

Big Thanks to the Valley's Life-Savers

by William B. Scott

March 9th was a Wet Mountain Valley chamber-of-commerce day—crystal blue sky, moderate temperatures that hinted of spring, and majestic snow-covered Sangres saw-toothing the horizon. A great day to run up to our cabin in Tanglewood Acres and grab a few items needed for an upcoming family visit.

Narrow strips of snow across Tanglewood's one-lane graded road were tracked. Someone had been in recently. I rounded a corner and stopped, eyeballing a broader patch of snow. No tracks through it—but it looked shallow. Driving an all-wheel drive 2015 Mazda CX9 SUV, I decided to press on and drove into the patch. Bad call. We immediately stopped cold, tires a-spinning.

I climbed out, confirmed we were seriously stuck in spring-condition, water-saturated snow, and exhausted my cuss-word repertoire. I retrieved a folding camp shovel from a box of emergency gear and went to work. My wife, Linda, hoofed it over to our cabin and grabbed

a long-handled spade and garden rake. Together, we shoveled and scraped a ton of snow, jammed old door mats under the wheels, pushed and shoved and strained, but the Mazda barely moved.

Once I realized the SUV was high-centered, I crawled under it and used the trenching tool to hack

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away at the mesa of packed snow. Soon, my Levis were soaked and I was exhausted.

Suddenly, a sharp pain hit me in the chest, the left shoulder started aching and my jaw went numb. Not good. I stabbed the shovel into the



Memorial Star helo settled onto a pasture west of the Dikeman place where Bill Scott was loaded by local emergency crews.

Photo by Linda Scott

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A Surprise Ending for Michele Hoffman's Vietnam War Memorial Quilt



Custer County's Michele Hoffman's Quilt at the National Vietnam War Memorial Museum Auction. Left to right: Custer County resident Charles Bogle, Board member of the Museum; quilt maker Michele Hoffman and Jim Messinger, Board member of the Museum.

Courtesy photo

by George Gramlich

As we reported in our March 24th, 2017, issue, Custer County resident Michele Hoffman, of Quilts of Honor, made a beautiful quilt honoring our Vietnam War veterans with patches and images donated by our local Vietnam War veterans. Michele made the quilt as an auction item to raise money for the National Vietnam War Museum in Mineral Wells, Texas. It was to be auctioned off at the Museum's April 1st fundraiser in Texas.

(The museum needs funds to complete its main building project.)

Instead of mailing the quilt down to the museum, local veteran Charles Bogle, (Founding member and on the Board of Directors of the Museum,) offered to drive Michele and her husband down to Texas.

One hundred and eighty-one people showed up for the auction. And as Michele says, for some strange reason, a lot of them were Huey helicopter pilots!

Well, Michele was in for a surprise that day. When the museum officials saw her beautiful quilt, they decided instead of auctioning off the quilt for money, they would make it a permanent

display in the to-be-finished museum!

So instead of auctioning off the quilt, the officials decided to auction off just the naming rights for the future quilt display. After a spirited auction, Mr. and Mrs. Payne of Colleyville, Texas, bought the naming rights for \$2,250! The naming ceremony will take place next year and Michele and Dan both plan on being there.

There also happened to be some Australian armed forces Vietnam War veterans there at the auction. They were so impressed with Michele's quilt that they invited her to go to Australia and make one for the Vietnam War vets there.

Please note, folks, that the National Vietnam War Museum still needs a substantial amount of money to complete its main building. They currently have many structures and displays up but not their main building. So please visit their site at www.NationalVNWarMuseum.org and donate some money. It is an impressive effort honoring our war veterans and we all need to chip in to make it happen.

Our community's sincere thanks to Michele for stepping up and making a positive contribution for our veterans.

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who hunger
and thirst for
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Matthew 5:6 NKJV

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Who Defends Christians?

by J Cascarelli

Over the Easter weekend I watched two of the latest film versions of "the greatest story ever told." Add to that the 1953 hit, "The Robe". And I was immersed in the foundations of Christianity. As a child, the Easter season was when "King of Kings" was a TV network staple. Sadly, this is no longer the case since the popular media abandoned Christianity. Some of those very same networks and national news outlets have even been attempting to substitute Islam as the religion of choice for Americans. They do this at a time when Christians are being butchered in the Middle East and in Africa. Two Coptic

Christian Churches were bombed in Egypt on Palm Sunday with a virtual news blackout in America.

The question I keep asking myself is why Christians are dealing with these realities so passively. Some in government are trying to ungag pastors, priests and rabbis from preaching secular political issues from the pulpit. What isn't at issue is pastors defending Christianity from the pulpit. Yes, I would like to see Christians fight back against those who would like Christianity to just disappear from public view. Members of the popular media and the Hollywood atheists take every opportunity to bash belief in Jesus Christ and to portray Christians

as bigoted, biased, non-inclusive and small-minded ignoramuses. Most just sit there and take it.

Yes. Every now and then a group of believers does stand up. When the C-1 music director tried to secularize Christmas carols at the Christmas pageant, dozens of local Christians stood up to those in academia who wanted to stamp out any and all reference to the real traditional meaning of Christmas. A public school in Texas wants to accommodate Muslims, but forbid the Valedictorian from thanking God for his/her God given gifts. These stories rarely ever make headlines and many Americans haven't the willingness or time to be bothered.

On the rare occasion when I can draw a Christian into a discussion of these cultural movements, I usually get a "turn the other cheek" response. Well, I'd like to remind the passive Christians of the biblical account of Satan being thrown out of heaven. You'll find it in Revelation 12:7-12; New King James Version. It goes like this: "And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth,

and his angels were cast out with him."

We could sure use Michael the Archangel today; someone who isn't afraid of a good fight to support Christians. So what do I expect from Christians? When I hear a Christian-bashing remark by a politician or a TV talking head or read some God-bashing slur in print, I write or email a rational well thought out reply. Few get printed or read on the air. What would happen if MSNBC received 1,000 emails every time some atheist spokesperson dishes some anti-Christian diatribe? Things will start changing and Michael will give us a little smile.

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British Spied on Trump

The British *Guardian* posted a report on April 13th claiming that its sources now admit that the British spy agency GCHQ was digitally wiretapping Trump associates, going back to late 2015. This was presumably when the December 2015 Moscow meeting between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Lt. General Michael Flynn took place.

This runs contrary to the blanket nature of the denial insinuated in GCHQ's carefully-crafted statement of March 17th claiming it was all "nonsense" and "utterly ridiculous" that they conducted surveillance of "then president-elect" Donald Trump

(emphasis added). The surveillance went back a year before he became "president-elect."

President Trump's claim of being "wire tapped" has been vindicated. Indeed, the surveillance is far more extensive than even he suspected at the time.

Based on the new disclosures, we can safely conclude that the world's most advanced and extensive system of computerized espionage was indeed used against him and people he worked with, for political purposes, with the knowledge and approval of top Obama officials such as CIA Director John Brennan (one major name

implicated by the *Guardian*.)

Fox News Senior Judicial Analyst, Judge Andrew Napolitano, who said GCHQ was involved in wiretapping Trump, has also been vindicated. Fox News owes Napolitano an apology for yanking him off the air for a week for making that "controversial" and now-verified assertion.

Joe Cascarelli
Westcliffe, CO

Guardian post may be found online at <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/apr/13/british-spies-first-to-spot-trump-team-links-russia>

ATTENTION ... Spring Cleaners

We need your books; the VPR&YC is gearing up for the annual **BOOK FAIR**, held the first week in August at the Historic "Westcliff" Schoolhouse.

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Thank You to Congressman Lamborn

I wish to thank Congressman Lamborn for his recognition of my military service at the annual Fremont County Republican banquet held at the Holy Cross Abbey in Cañon City last month. I will always revere the United States flag he gave me for being the oldest veteran at the

banquet. I feel he is serving all of our citizens with skill and dignity.

I served from 1951 to 1955, (two years in Germany) while my brother served with the Marines in North Korea. When I was leaving the Air Force, I wondered when our troops would fin-

ish the mission overseas. I did not even dream that our armed services would be involved adversely with the same foreign countries and ideologies now, 65 years later, as then. I feel bad that there was not a veteran from World War II there to receive this honor. I was in high school while that war

was going on and at Regis College from 1947 to 1951. My classmates were World War II veterans who later excelled in their respective fields of endeavor.

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Vandalism in Cotopaxi

by Sentinel staff

Six cabins were recently badly damaged in Cody Park. According to one resident, he “met some friends at their place and every window was broken, the interior was trashed and their deck was sawed off their cabin.

We couldn’t go inside because of the fear that evidence would be compromised.”

According to the resident, all the vandalized cabins in this incident were in a cluster and all are cabins that the owners use only occasionally.

If you have any information concerning this vandalism, please contact the Fremont County Sheriff Office at (719)276-5555. The deputy in charge of the case, Brian Webb, may be reached at (719)276-5555.

New Series of Seminars starts off with

“Coffee with the Sheriff”

Press Release

Wilson Jarvis, President of the Custer County Chamber of Commerce, has announced a new series of informational seminars for the Custer County community. First in the series will be “Coffee with Sheriff Shannon Byerly” at 8:30 a.m. on April 25th, at the 2nd Street Kitchen. Sheriff Byerly will update the community on the Sheriff Department’s activities, crime statistics, and community safety and health issues. Since he also

serves as the county’s fire marshal, Sheriff Byerly will provide updates on the Junkin’s fire scar situation and fire mitigation efforts throughout the county. A question and answer period will follow.

All citizens of the county are invited to attend. Coffee, juice and pastries will be provided.

RSVP to the Chamber Office at 719-783-9163

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Get to Know the Library’s Digital Services

Press Release

Gain a better understanding of the West Custer County Library’s digital services during a free upcoming class given by Library Director Amy Moulton. In “Digital Library: 101”, participants will learn how to download an e-book or e-audiobook, and search the library catalog for books or movies to place on hold. Participants will find out how to access and use popular software tutorials as well as career skills building and job search tools. Also, discover a research powerhouse that offers articles on a host of topics not available on Google.

The class will be held Friday,

April 28th, at 10 a.m. in the West Custer County Library’s Community Room. Participants are encouraged to bring a laptop or tablet if they have one. The library will have a few on hand as well.

“It’s time to take the mystery out of some of the most exciting resources available to you through the library,” said Moulton. “We’ll walk through each tool step-by-step, and then you can start using these tools from home or anywhere you have Internet access.”

The presentation is open to anyone in the community. For more information on this free library event, please contact Cathy McCarthy at (719) 783-9138.

April 29, 2017 Declared Anna Orgeron Day

Press Release

A proclamation has been issued by Custer County recognizing April 29th, 2017, as Anna Orgeron Day.

Joe and Anna Orgeron, who have been extremely active in the community, are relocating to North Carolina.

A going away party has been organized by friends and is set for April 29th, noon to 3 p.m. at the Saddle Club in Westcliffe.

The *Sentinel* will run a longer article on Anna’s accomplishments and her community involvement next week.



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BOCC Workshop on Dark Skies Resolution

Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)

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WESTCLIFFE, Colorado

by Jackie Bubis

The Commissioners’ room overflowed, even before the Dark Skies workshop began, so it was moved to the courthouse. There were twenty or more people listening in as Jim Bradburn, the head honcho of Dark Skies, gave his presentation to the two commissioners present. (Chairman Kattnig was absent.)

He relayed that the purpose of Dark Skies was twofold: Education and Preservation. The Dark Skies organization is hoping to create a Dark Skies Preserve basically from the crest of the Sangres to the crest of the Wet Mountains – the Valley. This would involve making application to the Dark Skies International organization.

According to Bradburn, there are only two of these reserves in the world. He wants our valley to become the third.

This would require adding requirements to the existing Zoning Resolution that would include all new construction and all new fixtures installed be Dark Skies compliant. Even after this discussion, there is confusion about whether it is the bulb or the fix-

ture, or both, that would define compliance.

More than half the visitors seemed in favor of our dark skies in theory, and welcome voluntary compliance. But when it comes to fines of \$100 a day for breaking the “law”, they weren’t so hot on the idea.

When asked what would happen if the majority of county residents were opposed to this sort of regulation, Commissioner Printz stated “If it is evident to me that the people are resoundingly against it, I would vote no.”

There was a great deal of discussion about how making the Valley a “reserve” would change anything. Mr. Bradburn, though he had no data to uphold the opinion, felt that it would do great things for tourism, bringing in folks who would come, see the stars, and go home. Several citizens asked for facts that would back up those claims – requesting that Bradburn see if there is any data from the two existing reserves. Bradburn said he would try to get that information.

Wilson Jarvis (representing the Chamber of Commerce) and Attorney Clint Smith (vice-president of Dark Skies) said that, with the two towns having the Dark Skies designation, there was anecdotal evidence of increases in tourism.

However, Mr. Bradburn also stated

that the people now coming in to see our dark skies were pretty much only going to The Bluff Park. This raised the question again of what would really change. Several people expressed this idea that “why do we need a resolution if they’re already coming?”

Mr. Bradburn also suggested that, without this “law”, in a hundred years, the valley floor would be just like everywhere else – full of people. When reminded that our zoning would preclude that, he seemed to say that our zoning could change.

A former commissioner in the audience expressed concern that this was a private, international organization that was driving public regulation. He also wondered why we needed more regulation when the free market and free citizens were already complying voluntarily.

Planning and Zoning Officer, Jackie Hobby, was concerned about how she would get a current inventory of lights for enforcement purposes.

There was a hint that, perhaps, the resolution would be put in place simply to get the reserve designation but that enforcement might be ignored.

Commissioner Hood promised that there would be answers to the citizens’ questions and directed Bradburn to return with more information.

Rotary Van Service Holds Appreciation Dinner

by Shelly Penkoff

The Rotary Van Service held its annual Appreciation Dinner on Friday, April 7th, at Tony’s Mountain Pizza. The dinner celebrated all the volunteers that keep the transportation service running smoothly. Thirty-five people were in attendance for the dinner and recognition was given to all present.

Special recognition was given to the men who have been serving this community through their

volunteer efforts for more than seven years, Earl Fox, Barney Pelham and Patrick Lynch.

The top four drivers for the last year were Tom York, Richard Metcalfe, Mike Banks, and Barney Pelham.

The driver of the year for the fourth consecutive year is Gary Kassebaum. Gary gave a total of 1,175 hours in the year 2016 and received a plaque from Dispatcher Shelly Penkoff. The service ap-

preciates Gary’s willingness to drive daily and his commitment to getting Custer County residents to their doctor appointments in a timely and safe manner.

We are actively seeking more people to add to our great list of volunteer drivers. A lot of our drivers give one day a week and some give one day a month, it is completely up to you. Please contact Shelly Penkoff 783-2343 to discuss an opportunity to serve your community.



Gary Kassebaum receiving a plaque from Dispatcher Shelly Penkoff.

Courtesy photo

Sons and Brothers to Perform Benefit Concert for Cowboy Church at Crossroads

by Audrey Slater

On Sunday, April 30th, at 7:30 p.m. the Sons and Brothers to be performing a benefit concert for the Cowboy Church at Crossroads Building Fund. It will take place at the Four Mile Community Hall on The intersection of Steinmeir and East Main Street in Cañon City.

Before moving to Southern Colorado in 1995, Pastor Randy Pfaff had been a deputy sheriff in Jefferson County and a correctional officer. He has guided hunters and fishermen for more than 25 years and still does today. He has a BA in Theology and Business but was not heeding God’s calling on his life. That all changed in 2010, when he gave his all to God and looked for a place for a church. Through some prodding from relatives and friends he made an appointment with one of

the owners of the Crossroads Arena Restaurant and Bar and asked if he could have a cowboy church service on Sunday mornings and they agreed. On January 24, 2010, he and his wife, Brenda, started the Cowboy Church at Crossroads, there were seven attendees at that first service. Twelve weeks later, on Easter Sunday, they had 100 in attendance and at their one-year anniversary there were nearly 300.

In June of 2012, Crossroads was in the process of selling. Not being able to afford the building the congregation moved to the Florence High School. In July of 2015, they moved again to their present location at the Penrose Community Center.

The church operates on a cash only basis. In August 2016, they were able to purchase five acres at 575 7th Street in Penrose. This is where they

plan to build their church when the money becomes available. Their goal is \$250,000 for a small 200 capacity steel building with classrooms, nursery and bathrooms. They presently have \$48,000 in their building fund.

Admission to the concert is free and anyone who feels led to give to the building fund by donation. Refreshments will be served. Anyone who cannot make the concert and wants to help this worthy cause may send donations made out to The Cowboy Church at the Crossroads or CCC and mail it to: 8 Oak Creek Drive, Florence, Colorado 81226.

Pastor Pfaff and his wife, Brenda, have been married for 37 years this August. They have three children and two grandchildren that they dearly love.



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Kelley Hunt is a great blues singer/songwriter/pianist from Kansas City, here for one night only to do a benefit concert for Club America - Surprise Announcement at the concert about the future of Club America! For more information, go to the club website, www.clubamericawmv.org.

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Press Release
CCSD Staff

The CCHS Sources of Strength group recently focused a week of activities on building strength within its walls and students. The week was planned and carried out by the CCHS students known as the peer leaders of the Sources of Strength (SoS) group.

To start the week, students were welcomed into the school with posters focusing on the eight strengths that SoS is based upon as well as other encouraging phrases. Monday morning started with donuts and games in the gym along with a “Thankful” challenge for which students wrote about something they were thankful for. Words from the students were posted on a big poster that will stay in the hallway till the end of the school year. “I felt like gathering first thing in the morning and having some donuts and cocoa with our peers and then playing a game

really helped to kick off the family atmosphere of the week,” commented sophomore SoS peer leader Holly Wenger.

On Tuesday, students gathered again in the gym for a few minutes and the day’s big game was the challenge to make a half-court shot for a \$50 gift certificate. Later in the day the SoS peer leaders pasted hundreds of sticky-notes with encouraging words around the hallways.

On Wednesday, peer leaders spread out from the elementary to the high school to welcome students with a smile and tootsie rolls. During the activity hour peer leaders led a small group of students in discussion of the Sources of Strength wheel and to give students a chance to talk about what they see as strengths in their lives. After the small groups, time was spent in a giant game of “dance master”. The game may have been the highlight of the

week. “The game was awesome because everyone was involved and it was super fun!”, noted junior SoS peer leader McKensie Penkoff.

Thursday’s tradition is face-painting for the elementary or any young-at-heart student. Peer leaders spread out and welcomed elementary students with fun face-paintings and spreading good cheer. The day ended with music and balloons popping in the hallways. “Even though we can’t quite get the balloon countdown to fill the hallway, everyone enjoyed popping the balloons through the end of the day,” exclaimed SoS peer leader and senior Seani Millard.

Thursday night was the 1st annual “Kickin’ It” with Sources of Strength kickball tournament. The themes of Generosity and Healthy Activities were from the Sources of Strength wheel and participants and spectators were asked to provide a canned good for generosity. Parents and

students enjoyed watching the evening of kickball between the elementary, middle, and open divisions. Elementary and Middle school teams had to include

a positive adult.

“The week was a lot of work by our peer leaders,” said adult advisor Troy Bomgardner. “They

put time and effort into encouraging and promoting strength to our student body.”

Editor/llv: See pages 12-13



SoS Peer Leaders Riley Smith and Tyler Ferron deliver canned goods to the Care and Share Center.

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Local Mountain News & Notices

Custer County New Public Health Nurse Announced

Press Release

Custer County is pleased to announce that Elisa R. Magnuson, R.N, has accepted the position of Custer County Public Health Agency Director. Ms. Magnuson is in the process of relocating back to Custer County where she had lived and attended high school. She will begin her duties in Custer County on May 1, 2017.

As the Custer County Public Health Agency Director, Ms. Magnuson will oversee the management and administration of all county public health issues, identify community needs and develop strategies to meet those needs. She will help educate the public as

well as oversee staff and our school nurse.

Ms. Magnuson earned her R.N. from Morgan Community College in Fort Morgan, Colorado, and will be completing her Bachelors of Science degree from Regis University this December.

Most recently, Ms. Magnuson was employed as a Corrections Nurse III with the Colorado Department of Corrections in Sterling, Colorado, where she supervised a staff of six and was the lead healthcare professional for the prison.

Custer County welcomes Ms. Magnuson and is very pleased she will be rejoining our community.

Bobcats Sport Schedule

MS Track AWAY v Center
departure TBD

When: Fri, April 21, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Where: Center

MS Traveling Basketball

When: Fri, April 21, 8 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Where: West Gym

HS Track Meet - La Junta Tiger Relays BOYS
departure 10 a.m.

When: Fri, April 21, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Where: La Junta

MS Track AWAY v Salida
departure 2:45 p.m.

When: Tue, April 25, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Where: Salida

HS Track Meet - Primero Invitational
departure 10 a.m.

When: Thu, April 27, 12:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Where: Weston

HS Volleyball

When: Thu, April 27, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Where: East Gym

MS Track AWAY v Alamosa
departure 5:30 a.m.

When: Fri, April 28, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Where: Alamosa

MS Traveling Basketball

When: Fri, April 28, 8 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Where: West Gym

HS Track Meet - Vista Ridge Classic
departure TBD

When: Sat, April 29, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Where: Colorado Springs



Bobcat Menu • April 24-27, 2017

Monday

Breakfast

Choice of Cereal
Fruit
Milk

Lunch Elem.

Mac n Cheese
Carrot Sticks
Fruit
Milk

Lunch MS & HS

Mac n Cheese
Tossed Salad
Mxd Veg & Fruit
Milk

Tuesday

Breakfast

Choice of Cereal
Fruit
Milk

Lunch Elem.

Tostado
Rice & Corn
Fruit
Milk

Lunch MS & HS

Smothered Burrito
Beans & Rice
Corn & Fruit
Milk

Wednesday

Breakfast

Choice of Cereal
Fruit
Milk

Lunch Elem.

Waffles Sausage Link
Potato Patty
Fruit
Milk

Lunch MS & HS

Waffles & Sausage Link
Potato Patty
Fruit
Milk

Thursday

Breakfast

Biscuit & Gravy
Fruit
Milk

Lunch Elem.

Popcorn Chicken
Oven Fries
Fruit
Milk

Lunch MS & HS

Mashed Potato Bowl
(w/Corn-Chicken-Gravy)
Tossed Salad & Fruit
Milk

Elementary: Main Dish, Grain Product, Veg., Fruit, and Milk
Middle & High: Main Dish, (Or Premade Chef Salad), Grain Product, Vegetable, Fruit and Milk
A la Carte Items To Be Sold To M.S. & H.S. Only

KIDS

Friday, April 21, 2017

Cashews

I love nuts and one of my favorites are cashews. What do you actually know about cashews beside they taste good?

Cashews are a crescent shaped nut with a sweet nutty flavor.

They are native to Brazil and produced in India and parts of Africa. They require hot, humid climates. They grow on an evergreen tree called the cashew tree (now there is something I didn't know).

You may have heard that a cashew is not a nut. Well, there is a lot of controversy about that. The cashew nut or seed is in a shell that is attached to the floral end of the cashew fruit. This shell must be removed carefully because it is toxic. That is why the cashews are not sold in their shell. The part we eat is actually a kernel that was housed inside a nut. So technically, the cashew is a kernel. However, it is sold in the nut section with other nuts, it is even sold on nut.com. So, as far as I am concerned it is a nut.

Cashews, unlike potato chips, are very healthy for us. They are high in dietary fiber and numerous vitamins and minerals. They contain flavanols that inhibit the ability of cancer cells to divide and multiply, reducing incidences of colon cancer. They contain zero cholesterol. They do, however, contain the fat, oleic acid, the same kind as in olive oil, which is one of the reasons they are so good for you.

So now we know what cashews are and are not and why we should eat them. So how do you eat them? Do a search on cashew recipes and you get; spicy smoky cashews, cashew chicken, cashew butter, candied cashews, cashew truffles, cashew pancakes and the list goes on. They are great in salads and mixed in trail mixes or my favorite-- just by the handful.

Today, April 21st, is National Chocolate Covered Cashews Day. Now that may be my favorite way to eat cashews. However you eat them, enjoy your cashews!



by Audrey Slater, Sources: naturalnewsblogs.com/cashews, foodfacts.mercola.com/cashews

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Wet Mountain Baseball



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6-8 year olds

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Games Monday in Cañon City

Practices Wednesday Evening
in Westcliffe

Minors

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9-10 year olds

4th and 5th grades

Games Tuesday in Cañon City

Practice Monday and/or

Wednesday evening in Westcliffe

Majors

\$50

11-13 year olds

6th, 7th and incoming 8th graders

Games Tuesday AND Thursday in

Cañon City

Practices Monday and Wednesday
in Westcliffe

Wet Mountain Baseball is now accepting registrations for the upcoming
baseball summer program.

Boys and girls from age 4 through 13 are eligible to play baseball.

Deadline to Register is May 1st, 2017

Please mail check and registration to Shelly Penkoff, 286 Nightshade Drive,
Westcliffe CO 81252

Preschool Screening for Children Ages 2-5

Friday, April 28th, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Located at the Elementary School West Gym

If your child will be 3-5 years old before August 1, 2017, you are encouraged to call and make an appointment to have your child screened for preschool and/or Kindergarten. **To possibly qualify for a tuition-free CPP slot, you and your child must attend this screening.** Preschool registration materials will be available for the 2017-2018 school year. Regardless of whether you plan to enroll in school or are homeschooling, you will be provided with information on your child's readiness for school and with information on community resources to support your child. There is no cost for this screening.

Please call the school at 719-783-4891 to schedule an appointment..

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Field Trip to Southern Colorado Space Museum

My fourth grade class had the privilege of visiting the Southern Colorado Space Museum on Thursday, April 13th, after studying and learning about space and space flight. They were very excited about seeing actual space artifacts in person, particularly the GEM rocket booster and the rocket nozzle. It was neat for them to see some of the gear that was actually used by astronauts and they really enjoyed being able to see and walk inside the Seabat helicopter that was used as a backup in the recovery of Alan Shepard in 1961! One of their favorite parts of the tour was when Mr. Steve Janssen demonstrated for the students how a space shuttle tile has a high heat resistance which is necessary for re-entry into Earth's atmosphere. Overall, the fourth graders had a fantastic time and many of them expressed the hope to return with their families in the future!

—Stephanie Hargis, Fourth Grade Teacher, CCSD1



Front Row: Michael Cessnun, Jaxon Herald, Holly McElfish, Lily Bomgardner. Second Row: Madison Honaker, Andrew Flynn, Graycee Cravens, Juliet Nehez, Isabella Ferron, Kenna Ingram, Cheyenne Espinoza. Third Row: Gavin Bonilla, William Cline, Jordan Craig, Roxane Mujica. Back Row: Teacher Stephanie Hargis, Thomas Canon, Christopher Mullett, Qualyn Stewart, Lucian Harson, Avery Jewell, Harmony Dunlop, Jalyn Worley, Austin Scholl, Nathan Moore. On the Left is Museum Curator Steve Janssen.

Photo Courtesy of Steve Janssen

Free Personal Finance Seminars

Press Release

Over one-third of Americans do not have any "rainy day" funds set aside for unanticipated financial emergencies. More than half of those surveyed are neither currently saving for nor planning for predictable life events such as children's college education or their own retirement. Almost half carried a credit card balance each month and were unsure of the interest they were charged.

Public libraries are here to help. With a commitment to learning, literacy and unbiased information, libraries have been determined to be among the best avenues for providing financial literacy education so essential for life's success. That is why the West Custer County Library is partnering with FINRA (Financial Industry Regulatory Authority) and the American Library Association to provide free Common

Cents for Colorado financial workshops for individuals and families.

The first seminar in the latest five-part series – Goal Setting and Financial Planning – centers on money management skills such as creating a budget, calculating your net worth, tracking expenditures and setting realistic savings goals. This free seminar will be held at the West Custer County Library on Wednesday, April 26th, at 5:30 p.m. Light snacks will be served.

The remaining seminars will be given once a month through August and will cover key investment concepts, retirement savings vehicles, common investment types and managing money during retirement.

Renee Tobin will be leading the series. She draws on many years of financial services industry experience. After a long career in corporate finance, Tobin

decided to change gears and studied to become a Certified Financial Planner professional. "I enjoyed giving seminars on planning and investing. I liked helping individuals and families organize their finances in order to meet their goals, whether a house big enough for the new baby, a new kitchen, college funds or retirement," said Tobin. "I enjoyed watching my clients develop an appreciation for planning because it gave them control over their financial world. It didn't always mean there was enough money, but having control – financial planning – was the process that gave them confidence and a path forward." Tobin and her husband Bob are now retired and living in the area. She also serves on the West Custer County Library Board.

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



Sheriff's Report...

processed a refusal to transport.

4/11/17:

Theft: A deputy took a report of theft on CR 323.

Intruder: A deputy was dispatched to Butler Street in Silver Cliff regarding a possible intruder.

4/12/17:

Assault: A deputy met with a party in the lobby of the Sheriff's Office who wished to file a report for assault.

Traffic Summons: Mariya Smith of Axle, TX, for

speeding 10 - 19 over.

4/13/17:

Animal Cruelty: A deputy took a report of cruelty to animals in Wetmore. The matter is being investigated.

4/14/17:

Arrests: Deputies successfully arrested Erin Hughes of Cañon City, and Evan Mevey of Woodland Park on warrants for charges of domestic violence, reckless endangerment, reckless driving, and failure to stop at a traffic control device.

Noise: Deputies responded to South Street in Silver

Cliff on a noise disturbance. It was believed two parties were fighting with each other. The deputies found that the individuals were loudly playing a video game.

4/15/17:

Traffic Summons: John Fenderbosch of Westcliffe for speeding 10 - 19 over.

4/16/17:

Trash: A deputy took a report of people dumping slash in a creek in the Wetmore area. Forest Service Law Enforcement will be investigating and following up.

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The deadline for receiving applications will be: FRIDAY, APRIL 28TH, 2017 AT 5:00 P.M.
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Events Calendar

Friday, April 21
National Chocolate Covered Cashews Day

Friday April 21, 9 a.m. – Noon
4-H Club Training
Sangres Shooting Sports Club
S. Hwy 69, Westcliffe

Friday, Saturday, April 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 23 at 2 p.m.
"Ghost in the Shell"
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Saturday April 22, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Colorado Concealed Handgun Permit class
The Sangre Shooting Sports Club (SSSC) Range
S. Hwy 69, Westcliffe \$\$

Saturday, April 22, 8:30 p.m. – Midnight
Junior/Senior PROM
At The Road House 96

Sunday April 23, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Life Chain
In front of CC School

Monday, April 24, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. through
Thursday, April 27
Book Fair
CC School Library

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, April 27, 28, and 29, 7 p.m.
Saturday Matinée, April 29, 2 p.m.

Cinderella: The Broadway Version
Presented by the Custer County High School Drama Department
THE JONES THEATER \$\$ Westcliffe

Friday April 28, 9 a.m. – Noon
4-H Club Training
Sangres Shooting Sports Club
S. Hwy 69, Westcliffe

Friday April 28, 9 a.m.
BOCC Meeting Boardroom

Friday, April 28, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Bingo - Saddle Club
90 CR 241, Westcliffe

Sunday, April 30, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Saddle Club - Youth Mentoring
Music Meadows Ranch
6076 CR 119, Westcliffe

Sunday, April 30, 2 p.m.
In Concert: Classical Music in the Valley hosts
Colorado Chamber Players
THE JONES THEATER \$\$ Westcliffe

Sunday April 30, 7:30 p.m.
Cowboy Church at Crossroads presents Sons and Brothers
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Savage model 110 30-06 rifle	Mossberg model 640KC .22 mag rifle	

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Local Mountain News & Notices

Ride for Life Needs Sponsors

Colorado Trail on Horseback: Denver to Durango

The Ride is an effort to raise funds for the Lighthouse Pregnancy Center in Westcliffe, CO. Cowgirls Jean and Deb are planning

a Ride for Life along the entire Colorado Trail beginning at Waterton Canyon Road in Denver off of C470.



The trail winds through Pikes National Forest, South Platte Ranger District. The trail ends in Durango, Colorado, an estimated 45 days and 486 miles later.

The ladies are still in need of funds to support the ride (The trip and gear cost \$7,000) as well as more sponsors for the Lighthouse Pregnancy Center fundraiser.

If you can help, checks should be made out to "The Lighthouse/Ride For Life" or just "The Lighthouse" and add "Ride for Life" in the memo section. Mail to Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources, 417 Cliff Street, Silver Cliff, CO 81252.

To donate online or to follow the Ride, see www.cowgirlsrideforlife.com



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Silver Cliff, CO 81252

Obituary Helen Gayer

Helen Barbara Horvath Boldizar Gayer passed away on April 15, 2017, at the age of 92. She was born on October 13, 1924, in Port Huron, Michigan, to John and Barbara Horvath, both of Hungary. She is preceded in death by her parents and 13 brothers and sisters – Helen Zelenack, Magdalene Zelenak, Julius Zelenak, Joseph Zelenak, Elizabeth Zelenak, Anabel Zelenak, Margaret Zelenak, Joseph Horvath, Frank Horvath, Paul Horvath, Mary Horvath, John Horvath and Olga Horvath. She was the last surviving sibling of a blended family of 12 half brothers and sisters and one full sister Olga Horvath.



Always a loving mother, she is survived by her son William Boldizar (and daughter-in-law Judy) of Port Huron, Michigan, and her daughter Barbara Napolitan (and son-in-law Terry) of Westcliffe, Colorado, along with four grandchildren William Boldizar, Angela Haiden, Christina Skains, and Stephen Boldizar, and seven great-grandchildren.

She married William Boldizar on November 10, 1945, in Allenton, Michigan. William preceded her in death on September 2, 1968, in Port Huron, Michigan. She married Michael Gayer on May 2, 1986, who preceded her in death on

September 21, 1999. She moved to Colorado in 1999 and has resided with her daughter Barbara and son-in-law Terry.

She was a member of Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church in Westcliffe. Her strong faith and devotion to God and her love for her Blessed Mother were a constant guiding force in her life. A funeral Mass of the Resurrection was held on April 19, 2017, at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church.

Memorials may be made to Sangre de Cristo Hospice in Cañon City, Colorado.

Public Meeting For the

MAIN STREET AND ROSITA STREET IMPROVEMENTS

There will be a Town Meeting to discuss the Main Street and Rosita Street Project. This will be the last meeting before the project begins.

DATE: April 25th, 2017

TIME: 6:00PM

PLACE: Cliff Lanes
(Community Room)

Cookies and Coffee will be provided

If you have any questions please call the Westcliffe Town Hall at 719-783-2282.

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CHANGE OF PLANS

Wet Mountain Valley Rotary
Saturday July 15th

pancake breakfast

SAVE THE DATES!
WMV Rotary Foundation Scholarship Fund
Golf Tournament
** CHANGE OF VENUE **
Hollydot Golf Course, Colorado City
Saturday, June 24th, Tee time 9 a.m.

Community Evening Dinner
Enjoy an elegant steak dinner catered by Alpine Lodge
Saturday, June 24th, 5:30 p.m., A Painted View

Pancake Breakfast
Custer County School - West Parking Lot
Saturday, July 15, 7-10 a.m.

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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

Custer County
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Tentative Agenda

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

9 0 AM
Meeting Location:
Commissioners Boardroom

Call meeting to order
Pledge of allegiance
Roll Call
Amend agenda
Approval of minutes
Audience introduction
Public Comment
Commissioner Items
Attorney Items
New/Old Business

- Review vouchers and sign checks
- Open Airport Bids
- Courthouse Closure procedure

Executive Session

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

Publication: Sangre de Cristo Sentinel, Westcliffe, CO 81252
Published 4/14/2017, 04/21/2017

NOTICE
Notice to Creditors

Estate of Berniece Odell Gingerich Lackey
Deceased
Case Number P RI0

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or the Custer County District Court on or before August 8, 2017 or the claims may be barred forever.

Gregory L. Watkins Attorney at Law, PC
P. O. Box 1617/8 Bassick Place, Suite A
Westcliffe, Colorado 81252

or The District Court of Custer County Colorado

Publication: Sangre de Cristo Sentinel, Westcliffe, CO 81252
Published 04/07/2017, 04/14/2017, 04/21/2017

NOTICE
Notice to Creditors

Estate of am es R. Duran
aka am es Randolph Duran
Deceased
Case Number P R2

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the Custer County District Court on or before August 15, 2017 or the claims may be barred forever.

Jerelyn G. Duran
PO Box 846
Westcliffe, CO 81252

or the District Court of Custer County

Publication: Sangre de Cristo Sentinel, Westcliffe, CO 81252
Published 4/14/2017, 04/21/2017

NOTICE
Notice to Creditors

Estate of Brenda Sue Abbott
Deceased
Case Number P R1

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the Custer County District Court on or before September 8, 2017 or the claims may be barred forever.

Thomas Abbott
PO Box 185
Westcliffe, CO 81252

or the District Court of Custer County

Publication: Sangre de Cristo Sentinel, Westcliffe, CO 81252
Published 4/14/2017, 04/21/2017

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Custer County Planning Commission will hold a public meeting on May 2, 2017 at 1:30 P.M. Custer County Courtroom. The following will be considered.

1. Presentation for Westcliffe Supply Company LLC / Special Use Permit, 228 County Road 251, Custer County Colorado.

The agenda is posted on the bulletin board located in the hall of the Custer County Courthouse. Copies of the agenda are available in the Custer County Planning and Zoning office.

Anyone wishing to comment may do so at the Hearing or by mail to Custer County Planning and Zoning office, P.O. Box 203 Westcliffe CO 81252; by fax 719-783-9907 or by e-mail Jackie@custercountygov.com

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Town of Westcliffe

Separate sealed BIDS for the Construction of the **Westcliffe Transportation Alternatives Program Project – Main Street and Rosita Street Improvements**, (TAP M352-002; 20572) aka **Westcliffe Improvements PHI** including: demolition and site preparation, earthwork, drainage improvements, cast-in-place concrete sidewalk and curb and gutter, brick pavers, handicap ramps, hot bituminous pavement, period lighting and electrical improvements, and miscellaneous appurtenances as indicated in the Bid Documents will be received by the Town of Westcliffe (Owner) at the office of the Owner, 305 Main Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252 until 11:00 A.M., (Local Time) Wednesday May 3, 2017. After which time, at said office all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 2:00 P.M. Tuesday April 25, 2017 at the office of the Owner. Attendance at this Pre-Bid Conference is mandatory.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

NorthStar Engineering and Surveying, Inc.	Town of Westcliffe
111 E. 5th Street	305 Main Street
Pueblo, CO 81003	Westcliffe, CO 81252
(719) 544-6823	(719) 783-2282

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at NorthStar Engineering and Surveying, Inc., 111 E. 5th Street, Pueblo, CO 81003, 719-544-6823. Bidders are responsible for all printing costs. It is the Bidder’s responsibility to verify whether any addenda were issued.

This project is to be financed in part by a grant from the Colorado Department of Transportation and shall be referred to as **Westcliffe Transportation Alternative Program Project – Main Street and Rosita Street Improvements (aka Westcliffe Improvements PHI)**. Bidders shall comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Water Act of 1970, Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and Contract Work Hours Standards Act, and shall sign the Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities in “Mandatory Submittals”. Bidders must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Davis-Bacon Act, the anti-Kickback and the contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act. It is the Bidder’s responsibility to determine and/or confirm the applicable prevailing wages pursuant to the Davis-Bacon Act.

Minority/Female Utilization Goal for the Project is:	19.0%
DBE Participation goal for the Project is:	0.0%

Date of Initial Advertisement for Bids: Sunday, April 9, 2017

IN GOD WE TRUST

INVITATION TO BID

Custer County Courthouse
205 South Sixth Street
Westcliffe, Colorado 81252

Silverwest/ Custer County Airport is seeking bids to replace an existing fuel dispenser. The successful bidder will be required to provide Liability insurance and proof of certification to service and install aircraft fueling systems. The fuel system carries 100LL AVGAS. The system is a suction system.

The Custer County Commissioners will receive sealed bids up to the hour of 2pm on the 26th day of April, 2017 at the office of the Board of County Commissioners , 205 South 6th St., PO Box 150, Westcliffe, Co 81252, Attn: Airport Fuel System.

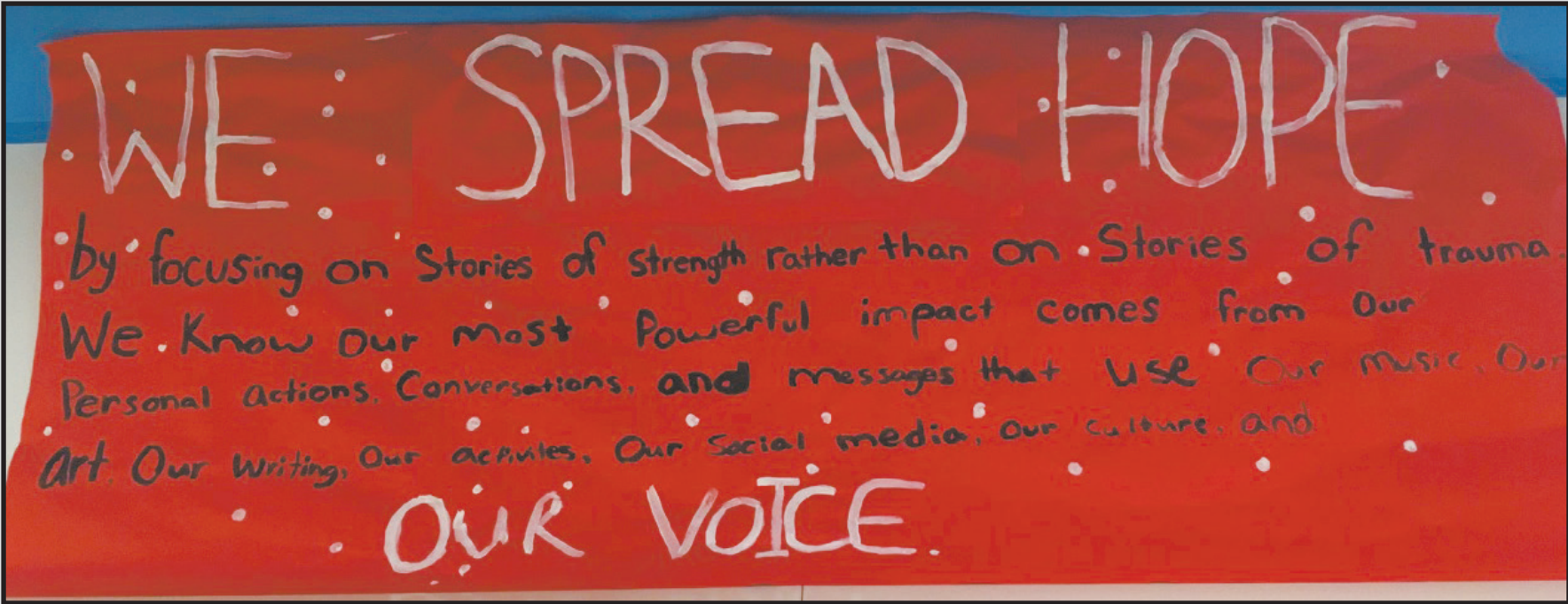
SCOPE OF WORK:

1. Lock-out/tag-out all electrical connections associated with existing dispenser.
2. Properly disconnect all piping/fittings associated with existing dispenser.
3. Remove existing dispenser and properly dispose of in accordance with State and Local regulations.
4. Supply and install (1) new, Wayne Reliance Fleet single product, suction pump fuel dispenser, G5200 series, or equivalent.
5. Properly connect all piping associated with new Wayne Reliance suction pump fuel dispenser.
6. Properly connect all wiring connections, to include wiring for existing Fuel Management Pedestal and verify proper operation.
7. Supply and install all required decals for new dispenser.
8. Verify proper operation of new fuel dispenser, and calibrate such dispenser.
9. Clear the work site of all excess packaging, parts and trash, and remove from premises.

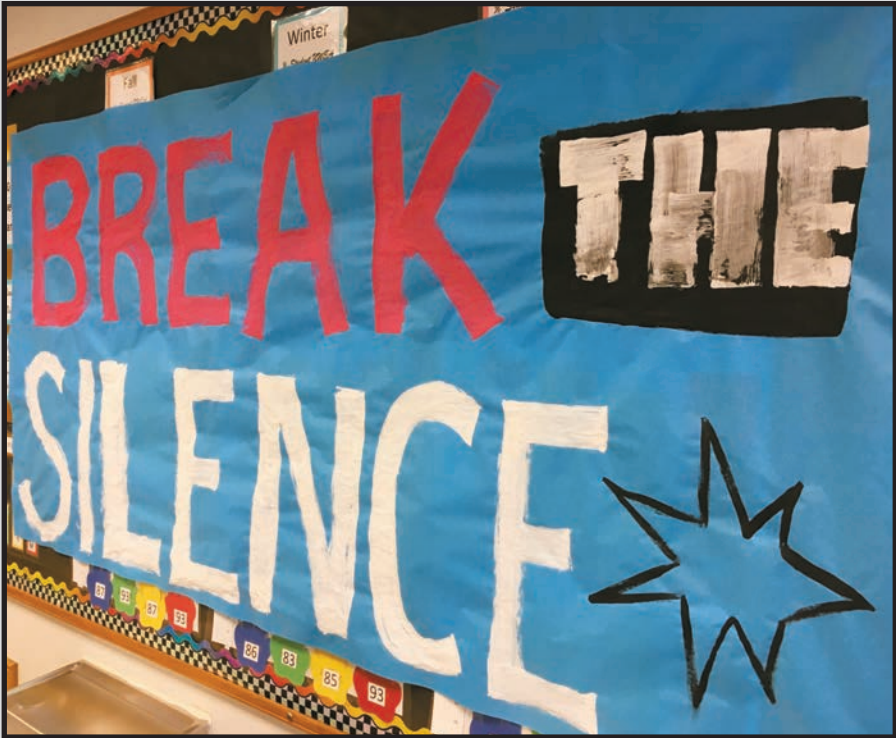
Desired start of project: May 8, 2017. Completion deadline, May 24, 2017

The bids will be opened at the Board of Custer County Commissioners meeting on April 28, 2017. The meeting will commence at 9 a.m. At the Custer County Courthouse Boardroom, 205 S. 6th St, Westcliffe, CO 81252

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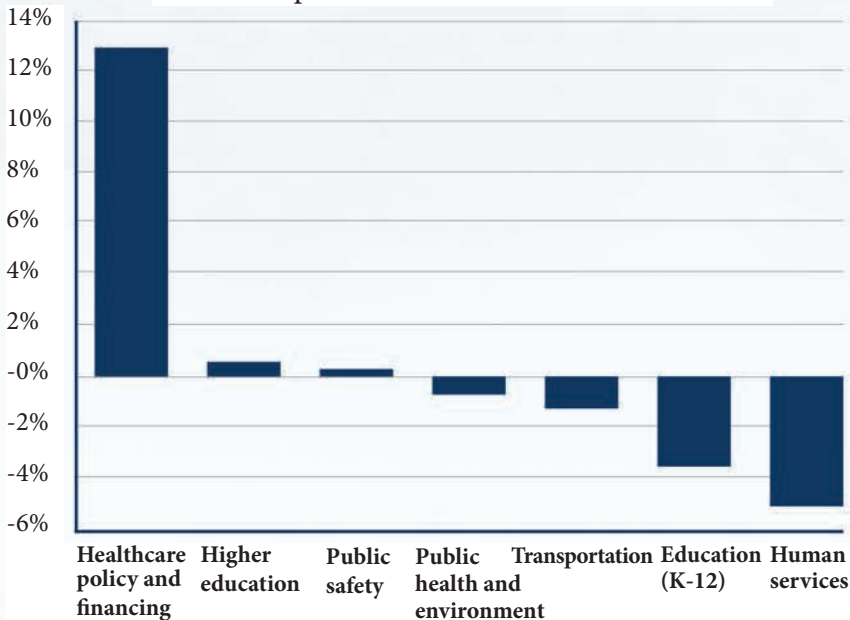


Colorado State News



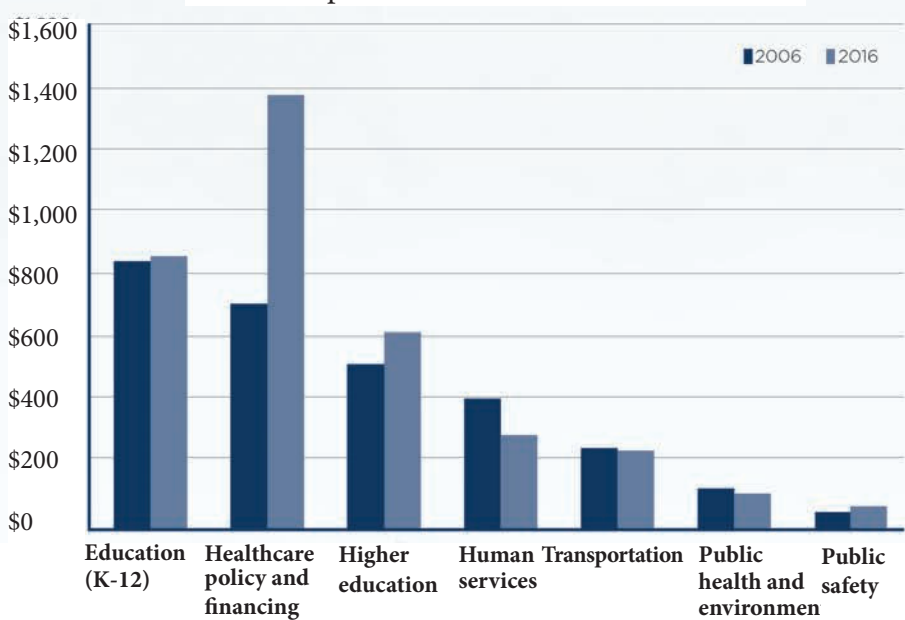
THE COLORADO STATE BUDGET: THEN & NOW WHAT HAS CHANGED OVER 10 YEARS?

Change in Share of Total Colorado Budget
Select Departments, 2006-2016, 2006 Dollars



- As a share of the total state budget, Healthcare Policy & Financing increased from just over 20% of the budget in 2006 to nearly 34% in 2016, at the expense of departments like Transportation, Public Health & Environment, K-12 Education, and Human Services

Colorado Budget Spending per Citizen
Select Departments, 2006-2016, 2006 Dollars



- Colorado is now spending \$667 more per citizen than it did ten years ago after adjusting for inflation, an increase of over 19%
- Of the increase in spending per citizen, over 99% has gone to Healthcare Policy & Financing
 - Part of this may be due to Medicaid expansion – the number of Medicaid recipients in Colorado has more than tripled over the last ten years, from just over 400,000 to nearly 1.4 million

All values adjusted for inflation

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Common Sense Policy Roundtable, 4950 South Yosemite Street F2 #314, Greenwood Village, CO 80111

Colorado Passes Free Speech Bill for Higher Education Entities

by George Gramlich

A very important bipartisan bill was recently passed in the Colorado legislature and signed into law by Governor Hickenlooper: SB17-062, “Student Free Speech Public Higher Education Campuses”.

It puts the brakes on the liberal professors and administrators who have destroyed our First Amendment right on our public universities with their “speech codes” and “safe zones”. This is one of the few positive items coming out of the Colorado legislature this year. [Note possible bills on dramatically increasing hunting and fishing license fees and a proposed state sales tax increase for our roads (read the bill, not much goes to “roads”), both supported by a lot of “republicans”.]

Here’s the summary of the bill from the Colorado General Assembly:

SB17-062

Student Free Speech Public Higher Education Campuses

Concerning the right to free speech on campuses of public institutions of higher education.

SESSION: 2017 Regular Session

SUBJECT: Higher Education

The bill prohibits public institutions of higher education (public institution) from limiting or restricting student expression in a student forum. ‘Expression’ is defined to mean any lawful verbal or written means by which individuals communicate ideas to one another, including all forms of peaceful

assembly, protests, speaking verbally, holding signs, circulating petitions, and distributing written materials. ‘Expression’ also includes voter registration activities but does not include speech that is primarily for a commercial purpose.

A public institution shall not subject a student to disciplinary action as a result of his or her expression. A public institution shall not designate any area on campus as a free speech zone or otherwise create policies that imply that its students’ expressive activities are restricted to a particular area of campus. Additionally, a public institution shall not impose restrictions on the time, place, and manner of student speech unless such restrictions are reasonable, justified without reference to the speech’s content, are narrowly tailored to serve a significant government interest, and leave open ample alternative channels for communication of the information or message.

The bill states that it does not grant other members of the college or university community the right to disrupt previously scheduled or reserved activities in a portion or section of the student forum at that scheduled time. Additionally, the bill clarifies that it is not to be interpreted as preventing the public institution from prohibiting, limiting, or restricting expression that is not protected under the 1st Amendment.

A student who has been denied access to a student forum for expressive purposes may bring a court action to recover reasonable court costs and attorney fees.

You can view the entire bill at: http://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2017A/bills/2017A_062_signed.pdf

“Takin’ It To The House...” A Calendar And Commentary From The Golden Dome

by Rep Jim Wilson – HD 60
—April 16, 2017

If you have ever witnessed a major horse racing event, you have some concept of what the last three and a half weeks under the Golden Dome will resemble. All the preliminary races have been completed – some winners, some losers. Many bills have become law – many more did not make it to the finish line. Now all the “big boys” are lining up for the final “Run for the Roses”.

Several major players are lined up for the start of the final event. In Gate 1 is the Long Bill (SB 17-254). Coming to the line with 625 pages, several amendments and an approximate \$27 Billion price tag, this bill has to cross the finish line in order to fund all the other entries. A couple of weeks ago, SB 17-254 appeared to be a slam dunk. However, because the Long Bill is balanced on the back of the Hospital Provider Fee, it is having a little trouble getting off the line.

In Gate 2 and 3 are the solutions to the transportation challenges facing Colorado. HB 17-1242 (a bill that

would send a tax measure to the ballot in November raising the state sales tax by .62% for 20 years) cleared the House, but is locked in a battle in the Senate. The second solution, SB 17-267, cleared its first Senate Committee, but may not make it through the full Senate. SB 17-267 would put \$300M to roads in counties of under 50,000 population and give \$400M to rural & small schools. SB 17-267 would really help our counties and schools here in HD 60!

In Gate 4 is the 2017 School Finance Act. The formal School Finance Bill has not yet been introduced, but it promises to present some unique challenges of its own. On the front end, it appears that Per Pupil Revenue (PPR) will increase by about \$185 per student. Unfortunately, the finance formula calls for an increase of \$241 per student. That means, because the dollars are not available in the budget to fully fund the PPR, the infamous “Negative Factor” for schools will increase by approximately \$48 Million.

There are plenty of other “entries” to fill the remaining gates. One of those will be the Colorado Parks and



Wildlife’s “Fee Bill”. The bill (HB 17-1321) began its journey through the process this week. The last fee increase for CPW was in 2005 when they requested an increase of up to 50%. Another bill waiting to enter the race is SB 17-61 – a bill that would create more revenue for charter Schools. There are other bills waiting in the wings to join the final dash for the legislative finish line. Trust me, there will be no lack of contenders for any dollars remaining to be allocated before we adjourn on the second Wednesday in May!

Before closing, I want to give all of you a heads up about a bill (HB 17-1235) that was filed this past week. The bill proposes some relief for folks who are struggling to pay their

**TAKIN IT
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Colorado State News

Senate Bill 267: Saving Rural Colorado with Even More Debt and Taxes

by Linda Gorman,
The Independence Institute

Senate Bill 17-267 would make Colorado's state budget less transparent, reduce legislative and taxpayer control over state spending, create two new slush funds outside of legislative control, increase state indebtedness, and use a financial trick to raise the amount of tax money the state can keep without voter approval.



The bill's lack of transparency starts with the title. It says the bill is an "Act concerning the sustainability of rural Colorado." Rural Colorado sustained itself for well over a hundred years. The problems began when the state and federal governments started raising electric rates, disrupting the financial industry, purposefully destroying jobs in coal country, expanding federal control over water, and raising health insurance rates to ruinous lev-

els. Now the government is back to "help" some more.

The bill is an act, all right, one that claims to make rural Colorado "sustainable" with increases in debt and taxes in two unrelated parts. Each part gives bureaucrats and special interests the ability to grab more money from taxpayers without their permission.

The first part says it will fund highways, "renovation and renewal projects", bike lanes, pedestrian walkways and "transit-related projects". It will use **Certificates of Participation (COP) to expand state indebtedness by up to \$ billion** a year, removing appropriations of up to \$100 million a year from legislative control for up to 20 years. A nifty new form of debt dreamed up by the financial industry, COPs do not create a multi-year obligation and therefore are not required to be reported as debt under generally accepted accounting principles.

The basic idea behind COPs is that the state sells a "facility" to a group of investors. The investors get COPs and title to the asset in exchange for their money. If the state doesn't make

an appropriation to pay the owners of the COPs a certain amount each year for a specified number of years, the COP,s owners own the facility. At the end of the required payments, the title for the facility reverts to the state. In its own pursuit of COPs loans, Washington

from taxes and fees in FY 2015-16. If the Hickenlooper Administration sells off \$1.35 billion in COPs by the end of 2018, future state legislatures must either appropriate an annual amount roughly equal to the what the state currently spends on new highway lanes or

hospital provider fee, the money brought in can be used to increase Medicaid reimbursement for selected hospitals, pay for cost-plus pricing for hospitals that participate in the Colorado Indigent Care Program, pay for quality incentive programs whether they work or not, and sustain current Medicaid enrollment.

Aside from allowing unaccountable appointees to use taxpayer dollars to engage in corporate favoritism with hospitals, the bill's language also supports the state's attempt to remodel Colorado Medicaid in the image of a monopolist Kaiser-Permanente. Evidence is scarce that these arrangements will do much more than increase costs for taxpayers and Medicaid clients, especially those in rural areas.

Setting aside the potential for big health care taxes and special dealing without legislative oversight, the provider fee enterprise fund bets that the federal government will continue to pay federal matching funds for state taxes on hospital Medicaid bills just so that state Medicaid programs can continue to underpay physicians and hos-

pitals for services rendered. That's a bad bet.

Neither the federal government nor the states can afford the health care programs they currently subsidize. Medicaid clients are unlikely to be well served by enterprise funding, making their health care hostage to federal willingness to pay state taxes.

Colorado citizens would be better off in the future if state officials moderated their greed for additional funds and focused instead on running the government within its current budget. This means ending incessant program expansion, forgoing the sale of state assets to increase indebtedness, ending corporate favoritism, and limiting state subsidies to those they can afford, and for those who are most in need of them.

Linda Gorman is Health Care Policy Center director at the Independence Institute, a free market think tank in Denver.

Please see: <http://completecolorado.com/page-two/2017/04/11/senate-bill-267-saving-rural-colorado-with-even-more-debt-and-taxes/>

Who Is Using Heroin in Colorado?

by Haley Gray,
The Colorado Independent

State health and law enforcement agencies have a clearer picture than ever before of who is using heroin in Colorado and how users ended up addicted.

The Heroin Response Work Group, made up of about two dozen state and other organizations from public health, treatment, drug abuse prevention and law enforcement, released findings Thursday from an ambitious study of heroin use impacts and user demographics across the state. It spanned four years from 2011 to 2015. Members of the group say the report, Heroin in Colorado, is the most comprehensive compilation to date of data on who is using heroin in Colorado. Armed with these findings, the group plans next to figure out where gaps in its understanding of the problem exist and then to mobilize its members behind a plan of attack on the heroin epidemic. That plan would prioritize law enforcement-led referrals to treatment over criminal punishment. The group did not provide a specific

timeline for the follow-up phases of its plan.

According to the report, the number of Coloradans

reported by law enforcement increased more than 20-fold from 20 incidents in 2011 to 427 in 2015; and heroin overdose deaths



in treatment for heroin addiction increased 128 percent from 2011 to 2015; emergency medical services treatment of heroin

doubled from 79 in 2011 to 160 in 2015.

Who Uses Heroin

According to the data gathered, Colorado's heroin users are mostly male by about a 60-40 split between genders, but the share of women heroin users is growing. Heroin addiction in Colorado spanned races fairly evenly. A majority

"A majority are, however, under age 34 and about one-third of users are between ages 18 and 24."

overdose more than tripled in the same timeframe; incidence of heroin seizures

**HEROIN
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Online Sales Tax Law Changes?

by Sherrie Peif,
Complete Colorado

—DENVER, Colorado

In an unusual twist, Democrats on the Senate Finance Committee voted against their usual privacy protection platform.

Sen. Andy Kerr, (D-Jefferson) and Sen. Lois Court, (D-Denver) on Tuesday were no votes on a bill that would protect online shoppers' personal information. The measure, SB17-238, Notifications Regarding Online Purchases, passed 3-2 along a party line to advance out of committee.

The bill's sponsor, Chris Holbert, (R-Douglas) said the bill fixes a security issue with HB10-1193, dubbed the "Amazon Tax," which goes into effect July 1st after years in court over its constitutionality.

That bill requires online retailers who do not collect Colorado sales tax provide the Department of Revenue with a list

of customers who made purchases on which tax was not collected. It also requires retailers to notify purchasers of their state use tax obligation by email rather than first class mail.

Senate Bill 238 repeals both requirements.

Holbert testified that his bill prevents the state from acquiring information about consumers that standard brick and mortar retailers do not have to report, such as names, addresses, phone numbers and buying trends.

It protects consumers from possibly embarrassing situations if others in the house open the mail; it treats all businesses fairly; and it educates people about Colorado's use tax laws, according to Holbert.

Holbert pointed out that a saddle, for instance, bought by crossing state lines at a business in Cheyenne, doesn't have the same compliance requirements as the online

retailer under the current law, nor do businesses whose annual sales don't reach \$100,000 to Colorado consumers or people who purchase more than \$500 worth of goods.

"I think that's interesting," Holbert said. "Because, apparently, if you do purchase less than \$500 per year with one retailer, or that retailer does less than \$100,000 a year in business then we still trust people. But if it's more than those thresholds then the Fourth Amendment of the Constitution is just thrown out the window because the state of Colorado is going to subject people to an unreasonable search. You would still be free to shop online in Colorado, but you would no longer be free to do that with liberty because the heavy boot of government is stepping into your life."

Most who testified for the bill were in support. Kerr

**SALES TAX
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Fremont County Bulletin

News, Opinion, Commentary

IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

School Board Meetings:

**Cañon City
Fremont RE-1**
2nd and 4th Mon
5:30 p.m.
101 N. 14th St., Cañon City

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Carlson on Becoming a Professional Parliamentarian

by Charlotte Burrous,
The Crusader

While attending various meetings, he noticed people talking about needing a registered parliamentarian to run a meeting. That's when Gregory Carlson made a decision.

"I thought why don't I become one," he said. "That will fix the problem. I've read this book about three times. It's quite dense. It's 700 pages. You've got to read it very slowly because some of the sentences get long and complicated. I studied for the test on and off for about a year, but more intense studying for the past few months."

So he set out to become a registered parliamentarian by reading "Robert's Rules of Order" three different times. He also studied the book in order to become a registered parliamentarian, which is the second highest level. There's one more level, which is called a professional registered parliamentarian. In the future, he plans to take a class to earn that title.

His interest began while in Pauline Carochi's speech and debate class at Cañon City High School.

There's a category called 'congress', where you debate bills and make motions on those bills," Carlson said. "When I started studying the official 'Rob-



Gregory Carlson holds a Masters Degree in Education, and degrees in Economics, Mathematics and Political Science. He is a math instructor at Pueblo Community College, and runs a small programming business making games and education software. Gregory is the current Chairman of Fremont County Republicans.

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ert's Rules", I was happily surprised how similar it is to what we did in high school. That was my first introduction. I quickly realized in political meetings and even in the legislature how advantageous it is to really know the rules and procedure for getting the correct thing past and making the best motion possible.

He said there is a body of 1,200 questions possible on the test, which pulls

between 350 and 400 questions.

"You have to get an 85 percent or better to pass," Carlson said. "I averaged about 95 percent across the whole test."

While some people make this their livelihood, he said he doesn't plan to do that. People who work in this as a career can find positions in large corporations, where bylaws state

they need a professional registered parliamentarian on site.

"I'll probably just find some part time consulting here and there," Carlson added. "For example, many cities have in their budget a little bit of funding to bring new city council up to speed after an election."

He noted as the new chairman of the Fremont County Republicans, he wanted to have a background to be able to run the meetings.

In "Robert's Rules", when you're electing a new presiding officer or chairman, the number one factor should be their ability to preside. That's one of the 1,200 questions. I really wanted to know and be confident in running the meeting because everybody hates being in a meeting that doesn't end.

Carlson stated he had already used it at the state reorganizational meeting

because officers of the state Republican Party were just elected, along with bylaw amendments.

"There were several bylaw amendments that were poorly drafted and the meeting was going on awhile so I moved to refer three of them back to the bylaws committee for further review," Carlson continued. "Instead of calling for an up or down vote, we sent it back to the bylaws committee and it passed overwhelmingly because people liked the idea they would still be considered before they were nixed before they were voted on."

That portion of the meeting ended quicker because three amendments were voted on in one motion, he said.

The next level should be easier because he just has to take a class and have to log a certain amount of hours presiding or assisting then you obtain that level.

Events April 21- May 21

- **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.**

April 21, 10th Annual Fremont Hall of Fame will be held. Watch for more details in the near future.

April 22-23, The Third Annual Escape in Time to Steampunk and Wine will be held in Pioneer Park, one block north of Main Street on Pikes Peak and Second Streets in Florence. Events include Gold Canyon Gunfighters performances, group marriage vow renewals, carriage ride from Dawson, entertainment by Midnight Sun at the Steampunk Ball from 7 to 11 p.m. The Frost Mountain Clan, Bobby Dean, Sons of the Republic and the Bent Fork Family Band will also be performing throughout the weekend.

April 29, Cañon City's 5Health Fair will be offered from 7 a.m.-noon at Evangelical Free Church at 3000 E. Main St. in Cañon City.

May 21, Florence Merchants Car Show will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in downtown Florence. Registration on event day will be held in front of The Loralie Antique Mall. For more information, call 520-403-5204 or email dp31upton@yahoo.com.

Late City Attorney John D. Havens Honored

by Barbara Penezic,
The Crusader

Cañon City and Fremont County officials turned out in force to help honor the late John D. Havens. John was the City Attorney for 25 plus years before a lengthy battle with pancreatic cancer took his life November 3, 2016.

After remarking on how they had often gotten together after council meetings to finish discussing various problems and just enjoy some good conversation over a drink, (it is said the late city attorney enjoyed a good scotch). Councilman Dennis Wied and former Mayor George Turner toasted their longtime friend and associate during a dedication ceremony at the newly named, "John D. Havens City Hall."

Cheryl Havens said, "He would have been so honored. He would have been amazed. He would never

have dreamed of something like this. It is amazing."

Havens' sister, Suzanne Wilson added, "We are profoundly grateful to the city for this overwhelming honor."

City Councilman Dennis Wied recalled that his longtime friend never climbed a ladder unless someone was holding it at the bottom. Dennis said his friend had told him more than once, "You have to have a ladder holder or you can't go up the ladder. In a lot of ways, I consider John the ladder holder for Cañon City. He studied the issues, and he believed he couldn't make the right decision if he didn't get the foundation right."

Wied continued, "It was that foundation holding the ladder that I think pushed the city through to where it is today. He made some remarkable contributions to Cañon City."

This building represents some of John's principles. "This building is well constructed, built on a good foundation, it's going to endure for a very long time, and it's a repository of a great deal of knowledge... those are things you easily say about John."

John's brother, Bill Havens added, "The one thing I will never forget is how much John loved Cañon City." Beside his family, he had no greater love than Cañon City. People that worked for the city, he loved all of you, if it wasn't for you he couldn't have done what he did."

Former Mayor George Turner said simply, "That is the kind of man John was, he wanted to help people, and he did his best to help people."

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Trump May End What Clinton Started In Korea

North Korea communist dictator Kim Jong-un has been rattling the nuclear sabers and U.S. President Donald Trump isn't taking any chances. Trump, in a show of strength and warning, dispatched a U.S. Navy strike group into the west Pacific and there are reports that Seal Team Six is training to assassinate Jong un. Jong un has announced his intent to explode another underground nuclear bomb this week, and has threatened a nuclear strike on the U.S., perhaps using a submarine. Trump told Fox News that Jong-un "is doing the wrong thing," but refused to go into specifics about his military plan. North Korea would not have been part of the nuclear club if not for former President Bill Clinton. Let's roll back the clock to October 1994, where after 17 months of negotiations, President Bill Clinton committed the U.S. to a nuclear deal with communist North Korea. Clinton is quoted as saying, "This US-North Korean agreement will help to achieve a long-standing and vital American objective: an end to the threat of nuclear proliferation on the Korean peninsula." In a Heritage Foundation archives document, an October 20th letter to North Korean strongman Kim Jong Il, Clinton vastly expanded America's commitments under the formal agreement to finance fuel shipments and reactors, and to ease its long-standing trade embargo and move toward first-ever diplomatic relations with the North. Clinton's long-held belief on nuclear weapons was that if everyone had them, nobody would use them and the world would be a safer place.

On June 11, 1993, the U.S. agreed to not use force or nuclear weapons against North Korea if it remained in the nonproliferation treaty. North Korea continued to develop its nuclear weapons program. On October 18, 1994, President Bill Clinton signed a deal to give North Korea light water reactor nuclear technology if it stopped building nuclear weapons, saying, "Today all Americans should know that as a result of this achievement in Korea, our Nation will be safer and the future of our people more secure." In reality, the world is much more dangerous because of Clinton's reckless shenanigans. North Korea went on to develop nuclear weapons and to assist Iran in its nuclear weapons program. Where the immediate past "president" preferred the use of verbal diplomacy that allowed barbarians their way, Trump has shown no hesitancy to use military force against the world's bullies. While many in America look at Jong-un as a mentally-challenged little fat man always peering through binoculars, we need to realize that, thanks to Clinton, he has lethal power, and needs to be taken seriously.

Romans 12:18 says, "If it be possible, as much as lies in you, live peaceably with all men." Peace is a two-way street, especially when millions of lives are at stake. Sadly, Trump may be forced to end what Clinton foolishly began.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!

Bill Wilson

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Second Opinion From Doctor Nets DIFFERENT Diagnosis 88% of Time, Study Finds

by Daniel Steingold, StudyFinds.Org

ROCHESTER, Minn. — When it comes to treating a serious illness, two brains are better than one. A new study finds that nearly 9 in 10 people who go for a second opinion after seeing a doctor are likely to leave with a refined or new diagnosis from what they were first told.

Researchers at the Mayo Clinic examined 286 patient records of individuals who had decided to consult a second opinion, hoping to determine whether being referred to a second specialist impacted one's likelihood of receiving an accurate diagnosis.

The study, conducted using records of patients referred to the Mayo Clinic's General Internal Medicine Division over a two-year period, ultimately found that when consulting a second opinion, the physician only confirmed the original diagnosis 12 percent of the time.

Among those with updated diagnoses, 66 percent received a refined or redefined diagnosis, while 21 percent were diagnosed with something completely different than what their first physician concluded.

"Effective and efficient treatment depends on the right diagnosis," says lead researcher Dr. James Naessens

in a Mayo news release. "Knowing that more than one out of every five referral patients may be completely [and] incorrectly diagnosed is troubling — not only because of the safety risks for these patients prior to correct diagnosis, but also because of the patients we assume are not being referred at all."

"Study found...when consulting a second opinion, the physician only confirmed the original diagnosis 12 percent of the time."

Considering how health insurance companies often limit the ability of patients to visit multiple specialists, this figure could be seen as troubling.

Combine this with the fact that primary care physicians are often overly-confident in their diagnoses, not to mention how a high number of patients feel amiss about questioning their diagnoses, a massive issue is revealed.

"Referrals to advanced specialty care for undifferentiated problems are an essential component of patient care," says Naessens. "Without adequate

resources to handle undifferentiated diagnoses, a potential unintended consequence is misdiagnosis, resulting in treatment delays and complications, and leading to more costly treatments."

The researchers acknowledged that receiving a completely different diagnosis could result in a patient facing otherwise unexpected expenditures, "but the alternative could be deadly."

According to the release, The National Academy of Medicine cites diagnostic error as an important component in determining the quality of health care in its new publication, *Improving Diagnosis in Health Care*:

Despite the pervasiveness of diagnostic errors and the risk for serious patient harm, diagnostic errors have been largely unappreciated within the quality and patient safety movements in health care. Without a dedicated focus on improving diagnosis, these errors will likely worsen as the delivery of health care and the diagnostic process continue to increase in complexity.

The study was published in the *Journal of Evaluation in Clinical Practice*.

Please see: <https://www.studyfinds.org/second-opinion-doctor-diagnosis-study/>

HALF of All Federal Arrests Are For Immigration-Related Crimes

THE DAILY CALLER NEWS FOUNDATION

by Will Racke, Daily Caller News Foundation

Federal law enforcement is making a higher share of arrests for immigration crimes than it ever has before, while the number of drug and firearms arrests continues to fall.

A Pew Research Center analysis of data from the Bureau of Justice Statistics shows that 50 percent of the 165,265 total arrests made by the federal government in 2014 were for immigration-related offenses.

In 2004, that figure was 28 percent.

Drug and firearms arrests, on the other hand, have dropped over the past 10 years. The share of federal arrests for narcotics crimes fell from 23 percent in 2004 to 14 percent in 2014. Gun arrests declined from seven

percent to four percent over the same period.

The expanding share of immigration arrests highlights the burden of policing immigration crime, which has grown heavier over the last decade. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), which is responsible for any federal crimes involving the illicit crossing of people and contraband across the U.S. border, surpassed the Department of Justice as the government's top arresting agency in 2007, Pew reported.

Immigration arrests have risen along with the rapid growth of DHS over the past decade. Customs and Border Protection, the agency which oversees the U.S. Border Patrol, had huge increases in staffing during the mid-to-late 2000s, Pew noted. Between 2004 and 2010, the number of Border Patrol agents jumped from 10,819 to 20,558.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics data also show that federal law enforcement of all types of crime has become concentrated on violations by non-citizens along the U.S.-Mexico border.

In 2014, 61 percent of all federal arrests were of non-U.S. citizens, up from 43 percent in 2004. The share of arrests of U.S. citizens, on the other hand, fell to 39 percent from 57 percent a decade ago.

A disproportionate amount of arrests took place in areas near the southern border. Just five federal judicial districts bordering Mexico—one each in Arizona, California, and New Mexico, plus two in Texas—accounted for 61 percent of all federal arrests, regardless of crime category. Those districts produced 40 percent of federal arrests in 2004.

The Pew report noted that arrest figures for immigration offenses, which in-

clude crimes like crossing the border illegally and human smuggling, are not the same as migrant apprehensions or deportations.

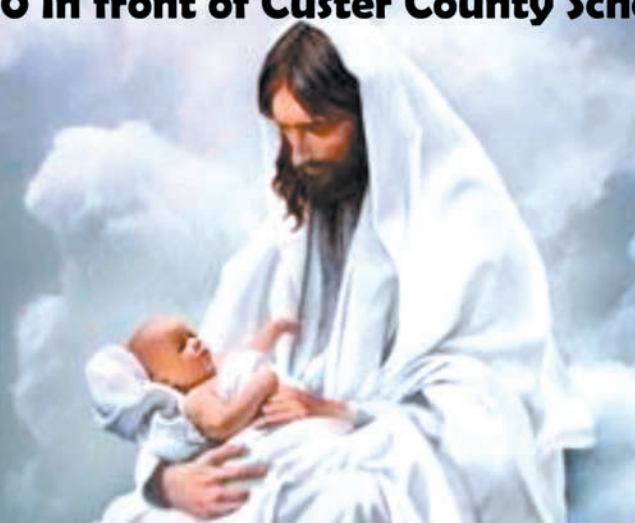
Apprehensions are cases in which foreign nationals are caught in the U.S. without proper documentation, and can include both civil and criminal violations. Arrests are cases in which individuals are booked for criminal violations of federal immigration laws, Pew said.

Please see: <http://daily-callernewsfoundation.org/2017/04/10/pew-report-half-of-all-federal-arrests-are-for-immigration-related-crimes/>

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GOP House Has Funded Planned Parenthood for SIX YEARS

by Terence P. Jeffrey,
CNSNews.com

The Republican-controlled House of Representatives has permitted federal tax dollars to continue flowing to Planned Parenthood—the nation’s leading abortion provider—for six years since the Republicans took back control of the House in 2011, after their victories in the 2010 elections.

Every appropriations bill enacted since 2011 that could either have permitted or prohibited funding of Planned Parenthood has permitted it.

pose to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc. or any of the following affiliates of Planned Parenthood Federation of America.”

The amendment then listed 102 specific Planned Parenthood affiliates around the country.

“I believe that ending an innocent human life is morally wrong,” Pence said on the House floor on February 17, 2011, when making the argument for his amendment.

“But I rise tonight because I also believe it’s morally wrong to take the taxpayer

That spending law did permit funding of Planned Parenthood.

Since then, the Republicans have maintained control of the House while also winning control of the Senate (in the 2014 elections) and the White House (in the 2016 elections). But, as of today, federal funding of Planned Parenthood continues.

Last September, then-candidate Donald Trump sent a letter to pro-life leaders. In this letter, Trump said: “I am committed to: ... Defunding Planned Parenthood as long as they

“Every appropriations bill enacted since 2011 that could either have permitted or prohibited funding of Planned Parenthood has permitted it.”

Article 1, Section 9, Clause 7 of the Constitution says: “No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law.” As a result, unless the House of Representatives enacts legislation that permits money to be drawn from the Treasury and given to Planned Parenthood, no federal money can go to Planned Parenthood.

According to a report published this month by the Congressional Research Service (CRS), Planned Parenthood received \$553.7 million in tax dollars from federal, state and local governments in the year that ended on June 30, 2015.

That equaled 43 percent of Planned Parenthood’s funding for that year, according to CRS.

In the year that ended on September 30, 2014, according to Planned Parenthood’s latest annual report, Planned Parenthood did 323,999 abortions.

When the Republican House majority elected in 2010 came to power in January 2011, the legislation then funding the federal government was set to expire on March 4th.

As the House debated a new funding bill to keep the government running past that date, then-Rep. Mike Pence (R.-Ind.) offered an amendment to “deny any and all funding” to Planned Parenthood.

“None of the funds made available by this Act,” the amendment said, “may be made available for any pur-

dollars of millions of pro-life Americans and use it to fund organizations that provide and promote abortion—like Planned Parenthood of America,” Pence said.

“The amendment that I bring to the floor tonight,” Pence said, “would deny any and all funding to Planned Parenthood Federation of America and its affiliates for the rest of the fiscal year.”

“Let’s end the taxpayer support of Planned Parenthood,” Pence said. “The Pence Amendment’s purpose is to do simply that and, in so doing, to stand with the American people, to stand with the American taxpayer, and to stand without apology for the sanctity of human life.”

Pence’s amendment won bipartisan support in the House and was approved by a roll call vote of 240 to 185.

Among the 10 Democrats who voted for Pence’s amendment was then-Rep. Joe Donnelly of Indiana, who is now a senator from Indiana.

The omnibus spending bill carrying Pence’s Planned Parenthood defunding measure passed the House on February 19, 2011, by a vote of 235 to 189.

However, it was opposed by the leadership of the then-Democrat-controlled Senate.

On March 2, 2011, House Speaker John Boehner put through a two-week spending bill that Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid agreed to support and that President Barack Obama signed.

continue to perform abortions, and re-allocating their funding to community health centers that provide comprehensive health care for women.”

The current law funding the government, which was passed by a lame-duck Congress and signed by then-President Barack Obama on December 9, 2016, expires on April 28th. By that day, the Republican Congress must pass and President Trump must sign a new law to fund the government.

It will either permit or not permit funding of Planned Parenthood.

The 323,999 abortions that Planned Parenthood says it did in the year that ended on June 30, 2014 would equal about 888 abortions per day—if Planned Parenthood clinics were open all 365 days of the year and did abortions on every day of the year.

They would equal about 37 each hour—if Planned Parenthood did their abortions 24 hours a day 365 days a year.

The House Republican leadership’s reconciliation bill to reform Obamacare, which was never brought up for a vote on the House floor, would have denied Medicaid funding to Planned Parenthood for one year.

Please see: <http://www.cnsnews.com/news/article/terence-p-jeffrey/republican-house-has-funded-planned-parent-hood-6-years>



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health insurance premiums. I mention the bill because, should it pass, options will be available for premium assistance. There is one catch – the assistance will be on a

first-come first-served basis. If you feel you might qualify, please follow the bill closely. As soon as the bill would go into effect, you would need to apply immediately in order to be at the first of the line.

As you wait in eager an-

ticipation for the final bills to come down to the wire, please feel free to call my office in the Capitol with any questions/concerns at 303-866-2747 or send me an e-mail: wilsonforhd60@gmail.com or james.wilson.house@state.co.us.

On Boys Winning Girls' Sports Trophies

by Joy Pullman,
The Federalist

The latest girls' 100 and 200-meter dash winner from Cromwell High School in Connecticut has some broad shoulders, manly biceps and a mustache — because he's not a girl. The power of social stigma is strong enough, however, in this politically and culturally Left community to coerce an entire girls' track team and their families to affirm an idea their eyes and experiences can easily disprove and which is directly harmful to their own aspirations and children.

Just listen to the 15-year-old transgender youth's mother explain why she is willing to say that her obviously male son, who also has not taken drugs nor undergone surgery to mimic femininity, is a female. She thinks helping him affirm the truth will cause him to take illicit drugs or kill himself in revenge upon his community for refusing to affirm a lie: "The decision to be supportive was easy, right? Because she can be whoever she wants to be, but what she won't be is suicidal, she won't be an addict, she won't be, you know, dependent on other ways to feel good. She needs to be herself. And if that means I support her in her transition as a trans-sex/transgender female, then that's what I do as a parent."

This is a real number to do on a mother, to tell her that her choice is between refashioning the entire world to fit a delusion or a dead child. It's a real number on a child, to tell him that he can be the center of an entire world fashioned around his fantasy if only he picks the currently politically correct fantasy, and that he should feel justified in threatening those who love him with suicide or other self-harm if they don't comply. "Nice little son ya got there. It'd be a shame if *anything*...happened to him."

Mass manipulation is the practice of an enslaved, totalitarian society, not a self-governing one. Transgender politics run on emotional manipulation rather than appeals to reason, tradition, and natural law that lead to informed consent from citizens. This is because reason, physical reality, and natural law oppose the trans lobby's political aims. They manipulate mothers with the threat of their children's suicide because it's effective, just like the mafia threatening business owners with harm to themselves or loved ones is effective.

But is it just? No. In the long run, allowing this scam facilitates popular delusions and expands injustice. Good therapists help their clients accept and live within reality; enablers try to protect their codependent partners from reality, and thereby make the problem worse. Even if this social delusion

is tough to counter, it is the right and necessary thing to do.

The Victims the Trans Lobby Doesn't Want You To See

Every time a boy places in a girls' sports competition he is necessarily displacing a girl. This is how competition works: it's a zero-sum game. There can only be one winner of the 100-yard dash, only one second-place, and so forth.

Not only is it not a fair competition to run someone with naturally higher testosterone levels, tougher bones, and higher muscle saturation against women who naturally have less of all these athletic-enhancing features (which is why we separate men and women's sports in the first place), every single time a boy does so, he is taking away opportunities that rightly belong to a girl: opportunities to win a trophy, gain self-confidence, push one's personal best, and develop momentum going into high-level competitions that can lead to scholarships and careers.

While the meet that sparked news coverage of this young man was only an early-season local meet, his times there would have netted him second place in the girls' state track championships last year in the 100-yard dash, and approximately tenth in the 200-yard dash. If he competed in the right division against boys, however, his times wouldn't likely even get him to state, as every single boy who performed at state last year bested his times in both events by a solid margin.

Now, he has room to develop,

work out socially, but major upheavals will be unavoidable. One that has already begun to hit is the implications of judicially and regulatorily expanding a variety of laws forbidding sex discrimination to also encompass sexual orientation and gender identity. The Seventh Circuit Court of Ap-

ability of the sexes. The Seventh Circuit majority in *Kimberly Hively v. Ivy Tech Community College* made it clear that since *Obergefell* concluded it's discriminatory to regard sex differences in marital coupling (i.e., to say that a male-male pair is in any way different than a male-fe-

regulations have accepted the LGBT advocacy groups' premise that sex distinctions are not important, laws and social activities based on those distinctions, which usually advantage women, are in jeopardy.

In a case also before the Seventh Circuit where a Wisconsin public school district wants a transgender girl to use a private shower instead of showering with the boys, since her demands violate the boys' privacy, "The key legal issue...is whether federal sex non-discrimination law—Title IX—which was intended to provide equal access for girls to educational opportunities—will instead be used for a purpose other than Congress intended."

The judge hearing that case was very aggressive with the school district lawyer despite his simple request that the girl get a sex change before she join naked activities with boys, calling that policy "separate but equal" and "Jim Crow." Well, ma'am, men and women are different but equal, and that's simply a fact of life. Sex differences are not the same as racial differences. It's not bigotry to point out that only a woman has a uterus and only a man has testicles (the rare intersex conditions that do exist are properly understood as disabilities, thereby being exceptions that prove the rule).

Obergefell is a head domino, and we're about to see it knock down a lot more sex-distinct policies. It's a pretty sure bet Americans did not expect tolerance for two consenting adults doing whatever behind closed doors to become a spearhead for forcing naked boys to shower next to naked girls and make girls second-class players on their own fields. That's what happens when you base social policy on feelings retroactively justified by pretend reasoning, and use courts as a major vehicle for turning those feelings into policy rather than through elected officials more responsive to legislating by consent.

Please see: <http://thefederalist.com/2017/04/11/boys-will-keep-winning-girls-sports-trophies-willing-re-assert-sex-distinctions/>

"Every time a boy places in a girls' sports competition he is necessarily displacing a girl."

peals recently wrote sexual identity as a protected class into the portion of a 1964 law forbidding sex discrimination, Title VII. The 8-3 majority took the opportunity

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granted by the Supreme Court's *Obergefell* decision legalizing gay marriage to expand the word "sex" to mean not just male or female biology, as was under-

"This is also how laws that were intended to protect women (like Title IX) are being transmogrified to provide special advantages for men..."

since he's just a freshman, but that's how things stand right now. Playing a boy as a girl is unfair, and it always was going to be, since — newflash — men and women's bodies are different.

When The Sexes Are Considered Interchangeable

Even transgender adult males who are taking cross-sex hormones are hard for women to beat. Just ask Canadian female cyclists, or the female MMA fighters against Fallon Fox. Obviously as it grows this trend will erode sex distinctions in sports events. The International Association of Athletics Federations already struggles to define male or female-ness for competition purposes due to a handful of intersex and transgender competitors, notably runner Caster Semenya.

This will take a long time to

stood at the time the employment discrimination law was enacted, but also one's sexual self-understanding and behavior.

How are the gay marriage and trans issues connected? With the legal supposition of interchange-

male pair, even though men and women are physically distinct beings and one of each required to create children) it's also discriminatory to regard sex differences in potential employees' choice of sexual partners.

Both gay marriage and transgender policies hinge on people agreeing that a man can be *essentially the same thing* as a woman, and vice versa. Marriage, as a keystone in law, once legally genderless allows for de-sexing other institutions. This assumption in *Obergefell*, now embedded in Supreme Court precedent, is therefore also affecting rules about sex differences in many other forms. Such as school sports and bathrooms.

That's the connection to a pile of federal regulations that have a huge effect on a variety of social policies. For example, under President Obama the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission, Education Department, and Department of Justice all announced they would read various statutes prohibiting sex discrimination to also encompass gender identity, even though this contradicts the majority of the related jurisprudence and regulatory interpretations since the laws were enacted.

Turning Protections for Women Against Both Sexes

This is also how laws that were intended to protect *women* (like Title IX) are being transmogrified to provide special advantages for men who choose to masquerade as women. Once laws and

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Not only when engaging a target, but also when drawing or replacing the gun from or back into your holster, purse, fanny pack, gun case. This includes covering your own hands, arms and legs when drawing/holstering the gun.

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"The Founders Couldn't Have Imagined Assault Rifles," She Blogged

by Bob Owens,
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Consistently, the dumbest argument put forward by gun control supporters is the idea that the Founding Fathers—one of the best-educated and most intelligent groups of men ever assembled in world history—simply couldn't have imagined that modern firearms could be invented, and so that the natural right of citizens to own these rifles couldn't possibly exist.

This is of course an argument from a position of deep ignorance, as multi-shot, magazine-fed weapons were already around for hundreds of years prior to the writing of the Second Amendment.

Further, the same Founding Fathers who privately owned muskets, rifles, mortars, cannons, and war ships capable of reducing a coastal city into rubble also owned multi-shot, magazine-fed weapons like the Girandoni (first fielded in combat in the 1770s in Europe) Thomas Jefferson sent west with Lewis and Clark.

David Kopel does a savage takedown of this absurd argument so often made by gun control supporters

via televisions and smart phones, on blogs and via social media apps, which they insist they have the right to do, despite their truly unimaginable technology.

Gun-control advocates often argue that gun-control laws must be more restrictive than the original meaning of the Second Amendment would allow, because modern firearms are so different from the firearms of the late 18th century. This argument is based on ignorance of the history of firearms. It is true that in 1791 the most common firearms were handguns or long guns that had to be reloaded after every shot. But it is not true that repeating arms, which can fire multiple times without reloading, were unimaginable in 1791. To the contrary, repeating arms long predate the 1606 founding of the first English colony in America. As of 1791, repeating arms were available but expensive.

This article explains why the price of repeating arms declined so steeply. Then it describes some of the repeating arms that were already in use when the Second Amendment was ratified, including the 22-shot rifle that was later car-

ried on the Lewis and Clark expedition.

One of the men to credit for why repeating arms became much less expensive during the 19th century is James Madison, author of the Second Amendment. During Madison's presidency (1809-17), Secretary of War James Monroe (who would succeed Madison as president), successfully promoted legislation to foster the development of firearms technology. In particular, the federal armories at Springfield, Mass., and Harpers Ferry, Va., were ordered to invent the means of producing firearms with interchangeable parts.

To function reliably, repeating firearms must have internal components that fit together very precisely — much more precisely than is necessary for single-shot firearms. Before President Madison and Secretary Monroe started the manufacturing revolution, firearms were built one at a time by craftsmen. Making a repeating arm required much more time and expertise than making a single-shot firearm. How to make repeating arms was well-known, but making them at a labor cost the av-

erage person could afford was impossible.

Thanks to the technology innovation labs created at Springfield and Harpers Ferry, inventors found ways to manufacture firearms components at a higher rate, and with more consistency for each part. Instead of every part being made by hand, parts were manufactured with machine tools (tools that make other tools). For example, the wooden stocks for rifles could be repetitively manufactured with such precision that any stock from a factory would fit any rifle from the factory, with no need for craftsmen to shave or adjust the stock.

Kopel goes on to note that we do not limit any right to 18th Century technologies, a fact specifically mentioned by the United States Supreme Court's Heller decision.

Gun control simply doesn't have a constitutional leg to stand on, which gun control supporters would know if they used Google.

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Young Girls Stood Up: Pro-Gun Legislation Awaits Iowa's Governor's Signature

by Jenn Jacques,
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Iowa Governor Terry Branstad will return from China this week to find a slew of pro-gun changes on his desk ready for his signature.

Branstad said he expects to sign legislation enacting pro-gun changes to Iowa's firearms laws after he and his staff review the House File 517 provisions the IA House approved on Thursday.

"Obviously, we want to review it in its final form, but generally I've been a strong supporter of the Second Amendment and I believe the legislation passed with bipartisan support with a pretty strong margin," Branstad said in an interview Friday. "I'm inclined to be supportive but I want to reserve judgment until I get a chance to review it in its final form."

"Iowans deserve their freedoms back. They deserve their liberties



Meridith Gibson and her family were in the balcony of the Iowa Senate Tuesday to witness the 33-17 vote in favor of HF 517.

Courtesy photo

back," the bill's author Rep. Matt Windschitl told the *Des Moines Register*. "While this is not everything that me, personally, would like to see advanced here today, it is the most monumental piece of Second Amendment legislation this state has ever seen."

Included in HF 517 are:

- Stand Your Ground – Under HF 517 a law-abiding citizen would have no duty to retreat from any place where the person is lawfully present before using force to defend themselves.
- Capitol Carry – Prevents the Director of the Department of Administrative Services from prohibiting the otherwise lawful carrying, transportation, or possession of any handgun in or on any capitol buildings.

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Judicial Watch Sues ATF Over Attempted AR-15 Ammo Ban

by Tim Brown,
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In February 2015, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) attempted to ban a popular AR-15 ammunition, 5.56/.223 (SS109/M855) green tips. Though they had no constitutional authority to ban any ammo, much less be an actual agency, they backed down due to the outrage of American patriots. Now, government watchdog Judicial Watch is suing the ATF for records related to the bureau reportedly reconsidering reclassification of ammunition as “armor piercing.”

Judicial Watch announced on Monday that it had filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the ATF in which it seeks “records of communications related to a proposed

reclassification that would effectively ban certain types of AR-15 ammunition as armor-piercing.”

The lawsuit was filed after the bureau failed to respond to the March 9, 2015 deadline on the ban effort. The lawsuit seeks, “all records of communications, including emails, to or from employees or officials of the ATF related to the decision to revise the ATF 2014 Regulation Guide to no longer exempt 5.56 mm. SS109 and M855 (i.e., ‘green tip’ AR-15) ammunition from the definition of ‘armor-piercing’ ammunition.”

“In March 2015, more than 200 members of Congress wrote to former ATF director Todd Jones expressing their ‘serious concern’ that the proposal might violate the Second Amendment by restricting ammunition that

had been primarily used for ‘sporting purposes,” reports Judicial Watch. “The letter asserts the ATF’s move ‘does not comport with the letter or spirit of the law and will interfere with Second Amendment rights by disrupting the market for ammunition that law abiding Americans use for sporting and other legitimate purposes.”

The statutory definition of “armor-piercing ammunition” is found at 18 U.S.C §921(a)(17).

(17)(A) The term “ammunition” means ammunition or cartridge cases, primers, bullets, or propellant powder designed for use in any firearm.

(B) The term “armor piercing ammunition” means-

(i) a projectile or projectile core which may be used in

a handgun and which is constructed entirely (excluding the presence of traces of other substances) from one or a combination of tungsten alloys, steel, iron, brass, bronze, beryllium copper, or depleted uranium; or

(ii) a full jacketed projectile larger than .22 caliber designed and intended for use in a handgun and whose jacket has a weight of more than 25 percent of the total weight of the projectile.

(C) The term “armor piercing ammunition” does not include shotgun shot required by Federal or State environmental or game regulations for hunting purposes, a frangible projectile designed for target shooting, a projectile which the Attorney General finds is primarily intended to be used for sporting purposes,

es, or any other projectile or projectile core which the Attorney General finds is intended to be used for industrial purposes, including a charge used in an oil and gas well perforating device.

There are several things in the statute to consider. First, this is with regards to bullets, not that cartridge. Additionally, you will note that the specification would be that these rounds were made for “handguns.”

Second, the round must be made entirely of the metals mentioned in the list. It also must be a “full jacketed projectile larger than .22 caliber designed and intended for use in a handgun and whose jacket has a weight of more than 25 percent of the total weight of the projectile.” SS109/M855 do not fall into this category as the core of the

round is partially lead and part steel. Note that lead is not even included in the statute.

“This is yet another example of how Obama’s wanton use of the ‘pen and the phone’ attempted to undermine the constitutional rights of all Americans, as opposed to upholding the rule of law,” said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. “The Obama ATF simply ignored our request on their ammo ban. Let’s hope the Trump administration finally brings transparency to this out-of-control agency.”

Please see: <http://freedomoutpost.com/watchdog-group-sues-atf-to-find-out-why-they-attempted-to-classify-ar-15-ammo-as-armor-piercing/>

Judge Angry That Media Savvy Officer Is Derailing Political Show Trial

by Bob Owens,
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An Oklahoma judge is upset that Tulsa Police Officer Betty Shelby was smart enough to use the same media that is attempting to crucify her in a politically-motivated show trial to get her side of the story out in front of the public.

A judge has reprimanded a white Oklahoma police officer accused in the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man for discussing the case on national TV.

Tulsa officer Betty Jo Shelby gave her first interview since the September 16th shooting to CBS’ “60 Minutes” on Sunday.

Judge Doug Drummond issued the formal rebuke Thursday, cautioning attorneys that further publicity could jeopardize the chance of conducting an impartial trial.

“It is obvious this case has drawn significant media interest nationwide since the beginning,” Drummond wrote in the five-page order. “The court is, at a minimum, hopeful that all parties ... recognize that pretrial publicity potentially hampers prospects for a fair and impartial trial for both sides.”

Officer Shelby, cross-trained as a PCP intoxication expert, came across a SUV abandoned in the middle of the road, straddling the centerline. Terence Crutcher, the vehicle’s driver, then appeared on the scene, and stalked Shelby around her vehicle. Crutcher refused to follow commands from the officer. Shelby recognized the signs of PCP intoxication, knew that people on PCP were unusually dangerous, and immediately called for backup.

An air unit was first to respond,

and filmed Crutcher slowly walked away from Shelby back to the driver’s side of the SUV just as Officer Tyler Turnbough arrived as backup. As Turnbough knew Shelby had her gun drawn, he opted to draw his taser in case they needed a less-lethal option. Due to auditory exclusion (which hits approximately 80-percent of people under high stress as they hyper-focus on potential threats), Officer Shelby was unaware that Officer Turnbough was beside and slightly behind her.

The helicopter video captures the moment Terence Crutcher lowers his hands and reaches through the partially open window of the SUV.

Immediately recognizing behavior consistent with an attempt to acquire a weapon, Shelby and Turnbough fired their weapons simultaneously. Shelby’s single, justifiable shot struck proved to be fatal.

A law enforcement investigation into the shooting was winding down and was apparently reaching the obvious conclusion that Shelby’s decision to fire was justified by Crutcher’s actions when Tulsa District Attorney Steve Kunzweiler leapt to file charges in what appears to be a politically craven attempt to stop a race riot from occurring after Black Lives Matter supporters threatened to riot that very weekend if Shelby wasn’t charged.

Kunzweiler announced he was charging Shelby right before the weekend, and without any evidence she’d done anything other than follow her training and fire in lawful self-defense.

It’s a sad state of affairs that Judge Drummond hasn’t dismissed the case outright. No wonder he doesn’t want the case publicized. I’m glad that Officer Shelby’s attorneys were smart enough to get her side of the incident aired to show just

how absurd this case against Officer Shelby was before her show trial begins.

If there’s any justice at all, the case will be dismissed very early, and Kunzweiler will be forced to issue a groveling apology.

Let me make something very, very clear.

People who refuse to comply with lawful commands from police officers and reach into vehicles are a lethal force threat and must be treated as such.

The infamous murder of Deputy Kyle Dinkheller shows what may happen when law enforcement officers allow noncompliant suspects to reach into their vehicles. Dinkheller’s murder is used as a training video in law enforcement academies nationwide as an example of why officers must engage a suspect reaching into a vehicle.

Officer Betty Jo Shelby and Officer Tyler Turnbough saw a non-compliant, PCP-abusing Terence Crutcher ignore repeated police commands and reach in through the open window of his vehicle.

Both officers followed their training. Both officers fired their weapons.

Both officers did the right thing.

If anyone should be on trial here, it should be Tulsa District Attorney Steve Kunzweiler, a man apparently more interested in appeasing threatening mobs shrieking for “social justice” than dealing with the facts of a relatively simple and justified shooting of a non-compliant suspect.

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• Permit Privacy – The bill restricts the use and disclosure of information acquired about holders of nonprofessional permits to carry weapons and permits to acquire firearms. The Commissioner of Public Safety and any issuing officer (County Sheriff) would be required to keep confidential all personally identifiable information about such individuals, except for expressly authorized disclosures.

• Youth Shooting and Parental Rights – HF 517 would give Iowa youth under the age of 14 the ability to learn handgun safety only “under the direct supervision” of a parent or other specified responsible, authorized adult in a safe and responsible way.

Despite the fact youth shooters are legally able to handle and shoot shotguns, rifles, AR-15s, even Uzis under current gun laws, opponents of the bill continue their claims that to allow shooters under the age of 14 to handle handguns specifically poses a threat.

“We should make decisions based on those things that can potentially happen and legislate to reduce the risk of those potential mishaps,” said Rep. Ras Smith, D-Waterloo. “I think that’s part of what we do here on a daily basis. We make decisions and we think critically about the unintended consequences.”

Under the current law, Iowa residents like Meredith Gibson, a youth 3-gun shooter, can practice the rifle and shotgun portion of her sport in IA but law dictates her parents must drive her into neighboring Illinois if she wants to

work on her handgun skills.

After his youngest daughter Natalie was escorted out of a gun range in Iowa when they began their journey into 3-gun, Nathan Gibson said his daughters “asked to start going down to the capital and they worked with Iowa Firearms Coalition, a local NRA affiliate, non-profit, to draft a bill to basically strike the age in the law, so it’s basically up to parental discretion to determine when it’s best.”

In fact, from there, Meredith and Natalie Gibson not only stood on the capital steps every day after school lobbying lawmakers to amend the state’s outdated law, they actively campaigned to unseat Democratic Senator Steven Sodders played politics, actively thwarting the girls hard-earned victories.

“We (had) thirty-seven senators that support us, but Senator Sodders doesn’t want to give it to one of those people who support us,” Natalie said.

“When I get into the competition I need to be able to practice, but I can’t practice,” Meredith said. “I always have to go, like, out of state to practice and it’s just so frustrating.”

If Branstad signs the pro-gun bills this week, the Gibson girls said they’ll proudly be on hand for the signing of a law they worked so hard to change.

Personally, I could **not** be prouder of these young ladies and applaud the entire Gibson family for their tireless efforts and dedication to fight for these changes!

Please see: <https://bearingarms.com/jenn-j/2017/04/10/pro-gun-legislation-awaits-governors-signature-in-iowa/>

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.

Russia's Real Interest

When President Trump pulled the trigger on Syria, several things became increasingly obvious. The democrats and their allies in the media have made every determined effort to convince the public that the Russians somehow swayed the recent presidential election. This charge has been predicated upon the allegation that Mr. Trump had a cozy relationship with Putin and a Soviet interest. Sixty tomahawk missiles fired at Russia's puppet state blast a huge hole in that theory.

Common sense, which seems to be in short supply these days, would suggest that if Russians would have favored anyone, it would have been Hillary. As noted recently in the Daily Jot, "while Mrs. Clinton was Secretary of State: nuclear grade uranium to Russia scoring \$145 million to the Clinton Foundation, Bill Clinton's \$500,000 speech in Moscow, Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta's \$35 million energy deal with Russia, Clinton Foundation receipt of \$2.35 million in donations from Ian Telfer, head of Russia's uranium company," were a few of some shady dealings. It stands to reason that Russia would benefit greatly if the past relationship with Hillary were to continue.

The President had strongly advocated a strict immigration policy which would temporarily prevent people from terrorist occupied countries to enter the U.S. This has served as fodder for liberals to accuse Mr. Trump of being anti-Muslim, racist and mean-spirited. Bashar al-Assad was just notified in very clear terms that the gassing of Muslim adults, children and babies would not be tolerated. The rhetoric of the Left and the actions of the President cannot be reconciled; therefore, the only logical conclusion points to another faulty liberal spin job.

We can recall when Barack Obama, John Kerry and Susan Rice all trotted out in front of cameras to inform America that all chemical weapons had been removed from Syria because a deal with Russia had been brokered to do so. The new administration simply took action when the red line that Obama only talked about was crossed.

Not only was the "triangle of terror," put on notice (Russia, Syria, Iran) but North Korea should be paying attention. How ironic that the Chinese Communist Head Honcho was visiting at the time of the missile launchings. One can only speculate about the transmission of information, perhaps at the state dinner. "Oh, by the way, Mr. Xi Jinping, we are sending 60 million dollars of ordinance to make an impression on al-Assad; if not successful we have more. Incidentally, when you think of it, your maniac friend over

in North Korea needs to know there is a new sheriff in town. It would be kind of you to send him that message. Please pass the salt."

It has long been understood that Russia has great interest in keeping Assad propped up to advance Putin's agenda of Middle East encroachment which is meant to replace the United States as the regions power broker. Several years ago when Russia began her expansionist attitude, a newspaper editorial read, "Russia's incursion into Georgia this week is proof once more that the Russian bear is a dangerous beast." The words bear and beast caught my attention because it is Bible language attributed to Russia and Satellite Allies. Another paper submitted: "The old Russian bear, it appears, is waking up from hibernation. Its claws are sharpened, and a pro-Western and democratized Georgia is its first blood." Since that writing the Ukrainian territory of Crimea has fallen to Soviet invasion and was annexed by the Russian Federation on March 18, 2014.

According to Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia, the Russian bear is a national personification for Russia used in cartoons and articles at least since the 19th century. One of two things is true; a multitude of writers and cartoonists are Bible readers, or God just got lucky 2,500 years ago when they utilized present day terminology and predicted latter day events so accurately...or perhaps a third option should be considered. The Scriptures may be the revelation of a divine source with an uncanny ability to predict the future. The prophet Daniel saw in a vision a beast likened unto a bear, raised up on its side with three ribs in its mouth (Daniel 7:5). Clearly, this is a dominating kingdom (verse 17) which has little regard for the freedom of others. Daniel 11 labels this federation "the king of the north" and begins to narrow the focus until identification is obvious.

Ezekiel continues the theme by devoting two chapters (38 and 39) to the prophesy. His observations forecast a confederation of countries led by Russia that will one day organize a military assault against Israel. Bible believers have the advantage of exposure to Bible prophesy. Not only does that information direct us to align ourselves with Israel, but also: "and they brought unto Him also infants, that He would touch them: but when His disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them unto Him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein." (Luke 18:15-17)

A Sheepdog Barks!

Something really good happened this last week. Something that's been missing from the military in a long, long time. A combatant commander fighting the enemy in the field was allowed to make his own decisions on how to most effectively kill the enemy with the least amount of risk. Former Presidents, starting with Carter, began calling the tactical shots from the White House. Then Bush, Clinton and Obama all continued to micromanage our field battles based on politics and over controlling rules of engagement (ROE) instead of the conditions on the battlefield. We have entered most conflicts in the last 30-40 years with not trusting our military commanders to fight to win. President Trump started a whole new conversation when he was campaigning. He repeatedly said we don't fight to win anymore and he was absolutely correct. Obama had no intentions to win; he only wanted to politically control a war. Our field commanders were forced to fight with their hands tied behind their backs and forced to struggle without all the tools, weapons and resources to back them up.

So the other day we all heard about this great big bomb (I refuse to say anything about a mother) that was used to kill over 100 bad guys. The MSM went nuts. "Oh, when did President Trump okay the use of the MOAB?" Even Fox News Channel was excited about getting the answers from the White House press conference. My first thought was why. Why would the President need to okay a bomb? Why would everyone even think he should have to approve the dropping of a non-nuclear bomb? Because we have come to believe in America that the President has to be involved in every single detail of fighting. When reporters yelled questions at the President his answer was fabulous. "Go ask the Department of Defense. I gave them permission to fight to win and do whatever they needed to do." It was so refreshing to hear something like that. I was ecstatic. Finally a field combatant commander made a simple battle field decision that didn't take presidential approval. The press couldn't believe it. They just couldn't wrap their minds around such a concept. It's been far too long that a Commander in Chief has trusted his mil-

itary leaders to prosecute a war. And also to fight to win! Way to go President Trump. Three woofs to you. WOOF! WOOF! WOOF!

Americans have one other big problem with our national security actions. They feel like they need to know everything. All week long the media demanded to know if the USA had something to do with the failure of the North Korean rocket launch. They all tried to get answers about whether or not we were able to destroy it with a cyber-attack. Let's say we did. We sure wouldn't want that insane idiot child to know we had that kind of power. That kind of information needs to remain secret. What the enemy doesn't know he can't fix. Reminds me of when the press reported we could listen in to Osama Bin Laden and his boys on satellite phone calls. They started using messengers and we lost a lot of good intelligence. Wise up people. Leave it alone! WOOF!

Came across some real doozies lately from the LPSDs. The far left loonies are still hard at work in ruining our country. Here are a few Only In A Liberal Progressive America (OIALPA) stories:

OIALPA: Sorry I missed where this happened but that's really not that important. What's important is to realize the LPSDs continue to control our schools and continue to do dumb things. An elementary school has banned, drum roll please, WONDER WOMAN LUNCH BOXES! Yes, you read that correctly. Why? you might ask. Too violent is the answer. Wonder Woman might be too sexy, but she sure ain't too violent. She fights evil, crime and the bad guys with her "Lasso of Truth." They must be kidding, right? NO, here is a part of the statement that was sent home with the little girl that dared to bring this violent woman image to school. "We have established that the children not bring any violent images into the building in ANY fashion - on their clothing, backpacks..." It was reported that violent images meant any superhero characters. Good Grief! If the parents in that community allow whomever "we" is to continue teaching their children then they deserve exactly what they have. WOOF!

OIALPA: The Library of Con-



gress, Washington D.C. Students from Dartmouth College have petitioned the Library of Congress (LOC) to eliminate the words "illegal alien" from use. The LOC, in a politically correct move, will comply and not use the words in international subject headings. How sweet. That will really solve the big problems we have. Thank you so much Dartmouth. It's nice to know that America's higher learning efforts are bearing fruit. Now if we could just eliminate the words liberal, progressive, socialist and democrat things would really start to get better. WOOF!

OIALPA: South Bend, Indiana. The University of Notre Dame has always invited the sitting President to speak at its commencement exercises. This year the university leadership "chickened out" and passed over President Trump and invited Vice President Pence instead. They knew the "inmates" would go nuts about Trump so they bypassed him. That wasn't good enough for all the little snowflakes at Notre Dame. They have complained to the University that having VP Pence give the commencement address is making them feel unsafe. Really? Unsafe! We are doomed. WOOF!

OIALPA: Madison, WI. The student government at the university of Wisconsin-Madison has voted to put free tampon machines in the men's bathrooms. You might be asking yourself - why would they do that? And why free? Well Student Government Representative Katrina Morrison cleared it all up with the following statement. She said "buying menstrual products is an unnecessary burden" and so this would ease the stress and obligations of transmen (aka women who identify as men) at the university. Well that clears it all up. Darn those pesky details when a woman doesn't want to be a woman. LPSDs are wackos. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



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are, however, under age 34 and about one-third of users are between ages 18 and 24. From 2011 to 2015, the average heroin user in Colorado became younger. The highest rate of heroin overdose in Colorado was found in Pueblo County.

The report included a voluntary survey of methadone clinic clients in the Denver-metro area that dove deeper into users' histories. About 70 percent of those respondents said they came to heroin by way of a pill bottle. Most said they had been prescribed opioid painkillers or used a friend's or family member's leftover prescription opioids. They then became addicted and later found themselves turning to heroin because it was cheaper, easier to get, or both. Nationwide, about 80 percent of heroin users say they first abused opioid pain-killers, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse. (NIDA also reports that the vast majority of people who misuse prescription painkillers do not go on to use heroin.)

Looking Ahead

At a press conference for the report's release Thursday, Tom Gorman, a long-time law enforcement officer who directs the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area task force, said he was optimistic about Colorado's efforts to reel in the crisis.

"Most said they had been prescribed opioid painkillers"

"Treatment, recovery, law enforcement and prevention are coming together to actively address this problem in a way that I've never—in my long, long, long career in drug policy—have I ever seen a statewide coalition form like this," Gorman said. "I'm excited about it ... We have got to put our [agencies'] differences behind us and come together."

In the past, Gorman said, treatment and law enforcement agencies haven't

worked together when it comes to heroin.

"We empathize with victims [of addict-caused crime], they [treatment agencies] empathize with the user. And I understand that, because their success rate is based on 'Can I get this person over heroin?'" Gorman said. "Our success rate is based on 'Can we reduce crime?' If the person's committing crime, then we put 'em in jail. But, if we treat 'em and get 'em off drugs, then we reduce crime [in the long run], and it's a win-win for both of us."

Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment Executive Director and Chief Medical Officer Larry Wolk said during the press conference that the work group is bracing itself for an uphill battle with insufficient funds.

The money available to combat the problem "is still far short of what we need, and even nationally what's needed, to address what we consider an epidemic," he said.

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Pinocchio Level 4

How could *Washington Post* Fact Checker, Glenn Kessler, the creator of the 'Pinocchio Level 1 through 4 Liar counter', possibly avoid awarding a Level 4 Pinocchio to Susan Rice, former National Security advisor to Obama, for her recent flip-flop on the unmasking of Donald Trump campaign, people?

In a March 22nd interview with Judy Woodruff, Rice denied ANY knowledge AT ALL of this, yet later admitted to unmasking names in a MSNBC interview on April 4th.

Didn't Ms. Rice say that the Obama Administration was able to get the Syrian government to voluntarily and verifiably give up its chemical weapons stockpile?

Isn't she the same person who, knowing it was not true, told the public that an anti-Islamic video caused the slaughter of four Americans at Benghazi? And said that Bowe Bergdahl "served the United States with honor and distinction"? HUH. What a NOSEJOB. Please Flush 4 times!

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and Court questioned their integrity and at times were harsh with the witnesses and Holbert.

Patti Kurgan with Americans for Prosperity said the bill as it is written links the Department of Revenue to online retailers and specific online customers.

"This is a privacy issue and will reveal information that does not concern the state," Kurgan said. "It can bring embarrassment or harm if this information is leaked to third parties. The state will expose shopping habits of

its citizens and can make assumptions, not all accurate, on someone's sexuality, political leanings, their guns, health and financial circumstances."

Mike Krause, from the Independence Institute*, a free-market think tank based in Denver, said the privacy concerns are very real, and that the 2010 law seemed to have been written entirely for the convenience of the government, at the expense of individual privacy.

"Part of the job of the legislature is that you often have to find a balance between the needs of enforcing the law and securing the rights and liberties of the citizenry,"

Krause said.

Krause said this bill does that by having companies email consumers about their yearly purchases and reminding them that they must pay Colorado taxes on them without exposing their online shopping to the state.

"I'd be shocked if compliance wasn't raised once people started receiving notices," Krause said.

The bill is now headed to appropriations.

Please see: <http://completecolorado.com/pagetwo/2017/04/05/bill-that-would-change-online-sales-tax-collections-clears-committee/>

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snow and sat down on the dry roadside. "I'm in trouble," I announced, as Lin checked me over. She immediately dialed 911, whispering a prayer of thanks that we had a cell signal, then found an aspirin in my backpack's first-aid kit. Downing that aspirin may have saved my life, according to an ER doctor.

The next hour was a blur. An ambulance from the clinic in Westcliffe was dispatched, but couldn't locate the Tanglewood address Linda had provided. A glitch in Google Maps and Mapquest always placed our cabin more than a mile from its actual location. Lin called Mattie Burr, one of the few locals we know, and Mattie gave Lin the EMTs' number, enabling direct communication with first responders.

Eventually, the ambulance found us. While EMT Molly Lentis slapped EKG leads on me, the driver backed between the trees to turn around—and promptly got stuck. What looked like dry ground covered in pine needles was really slicker-than-snot mud.

Molly said, "How do you feel about flying on a helicopter?"

No problem. "I've done a lot of flying," I answered. "That bad?" She assured me it was. My EKG was any-

thing but normal.

"Where do you want to go?" Molly asked.

"Penrose-St. Francis Main in Colorado Springs," where a stent had been installed in my right coronary artery back in 2005. Ironically, a tiny patch of plaque had peeled free of that 12-year-old stent, thanks to my snow-shoveling overexertion, which triggered a heart attack.

Linda's 911 call also launched a response by the Wet Mountain Fire Protection District. Soon, a big, beautiful wildland firefighting rig appeared and pulled the ambulance back onto the road. Arms hanging over Molly's and Chris Kochis's shoulders, I walked to the ambulance and plopped down on its gurney. We immediately headed down to the valley floor, where a Fight-for-Life helicopter would meet us.

Thankfully, two of those superb firefighters—Assistant Fire Chief Basil Lane and Chris LeCuyer—dug, pushed and rocked the Mazda until it was free of that patch of snow. One was kind enough to back the SUV about a quarter of a mile, rather than let Linda risk getting stuck trying to turn around.

My wife joined a group of firefighters and a sheriff's deputy as the medevac helicopter flared and settled onto a pasture west of the Dikeman place. I was loaded

aboard a Memorial Star helo, which immediately took off to the northeast. As we flew past what I believe was Cheyenne Mountain, my last conscious thought was, "I don't want to wake up a vegetable and be a burden on Linda."



Molly holds advanced Emergency Medical Technician credentials and recently successfully completed all the requirements for her Paramedic credentials and certification.

Photo by Commander H. A. "Buck" Wenzel, Ph.D. (Ret.)

As usual, my wife had stayed cool and calm, taking precisely the right actions at the right time. Thank God that smart, very capable girl had said "Yes" 47-plus years ago! She deserved far better than an invalid mate.

Linda drove two hours back to the Springs, wondering whether I'd made it or not. She finally tracked me down at Penrose Main's Critical

ICU Unit, where Dr. Carl Schooley explained what he and a superb team of medical professionals had done to save my life. They had installed another two stents, but, for whatever reason, my heart had gone into ventricular fibrillation, necessitating

I was kept sedated for three days, a breathing tube down my throat and a "balloon" inserted in my aorta to assist the heart. However, for a 70-year-old, I was in excellent physical condition and bounced back quickly, amazing every physician on my case.

On day six, after walking unaided around the cardiology ward's periphery, I was released. I'm now slowly recuperating at home and taking advantage of Penrose's excellent cardio-rehab exercise/education program. Hopefully, I'll be good to go within the next month or two.

I'm sharing this personal saga for several reasons. One, I want to thank Molly, Chris and every first responder who showed up to help Linda and me on that fateful Thursday. Molly Lentis definitely saved my life by making the decision to call in a medical evacuation helicopter. I would never have made it to Pueblo or Colorado Springs via ambulance, because I was in far worse shape than I realized. Molly and Chris Kochis made exactly the right calls at the right time. They're angels in this old boy's book.

Special "Thank Yous" also go to Basil Lane and Chris LeCuyer, the two firefighters who dug out our Mazda CX9, rather than maybe damage it by simply hooking a cable on the frame—or just driving away. They didn't leave Linda stranded, implying,

"Not our job. Call Triple-A." Would big-city firefighters have grabbed shovels and stayed on-scene until the lady's car was freed?

Our sincere gratitude also goes to other WMFPD personnel who responded and assisted the EMS team: Fire Chief Dave Tonsing, Jerry Livengood and Scott Virden.

I'm a former U.S. Air Force flight test engineer, ex-aerospace magazine reporter/writer and the author or coauthor of five books. Nevertheless, I made a very dumb decision—to drive into a patch of innocuous-looking snow—and it almost killed me.

Thankfully, well-trained, smart Custer County Emergency Medical Services professionals, backed by dedicated Wet Mountain Fire Protection District personnel, saved my life. Words aren't sufficient to express my deep, heartfelt thanks to every man and woman who came to our aid on March 9, 2017.

So, Custer County citizens, part-timers, summer tourists and hunters, please take a moment to thank Molly, Chris and all the professionals over at the medical center. And give all WMFPD firefighters a hearty "Thanks!" for everything they do to ensure our safety. We're mighty lucky to have them!

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