control, coordination, judgment, reaction time, and tracking ability have also been documented. These effects may contribute to unintentional deaths and injuries among adolescents, especially those who drive after using marijuana. Negative health effects on lung function associated with smoking marijuana also have been documented; in addition, longitudinal studies linking marijuana use with higher rates of mental health disorders, such as depression and psychosis, recently have been published, raising concerns about longer-term psychiatric effects.^{8,10} Secondhand marijuana smoke can also be detected in adults who are

passively exposed, and new data also suggest that secondhand marijuana smoke may be harmful to children.¹¹ A recent study found that in an inpatient sample of infants admitted for respiratory compromise, one in six had detectable traces of marijuana in their systems.¹²

The adolescent brain, particularly the prefrontal cortex areas that control judgment and decision-making, is not fully developed until the early 20s, raising questions about how any substance use may affect the developing brain.^{8,13–15} Studies examining brain functioning in youth who use cannabis regularly or heavily (defined as using 10–19 times/month or 20 or more times/month, respectively) show potential abnormalities that occur across

a number of brain regions including those affecting memory (hippocampus) and executive functioning and planning (prefrontal cortex).^{13–15} Studies assessing the role of marijuana on brain morphology are inconsistent, with one study citing increased and decreased volumes of subcortical structures¹⁶ and another citing no effect on structures such as the amygdala and hippocampus.¹⁷ A major study also has shown that long-term marijuana use initiated in adolescence has negative effects on intellectual function and that the deficits in cognitive areas, such as executive function and processing speed, did not recover by adulthood, even when cannabis use was discontinued.¹⁸

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Who alone is wise,
Be glory and majesty,
Dominion and power,
Both now and
forever, Amen.

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Our Opinion... From the Editorial Board Protecting The Unborn: The 2017 Campaign Begins



2016 was a good year for protecting those that cannot protect themselves. 2017 promises even more gains. Abortion has not been eliminated but many gains have been made that helped reduce the number. Today abortions are down by 40 percent. There are still far too many. Laws are hanging and pro-life candidates are being elected all over the nation. Polls show more and more Americans are becoming pro-life, especially young people! And President Trump has nominated a pro-life justice to sit on the Supreme Court. These accomplishments help the fight to stop the unnecessary killing of babies. You can help by supporting one of the many wonderful organizations that work hard all year long to reduce and eventually stop this horrible practice. Today we will highlight three of them:

Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF)

This is a national level organization with nearly 2,500 Allied Attorneys which help litigate religious freedoms and pro-life cases all across America. Recently they won a decision that could be a turning point in the fight to expose America's largest abortion business, Planned Parenthood (PP). Sue Thayer spent almost 18 years with PP, but when she was ordered to implement "webcam abortions" she could no longer continue. She turned to ADF to expose the big lie. According to Sue, PP is not about helping women access "health" care. It is about making money and abortion is its moneymaker. You can help ADF continue with the initial victory to stop PP from Medicaid fraud, "voluntary" contributions from low-income women and fraudulent billing for Medicaid services in connection with non-reimbursable abortions. Ms. Thayer, a long-time PP clinic director has exposed these

alleged PP illegal activities in Iowa. ADF has also recently won a 9-0 Supreme Court decision to strike down a Massachusetts law that created a 35-foot buffer zone around abortion clinics. In Maryland and Texas they were successful in having ordinances struck down that required pregnancy care centers to post mandatory messages suggesting to the women they needed to look "elsewhere" before deciding to choose life. You can support and contribute to ADF at 15100 N. 90th Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85260, or at their website: AllianceDefending-Freedom.org.

And Then There Were None (ATTWN)

This fairly new organization is taking a rather unique approach in its pro-life efforts. A young woman named Abby Johnson began working at a Planned Parenthood facility near Texas A&M University. As she progressed further

up the management chain the horrors of what PP does became apparent to her and she became very concerned. These are her words "In the last year of my employment, many things began to disturb me...the increase in our abortion quota, our new desire to expand late-term abortion services and in the end, watching a 13 week-old child in the womb struggle for his life during an abortion procedure." Abby learned first-hand the deceptions of the abortion industry. She wants to make sure no workers have to continue because of a lack of support. Abby has made this her ministry to help educate and turn PP workers, et al, from what they are doing. What better way to stop abortion in many places than by convincing the workers to turn to other pursuits. Clinic workers, like Abby, are often misled at first. Like the case of Sue Thayer described above, PP is not what so many are led to believe. You can help Abby reach out to staff workers inside abortion mills and help them find life-affirming jobs at P.O. Box 2571, Round Rock, TX 78680, or at their website: attwn.org.

National Right to Life (NRL)

This is another national level organization that focuses on federal legislation and the election of pro-life legislators. They were very successful in the 2016 elections. Their massive mail outs and advertising campaigns help elect new pro-life U.S. Senators and new pro-life members in the U.S. House of Representatives. They also helped elect hundreds of pro-life candidates in state legislative races. These new pro-life representatives all

over America will help pass significant pro-life laws at all levels. NRL continues the good fight against much better-funded opponents like Planned Parenthood, NARAL and Emily's List. However, the successful 2016 campaigns have left their purses empty. With all these great legislative gains now is the time to pursue more anti-abortion laws. NRL is committed to helping pass one of the most significant federal pro-life bills in our history, the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. This Act would provide nationwide protection from abortion for unborn children who we now know are capable of feeling pain at 20 weeks fetal age, about the beginning of the sixth month. Sixty percent of Americans support this bill. Cases involving rape and incest are still exceptions. Ten states have already passed similar laws - Colorado is NOT one of them. NRL has been saving babies lives since 1968. You can support and contribute to NRL at 512 10th Street NW, Washington D.C. 20004, or at their website: nrlc.org or nrlc@nrlc.org

Someone has to fight to protect these innocent young lives. They deserve the right to life. Can you even imagine that an abortion mill like Planned Parenthood would issue "quotas" to their directors? They now provide "webcam abortions" which is a doctor prescribing abortion pills to patients on a computer monitor that they never see or follow up with. We can all help stop these terrible and uncivilized procedures by supporting pro-life organizations like the ones identified above. Please help in any way you can.

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Custer County Commissioners

– What Is Going On!



LAW OFFICES OF PEGGI COLLINS

March 7, 2017

Dr. Anthony A. Frank
Office of the President
102 Administration Building
0100 Campus Delivery Fort Collins, Colorado 80523-0100

Re: Extension Agent Robin Young

Dear Dr. Frank:

I listened to the entire recording of the Custer County Board of Commissioners (“BOCC”) Workshop with the CSU representative, Phil Nobles, State 4H representative, Jean Glowaki , and members of the public, using headphones. Everyone could be heard, clearly. Here is what I gleaned.

Unless donations are specifically earmarked, at the time of donation, they can only be used for educational purposes. A check was issued by the County to the Saddle Club, a 501(c)(3) organization which puts on the annual Custer County Fair. The County specified that the funds were to be used for rebuilding the livestock pens at the fairgrounds, which are used by the 4H. The check came from undesignated funds, so, according to IRS regulations, it could only be used for educational purposes. The ultimate decision maker, on whether or not the purpose is educational, was

Robin Young. She was not consulted, in advance, about whether or not rebuilding livestock pens at the Fairgrounds, was an educational purpose, because the Saddle Club did not know about the rule. It also, apparently, didn’t know that 4H funds cannot be given to another 501(c)(3) non-profit. It also appears that the BOCC did not know (or understand) those rules. It was evident, by the discussion at the workshop, that there had been a serious failure to communicate, on all sides.

When Robin learned about the check, she stopped payment on it, because it didn’t comply with 4H rules. Yes, there was a lack of communication, all around, but that lack of communication was most certainly not a sufficient ground, or cause, for Robin to be removed as Extension Agent.

At one point, CSU representative, Phil Noble, addressed the workshop saying he didn’t like to see things flare up like this, making a mountain out of a molehill. He said this could have been resolved if everyone had sat down and talked. He said everyone needed to find a way to work together.

What concerns me most, is that, in Commissioner Kattnig’s closing remarks, he told Robin she had done a good job with keeping everyone informed, through memos and lists, as to what role the Fair Board, 4H and Extension had in weeks leading up to the County Fair. He went on to say “Let’s keep up communications, and work on better communications...refining goals and each other’s responsibilities.”

Then, without even notifying Robin, or giving her a chance to rectify whatever resulted in the BOCC “losing confidence in her,” the BOCC met with you and asked that CSU remove her as

Extension Agent in Custer County.

Our County has very real challenges, not the least of which is the existence of cliques and factions with their own agendas. The divisiveness is palatable.

All of the signatories to this letter are residents of Custer County who believe that Robin’s removal request was made in retaliation for her cancellation of the referenced check and we do not think Robin was given due process.

To the best of our knowledge, Robin has, for years, performed her duties faithfully. As she said during the workshop, she is a team player. We know that to be true. Indeed, she has, very often, gone “the extra mile,” and she is very well-respected in this community. She most certainly deserves another chance.

We respectfully request that you reevaluate the decision to terminate Robin, as Custer County Cooperative Agent.

Very truly yours,

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Custer County Commissioners – What Is Going On! Cont’d

March 6, 2017

To the Custer County Commissioners:

We have been made aware of the recent removal of Robin Young from her position as the Custer County Extension Agent. As her duties also included acting as the Custer County Weed Manager, the Custer County Weed Advisory Board would like to know what your plans are for the future of the Advisory Board and weed management in Custer County. It greatly concerns us as we head into spring and the weed growing season that there may be no one to oversee this program. The County Weed Manager has directed weed detection, mapping and control efforts, organized educational outreach and managed grants for funding the program. We are worried about the fact that the removal of this position could lead to a loss of potential and existing grants and the increased spread of noxious weeds. Time is of the essence in this matter. Please respond to this matter with due diligence.

Thank You!

Rick Romano
Chairman of Custer County Weed Advisory Board

cc: *The Wet Mountain Tribune, The Sentinel*

Open letter to BOCC;

YOU demanded that CSU immediately remove Robin Young, CSU Extension Agent for Custer County, and replace her with someone that would work cooperatively with the BOCC. YOUR action restructures the County Extension Office for Custer County, which took years of diligent work to accomplish, and removes an award winning County Agent who worked commendably in OUR community. In this conflict situation, CSU ruled that Robin legally managed 4H monies according to its rules and regulations. WE, like many in the community, have successfully worked with Robin without such an impasse.

YOU did not allow Roger Squire an interview for promotion to Supervisor at Custer County Road and Bridge, stating the BOCC received complaints against Roger. To date these complaints remain anonymous and non-specific. YOU acted without due consideration for Roger’s 42 years as a competent and valued Road & Bridge employee. WE and many community members have been pleased with his work and trusted his concern for OUR community’s safety and well-being.

YOU also attempted to manipulate Planning and Zoning Board member changes not legally permitted by its regulations.

YOU have accomplished these damaging and negative actions in only two months in office. YOU are not considering and honoring YOUR community and YOUR campaign promises. WE stand with others – SHAME ON YOU, THIS IS NOT RIGHT!

*Ann Willson &
Ann Barthrop
Rural Custer County*

New Appointment of Silver Cliff Attorney

by *Sentinel Staff*

The Board of Trustees during their regular monthly meeting on March 6, 2017, unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Gregory L. Watkins, Attorney at Law, as the new official attorney for the Town of Silver Cliff with immediate effect. Having graduated Magna Cum Laude, Juris Doctorate from St. Mary’s University in San Antonio, Texas, in 1985, and passing the bar in the same year, Mr. Watkins is eminently qualified to serve the legal needs of the town. He obtained his license to practice law in the State of Colorado in 1995. He is a resident of Custer County and has done legal work for Custer County Department of Human Services, the Wet Mountain Fire Protection District and the West Custer County Hospital District as well as Round Mountain Water and Sanitation District. We cordially welcome Mr. Watkins and look forward to working with him in the service of the Silver Cliff community.

CERT Training Offered

Press Release

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training is being offered by the Custer County Office of Emergency Management this month at the Search and Rescue Building located at 710 Rosita Avenue in Westcliffe. The training is free to adults over 18, and participants receive a “go pack” of materials and equipment to help you help yourself, your family and the community in the event of a disaster upon course completion.

CERT training is required of all volunteers wanting to respond in any way to any disaster that might occur in Custer County.

Some of the things you will learn in CERT training are how to:

- Identify and anticipate hazards
- Mitigate (or reduce) hazards
- Extinguish small fires
- Assist emergency responders
- Conduct light search and rescue
- Set up medical treatment areas
- Apply basic medical techniques
- Help reduce survivor stress
- How to be an asset in other community events
- How to accurately document events

The CERT training will be held at the following times:

Fri., March 24 – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Sat., March 25 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Fri., March 31 – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Sat., April 1 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Info at thediffscolorado.com.

Local Mountain News & Notices

Local Veteran Carries Messages to DC

Press Release

Carol Kennedy, Westcliffe Veteran and past Commander of the Colorado American Legion was in Washington for three days in late February visiting with Colorado Senators and Representatives to present current priorities of the national American Legion. She joined a delegation of past and current officers of Colorado Legionnaires, Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion.

Ms. Kennedy commented, "Colorado Representatives and Senators were fully engaged, cordial and receptive of the Legion's priorities. This was a very successful trip. *Veterans Helping Veterans... Join The American Legion and Make a Difference*"



Photo L to R: Carol Kennedy (Past Dept. Commander), Tom Flores (Past Dept. Commander), Jackie Bowen (Auxiliary Representative), Terri Clinton (Dept. Sr. Vice Commander), Colorado Senator Cory Gardner, Jay Bowen (Dept. Commander), Elaine Bock (Legion Dept. Office Mgr.), Tom Bock (Past National Commander.)

Courtesy Photo

Custer County Office of Emergency Management to Hold Public Meetings

Press Release

Post Junkins Fire Recovery Meeting, March 10th

The Custer County Office of Emergency Management is hosting two public meetings for community members on the post Junkins Fire Recovery efforts. Citizens, Stakeholders and Media are invited to attend either meeting:

• **2 p.m. Custer County**

Courthouse, Courtroom;

205 South 6th Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252

• **6 p.m. Wetmore Baptist Church,**

at the Junction of Hwy 96 & Hwy 67 in Wetmore, 26252

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The agenda will include speakers from the following agencies:

- Custer County Board of County Commissioners
- US Army Corp of Engineers
- US Forest Service
- Co-Co/CUSP
- Custer County Office of Emergency Management

Community Sandbag Training,

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- **10 a.m. Wetmore County Shop,**

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Obituary Irvin Story

Irvin Story passed away March 3, 2017. Born on April 1, 1925, in Fallbrook, CA. Son of William Clifford Story and Lena Roup. He is survived by his two children, Steven Story (wife Louise) and Linda Steele (husband Greg), four grandchildren; Erin, Matthew, Wendy, and Sherry and six great grandchildren.

He would have been 92 years old. He entered the Army Air Corps in 1943. Irvin attended Officer Training School and was a Second Lieutenant when he trained to be a B-17 bomber pilot. After leaving the military, he started a flight school and was a student pilot instructor. In 1950, he joined United Airlines and flew the DC-3's, DC-6's and DC-8's as a co-pilot. After he became a Captain, he flew the 727's, DC-10's and 747's.

During his years as a pilot he was on the local Volunteer Fire Department in Riverton Heights, WA, and for many years he was

a Boy Scout leader. He loved hunting and salmon fishing with his neighbors and friends. Before retiring, he bought a ranch in Elizabeth, CO, and became a cattle rancher like his brothers had been all their lives. A few years later, he bought a ranch in Hillside, CO. In 1972, he married Helen Ankner. Helen passed away last August. He loved ranching and did not retire until he was 85 years old.

A Celebration of Life was held at the Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club in Westcliffe on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at 11:30 a.m.

Memorial Contributions can be made to the following; American Legion Post 170, P.O. Box 424, Westcliffe, CO, 81252, Eagles Summit Ranch, WTB Soldiers, PO Box 1002, Westcliffe, CO, 81252 or Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club, P.O. Box 501, Westcliffe, CO, 81252.

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History Club Presents Presidents and First Ladies

by Fred Hernandez

The History Club gave a presentation Monday night, February 27th, at the school library, featuring some of our Past Presidents and First Ladies.

trayed Abe Lincoln, and says that the History Club is so interesting many more should join. Alexis Covington, daughter of Paul and Charlene Covington who

hower who was born in Iowa but moved to Denver, Colorado. Her family was well to do and so they had a summer home in Texas. She met Dwight, a young

ing the Rough Riders. Joey thinks more kids should join the History Club.

Tucker Jewel on this night was George Washington, with a wig reminiscent of



History Club: Teacher Scott Thomas and seven participating club members in their historic outfits.

Photo by Fred Hernandez

Dressed to represent, the students spoke briefly about "themselves". We heard from Presidents George Washington, Abe Lincoln and Teddy Roosevelt and; we also heard from First Ladies Martha Washington, Edith Roosevelt, Mamie Eisenhower and Nancy Reagan.

History Teacher Mr. Scott Thomas organized the evening to show the results of the seven students' hard work researching their favorite White House occupants on the internet. At the same time, the club is raising funds to defray the costs of taking a day (or overnight) trip to such historic location as Bent's Fort.

Brooke Bomgardner as Edith Carrow Kermit Roosevelt, wife of Teddy, had this epitaph on her tombstone "Everything I did was for the happiness of others". Zander Jewel por-

recently moved to Querida, portrayed Nancy Reagan. She says Nancy was an impressive role model for women and remembers her most for her "Just say NO"; the drug awareness campaign of the Reagan years. Madeline Ballard portrayed Mamie Eisen-

lieutenant based in San Antonio and after a short courtship married him. Madeline was impressed by Mamie's humility in spite of the power she had as First Lady. Joey Arnone was Teddy Roosevelt for the evening. He was impressed by Teddy's accomplishments including lead-

the white powdered wigs worn by judges in British 18th-Century court rooms. The wife of George Washington, Martha, was ably portrayed by Portia Arrigo, who loves history and believes that if people knew more about their past it would "fascinate them". Congratulations are in order for this magnificent seven's performance as Past Presidents and First Ladies. We look forward to more of these historic presentations at the school. Well done.

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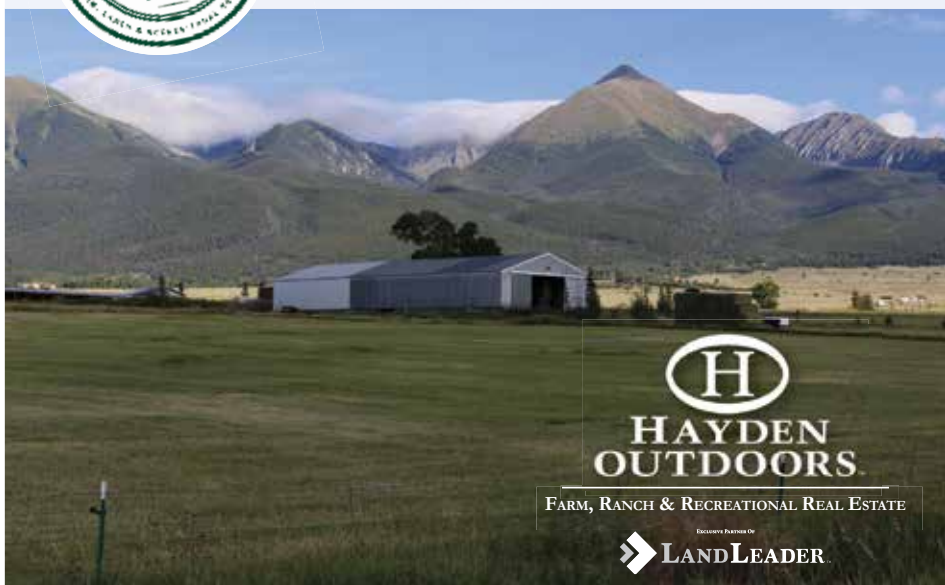
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SAT Prep Session Scheduled for Friday

There will be a prep session for the SAT test this Friday in the School Library for CCHS juniors. The session will discuss testing strategies and provide practice time for the SAT test. The session will begin at 9 a.m. and end at noon. This will be the first year the SAT is given to Colorado juniors in place of the ACT. The SAT is a college entrance exam and an exam many scholarships will use in evaluation of applications.

Sources of Strength Week to Culminate with Kickball Tourney

The CCHS Sources of Strength program will host a week of activities March 13th-16th. The week of activities will include food, games, prizes, small-group discussions, and will conclude with a kickball tournament. The student-led Sources of Strength program is a national evidenced based suicide prevention program. Students lead activities throughout the year that focus on the SoS wheel emphasizing the strengths of Family Support, Positive Friends, Mentors, Healthy Activities, Generosity, Spirituality, Medical Access and Mental Health.

“Our students who led Sources of Strength have a passion for school and our

students,” stated CCHS Counselor Troy Bomgardner. “The SoS model focuses on Hope, Help and Strength through the power of connection and during



this week students will lead activities promoting health in our school.”

The week will culminate with a community-wide kickball event named the

“Kickin’ It” with Sources of Strength Kickball Tournament on Thursday night March 16th at 6:30 p.m. There will be three divisions, elementary, middle school and an open division. Teams will be required to have 10-12 players and the elementary and middle school will need to have one adult on their team. The open division may have teams of high school and/or community members. Sign-ups for the tournament will be in the main office and are due on Wednesday, March 15th. The tournament will have ‘Generosity’ as the theme and a canned food item will be required for admission to the tournament.

Bobcats Sport Schedule

MS Wrestling AWAY v Ortega Middle School <i>Time TBD</i> When: Fri, March 10, 7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Where: Alamosa	Goal Miners Soccer When: Sun, March 12, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Where: West Gym
HS Track Meet - Pueblo Early Bird <i>departure at 7:45 a.m.</i> When: Sat, March 11, 9:45 a.m. – 4 p.m. Where: CSU-Pueblo	Cheerleader Banquet When: Mon, March 13, 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
JV Baseball-AWAY v Walsenburg When: Sat, March 11, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Where: Walsenburg	MS Wrestling AWAY v Peakview Tournament When: Fri, March 17, 7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Where: Walsenburg
	HS Track Meet - Center Invitational <i>departure TBD</i> When: Fri, March 17, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Where: Monte Vista



Bobcat Menu • March 13- March 16, 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. Hamburger Oven Fries Carrots & Fruit Milk	Lunch Elem. Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Roll, Green Bean Fruit Milk	Lunch Elem. Chicken Tostada Spice Bread Corn-on-cob & Fruit Milk	Lunch Elem. Mac n Cheese Carrot/Celery Fruit Jello Milk
Lunch MS & HS Deluxe Hamburger Fries and Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Lunch MS & HS Lasagna Roll, Tossed Salad Gr Beans & Fruit Milk	Lunch MS & HS Chicken Enchilada Beans & Rice Spice Bread & Fruit Milk	Lunch MS & HS Mac n Cheese Tossed Salad, Veg. Fruit Jello 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>			

Bobcat Wrestlers



Custer County Middle School wrestling team competed at the Colorado Deaf and Blind tournament against 10 other teams with the following place winners: L to R, Chad Lewis (4th), Tony Tomassoni (3rd), Wyatt Aldrich (3rd).

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Dates:
Thursday, March 16
Thursday, April 20
Thursday, May 18



KIDS

Friday, March 10, 2017

Lincoln Logs

Many people have heard of Architect Frank Lloyd Wright who has designed some of America’s most famous buildings. Unknown to many is his second-oldest son, John Lloyd Wright. John was born in Oak Park, Illinois, on December 12, 1892. Growing up he enjoyed constructing his own designs using his imagination and a set of building blocks.

When he turned 24, he was working by his father’s side as his assistant on the design of Tokyo’s Imperial Hotel. His father produced an ingenious design that relied on interlocking timber beams.

This design would allow the structure to sway but not collapse during an earthquake. The design worked for the Imperial Hotel. However, the father-son relationship crumbled after an argument over money concerns.

Without a job, he decided to turn his attention to smaller construction projects. In 1916, he created a toy construction set consisting of notched wooden logs. He began to market his creation through his own company, The Red Square Toy Company. In 1920, he received a patent for his creation. He marketed the toy with instructions to build a log cabin that resembled President Abraham Lincoln’s Kentucky log home, and also instructions for another well-known log structure from American literature, Uncle Tom’s cabin. To honor the former U.S. President he named the toy, Lincoln Logs.

Lincoln Logs quickly became a big hit because they were simple enough for the younger set and yet still offered challenges for the older children. As the years passed more complex sets were developed. Since their introduction over 100 million sets have been sold around the world. In 1999, Lincoln Logs were introduced into the National Toy Hall of Fame. In 1991, the rights to Lincoln Logs had been licensed to K’NEX and in 2014 they announced that Lincoln Logs would again be manufactured in the United States after years of being produced in China.

So if you are stuck as what to buy your young nephew or niece for their birthday, remember Lincoln Logs. They are still a toy that can spur the imagination.

by Audrey Slater, Sources: history.com, answers.yahoo.com, wikipedia.org

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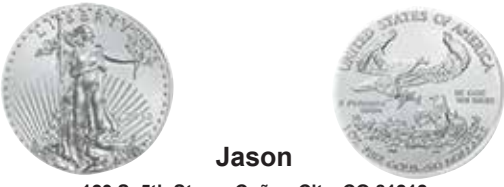
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Events Calendar

Friday March 10, 10 a.m.
Library Board Meeting
At West Custer Library
Community Room

Friday, March 10, 6:30 p.m.
10:30 p.m. Saddle Club
2nd Annual Queen's Ball
Boots n' Bling
90 CR 241, Westcliffe \$\$

Friday and Saturday, March 10 and 11, at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 12, at 2 p.m.
"A Dog's Purpose"
Adventure | Comedy | Drama
| PG
THE JONES THEATER \$\$

Tuesday, March 14, 4 p.m. - 11 p.m.
4-H Carnival
Custer County School West
Gym, Kitchen

Tuesday, March 14, 4:30 p.m.
School Board Meeting
School library

Wednesday, March 15, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Let's Dish on Fun Food Tips
West Custer County Library
209 Main St. Westcliffe

Friday and Saturday, March 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 19 at 2:00 p.m.
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Tuesday, March 21, 9 a.m.
BOCC Meeting
Wetmore Fire Station

Thursday, March 23, 5 p.m.
Gary Gage on Renewable En-
ergy W. Custer County Library

Thursday, March 23, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Back Room Speaker Series -
Bar Scott
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(719) 783-0750

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10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Worship
Weds. 6 p.m. Worship
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10 a.m. Sacrament Mtg.
12:10 p.m. Sunday School
246 Ridgeline Drive
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Community United Methodist Church
8 a.m. Worship
10 a.m. Worship
242 E. 6th Street
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10:30 a.m. Worship
Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m., Prayer Mtg.

Wednesday, 7 p.m. Bible Study
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9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Wedn. Bible Study
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9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:45 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Worship
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9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
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10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
7 p.m. Thursday Bible Study
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10 a.m. Fellowship
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10:30 a.m. Worship & Eucharist
11:00 a.m. Fellowship

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Highway 68, Gardner
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Valley Bible Fellowship
10 a.m. Worship

114 Everett Lane
Silver Cliff
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Westcliffe Community Church
10 a.m. Worship
100 N. Adams St.
Westcliffe
719/785-2543

Wetmore Baptist Church
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Worship
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Wetmore Community Church
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10 a.m. Worship
609 County Rd. 340
Wetmore
719/784-8394

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Gary Gage on Renewable Energy Free Seminar

Get to know renewable energy alternatives

Press Release

Thinking about home projects with spring on the way? Environmentally-friendly renewable energy can increase the value of a home and allow homeowners to produce electricity even when the grid is down. Local resident Gary Gage will provide an intro-

duction to renewable energy alternatives including solar, wind, and hydroelectricity at a free seminar at the West Custer County Library on Thursday, March 23rd at 5 p.m.

Gage is certified in battery-based solar power and has installed many renewable energy systems in both

Michigan and Colorado. He will achieve his North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners certification this spring.

"I would like to invite the community to join me at the presentation to help clear up the confusion that often surrounds this rapidly-growing field," said Gage. According to Gage,

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For more information on this free library event, please contact Cathy McCarthy at (719) 783- 9138.

'Cliffs Action Revitalization Team (CART): Strategic Plan To Be Revealed To The Community

The public is invited to join the CART, 'Cliffs Action Revitalization Team, board and consultants, on Tuesday, March 14, at 6 p.m., at 'Cliff Lanes Community room, 25 Main Street, Westcliffe. Refreshments will be served.

They [will] reveal their newly adopted three to five year strategic plan. The CART board has been working with PUMA, Progressive Urban Management Associates, a consulting firm from Denver, over recent months to identify areas of focus that are important to the sustainability and prosperity of the 'Cliffs Commercial District. In January, PUMA

met with many businesses, governmental officials, and organizations to gain a better understanding of the community and garner information to establish areas of focus that will best serve the 'Cliffs Commercial District in the future, and align with CART's vision and mission.

VISION - The 'Cliffs, a cultural destination with a thriving local economy.

MISSION - Foster economic prosperity and a strong sense of community while preserving and enhancing the natural beauty and historic charm of the 'Cliffs.

The following is a summary

of the direction and areas of emphasis on which CART will be focusing.

'CLIFFS AREAS OF FOCUS

Low-Impact Tourism

Support tourism that attracts visitors who want to experience the 'Cliffs natural beauty, culture and history.

Leverage Local

Support local businesses, build on local assets, cultivate and promote local talent to further enhance the local community.

GOALS are intended for a 3-to-5-year time frame.

- Increase the communities' understanding of

CART to enhance financial and voluntary support for the organization.

- Support and strengthen existing businesses and cultivate new business development.
- Preserve and showcase the 'Cliffs history and natural beauty.
- Increase revenues to the area by expanding opportunities for low-impact tourism.
- Promote the 'Cliffs as a cultural destination.

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Custer County Payments for Airport Fund
Payments From February 1, 2017
Through February 28, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
AIRNAV LLC	AIRPORT WEB LISTING	133.00
ANDERSON/DALLAS	REIMB CAO A CONF REG/TRVL	448.15
ASCENT AVIATION GROUP INC	POS CHG	30.00
CAOA	2017 MEMBER DUES	50.00
CENTURYLINK	SERVICE	105.96
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	PREVENTATIVE MAINT	69.16
NORUP GAS INC	SRV	193.75
SANGRE DE CRISTO ELECTRIC	SRV	164.29
SECOM INC	WIRELESS SRV	60.00
	Final Totals...	1,254.31

Custer County Payments for Capital Improvement Fund
Payments From February 1, 2017
Through February 28, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
H E WHITLOCK INC	WCCL PROJECT CHG # 6	101,901.20
KS STATE BANK	SHERIFF 2014 RAM LEASE	5,999.75
SUMMIT BRICK CO	WCCL PROJECT BRICKS	2,638.46
T A DUKE & ASSOCIATES	WCCL ARCHITECT /ENGINEER	588.13
UNITED REPROGRAPHIC SUPPLY	ASSR COPIER MAINT AGREE	90.00
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING	ASSR MAPPING COPIER	285.40
	Final Totals...	111,502.94

Custer County Payments for Conservation Fund
Payments From February 1, 2017
Through February 28, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
WET MOUNTAIN VALLEY ROTARY	2017 ROTARY FUNDS	6,600.00
WET MTN VALLEY SADDLE CLUB	2017 SADDLE CLUB FUNDS	5,000.00
	Final Totals...	11,600.00

Custer County Payments for Emergency Fund
Payments From February 1, 2017
Through February 28, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
AT & T MOBILITY	OEM SRV	85.29
CCNC INC	OEM MEMBERSHIP 2017	100.00
CENTURYLINK	OEM LANDLINE	107.08
CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	INSURANCE	5,061.60
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	OEM FUEL	70.90
CUSTER COUNTY SEARCH & RESCUE	RETAC	695.00
HOWARD/CINDY		2,904.63
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES INC	ADD'L WORK STATION	530.00
MIDDLE ARKANSAS WILDFIRE	OEM 2017 MEMBERSHIP	50.00
MITCHELL/BARRY	RADIO PROGRAMMING/SHIP	88.75
QUILL CORP	EOC OFFICE SUPPLIES	386.84
RANCHER'S ROOST CAFE	OEM/MAWPP MTG	40.00
TASC PVR	FLEX W/H	75.00
US BANK	DISPATCH CHARGES	21.45
WEST CUSTER CO HOSPITAL DIST	RETAC	270.00
	Final Totals...	10,486.54
	Payroll...	11,666.13

Custer County Payments for General Fund
Payments From February 1, 2017
Through February 28, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
ALL AMERICAN PUBLISHING	SHERIFF PUBS	654.00
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	DS W/H	129.58
AMERICAN PUBLIC LIFE	CN W/H	98.20

AT & T MOBILITY	SERVICE	1,017.99
BYERLY/LYNETTE	CPR/FA INSTRUCTOR	165.00
CAPET	BRENCHLEY MEMBERSHIP '17	45.00
CARD SERVICES	CLERK CONF EXPENSES	262.38
CAMP	2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES	40.00
CCNC INC	SHERIFF 2017 MEMBERSHIP	100.00
CDPIIE	LANDFILL EXPENSES	1,295.38
CDVA	VSO STATE TRAINING CONF	268.00
CENTURYLINK	WCCL SRV	655.76
CENTURYLINK	SERVICE	4,024.00
CITY AUTO PLAZA	SHERIFF REPAIRS	118.66
COAST TO COAST	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	71.90
COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	GARNISHMENT	135.00
COLORADO SECRETARY OF STATE	HAVA TRAINING	40.00
COMPASSTOOLS INC	PATHFINDER RENEWAL	265.50
COX/CHARLES	JAN 2017	156.00
CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	INSURANCE W/H	29,656.83
CUSTER COUNTY EXTENSION	REIMBURSEMENTS	294.28
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	SHERIFF FUEL	2,430.34
CUSTER COUNTY SCHOOL DIST C-1	NURSE	954.55
DISH NETWORK	JAIL SRV	45.12
ENDPOINT DIRECT	TAX NOTICES MAILING	329.04
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY	GARNISHMENT	442.00
FOX DRUG INC	INMATE RX	137.30
GCR TIRES AND SERVICE	JAIL TRANSPORT VAN TIRES	338.84
GREEN/ELIZABETH	MILEAGE	90.00
HENRICH/JAMES D		170.00
HOOD/DONNA	REIMBURSEMENTS	223.00
IPPOLITO/CHUCK	DONATION ACCT	4,733.06
JACKETTA/DYLAN	SHERIFF LIGHT BAR REPAIR	100.00
JOHN E REID & ASSOCIATES	SHERIFF TRAINING COURSE	575.00
KATTNIG/ROBERT (BOB)	REIMBURSEMENT	75.00
LEGALSHIELD	LS W/H	38.85
LEHN/LISA	LOCK REIMBS	19.99
LOWE'S PAY & SAVE INC	INMATE FOOD	1,143.76
MARTIN/RIKONDA K		174.18
MCCASLAND-GLASS	COURT CLERK WINDOW	8,894.10
MILLER/PEGGY	REIMBS	10.00
MOUNTAIN PUBLISHING CO INC/THE	PH AGENCY DIRECTOR POST	262.00
NAC/VSO	VSO NAT'L TRAINING CONF	300.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS OF WESTCLIFFE	SHERIFF PARTS	520.25
NORUP GAS INC	SHERIFF COMPLEX SRV	1,707.52
OAK DISPOSAL SERVICE	CRTHS SRV	196.00
ODLE/CARMALENE	TRAVEL	158.68
OFFICE DEPOT	CCPHNS SUPPLIES	279.76
OFFICE OF THE DIST ATTORNEY	PROF SRVS	9,175.00
PIQUETTE ENTERPRISES LLC	FEB ACCOUNTING	826.42
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE MACHINE QRTLY	775.89
PRINTZ/JAY	REIMBS	75.00
ROUND MTN WATER & SANITATION	SHERIFF COMPLEX SRV	196.80
RUZANSKI/KYLIE	EXTENSION PT HELP	30.00
SANGRE DE CRISTO ELECTRIC	LANDFILL SRV	356.04
SBA STRUCTURES LLC	SITE RENTAL	260.84
SCEDD	2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES	2,000.00
SCHROCH/BRANDON	REIMBS	42.84
SIRCHIE FINGERPRINT LABS	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	58.55
SMITH/CLINTON A	PROF SRVS	2,213.50
SOUND ENERGY	INTERCOM INSTALLATION	988.00
SOUTHERN COLORADO COUNTY	SPG CONF REGISTRATION	12.00
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	391.11
STATE OF COLORADO	MVR FEB 2017	175.42
STATUTES UNLIMITED	ELECT RESOURCE MANUAL 17	245.00
SWANA	LNDFL ANNUAL MEMBER DUES	257.00
SWARTZ/TIM		396.16
TASC PVR	FLEX W/H	1,308.32
TECHNICAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	PROB CLIENT TESTING	198.15
TOTAL OFFICE SOLUTIONS	CLERK SUPPLIES	27.78

UAACOG	2017 RECYCLE MEMBER DUES	2,332.00
US BANK		1,130.98
VALLEY ACE HOME CENTER	CRTHS SUPPLIES	141.66
VIVID INK AND TONER	SHERIFF OFFICE SUPPLIES	318.67
WAXIE SANITARY SUPPLY	GRNDS SUPPLIES & EQUIPT	1,081.22
WET MOUNTAIN TRIBUNE	PH NURSING AGENCY POST	222.00
WINN/C LOGAN	REIMBS	130.51
XEROX BUSINESS SERVICES LLC	ASSR DATA PROCESSING	6,478.43
YOUNG/ROBIN	TRAVEL	103.00
ZOSS/KENDALL	REIMBS	130.85
	Final Totals...	95,880.94
	Payroll...	103,815.72

Custer County Payments for Human Services Fund
Payments From February 1, 2017
Through February 28, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
	Final Totals...	13,280.09
	Payroll...	14,725.21

Custer County Payments for Road and Bridge Fund
Payments From February 1, 2017
Through February 28, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
AFLAC	AF W/H	53.00
AIRGAS USA LLC	CYLINDER RENTALS	420.99
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	DS W/H	600.02
ANDERSON/BARBARA	MILEAGE	60.00
AT & T MOBILITY	SERVICE	225.60
AUTO TRUCK GROUP	OUTFIT 2016 GMC PK	4,466.58
CAPA COLORADO ASPHALT	GARY HYDE MEMBERSHIP	225.00
CENTURYLINK	WETMORE SHOP SRV	185.40
CENTURYLINK	WC SHOP SRV	330.41
CHRISTENSEN/RUSTY	REIMBS	185.00
CORPORATE BILLING LLC	SUPPLIES	433.88
CRESTONE GRAPHICS	VINYL LETTERS	105.00
CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	INSURANCE	13,138.56
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	REIMB PETTY CASH	47.98
DELTA RIGGING & TOOLS INC	T SHIRT BAGS	46.00
DRIVE TRAIN INDUSTRIES	SUPPLIES	39.11
EATON SALES & SERVICE LLC	MULTI REPAIRS	2,397.19
FARICY FORD	PARTS	58.22
GAIDE/BRENDA	BRUCKNER POSTAGE REIMBS	23.75
GCR TIRES & SERVICE	TIRES	3,690.06
HYDE/GARY	SUPPLIES REIMBS	150.62
INTERSTATE BILLING SERVICE	PARTS	1,013.58
IPPOLITO/CHUCK	EXTERNAL BACK UP DRIVES	109.06
LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	MISC PARTS	402.68
LEGALSHIELD	LS W/H	51.80
LITZ AUTO SUPPLY	FILTERS/OIL/ICER FLUID	123.58
LOWE'S PAY & SAVE INC	WATER	15.47
McFARLAND OIL	DYED DIESEL	1,679.25
NAPA AUTO PARTS OF WESTCLIFFE	MISC SUPPLIES	492.51
NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL & SAFETY	SAFETY GLASSES	113.78
NORUP GAS INC	WC SHOP SRV	1,025.13
PRECISION HYDRAULICS INC	MISC PARTS	248.28
PROCOM	RANDOM DOT TESTING	51.00
PUEBLO BRAKE & CLUTCH	PARTS	514.86
PUMPS AND MORE LLC	SHAFT REPLACEMENT	540.44
ROUND MTN WATER & SANITATION	WC SHOP SERVICE	165.60
SQUIRE/ROGER	REIMBURSEMENTS	822.07
TASC PVR	FLEX W/H	491.65
TWF ENTERPRISES INC	FUEL SYSTEM LINE TESTING	893.00
VALLEY ACE HOME CENTER	SUPPLIES	11.67
WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO	SUPPLIES	1,353.11
WEAR PARTS & EQUIPMENT CO INC	GRADER BLADE	75.75
WESTCLIFFE PETROLEUM	BULK FUELS	14,429.86
WHITEHALLS ALPINE BG	SLC MULTI PURPOSE GREASE	160.00
WRIGHT ELECTRIC LLC	ELECTRICAL WORK	1,697.00
XEROX CORP	COPIER	71.67
4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	PARTS/SUPPLIES	1,162.92



Local Mountain News & Notices

CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES



	Final Totals...	54,598.09
	Payroll...	39,373.39

Custer County Payments for Self Insurance Fund
Payments From February 1, 2017
Through February 28, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
TASC	CG SHARE FLEX ADMIN FEES	186.00
TASC	RB SHARE FLEX ADMIN FEES	186.00
	Final Totals...	372.00

Custer County Payments for Tourism Fund
Payments From February 1, 2017
Through February 28, 2017

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
CLEAR CHANNEL OUTDOOR	CSC AIRPORT BANNER FINAL	3,150.00
	Final Totals...	3,150.00

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 February 2017, as shown by the records and files of my office. Given under my hand and official seal this month of February A.D. 2017.

Kelley S. Camper
County Clerk

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Westcliffe, Colorado

NOTICE
Notice to Creditors

Estate of Dorothy Gibson Shaw
Deceased
Case Number 2016PR030014

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative on or before June 1, 2017 or the claims may be barred forever.

Sondra Tuttle
PO Box 638
Westcliffe, CO 81252

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Notice

The Round Mountain Water and Sanitation District Office hours for the weeks of March 6th-10th and March 13th-17th will be 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for new system training.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

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The Custer County Republican Central Committee meets the first Tuesday of every month at 4:15 p.m. at 615 Rosita Avenue.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings.

Please visit our website at:
www.CusterGOP.com and
ourFacebook page at custer-countygop@custergop.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A Local Forum is being organized by John Johnston The Commissioner are welcome to attend.

Thursday, March 16th
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Cliff Lanes Community Room

Public discussion of local issues including recent
Road & Bridge and Extension Office Changes.

Custer County School District C-1

Regular School Board Meeting: Library
March 14, 2017 – 4:30 pm

Board Work Session: 2:30 pm

"For the good of the students of Custer County Schools"

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call – Board Attendance
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Correspondence to the Board: Dr. Terre Davis
5. General Public Comment Session – Comments will be limited to 3 minutes; Admin Response (If Needed)
6. Boldest Pride Certificate(s): Mark Payler / Dr. Terre Davis
7. Consent Agenda
 - a. Acceptance: Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on February 14, 2017
 - b. Acceptance: Minutes of the Special Board Meeting on March 2, 2017
 - c. Acceptance: Minutes of the Special Board Meeting on March 6, 2017
 - d. Acceptance: Declaration of February 28, 2017, as a "Snow Day"
8. Reports from Students/Staff:
9. District Financial Report – Monthly Overview – Amy Perschbacher
10. Reports from Public: Excellence in Education (Loni Short), Accountability (Shelly Penkoff), Early Childhood Council (Jessica Carter, Terry Island)
11. Board Committee Reports: Accountability, BOCES, FEA, Legislative, Preschool Advisory Committee
12. Action/Informational Items
 - a. Approval: PK-12 Principal, PK-12 Assistant Principal, and TOSA/AD/IDAC Job Descriptions – Mark Payler
 - b. Approval / Personnel: Mary M. Kienbusch, Substitute; Kristina Camper – AP recommended Jack Christensen/Mark Payler
 - c. Approval: CDOT Hazardous Situation (Pending Forms and Specific Information): Mark Payler
 - d. Approval: Check Vouchers & Financial Reports - Amy Perschbacher
 - e. Approval: Teacher Housing Selection Criteria – Monty Lee
 - f. First Reading: Policy DCE – Expense Authorization/Reimbursement (Mileage Reimbursement portion only as per 2/14/17 BOE meeting Agenda Item 12k.) – Amy Perschbacher
 - g. Action: Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2016 Audit - Amy Perschbacher
 - h. First Reading: Policy ICDE – Bullying Prevention and Education – Mark Payler
 - i. Approval: Regulation JLCB-R – Mark Payler
 - j. Approval: Administration Rehire for SY 2017-2018 – Jack Christensen as PK-12 Principal, Amy Perschbacher as Business Manager – Mark Payler
 - k. Approval: Superintendent's Evaluation & Summary – Dr. Terre Davis & BOE
13. Principal's Reports:
 - a. Elementary/Middle School: Holly Anderson
 - b. Secondary/AD: Jack Christensen
14. Superintendent's Report – Mark Payler
15. Items introduced by Board Members
16. General Public Comment Session (Comments limited to 3 minutes)
17. Executive Session: Personnel
18. Looking Ahead: Regular Board Meeting, April 11, 2017
19. Adjournment

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DISTRICT COURT, COUNTY OF CUSTER, STATE OF COLORADO 205 South 6th Street Westcliffe, Colorado 81252		
PLAINTIFF: THOMAS L. RHODES and SUSAN J. RHODES		
DEFENDANT: KIM ANNETTE HEATH, AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS HAVING AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY THE SUBJECT OF THIS ACTION		COURT USE ONLY
Attorney or Party Without Attorney Gregory L. Watkins 8 Basick Place, Suite A/P.O. Box 1617 Westcliffe, Colorado 81252 Telephone (719) 783-9762 Fax: (719) 213-2575 email ghwatkinslawpc@gmail.com Attorney Registration No. 025800		Case No. 17 CV 30003 Division 4
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION		

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the clerk of the court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of the Summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.

This is an action to quiet title of the Plaintiff in and to real property situate in Custer County, Colorado more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

/s/
Gregory L. Watkins Reg. No. 25800
Attorney for Plaintiff

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EXHIBIT A-LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point four corners intersection of the corner of Section 8, Township 33 South, Range 71 West of the 66-361, in the County of Custer, State of Colorado from R. (0°46'40" W, 677.44 Feet,

1. Thence N 69°30'25" E 4.22 Feet
2. Thence S 20°30'30" E 103.30 Feet
3. Thence S 68°42'30" W 30.74 Feet
4. Thence N 68°44'42" W 40.06 Feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.07 acre more or less

Developed for this description are based on survey recorded in the office of the Custer County Clerk and recorded on November 22, 2009 under Registration No. 670

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IN GOD WE TRUST

CC Cheerleaders End

By Stacy Schack

What a wonderful year for the 2016-2017 Custer County Cheerleaders. The squad had a great time cheering on football, basketball, and wrestling teams this year! The squad grew from 5 girls during the 2015-2016 school year to 12 this year! This made a huge difference in the activities they were able to participate in and the stunts they were able to do! During the summer, the squad attended an overnight UCA cheer camp. They learned from trained instructors, watched other Colorado cheer squads, and really formed a bond as a team! In October, the squad held a "mini cheer camp" for kindergarten - 5th graders. The mini cheerleaders then performed with the cheerleaders during halftime at the football game. In November, the cheer squad had the opportunity to compete for the first time ever. It was the most awesome experience to hit the competition mat with this amazing group of young ladies. They worked hard all year long and had so much support from the school and their parents, there was no way they couldn't succeed! The Custer County Cheer Team took home a 2nd place trophy at Regionals for the Small/Mid-Tumbling Varsity Division!

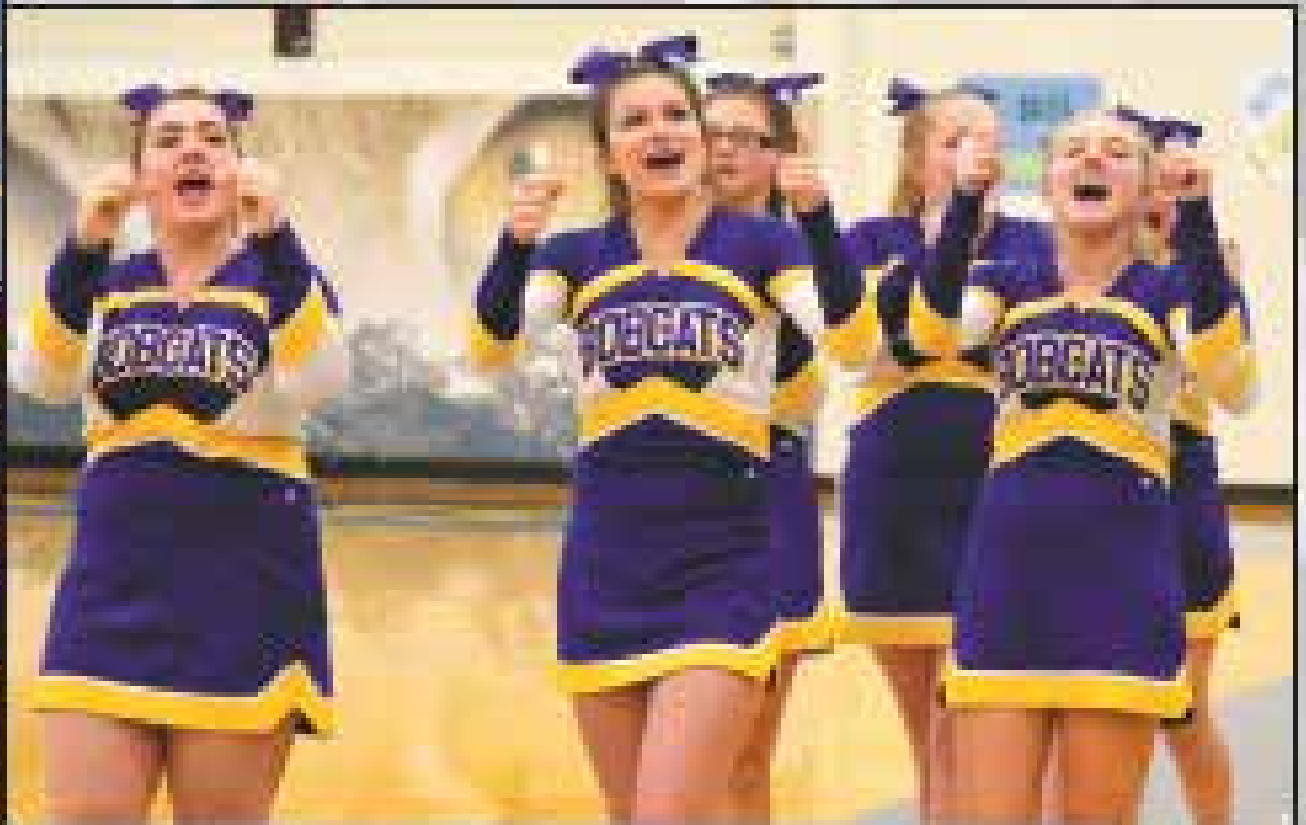


End of Year Wrap Up

The Carter County Cheer Team participated in parades, pep rallies, and other events designed to increase school spirit. They also held numerous community fundraisers that allowed them to purchase new uniforms and needed equipment! They are already looking forward to next year's Festival of Trees!

The girls are both celebrating this past year's accomplishments and looking forward to the future. After a banquet to commemorate this year's events, cheer tryouts for the 2017-2018 cheer squad will be held in early April. Although the end of this school year means the end of this group of girls cheering together, the experience of serving on the cheer team brings with it memories that will last a lifetime.

The cheerleaders on the 2016-2017 squad are Jenny Morris (Captain), Kirsten Bessie (Captain), Darby Ross, Lillian Bailey, Dakota Schoch, Morgan Nelson, Alissa Dwyer, Lauren Kitchan, Nora Lewis, Teri Winner, Danyssa Schoch, Cassidy Moore, Hannah Kennedy, Hailey Rafferty, Makayna Hall, Destiny Balle, and Melody Harson.



Courtesy Photos by Stacey Schoch. Sentinel Photos by Jenn Russ
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Colorado State News

Security Threat? Dem DeGette's IT Worker Has Potential Connections to Hezbollah!

by ColoradoPeak
Politics.com

Last night, the *Daily Caller* exposed a potential massive information security issue within approximately 80 Democratic Congressional offices, including Denver's Democratic Rep. Diana DeGette. These Congressional offices employed a ring of IT "professionals" from a Pakistani family under investigation for criminal activity. In total, this family received more than \$4 million in payments from July 2009 until now from the U.S. House of Representatives for their services as "shared employees" for the offices.

"The suspects had full access to the emails and office computer files of the members for whom they worked. A focus of the investigation by the U.S. Capitol Police is an off-site server on which congressional data was allegedly loaded without the knowledge of authorities."

Well, this sounds vaguely familiar.... While the broad details may remind some of Hillary Clinton's server issues, this is actually much worse. Clinton's servers were located in her closet and her IT professional in Denver. The suspects are Imran, Abid and Jamal Awan and their wives Hina

Alvi and Natalia Sova. There is some question about whether these IT professionals worked from Pakistan, a known terrorist hot spot, and had connections to known terrorist organizations, like Hezbollah. From the *Daily Caller*:

"Yet the brothers spent significant time in Pakistan, *TheDCNF* was told. They even had time beginning in 2009 to operate a Northern Virginia car dealership, with Abid as its day-to-day manager. The dealership received a \$100,000 loan that was never repaid from Dr. Ali Al-Attar, a one-time Iraqi politician who fled the

U.S. on tax charges and who reportedly has links to the terrorist group Hezbollah."

The media should ask DeGette immediately the following questions:

- Who originally suggested that DeGette use Imran Awan as her IT guy?
- How often was he seen in the office?
- Does she believe any of her information was stolen? If not, how can she be sure?
- Did she fire him immediately on February 2, 2017, when an investigation of wrongdoing

was opened about Imran and his family? If not, why not?

- Is the U.S. House of Representatives investigating this potential security issue or just the Capitol Police? If so, why?
- Was she aware of Imran Awan's link to Hezbollah during his employment?
- How did Imran Awan have time to run a car dealership while also working in her office?

Please see: <https://colorado-peakpolitics.com/2017/03/02/security-threat-degettes-it-worker-has-potential-connections-to-hezbollah/>

State Senate Update

Press Release
Senator Crowder
(R-District 35)

In the last two weeks Sen. Crowder (R-District 35) has continued to be active on a number of fronts to advance and uphold the health and safety of Colorado citizens.

Within the General Assembly and the Health and Human Services committee Sen. Crowder has been working on implementing much needed changes to consumer access to healthcare services by upholding transparent and evidence-based clinical excellence in SB17-151; ensuring Colorado citizens have more money in their pockets through prohibiting a carrier from setting fees for a dental service that is not paid for by the carrier with SB17-190; offering

increased consumer flexibility by clarifying that health benefit plans cover care services delivered via telehealth - which can expand access care for all Coloradans - especially those living in rural areas in HB17-1094; and ensuring that performance audits conducted by the State Auditor on client correspondence between the Department of Health Care Policy and Medicaid Clients offers readability, understandability, and accuracy, which will help to prevent medical errors (HB17-1143).

"These bills that I have sponsored will help to make the health of Colorado citizens safer, easier, clearer and more affordable by ensuring the well-being of people across the state in both urban and rural settings."

Seriously? Senator Bennet Has NOT Held a Town Hall Since 2014

by ColoradoPeak
Politics.com

It goes from bad to worse for Democrats screeching (incorrectly) that Republican politicians are ignoring their constituents. Yesterday, we covered a 9News study which showed that from January 2014 until February 2017, Michael Bennet only hosted three town halls, coming in dead last in the Colorado delegation. We assumed he held at least one per year.

We were wrong. This morning, left-leaning Westword dropped another bombshell. As it turns out, Bennet has not held a town

hall since 2014. That's not conjecture or partisan hyperbole, that's the word from the Bennet's staff:

"However, we weren't able to find links to town halls in 2015, 2016 or 2017 — and while Bennet's spokeswoman Laurie Cipriano maintains that he's 'held dozens of traditional town halls since becoming a senator in 2009,' she wasn't able to provide a list of such events or even the date of the most recent one. She believes the most recent town hall took place in 2014." (The Peak emphasis)

This is honestly just about the

most hypocritical thing on which we've ever reported. Democrats are ginning up outrage because they say Republicans are ducking town hall meetings and their own leader hasn't even held a town hall since 2014. That was THREE YEARS AGO.

We honestly don't know what to say, other than Democrats ought to be ashamed of their behavior and Coloradans should rebuke them and their lies at every opportunity.

Please see: <https://colorado-peakpolitics.com/2017/03/02/seriously-sen-bennet-has-not-held-a-townhall-since-2014/>

Lawmakers Take First Step to Ease Testing Burden for Young Hispanic English Learners

by Nicholas Garcia,
Chalkbeat Colorado

State lawmakers from both political parties are seeking to undo a controversial State Board of Education decision that called for schools to test thousands of Colorado's youngest students in English — a language they are still learning.

House Bill 1160 cleared its first legislative hurdle Monday with unanimous support from the House Education Committee.

The bill would allow school districts to decide whether to use tests in English or Spanish to gauge whether students in kindergarten through third grade enrolled in dual-language or bilingual programs have reading deficiencies.

The bill is sponsored in the House of Representatives by Reps. Millie Hamner, a Frisco Democrat, and Jim Wilson, a Salida Republican.

If the bill becomes law, it would overrule a decision by the State Board of Education last year that required testing such students at

least once in English. That meant some schools would need to test students twice if they wanted to gauge reading skills in a student's native language.

Colorado's public schools under the 2012 READ Act are required to test students' reading ability to identify students who aren't likely to be reading at grade-level by third grade.

The bill is the latest political twist in a years-long effort to apply the READ Act in Colorado schools that serve a growing number of native Spanish-speakers.

School districts first raised concern about double-testing in 2014, one year after the law went into effect. The state Attorney General's office issued an opinion affirming that the intent of the READ Act was to measure reading skills, not English proficiency. The state board then changed its policy to allow districts to choose which language to test students in and approved tests in both English and Spanish.

But a new configuration of the state board in 2016 reversed

that decision when it made other changes in response to a 2015 testing reform law that included tweaks to early literacy testing.

The board's decision at the time was met with fierce opposition from school districts with large Spanish-speaking populations — led by Denver Public Schools.

Lawmakers considered legislation to undo the board's decision last year, but a committee in the Republican-controlled Senate killed it.

Capitol observers believe the bill is more likely to reach the governor's desk this year after a change in leadership in the Senate.

Some members of the state board, at a meeting last week, reaffirmed their support for testing students in English.

Board member Val Flores, a Denver Democrat who opposed the rule change last year, said she opposes the bill. In explaining her reversal, Flores said she believes the bill would create a disincentive for schools, especially in Denver, to help Span-

ish-speakers learn English.

"If the district does not give the test in English, reading in English will not be taught," she said.

Board member Steve Durham, a Colorado Springs Republican, said he still believes the intent of the READ Act was to measure how well students were reading in English.

"I think this is a serious departure from what the legislature intended initially," he said last week. "The READ Act had everything to do with reading in English."

Hamner, one of the sponsors of House Bill 1160, also sponsored the READ Act in 2012. She disagrees with Durham and told the House committee Monday that the intent was always for local school districts to decide which language was appropriate.

"We're giving the local educators and districts the decision-making authority on what's best for the students," she said.

Multiple speakers on Monday said the requirement to test native Spanish speakers in English

was a waste of time and money, and provided bad information to teachers.

"A teacher who teaches in Spanish will not be able to use data from an English assessment to drive their instruction, much like a hearing test would not give a doctor information about a patient's broken arm," said Emily Volkert, dean of instruction at Centennial Elementary School in Denver.

The bill only applies to students who are native Spanish speakers because the state has only approved tests that are in English and Spanish. Students whose native language is neither English nor Spanish would be tested in English until the state approves assessments in other languages.

"The question is can you read and how well," said bill co-sponsor Wilson. "We're trying to simplify that."

Please see: <http://www.chalkbeat.org/posts/co/2017/02/27/lawmakers-take-first-step-to-ease-testing-burden-for-young-english-language-learners/>



Colorado State News



Corporate Groups Squeal About Ending Colorado Corporate Welfare

by Amy Cooke,
The Independence Institute

Rumors are swirling around the Capitol that corporate lobbyists are lining up in opposition to SB17-188, the repeal of the state income tax credit for “innovative vehicles.” It isn’t surprising. Whenever their place at the taxpayer trough is threatened, they squeal like a _____ (fill in the blank).

We call SB17-188 “repeal and repair” because instead of giving millions of dollars annually to rich guys in the Denver metro area and corporations, the money will go the Highway Users Trust Fund (HUTF) to be used for roads and bridges.

What are “innovative vehicles”? They include electric

cars and trucks as well as some natural gas vehicles, which can net individual buyers and corporations a taxpayer-funded tax credit anywhere from \$5,000 to \$20,000 per vehicle depending on the vehicle.

Everyone – the legislature, the Governor, special interests, and anyone who drives on Colorado roadways – knows that our roads need work. The Colorado Department of Transportation says the state needs \$9 billion for transportation projects. The Governor says there is no money available in the state budget. Special interest groups want to increase taxes. We say not another dime until legislators stop forcing taxpayers to pay for corporate welfare including rich guys’ cars and corporate fleet vehicles.

Because “repeal and repair” has a TABOR implication, it’s simply a referred measure. In other words, even if this bill passes, it still must go to a vote of the people. Yes! You and I get to decide if we want this money to go to rich guys and corporate welfare or to our roads.

Guess who doesn’t want this bill to see the light of day, let alone the floor of the State Senate? Some of the largest lobbying trade associations and corporations want SB 188 killed in committee. Why? According to our sources, it’s because they don’t want to pay for a campaign to oppose it, and they know they’re likely to lose. They prefer to increase your taxes rather than reduce their corporate welfare.

One in particular is the lobbying behemoth Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry (CACI), which took up the bill for consideration today. Needless to say, CACI is opposing. Yet CACI is one of the special interest groups demanding lawmakers fix our roads but only through new taxes, not by reducing corporate welfare or ending giveaways to wealthy front range residents.

According to the fiscal note, between 2017 to 2022 the state could have an additional \$21.5 million for roads and bridges and reduce expenditures within the Department of Revenue or give that money to rich guys and corporate fleets and have taxpayers pony-up more money for transportation.

It’s time these “innovative” vehicles competed in a real market place and not on the backs of Colorado taxpayers. If they are priced correctly, then people and corporations will buy them. That’s how markets work. It’s fiscally irresponsible and morally reprehensible to subsidize the driving habits of rich people and corporations while Colorado’s working families pick up the tab.

Repeal and repair was heard in committee on Tuesday, February 28, in Senate Finance at 2 p.m. in SCR 357. The Independence Institute was there with Senator Vicki Marble when she presented it.

\$21.5 million won’t solve all of our transportation funding problems, but it’s

a small step in the right direction. Before asking hardworking Coloradans for more money, elected officials need to make sure they’ve found all savings in the current budget. Otherwise, they’ll likely face defeat at the ballot box in 2017.

We’d like to thank the courageous lawmakers who joined Sen. Marble in sponsoring SB 188 including Senators Randy Baumgardner, John Cooke, Kevin Lundberg, Tim Neville, Jerry Sonnenberg, and Majority Leader Chris Holbert who signed on as co-sponsors.

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“Takin’ It To The House...”

A Calendar And Commentary From The Golden Dome

by Rep. Jim Wilson
—HD 60

—March 5, 2017

Many of you may remember the 2000 movie, “The Perfect Storm”. The movie was based upon the 1991 encounter of the fishing vessel Andrea Gail with two major weather fronts and a hurricane. The Andrea Gail went down with all hands.

This past week at the Capitol was nearly a “perfect storm” for me as committee work, floor work and visitors all came together between Monday and Friday. Fortunately, the ship stayed afloat, and I was able to weather the storm.

On Monday, Rep. Hamner (D-Dillon) and I presented HB 17-1160: “K-3 English Learning Reading Assessment” and SB 17-123: “Seal of Bilingualism for

High School Diplomas” to the House Education Committee. Both bills passed. On Tuesday, 80+ middle school students from Salida visited my office and toured the Capitol. Wednesday I presented my Employer-Assisted Housing bill (HB 17-1091) and, along with Rep. Kraft-Tharp (D-HD 29), presented HB 17-1090: “Advanced Industry Investment Tax Credit Extension” to the House Finance Committee. Both finance bills passed as well.

But wait – there is more! Thursday, I presented HB 17-1174 (a rural broadband bill) to the House Business Affairs and Labor Committee. It was met favorably but was laid over to align an amendment with the title. Thursday was also the day that Rep. Hamner and I presented our aforementioned two bills for second reading on the House floor.

Friday found me in House Appropriations presenting SB 17-060 (Colorado Student Leaders Institute), plus a second bill HB 17-1106 (Extend Early Childhood Leadership Commission), together with Rep. Petterson (D-Lakewood). Both bills were voted through to the House floor. Friday also included a third and final vote on the House floor for the two Hamner/Wilson bills. HB 17-1160 passed the House unanimously, while SB 17-123 was laid over until Monday for a final vote.

Last week’s storm has passed; I am not that much worse for wear, and clouds are gathering for the next squall headed to the Golden Dome. The severe weather forecast for this week includes a vote in the Senate on SB 17-061 and, in the House, a debate on HB 17-1187. Charter School Funding and mess-

ing with the TABOR calculations – two topics that always generate multiple lightning strikes...

The other major storm on the immediate horizon is the \$600 plus M deficit for the upcoming budget. The rumblings being heard are between those who say, “The money is there, you just need to prioritize the spending”, and those who argue, “There is simply not enough money go around.” One thing is for sure -- with over 80 cents out of every new dollar already allocated, there is not much left to address discretionary spending.

This month the NCAA will be dealing with “March Madness”, and at the Capitol, we will be dealing with “Budget Madness”. Stay tuned.

Please feel free to call my office in the Capitol at 303-

866-2747 or send me an e-mail: wilsonforhd60@gmail.com or james.wilson.house@state.co.us.

(Editor/GG: The Sentinel reached out to Rep. Wilson on his take on the proposed bill that would change the TABOR calculations. His response:

Under HB 17-1187, the five-year income average would generate more revenue under TABOR than the current growth plus inflation calculation.

I filled in on the House Appropriations Committee last Friday morning and voted against the bill. I have not had the opportunity to hear the bill debated.

The problem is that there is a \$600M plus hole in this year’s budget. Republicans (myself included) have long asserted that we do not have a revenue problem --



we have a spending problem. As TABOR continues to ratchet down, we are actually seeing a revenue problem on the horizon.

It is time that the Republicans come up with a plan that will work within the parameters of TABOR before we lose that one vote advantage in the Senate and the Dems come up with a TABOR end run that we would not want to live with. We need to find an answer, I am not convinced that HB 17-1187 is it.)

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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.royalgorgeteataparty.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

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Fremont BOCC Meeting

Cannabis gets Green light; County approves Optional Premises Cultivation License

by Barbara Penezic

Representative Jeff Cain was given the go ahead as Fremont County approved the issuance of an Optional Premises Cultivation license for JMC Enterprises, doing business as Fremont County Cannabis.

Florence residents now fear that they will follow in the footsteps of Penrose when it comes to marijuana grows. No one wants to see the homeless denied a helping hand but a number of people this reporter has spoken with do worry that the new homeless quarters to be located in the Florence area could prove to be a draw for marijuana seekers and not a hand up for the legitimate homeless people in our county.

Area residents and citizens spoke out against the grow, citing concerns over loss of property value and water usage but their pleas were not considered cause to deny the grow on property owned by Marcia Greene at 1800 C.R. 835 C, south of Florence off Siloam Road. The property includes 100 acres more or less and is

home to some livestock. The grow area, including structures, contains two acres more or less. The grow area will use an existing metal agricultural building and two new green houses. Two metal containers will be used as grow rooms inside the agricultural building for starting the plants. They will be transplanted to the green houses and the outdoor grow area. The claim is that there will not be light or odor issues. The property is zoned Agricultural Forestry.

Even though a number of Fremont County residents are opposed to marijuana grows, Colorado State residents have voted to allow the odious weed in our state. Commissioner Bell reminded the area residents in attendance that there is little they can do as long as the growers are in compliance.

Yet another group of unhappy Fremont County residents were in house to request an audience with the Commissioners. This group of Wolf Park home owners came with petition in hand asking for assistance in rid-

ding their backyard of train cars that have been sitting on the tracks for the past eight years.

The residents conceded that they were aware of the tracks when they purchased their homes, however they were not aware that the cars would be parked and left sitting. They had assumed the trains would roll by occasionally and not become an eyesore. Residents say they have asked the property owners, Martin/Marietta to move the cars to an industrial area but have been met with less than friendly response. One speaker said that she had been told the cars could be moved but it would cost approximately \$300,000. Wolf Park simply does not have that kind of money she said.

Commissioner Bell said the cars are an issue they have dealt with before, but they have no jurisdiction to require Martin/Marietta to move the cars. This is a federal issue and you need to contact your State legislature.

Be Informed...Get Involved

Events

March 11-April 2

- **COG lunch is served at noon every Tuesday, Thursday and 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.
- **Free lunch to those in need will be offered from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. the third Saturday of the month in the Fellowship Hall** at the First United Methodist Church at the corner of Ninth and Main streets.

March 11, Reception for the artist Suz Stovell on Saturday, from 5 to 7 pm Exhibition continues through April 2 at Royal Contemporary, 120 E. Main Street in Florence. 303.717.1977 www.royalcontemporary.com

March 11, Florence 2nd Saturday ArtWalk Explore downtown and have a great night out!

March 11, Fremont County Republicans Annual Lincoln Day Dinner at the Abbey Events Center at 2931 E. U.S. 50. The event kicks off with a social hour at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner. Tickets are \$45 per person or \$80 per couple. Tickets can be purchased online at www.fremontcountyrcc.com or by calling 719-315-1322 and leave a message.

March 12th, WINDEN TRIO - Come Away with Us Sunday at 2 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, 802 Harrison Ave, Cañon City. Plan to attend the "Meet and Greet" reception in the church hall after the recital. Tickets: Adults \$10.00 Students Free. Tickets are available at the door the afternoon of the recital. For more information - Call 719.429.7551

March 15, St. Patrick's Day Ceili, the Museum of Colorado Prisons hosts its seventh annual event in the Abbey Events Center at 2951 E. U.S. 50, Cañon City. The event kicks off at 5:30 p.m. with cocktails, followed by dinner and entertainment. Tickets, which are \$35 per person or \$240 for a table of eight, may be purchased at the Museum of Colorado Prisons, the Abbey, the Dungeon or the Arts Studio downtown.

March 24, Good News Jail & Prison Ministry's 10th Annual Fremont County Fundraising Banquet will be at 6:30 p.m. the Abbey Event Complex. Tickets are \$40 per person or \$375 for tables of 10. Please RSVP by March 13 by calling 671-6479 or 269-5623.

March 31 and April 1, Second Annual "A Very Foolish Sale" will be held from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Main Street in Florence.

March 31 and April 1, Home Town Gun Show will be held from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday at the 4-H Fairgrounds in the Rodeo grounds at 1595 S. Ninth St., Cañon City.

April 1-2, Ullr Sports presents Cactus Flats first AR15 Drag Race from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Cactus Flats, 4312 CR 123 in Penrose. For more information, call William at Ullr Sports at 289-4972 or Susan at 372-3600 or cactusflats.weekly.com.

*"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace.
In the world you will have tribulation;
but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."*

John 16:33 NKJV

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No Outcry
Back Then

Does anybody remember the ex “president’s” Attorney General Eric Holder? You know, the AG who refused to enforce the laws? It started with refusing to allow off shore drilling, a law that Congress passed to open up energy exploration off the Gulf Coast. Then there was the Defense of Marriage Act that the “president” and the AG decided not to enforce or defend. Also call to memory that Black Panthers were allowed to intimidate white voters from casting their Constitutionally guaranteed right to vote. And there was the contempt of Congress by Holder for refusing to testify on his gun running scheme that ended up getting border agents killed. Nothing to see here. No one could get the media interested.

On September 7, 2011, Holder told reporters that reports were untrue linking his department and the White House with the decision to sell guns to Mexican drug runners through Operation Fast and Furious. He claimed they were politically motivated, saying, “The notion that somehow or other this thing reaches into the upper levels of the Justice Department is something that. ... I don’t think is supported by the facts. It’s kind of something I think certain members of Congress would like to see, the notion that somehow or other high-level people in the department were involved.” This is an outright denial that he (Holder) or any other high official knew about the operation, but it was boasted about even on the DOJ website.

On April 2, 2009, Holder gave a speech to the Mexico/United States Arms Trafficking Conference in Cuernavaca,

Mexico. His remarks at the time were actually posted on the US Department of Justice’s website. He said, “Last week, our administration launched a major new effort to break the backs of the cartels. My department is committing 100 new ATF personnel to the Southwest border in the next 100 days to supplement our ongoing Project Gunrunner...” Project Gunrunner and Operation Fast and Furious were synonymous. CBS News, for example, reported on February 23, 2011, the murder of border agent Brian Terry by a drug cartel thug using an assault rifle traced to Holder’s operation.

The Daily Jot detailed several reports of Holder’s illegal/unethical antics. ‘Didn’t hear a peep from the mainstream news media calling for his resignation. AG Jeff Sessions has recused himself from 2016 campaign investigations because he met with the Russian Ambassador as part of his job as Senator. Democrats used this fake news story to call for Sessions’ ouster. Romans 16:18 describes these people: “For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.” Indeed they are deceiving the hearts of the simple. There must be more to the Democrats and Russia that Democrats fear will come out with Sessions on the job. Meantime, the news media is showing its inability to report real news, a failure of its First Amendment right.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson
www.dailyjot.com
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It’s Good To Be Bad

by The Zman

The other day I spotted this on the legacy website PJ Media. I expected it to be a recitation of the hate thinkers they think they have “purged” from their thing. PJ Media is not as bad as many others, but it is still firmly locked into the old mindset of the “respectable Right”, which is to say they are not in business to challenge the prevailing orthodoxy. They worry more about the trouble makers to their Right than they do the supposed enemies on the Left, because they never want to get in trouble with the Left.

Instead, it was something entirely different. It was a list of mostly Conservative Inc sites allegedly being targeted by social justice warriors. The gist of the piece was to assert that the poodles of Conservative Inc are now being accused of blasphemy just like the toughs over on the alt-right, because, you know, they are just as hip and cool as the bad boys over at Breitbart. It is a fine use of the associative property to claim credit for things they have spent the last two years opposing, but failed to stop. Now they want in.

It’s not just PJ Media. National Review, noticing the collapse of their traffic, has decided they better figure out a way to get in on the action. They have been holding a mock debate among themselves about the role of nationalism, even giving the Tribe a little over the issue of Israel and borders. Rich Lowry is clearly trying to figure out how to get the magazine back in front of the people they pretend

to be leading. He has even warmed to Trump, saying nice things about his C-PAC speech.

None of this is shocking. So-called Movement

National Review is one of those abandoned houses in Detroit. It’s only purpose is as a reminder of past mistakes. Otherwise, it can be plowed under and no one will care.

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Conservatism is a zombie movement, shuffling along until someone has the decency to put it out of its misery. That does not mean the army of people who have made a living peddling it over the last few decades are going to retire. They are looking for some way to weasel their way



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into the new thing. They look over at the cool kids raising hell on-line, building their own thing and the old guys of Conservative Inc are naturally jealous and want to be a part of it.

This is not an easy task. Buckley Conservatism was revealed to be nothing more than the candy coating to the Progressive nut inside the prevailing orthodoxy, when they went all in on the NeverTrump nonsense. It’s not that the cool kids will not forgive them. It is that there is no point to it. These are yesterday men with nothing to offer.

The current relationship of this new thing on the Right to the old conservative movement is a lot like what David Horowitz described as the relationship between the New Left and the Old Reds from the previous generation. When the New Left got going in the 60s and people noticed it, suddenly every old commie in the country was trying to get in on the act. They were rejected not because they were old, but because they had nothing to offer.

The Reds of the early 20th century were all about communist orthodoxy and

economics. It never made it too far away from being a parlor game for middle-class intellectuals, a hobby to add some spice to their lives. The New Left wanted to smash things, flip over tables and freak out the squares. They were a cultural phenomenon with a vaguely defined political agendas. The Old Left was about party discipline and rules, while the New Left was about freedom and action.

That’s why the New Left of the 60s could not borrow from the old commies and why they could not include them in their thing. Part of what defined the New Left was its rejection of the Old Left. That’s what’s happening today. This new thing going on is a break with the conservatism of Bill Buckley and the Reagan Mystery Cult. The young guys getting banned from twitter are not interested in hearing about how Dutch gave Tip O’Neil the business. They don’t care.

That’s the one thing that the new kids have going for them. They don’t care about the tastes and sensibilities of the people defending the status quo. There’s a delight in getting tossed from social media and an energy to the alternatives. This comes from being outside the rules. There’s a counter-culture vibe to what’s happening because the alt-right, or whatever you want to call it, is a cultural movement lead by young guys with everything to gain and old men with nothing left to lose.

Please see: <http://thezman.com/wordpress/?p=9720>



We in the West are not accustomed to dealing with a group (Islam) that has mixed lying and deceit to a theocratic art-form of such a pervasive nature that it makes the hemorrhagic fever, Ebola, look like the common flu. And therein lies the reason we are ignorant of Islam’s purpose and intent and why our so-called leadership gets away with importing terrorists under the disgusting guise of being refugees, when in fact, none of their own Islamic cultures want them because they know their true intent. In the coming years, it would be fitting to hold the president accountable for the actions of the so-called refugee/terrorist he is importing and IF convicted by a court of the land, then the time honored punishment for treason carried out.

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NY Teamsters Pension Runs Out of Money, Expert Warns “Pension Tsunami” Is Coming

by Tyler Durden,
ZeroHedge.com

The New York Teamsters Road Carriers Local 707 Pension Fund has won the unfortunate award for “First Pension to Officially Run Out of Money.” According to the *New York Daily News*, and a host of angry former truck drivers who’ve had their pension benefits slashed, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. (PBGC) has officially been forced to step in and take over payments to retirees of the Local 707, albeit at a much lower rate.

Teamsters Local 707’s pension fund is the first to officially bottom out financially — which happened this month.

“I had a union job for 30 years,” Chmil said. “We had collectively bargained contracts that promised us a pension. I paid into it with every paycheck. Everyone told us, ‘Don’t worry, you have a union job, your pension is guaranteed.’ Well, so much for that.”

“It’s a nightmare, it has just devastated all of our lives. I’ve gone from having \$48,000 a year to less than half that,” said Chmil, one of five Local 707 retirees who agreed to share their stories with the *Daily News* last week.

“I don’t want other people to have to go through this.

We need everyone to wake up and do something; that’s why we’re talking,” said Ray Narvaez.

Of course, the Teamsters 707 and other Teamster

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pension boards attempted to submit plans that would have cut benefits in order to prolong payments to retirees but those plans were universally rejected by the Obama administration... better that the pensions just run out of cash completely. Per Pensions & Investments:

The Obama administration is in denial about the necessity of cutting pension benefits under the Multi-employer Pension Reform Act of 2014 to try to put distressed multi-employer plans on sounder financial footings and make these more sustainable. They must face reality and order the Treasury Department to stop blocking action.

So far the department, required under the act to approve proposed reduc-

tions, has rejected proposals by the Teamsters Central States, Southeast and Southwest Areas Pension Plan and the Road Carriers Local 707 Pension Fund.

Ten plans total have applied for cuts, including the New York State Teamsters Conference Pension and Retirement Fund, Syracuse, whose August 31 application is too new to be listed on the Treasury’s website.

The Road Carriers 707 application stated that the plan projects it will become insolvent in February — only about five months away — absent suspension of benefits.

As desperate as the plan’s financial situation appears to be, the Treasury denied the application.

And while the Local 707 pension was the first to dry up, it certainly won’t be the last...

Also on the brink of drying up are the pensions for two Teamster Locals — 641 and 560 — in New Jersey, union officials said. Plus

35,000 Teamster members upstate who are part of the money-hemorrhaging New York State Teamsters Pension Fund.

Bigger than all of New York’s Teamster locals combined is the Central States Pension Fund — another looming financial disaster that could leave 407,000 retirees without pensions across the Midwest and South.

Meanwhile, under the maximum benefits provided by the PBGC, many former Teamsters, like Ray Narvaez, said their monthly retirement checks have been slashed by two-thirds.

Then Narvaez, like 4,000 other retired Teamster truckers, got a letter from Local 707 in February of last year.

It said monthly pensions had to be slashed by more than a third. It was an emergency move to try to keep the dying fund solvent. That dropped Narvaez from nearly \$3,500 to about \$2,000.

“They said they were running out of money; that there could be no more in the pension fund, so we had to take the cut,” said Narvaez, whose wife was recently diagnosed with cancer.

The stopgap measure didn’t work — and after years of dangling over the precipice, Local 707’s pen-

sion fund fell off the financial cliff this month. With no money left, it turned to Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp., a government insurance company that covers pension.

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. picked up Local 707’s retiree payouts — but the maximum benefit it gives a year is roughly \$12,000, for workers who racked up at least 30 years.

“There are currently 200 other plans on track for insolvency”

For those with less time on the job, the payouts are smaller.

Narvaez now gets \$1,170 a month — before taxes.

Of course, as the Central States Pension General Counsel notes, the real “pension tsunami” will come when the massive “municipal and state plans go down next.”

The same crisis now hitting Local 707 has been stewing among numerous Teamster locals around the country for the past decade, he said, and that includes in upstate New York.

The trucking industry — almost uniformly organized

by Teamsters — has suffered enormous financial losses in its pension and welfare funds due to a crippling combination of deregulation and stock market crashes, Nyhan said.

“This is a quiet crisis, but it’s very real. There are currently 200 other plans on track for insolvency — that’s going to affect anywhere from 1.5 to 2 million people,” said Nyhan. “The prognosis is bleak minus some new legislative help.”

And it’s not just private-sector industries that are suffering, he added.

“Municipal and state plans are the next to go down — that’s a pension tsunami that’s coming,” he said. “In many states, those defined benefit plans are seriously underfunded — and at the end of the day, math trumps the statutes.”

(Editor/GG: We’re way past the canary in the mine stage, folks. The vast majority of ALL private and public pensions are technically bankrupt. There is NOT ENOUGH money in the WHOLE WORLD to pay off these pensions. It’s only a matter of time.)

Please see: <http://www.zerohedge.com/news/2017-02-28/ny-teamsters-pension-becomes-first-run-out-money-expert-warns-pension-tsunami-coming>

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As with other psychoactive substances, the younger an adolescent begins using drugs, including marijuana, the more likely it is that drug dependence or addiction will develop in adulthood.^{15,19} Evidence clearly shows that marijuana is an addictive substance; overall, 9% of those experimenting with marijuana will become addicted; this percentage increases to 17% among those who initiate marijuana use in adolescence and to a range of between 25% and 50% among teenagers who smoke marijuana daily.²⁰ It should be noted that most teenage patients addicted to marijuana do not have lifelong addic-

tion; however, significant effects on cognitive and psychosocial function may occur during the addiction period.²¹

Marijuana use during pregnancy has adverse effects on the fetus, including growth retardation. Longer-term consequences of prenatal marijuana use that have been reported in infants and children include subtle deficits in learning and memory as well as deficits in executive functions, such as problem-solving skills that require sustained attention, analysis and integration.”

Please see: <http://christiannews.net/2017/02/28/american-academy-of-pediatrics-report-marijuana-not-benign-for-youth/>

Maine Drops 9,000 From Food Stamps, Refusal to Comply with Work Requirements

by Tyler Durden,
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Republican Governor Paul LePage dared to begin enforcing Maine’s volunteer and work requirements for food stamp (SNAP) recipients to keep their benefits. The end result was more than 9,000 non-disabled adults getting dropped from the program.

As CNS News’ Eric Schiener reports, a Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) spokesman tells the Associated Press that 12,000 non-disabled adults were in Maine’s SNAP program before January 1st - a number that dropped to 2,680 by the end of March...

The rules prevent adults, who are not disabled and do not have dependents, from receiving food stamps for more than three months unless they work at least 20 hours a week, participate in a work-training program, or meet volunteer guidelines for 24 hours out of the month.

Any one of those three minimums getting met will result in an individual to retain their SNAP food benefits.

DHHS Commissioner Mary Mayhew said the goal of the requirements is to encourage people to find work.

“If you’re on these programs it means you are living in poverty and so the more that we can help incentivize people on that pathway to employment and self-sufficiency the better off they’re going to be,” Mayhew told the Associated Press.

In Maine, once someone loses their benefits, they cannot regain assistance for three years.

Patriot Chronicle points out, in Maine, 9,000 able-bodied people who are supposedly too poor to feed themselves couldn’t seem to handle that. In addition, those who lose their benefits in such a manner can’t reapply for assistance for three years.

Liberals have sold government dependence so deliberately well, that even doing 24 hours of approved volunteer work a month for a capable adult became too much for more than 9,000 people.

Either the Liberals have

truly brain washed the voting masses into droning zombies, or they’re really

program has expanded. If we look at growth in the program from the year



not that needy for food.

Either way, the taxpayers who work hard for their paychecks, can feel some satisfaction at knowing they won’t have to support as much mediocrity as they used to.

As we noted previously, thanks to many years of accelerated growth in the program under both George W. Bush and Barack Obama, one in seven Americans now participate in the food stamp program. There are, however, very large differences from state to state in how much the food stamp

2000 to 2015, we find growth varying from 641 percent growth in Nevada, to 54 percent growth in Wyoming. ***(Editor/GG: Colorado’s food stamp program grew 233% from 2000 to 2015!!!)***

Regionally, the areas of the country with the most growth are the South and West:

Please see: <http://www.zerohedge.com/news/2017-02-26/maine-drops-9000-food-stamps-after-refusal-comply-work-requirements>

***Behold the days are coming
says the Lord God,
That I will send a famine
on the land,
Not a famine of bread,
Nor a thirst for water.
But of hearing the words of the Lord.***
Amos 8:11 NKJV

Real Anti-Semites Against Fake Anti-Semitism

by Daniel Greenfield,
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Keith Ellison is suddenly very concerned about anti-Semitism.

The former Nation of Islam member who appeared on stage with Khalid Abdul Muhammad (“that old no-good Jew, that old imposter Jew, that old hooked-nose, bagel-eating, lox-eating... just crawled out of the caves and hills of Europe, so-called damn Jew”) and defended the anti-Semitism of Louis Farrakhan (“Do you know some of these satanic Jews have taken over BET?”) is worried about the hatred of Jews.

The leading candidate to head the DNC who used to rant about, “European white Jews... trying to oppress minorities all over the world” denounced President Trump for having, “taken... so long to even say the word ‘anti-Semitism.’”

How long did it take Ellison to stop defending the anti-Semitism of Farrakhan or of Joanne Jackson?

And Ellison isn’t through yet. He associates with CAIR, a hate group that has defended terrorists who target synagogues, and touts an endorsement from Jesse “Hymietown” Jackson.

Keith Ellison put out a press release after the bomb threats to Jewish centers declaring, “To all those who have felt threatened: I stand with you.”

Speaking of threats, the *Minnesota Daily* opinion editor, Michael Olenick, had described Ellison’s writing as “a genuine threat to the long-term safety and well-being of the Jewish people, a threat that histo-

ry dictates must not be ignored.”

Except it was ignored.

Ellison is currently opposed to bomb threats to Jewish centers. That’s progress. But he’s closely allied with CAIR and other Islamist groups that have defended actual synagogue bomb plotters. CAIR has spread claims that the Muslim terrorists who plotted to bomb the Riverdale Jewish Center and Temple were really the victims of government entrapment.

When Ahmed Ferhani was arrested for a plot to attack a synagogue, CAIR held a rally to support him.

Linda Sarsour, who had described throwing stones at Jews as “the definition of courage”, accused the Trump administration of anti-Semitism. [She] claims to be raising money to repair a vandalized Jewish cemetery. While the campaign was touted by the media, it is unclear who the actual donors are.

What is clear is that Linda Sarsour supported Ahmed Ferhani. Sarsour insisted on calling the anti-Semitic terrorist a “boy” or a “kid”. She also defended the Riverdale Jewish Center bomb plotters.

At his trial, Ahmed Ferhani had boasted, “I intended to create chaos and send a message of intimidation and coercion to the Jewish population of New York City.”

“Look at the Jewish guy. You’re not smiling no more, you f__r. I hate those b____s. I hate those m____s. Those f__g Jewish b____s. I’d like to get one of those. I’d like to get a synagogue.

Me. Yeah. Personally,” James Cromitie had ranted.

This is what Linda Sarsour and the left have been defending for some time now. The vast majority of the accounts you will read about Cromitie, the Newburgh Four and Ahmed Ferhani, will be positive. Their innocence has been defended by CBS, HBO, the *New York Times* and countless other media outlets.

Like Keith Ellison and Linda Sarsour, the media is *momentarily* opposed to burning and bombing synagogues.

It wasn’t always.

In New York City, a year before September 11, Muslims threw firebombs at a synagogue in the Bronx. “A bias-motivated attempt to firebomb a synagogue?” the *New York Times* asked. “Or a misguided message critical of Israeli policies against Palestinians?”

If the cemetery vandals or Jewish Community Center (JCC) callers turn out to be Muslims, the media will ask whether desecrating Jewish graves was bias or a “misguided message critical of Israeli policies against Palestinians?”

That is what makes the sudden outpouring of concern about anti-Semitism shamelessly opportunistic.

Real anti-Semites are fighting fake anti-Semitism as a publicity stunt to attack the first administration to question the wisdom of financing the anti-Semitic mass murder of Jews by Islamic terrorists.

Linda Sarsour is a bigot who supports the anti-Semitic BDS movement and assorted Islamic terrorists.

At a pro-Hamas event, she called for limiting friendships with Jews to opponents of the Jewish State. She is expected to share a stage at a BDS event with a woman who played a role in the murder of two Jewish college students.

This is anti-Semitism.

The left has a studied disinterest in true anti-Semitism. It views Linda Sarsour and Keith Ellison as heroes. It makes excuses for Ahmed

Bombing synagogues will suddenly cease to be a “black and white” issue.

The media has decided to spend a few weeks accusing President Trump of anti-Semitism. Its sudden concern about fake anti-Semitism goes hand in hand with normalizing real anti-Semitism.

Fighting fake anti-Semitism consists of fake left-wing organizations, like the Anne Frank Center for Mutual Respect, a group run

of Hamas and Hezbollah in foreign currency on unmarked cargo planes.

Previous administrations had funded the Palestinian Authority. Obama was the first to fund the PLO, Hamas and Hezbollah. It’s quite an accomplishment for a Nobel Peace Prize winner.

Opposing anti-Semitism doesn’t mean opposing it from people you don’t like. That’s no great challenge. It means opposing it from those you do like. And the media likes Keith Ellison and Linda Sarsour.

The left has always celebrated its anti-Semites. Stop by an event celebrating the literary legacy of Amiri Baraka (“I got the extermination blues, Jew-boys. I got the Hitler syndrome figured”) or Alice Walker (“May God protect you from the Jews”... “It’s too late, I already married one.”)

The left doesn’t oppose anti-Semitism. It opposes the right. It will accuse the right of anti-Semitism when convenient even while its ranks swell with the blackest and ugliest bigotry imaginable. It is rotten with anti-Semitism. It can’t and won’t reject it. It won’t even reject the murder of Jews, the bombing of synagogues and membership in anti-Semitic hate groups when its own heroes are doing it.

Behind the fake outrage is a real outrage. Behind the fake anti-Semitism is real anti-Semitism.

Please see: <http://www.frontpagemag.com/fpm/265898/real-anti-semite-against-fake-anti-semitism-daniel-greenfield>

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Ferhani or James Cromitie. It has opportunistically decided to exploit accusations of anti-Semitism to attack President Trump. But if the bomb threats to Jewish centers or the cemetery vandalism turn out to be the work of Muslims, then the hot potato will fall.

Stories about the incidents will quickly go away. The Muslim perpetrators will become victims of entrapment. HBO will air a documentary blaming the whole thing on overzealous FBI agents.

Anti-Semitism also has its fellow travelers. These are the people who are very selective about the anti-Semitism that they reject. They will oppose bombing synagogues only as long as the wrong sort of people are doing it. If the right sort of people bomb synagogues, the issue will become nuanced.

Fed Appeals Court: Immigrant Who Voted Illegally Can Be Deported

by Judicial Watch

Weeks after the House Minority leader blasted President Donald Trump for pledging to investigate voter fraud, a federal appellate court has ruled that a Peruvian immigrant can be deported from the U.S. for illegally voting in a federal election. The decision comes on the heels of a spat between Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi and the President. The California Democrat accused Trump of making false claims of election fraud and said that undermining the integrity of our voting system is “really strange.” Most Democrats in Congress agree with the former House Speaker and strongly oppose an investigation, asserting it will limit access to voting.

Not surprisingly, the overwhelming majority of the mainstream media coverage promotes the Democrats’ inaccurate version of the facts. One news network referred to Trump’s voter fraud claims as “baseless” and simply

an excuse to enact restrictive voting laws. Another wrote that “Trump’s ‘illegals voting’ comments are false and divisive,” calling voter fraud by undocumented immigrants “patently false.” In an editorial titled “The Latest Voter Fraud Lie,” a main-

“57,923 Virginians were registered to vote in at least one other state”

stream newspaper writes that the “baseless claims continue to get converted into policy in the form of stricter voting laws like requiring prospective voters to show a photo ID...” A multitude of similar media reports have flooded the news wires in the week’s following Trump’s meeting with congressional leaders to address the issue.

This week’s appellate court ruling provides a jolt of reality that the media has chosen to ignore. Election fraud was a significant concern in 2008 and 2010, which is why Judicial Watch launched an election integrity project in 2012. The project is a legal campaign to force cleanup of voter registration rolls as well as monitor elections. As an example of the pervasive fraud, Judicial Watch uncovered that 1,046 aliens, or residents who are not U.S. citizens, were on the voter rolls in eight Virginia counties leading up to the 2016 presidential election. If that rate of non-citizen registration held in the rest of Virginia’s counties, that would mean that about 6,500 non-citizens are registered to vote in the state. Additionally, Judicial Watch’s investigation found that 57,923 Virginians were registered to vote in at least one other state as well as 19 deceased individuals. Similar issues have been uncovered in several other states as part of Judicial Watch’s ongoing probe into election fraud.

The Latin American woman in the recent court ruling who voted illegally is hardly an isolated case. Her name is Margarita Del Pilar Fitzpatrick and she lied about being an American citizen on an Illinois Department of Motor Vehicle form. It was that easy. Fitzpatrick, a legal U.S. resident with three kids, voted in two federal elections in 2006 and claims that she had official approval to cast a ballot after presenting her Peruvian passport and green card. An immigration judge and the Board of Immigration Appeals, the government’s highest administrative body for interpreting and applying immigration laws, determined that Fitzpatrick should be deported because non-U.S. citizens cannot vote in federal elections and can be removed from the country for doing so.

The Peruvian woman did not back down, appealing the decisions in federal court. The Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals agreed with the two previous

rulings in favor of deportation, though it acknowledged that Fitzpatrick “led a productive and otherwise-unblemished life in this country.” In its decision, the court states that the motor vehicle form sternly warns aliens not to check the U.S. citizen box and that Fitzpatrick is “literate in English and has no excuse for making that misrepresentation.” Aliens are forbidden to vote in federal elections, the ruling says, adding that “another statute provides for the removal of aliens who vote in violation of either state or federal law.” During oral argument, the appellate judges inquired whether Fitzpatrick is the kind of person the Attorney General and Department of Homeland Security want removed from the United States. “The answer was yes,” the ruling states.

Please see: <http://www.judicial-watch.org/blog/2017/02/fed-appeals-court-immigrant-voted-illegally-can-deported/>

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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

Trump's Interior Secretary IMMEDIATELY Reverses Obama's Lead Ammo Ban

by Bob Owens,
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On his first day full in office, Donald Trump's new Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke literally mounted his horse and rode roughshod over former President Barack Obama's final spiteful attack on American gun owners.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke issued an order Thursday reversing a last-minute action by the Obama administration to ban lead ammunition and fish tackle used on national wildlife refuges.

Gun-rights supporters condemned the earlier order — issued a day before Obama left office January 20th — as nakedly political. The order was intended to protect birds from lead poisoning, the Obama administration said.

Zinke, a former Montana congressman and avid hunter, said the new order would increase hunting, fishing and recreation opportunities on lands managed by Fish and Wildlife Service.

Rep. Rob Bishop, R-Utah, chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, said Zinke's order "represents an important check on executive abuse and reverses what was a deliberate attack on Americans' fundamental rights and privileges" by the Obama administration.

The order reverses a decision by the Obama administration to phase out use of lead ammunition and fishing tackle on wildlife refuges by 2022.

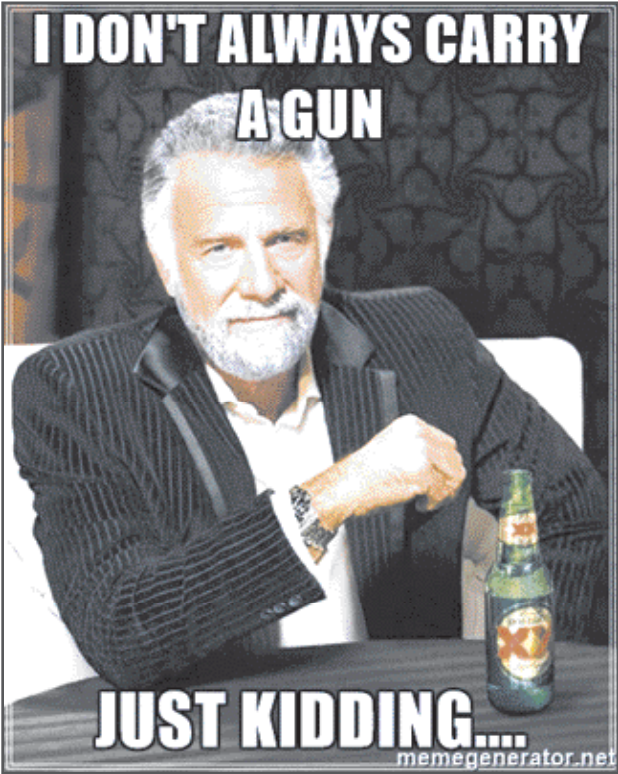
Zinke, who rode to work on a horse Thursday as a sign of solidarity with U.S. Park Police, said the hunting order and another order directing agencies to identify areas where recreation and fishing can be expanded were intended to boost outdoor recreation in all its forms.

"Outdoor recreation is about both our heritage and our economy," he said in a statement. "Between hunting, fishing, motorized recreation, camping and more, the industry generates thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in economic activity."

Lead shotshell ammunition and fishing tackle (typically BB-sized or smaller sinkers) have been banned in many places over concerns that wildlife were ingesting them and giving them lead poisoning. Obama went well beyond that, however, and attempted to ban lead rifle and pistol ammunition, even though the science backing such a ban is dubious at best. Obama's lead ammunition ban was nothing more or less than a spiteful parting shot by a failed gun control advocate wanting to make life miserable for hunters and other outdoorsmen.

Interior Secretary Zinke's decision to reverse Obama's hatred-fueled ban was clearly the right response.

Please see: <https://bearingarms.com/bob-o/2017/03/03/interior-secretary-reverses-obamas-spiteful-ammunition-ban/>



AP Misquotes NRA on Concealed Carry

by Dean Weingarten,
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The Associated Press (AP) has long been known for its anti-Second Amendment attitude. John Lott exposed their bias in "The Bias Against Guns", published in 2003. They have gotten a little better in the last decade, because numerous errors have been exposed. AP committed another error about gun laws on February 10th, 2017.

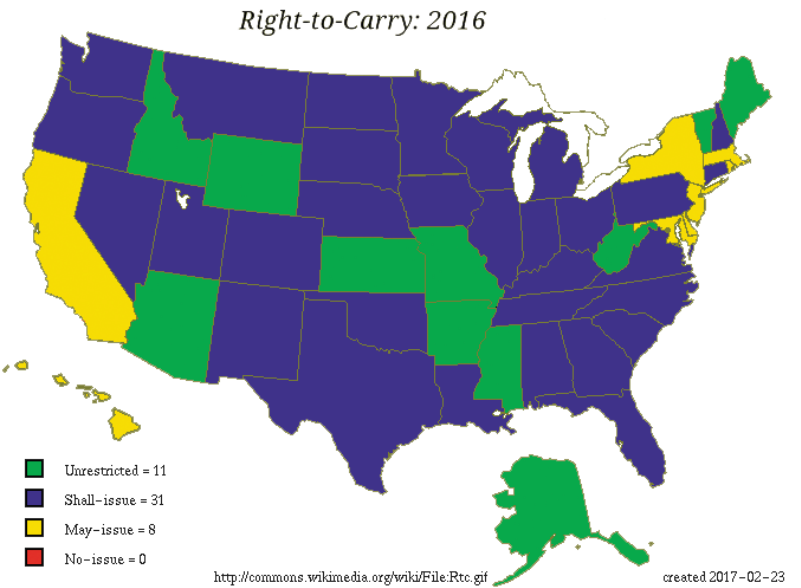
In a story about Constitutional or "permitless" carry moving through the New Hampshire legislative process, the AP wrote that the NRA said that concealed carry is legal in 11 states. From AP via nbcboston.com:

The National Rifle Association says concealed carry is legal in 11 states, including Maine and Vermont.

The problem is that AP left out an important qualifier. That is "permitless". AP does not say where they obtained the information from the NRA. I suspect it was from the nraila.org article on the New Hampshire bill. Here is the relevant paragraph from the NRA-ILA article:

New Hampshire is the only northern New England state that does not allow permitless carry. Permitless concealed carry is legal in 11 states nationwide, including both Maine and Vermont. Similar legislation has passed the state legislature twice before, but the former governor vetoed it both times.

All 50 states have legal concealed



Map by Jeff Dege (<http://www.gun-nuttery.com/rtc.php>)

From Wikimedia.org

carry of some sort. Most states, 31, are shall issue, meaning that concealed carry permits must be issued if applicants meet objective criteria.

Eleven states are "permitless" or Constitutional carry, where no permit is required to carry openly or concealed. Ten of the eleven also have provisions for a permit if people wish the permit for reasons of reciprocity across state lines, or as an alternative to the NICS check when purchasing firearms.

ONLY EIGHT states still have the archaic "may issue" system in place, where some authority has the power to issue or not issue permits, essentially by whim. Several states abuse this authority, and are virtu-

al no-issue states, such as Hawaii, New Jersey and Maryland. No states categorically deny all concealed carry permits.

The AP story would have us believe that only 11 states have legal concealed carry.

The Associated Press used to be considered a reliable source of news. When it comes to guns, they often get simple facts wrong. It will be interesting to see if they correct this error.

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Arizona Passes Bill to Lift Infringements on 2nd Amendment Rights

by Beth Baumann,
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On Wednesday, the Arizona Senate passed Senate Bill 1122, which prohibits local governments from requiring background checks for private party transfers. The bill is considered to be a legislative repercussion against the City of Tucson. In the past, Tucson has destroyed every gun it seized, something gun-rights activists says could violate state law.

Because of Tucson's position on guns, Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich sued Tucson under a state law that allows the state to pull funding from local governments whose policies contradict those of the states. In other words, Tucson has one option: repeal the ordinance or face significant fund-

ing shortages. Losing state funding would cost the City of Tucson \$170 million.

The Tucson city council refused to repeal the ordinance. While the issue plays out in court, the council has decided to pause the gun destruction program.

According to Brnovich, gun control is a state-level issue, not a local issue.

SB 1122 is being considered the legislative remedy to the "Tucson problem."

From guns.com:

"This is over-wrought," he said Tuesday during session. "This does not allow local cities or counties to do any type of a background check for any exchange of property including cars. This is

being decided before the state Supreme Court right now so let's not rush it. We should not be deciding for a city what's best for the public safety of its citizens."

The case Farley referenced pits Tucson against the state over its destruction of seized or surrendered firearms. The policy preempts state law which requires such firearms be sold, though a court decision in favor of Tucson would quash SB 1122, Farley said.

"The City of Tucson is arguing that gun regulations are a matter of local control," he said. "I think we should wait to see what the court decides before we make any more laws that could be invalidated."

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Iowa Omnibus Gun Law Reform Shows Lessons From Other States

by Dean Weingarten,
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House Study Bill 133 is an Omnibus weapons law reform bill. The authors of the bill appear to have searched through various weapons laws enacted in the United States in the last several decades. They looked for the best features of the laws that have worked elsewhere. When they found them, they incorporated them into this omnibus bill. There are a couple of twists unique to Iowa. HSB 133 was introduced on February 20, 2017.

The bill covers so many reforms that amendments and wording changes are almost certain. Here is an overview of most of the prominent features of the bill.

HSB 133 makes clear that presumption of evil intent is not to be inferred from the mere act of being armed. From iowa.gov:

A person who goes armed with

any dangerous weapon with the intent to use without justification such weapon against the person of another commits a class “D” felony. The intent required for a violation of this section shall not be inferred from the mere carrying or concealment of any dangerous weapon itself, including the carrying of a loaded firearm, whether in a vehicle or on or about a person’s body.

The bill strengthens Firearms Preemption with a strong preemption rewrite of the law. Firearms law would be uniform across the state.

A Stand Your Ground provision is included in the law.

The bill removes the prohibition on the carry of pistols or revolvers on snowmobiles or all terrain vehicles (ATVs).

It removes authority of officials to seize or confiscate legally possessed firearms during states

of emergency.

It removes the authority of Director of Administrative Services to ban weapons in the Capitol and associated buildings.

It protects the privacy of permit holders by prohibiting disclosure of personal information on carry permits, except for specifically authorized disclosures.

There is a provision to appeal to decision of Sheriff or Commissioner if a permit is refused; court fees can be awarded if the appeal succeeds.

It allows for carry without a permit, open or concealed, if the requirement for training for carrying a weapon, has been done. It is not quite Constitutional carry, but it is “permitless” carry. From iowa.gov:

1. Except as provided in subsection 2, the availability of a professional or nonprofessional per-

mit to carry weapons under this chapter shall not be construed to impose a general prohibition on the unlicensed carrying, whether openly or concealed, of a dangerous weapon, including a loaded firearm.

2. A person shall be prohibited from the unlicensed carrying, whether openly or concealed, of a dangerous weapon, including a loaded firearm unless the person has completed a firearm safety training program described under section 724.9, subsection 1.

It allows for firearm training to be done online. Honorable discharge from the armed forces is sufficient to prove training.

Defensive display is allowed for. From iowa.gov:

The bill provides that a threat to cause serious injury or death by the production, display, or brandishing of a deadly weapon, is not deadly force, as long as the

actions of the person are limited to creating an expectation that the person may use deadly force to defend oneself, another, or as otherwise authorized by law.

Parents are allowed to supervise children during the lawful use of a pistol or revolvers, if the parents are 21 or over.

During the 2016 elections, Iowans removed politicians that had been blocking gun law reforms for many years. Second Amendment supporters in Iowa are hopeful that most of the above reforms will be able to move through the legislature and be signed into law.

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Omaha Barbers Survive Close Shave, Clip Armed Robber

by Bob Owens,
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Two South Omaha brothers who own a barbershop established a response plan after they heard about a rash of armed robberies in the neighborhood they serve.

When criminal Luis Ortiz stormed into Fadekings with a shotgun to rob the place, the brothers ran their plan, with almost disastrous results.

Omaha police say a man intent on robbing a South Omaha barbershop Friday morning ended up shot during a gun fight with an employee.

Police initially received a report of shots fired at Fadekings Barbershop at 2907 Q Street shortly around 9:45 a.m.

Officers found Lucas M. Ortiz, 23, on the sidewalk outside suffering from gunshot wounds. He was taken into custody and transported to Nebraska Medicine.

Walk into the barbershop Saturday, and you’d never guess it was a crime scene

the day before.

Jesse Galvan and his brother, David, had a line of people waiting to get their hair cut Saturday afternoon- business as usual.

The pair survived a dangerous robbery attempt Friday morning. Bullet holes riddle their shop’s front door, back wall and mirror, which has since been taken down and replaced.

“It was so fast, so, so fast,” David said.

The Galvans said only seconds passed from the moment a man came into their shop and the bullets started flying.

David told KETV News-Watch 7 that him and his brother were each working with a client when the suspect, armed with a shotgun, walked in, dropped a backpack on the ground and told them to empty their pockets.

“When he cocked the thing in my face, to me and my customer, that’s when I know he wasn’t playing, I kind of looked at my brother

and I threw my wallet on the floor, and then my brother knew what to do next,” David said.

That’s because they have a plan, David explained.

“Me and my brother already had a game plan for robberies, because they’ve been robbing all this street right here,” David said.

Jesse, a registered gun owner, says he keeps his weapon strapped to his body when he’s inside his barbershop.

“So I told him put the gun down, and I was pointing my gun at him, and he just shot at me,” Jesse said.

Jesse’s single mistake in the incident was that he is a good person, and he didn’t want to open fire on Ortiz when he had the clear advantage as Ortiz was bent over retrieving the wallet purposefully dropped on the floor by Jesse’s brother, David.

Most decent, well-adjusted people don’t relish the thought of essentially executing a fellow human being

from a position of advantage. They often instead want to be give bad guys a chance to surrender. Like most of you, I have that tendency as well, and I’ve had to try to train my way out of that mindset.

The only reason this story has a “happy ending” is that like most criminals, Lucas Ortiz is a horrible shot. When Jesse Galvan tried to be nice and give Ortiz a chance to surrender, Ortiz responded by attempting to murder Jesse with a shotgun slug.

Folks, if you are going to talk, talk. If you are going to shoot, shoot.

Talking when you should be shooting can get you killed if the bad guy is even halfway competent. Gunfighting isn’t fun, and it isn’t supposed to be fair. Use your advantage, win decisively and survive.

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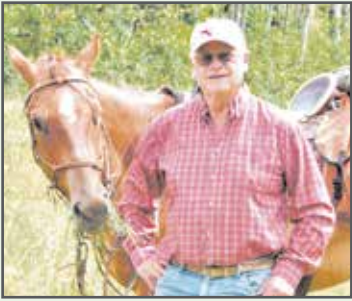
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— Thomas Jefferson

Politics & The Bible From Pastor Jim



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.



The Superior Sword

Discussions with liberals often leave Christians completely frustrated because leftist ideology lacks common sense substance. Simple logic, although an excellent tool, is insufficient in its ability to silence flocks of screeching crows searching for the next roadkill opportunity. When a Believer leaves the most effective weapon at his disposal in its scabbard, he has forsaken the advantage of Divine wisdom.

The Old Testament reveals a number of occasions when Israel was subjugated by pagan neighbors. Without exception this was the result of God's people playing the prodigal. When repentance was evidenced, the Lord sent relief in the form of a deliverer. Judges 3:12-30 contains one such story: "So the children of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years." God commissions Ehud to salvage the situation with the following plan: "But Ehud made him a dagger which had two edges, of a cubit length; (about 18 inches) and he did gird it under his raiment upon his right thigh." He approached Eglon under the pretense of bringing a present with this Holy Spirit postscript - "and Eglon was a very fat man." Those seven words reminds us of the insulated, luxurious life styles of Hollywood celebrities and Washington elites, living at the expense of others, presuming to know what's best for the peasants.

"And Ehud put forth his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly: And the haft also went in after the blade; and the fat closed upon the blade, so that he could not draw the dagger out of his belly; and the dirt came out." Space will not allow for all the analogies that could be drawn from those verses, but we invite the reader to exercise a little imagination. The spiritual lesson is obvious: Ehud's dagger was a predecessor to the Roman Machaira which was the sword Paul metaphorically mentioned... "and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:" (Ephesians 6:17)

Since the majority of battles in ancient days were hand-to-hand combat, the sword was the predominate weapon. As a rule, the ancients were impressed by the size and strength of a sword. The most impressive of the swords of antiquity was the Romphaia. Invented by the Thracians, the Romphaia was a broad sword of considerable length - never shorter than four feet and often up to six feet in length. This sword had one cutting edge and was held by a double handle. It was the preferred weapon of the Gauls and Barbarians, staunch enemies of Rome, and was employed in hacking blows. Because of the Romphaia's unwieldy length and weight it caught the Roman adversary temporarily off balance after a stroke, precious seconds were lost before he could regain combat effec-

tiveness. It was in these moments that the soldier was vulnerable to the danger of the swift Roman Machaira. This sword turned out to be the most ingenious invention of warfare of its day. The blade of this perfectly balanced weapon was usually only eighteen inches long. It had two cutting edges instead of one, and it tapered off to a sharp point. Its outstanding advantage was that the Roman soldier was never off balance while he used his sword. He was taught not to cut but to thrust with his sword. To accomplish that he had to be advancing because it's impossible to thrust in retreat. He did not have to fear the frightening looking sword of the enemy because his own body was well covered with armor (Ephesians 6), and he trusted the effectiveness of his own weapon. (Hebrews 4:12)

When the Barbarians first observed the Roman legionnaires, it is reasonable to assume they laughed themselves silly. The world has large, intimidating swords that have sent many a Christian fleeing for the bushes. Advanced education, evolution, and psychology all appear terrifying, but they are cumbersome against a superior weapon. The average Roman stood no more than five feet, eight inches in height. He often faced enemies gigantic in stature, yet his sword more than made up the disparaging difference in the size of the antagonist, and many an arrogant boast dissolved into a death rattle as the valiant warrior caught the enemy unprepared to parry the thrust of his mighty super weapon.

The book of Proverbs alone contains hundreds of one-line thrusts which can immobilize the opponent of truth. Many Christians have said to me, "Pastor, I just can't remember all those verses for action." In reality, we recall the things we are the most familiar with. Tragically, a vast portion of Believers know more about who is on "Dancing With the Stars" than the Ehud's of Scripture...oh, yes, Ehud, the man who delivered an entire nation with one thrust of truth.

Our Lord used the equipment God made available to Him for His conflict with Satan. Think of Christ's use of the Sword of the Spirit! Never did the blade flash brighter; never was the Sword sharper nor more brilliantly wielded than in the wilderness duel. (Luke 4:1-14) yet it was not by His skillful use of the Sword, but by His strategic victory on the cross that the Master Swordsman made possible our exploitation of His conquest. It remains for us to become expert in its use!

"For the word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thought and intents of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12)

A Sheepdog Barks!

Last week I was listening to a radio station playing hits from the 40s and 50s. A song came up titled something like this - The ole lamp lighter from long, long ago. I got to thinking how things have changed in America, especially how fast Americans get their news, even fake news. Last Saturday President Trump (PT) (aka The Lone Ranger) had had enough of getting bashed by the Democrats, the press, the media and the LPSDs. So he struck back New York style. He tweeted out that "Obama wiretapped me." And in hours the feces had hit the fan all over America. The LPSDs, which includes 90 percent of the press and TV media, went nuts. They love to parse his words. "Obama couldn't have ordered wire taps, that's not how it works," they screamed. Really? We all know that. Of course Obama's fingerprints aren't on the paperwork. We all know how the "Godfather" protects himself. Didn't the LPSDs watch the movie? And PT speaks in "New Yorkese." It's imprecise, harsh and somewhat mobster. I love it! PT is draining the swamp and the swamp creatures are freakin' out. When you drain a swamp I would expect you get a little dirty water on your pants. So what? You have to keep on draining the swamp. Deplorable Americans, like us, know what he meant. PT was clearly saying it's time to fight back using the mobster rules. If you watch mobster movies you know how they operate - "If you put one of my guys in the hospital, I'll put two of yours in the morgue." PT has gone right after the head of the snake - Obama. And rightfully so. We know PT meant that the Obama administration, acting under the "direction" of the top guy, began surveillance on the Trump campaign during the election. Lots of ways to do that without warrants. That's the real problem. The actual words in PT's tweets are just how tough guys from New York City talk. "Youse know what I mean, Badda Bing, Badda Bang!" "Deplorable" Americans know exactly what's going on. I am amazed at how good the ordinary "irredeemable" citizens have figured this out. Check these two Facebook postings out; they say it well:

"So, a sitting President concocts a story of a "Russian Conspiracy" and uses a federal judge as his foil to sign off on a wiretap order against an opposing presidential party - during an election year - instead of hiring his own thugs à la Nixon (although the DOJ was arguably just a political arm of the Obama Regime).

Then, he twists and distorts the content of the fruitless wiretaps and slowly releases it to his adoring and unquestioning press.

But now for the good part - arrogant after eight years of unvarnished corruption and unaccountability, the trickled

releases themselves become the best evidence of the sitting president's corruption.

Be it wiretapping journalists, spying on political opponents, stonewalling investigations, or AGs' pleading the 5th or being held in contempt, virtually every accusation leveled at the Obama presidency was always denied, but ultimately found to be true.

And once again, Obama denies any involvement in this matter. His problem, of course, is that his pathological pattern of lies and corruption almost guarantees the truth of his complicity in this one.

This whole Russian conspiracy thing is just about ready to backfire on liberals with the force of a hydrogen bomb."

I give this one two woofs. WOOF! WOOF!

This next one is even better:

"In light of these recent shameless tactics, blatant distortions and baseless accusations, I believe the time has come to prosecute the real criminals threatening the last vestiges of due process and justice: Barack Obama, Valerie Jarrett, Loretta Lynch, Eric Holder, Lois Lerner, Nancy Pelosi, Harry Reid, George Soros, John Podesta and Hillary Clinton. Senator Sessions didn't independently solicit Russian officials for politically subversive reasons; he did so as an empowered liaison of the Armed Services Committee long before Trump even nominated him for Attorney General. Mike Pence didn't break federal statutes by secretly installing a private server, by sharing classified information with notorious regimes or by deleting 33,000 emails to avoid criminal prosecution; including the uncovered correspondence with a former President who lied about using an alias to remain anything but incognito. No, Mr. Pence merely used an existing AOL account in which he communicated with friends and family as the Governor of Indiana. Or are public officials, those not engaged in treasonous behavior or skilled in mass deception, not afforded a private life without the rash judgments of political terrorists? Rather than responsibly dispelling such malicious conjecture, the left has willingly become a self-fulfilling cesspool of toxic malcontents, incapable of reason or discourse, who are obsessed with exhausting every means possible, criminal or not, to disperse the remaining faithful servants of this republic in hopes of shoving their radical agenda down America's throat at all costs. In essence, these staged theatrical ploys are nothing more than an orchestrated attempt to delegitimize Donald Trump's authority, conceal his true popularity and undermine the wholesale changes his policies will inevitably bring to the most corrupt, wasteful and inept institution in contemporary America: the



federal government.

When a majority of Democrats can't even acknowledge the most rudimentary, discernible truths - Islamic terrorism, illegal immigration, record debt, cultivated censorship, partisan judges ignoring explicit laws, a former President and Secretary of State plotting civil unrest by colluding with the media to sabotage our electoral process - let alone muster an ounce of compassion for the grieving widow of a fallen hero, your namesake does not even qualify as a pressed suit worthy of a handshake. Rather, your indoctrinated ranks personify the growing shadow of soulless aspiration suffocating a nation's moral charter. If common sense and accountability do not find a way to once again seize the day, if men and women of sound mind and unshakable resolve do not restore some semblance of order in our streets and notion of integrity in our public institutions, it is only a matter of time before these conniving agitators control every facet of government and possess the means to eradicate 240 years of transcendent history; the trials and tribulations, sacrifice and successes, born from the fleeting hope of an imperfect ideal known as the American dream. And when that day comes, no incontrovertible fact, no universal point of order or Constitutional check and balance, will be safe from the insatiable wrath of progressive absolutists. We are no longer dealing with honorable citizens bantering over the merits of mere dissenting opinions: loyal voices of mutual respect dedicated to the proposition of protecting America's founding creed regardless of our differences. We are enabling would be kings, oppressors of human nature and undaunted propagandists who seek control and capitulation above all else; most notably, life, liberty and the right to dictate what you dare to believe. The faintest whisper of sedition is often disguised as the loudest coup of perception."

Wow! I give that one three woofs. WOOF! WOOF! WOOF!

Deplorables aren't so dumb and aren't being fooled. They get it. I get it. You get it. PT is being attacked from all sides. He is, however, fighting back and is mostly alone. Sadly not all the Republicans are tough enough to help him. As the swamp drains some of them are beginning to panic. And we are hearing the "death screams" of the LPSD swamp creatures the loudest. We must all stay alert and be prepared to help The Lone Ranger. Hi Yo Silver Away!

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