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## Music Video Filmed at Music Meadows

Press Release

In an exciting first for Music Meadows Ranch, a film crew from Wisconsin arrived last week to produce a music video for Jacob Banks, a British singer-songwriter from Birmingham, UK. Arriving on Sunday, February 20th, the crew spent all day Monday scouting the 4,000 acres with the help of ranch

manager Rhoda Rusher. The ATV and UTV provided by Trent Stafford proved essential.

Tuesday was spent shooting and a father-son acting duo from Denver worked all day, with shots taken inside various rooms of the ranch house as well as outside. Max Stafford was

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Jacob Banks video crew (L to R) ; Anubis Heru Cole (Father), Askari Heru Cole (Son), Max Stafford (Villain), Facilitator Rhoda Rusher, Ranch Owner Elin Parker Ganschow, Cody LaPlant (Director), Ryan Bilinski (Gaffer), Austin Manchon (SFX Makeup), Kyle Kadow (Grip), Damien Blue (Camera Operator).

Courtesy Photo

## Hamilton Ad Nauseum No More?

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## The Johnson Amendment: *Should it be Changed to Allow Politics from the Pulpit?*

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

Tim Neville,  
Colorado State Senator

Throughout our country's history, free speech from the pulpit has been critical to our political health and development. In America's early days, church leaders actively spoke on politics, supporting or opposing politicians in their quest for public office. In American towns, churches served as an epicenter for political speech and activism. Early clergymen known as the "Black Robed Regiment" supported and participated in our struggle for independence from British rule. Even the adoption of our Bill of Rights can be credited to the political involvement of clergy. But in 1954 an event served to silence many moral voices. U.S. Sen. Lyndon Johnson, after surviving a contentious election, amended HR 8300 and the IRS tax code to silence his political opponents. It was easily adopted with little discussion or debate.

This "Johnson Amendment" sought to ban nonprofit tax-exempt groups from being able to "participate in, or intervene in any political campaigns on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office." IRS officials interpreted this as a ban on speech in support or opposition of a candidate for public office, including sermons from the pulpit, and those

who fail to adhere could risk loss of their 501(c)(3) tax exempt status.

Faced with choosing to speak freely on all issues pertaining to church teachings and Scripture or remaining silent to preserve their tax-exempt status, many churches chose the latter. Despite no instance of any church losing its tax-exempt status for delivering sermons from the pulpit, the silence continued.

In September 2008, Alliance Defending Freedom (formerly Alliance Defense Fund) attacked the issue, launching its first "Pulpit Freedom Sunday" to counter the Johnson Amendment and "encourage pastors to exercise their constitutionally protected freedom to speak truth into every area of life from the pulpit." According to its 2014 numbers, the movement included over 1,800 churches and pastors who freely preach from the pulpit on all aspects of life, including politics. Their efforts are commendable.

Yet more is needed to remove free speech barriers caused by the Johnson Amendment, and the recent national election provides that opportunity. President Donald Trump has pledged to "work very hard to repeal that language and to

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AMENDMENT  
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## Colorado Bill Would Let Veterinarians Snoop in People's Medical Records!!!

by Ari Armstrong,  
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Apparently your dog is Big Brother's best friend, too. A bill in the Colorado legislature would allow veterinarians to snoop into some people's medical records—specifically those listed in the Colorado Prescription Monitoring Program—without asking. The bill also would expand the ability of health care providers, pharmacists, and "designees" of doctors and pharmacists to look up those records without permission.

The bill, **SB17-146**, passed unanimously out of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee on February 16th. It is scheduled for a floor vote February 27th.

Anyone concerned with privacy and with the sanctity of the doctor-patient relationship might wonder why the legislature would consider this. The answer given by the bill's

supporters, including Senate sponsor Cheri Jahn, is that the bill would help curb the opioid "epidemic" resulting from prescription drug misuse.

But, not only would the bill violate patients' privacy, it would do little to address the problem of drug abuse, and it would impose some unintended harms.

The bill modifies existing statutes. As I wrote a couple years ago, the Prescription Monitoring Program, access to which the new bill would expand, has been around since 2005. I still have the same concerns about the program as a whole: It violates privacy, makes it harder for some people to get the drugs they need for severe pain, and promotes dangerous black markets in drugs.

The language of this year's bill raises a new set of concerns. Start with the language about veterinarians. Currently vets are not

allowed to snoop into people's medical records. The bill would allow a vet to look up a human client's records in the drug database, if the vet has the "authority to prescribe controlled substances" and if the vet "has a reasonable basis to suspect the client has committed drug abuse or has mistreated an animal."

In other words, the bill expects veterinarians, who are trained in animal health, to also evaluate human health and psychology, for which they have no specific training or expertise. Veterinarians acting as human doctors may be great if you're in an episode of "The Walking Dead", but we're not quite there yet.

Part of the idea here is that some drug addicts intentionally injure their pets in order to get drugs from a vet.

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"Worthy are You,  
our LORD and God,  
to receive glory and  
honor and power,  
for You created  
all things,  
and by Your will  
they existed and  
were created."

Revelation 4:11 ESV



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# Our Opinion...

## From the Editorial Board

# SCOWL! SNARL! GRUMBLE!

Many of you probably watched President Trump's "State of the Union" address to the Joint Session of Congress on Tuesday night. If not, you have probably seen the news clips and sound bites by now. We watched mainly to assess the reception of the president's comments of his vision for America. All presidents need the U. S. Congress in order to achieve most of their goals for the American people. Our general feeling was it doesn't look good. Sadly, we did not see much willingness from the Democrats to work together for any overall goodness. It was a very one-sided partisan affair.

We all know America is very divided at this time in our history. From the reactions of the Democrats it looks like it will stay that way. President Trump spoke of a wonderful plan that should help unite and strengthen America. He described several programs to put "America First" and to focus our country's resources and energies on the American people. He asked Congress to help, and for all Americans to help renew their pride in America. Wouldn't you

think that all our elected representatives would support those ideals and concepts? Well you would be wrong.

Not long ago the Democrats publicly announced an all-out plan to oppose anything and everything that President Trump wants to accomplish. Resisting the agenda of an opposition party president is somewhat normal. But after watching many, many of these annual addresses there was a very abnormal display of division and disunity. To make sure that President Trump knew they had no intention of working with him they started announcing several days before that they were bringing "special" guests. Most were foreigners. On the other hand President Trump brought a cross section of Americans which haven't been getting much attention the last eight years. His guests included the survivors of murdered law enforcement officers, relatives of citizens killed by illegal immigrants and the wife of the U.S. Navy Seal who was recently killed in Yemen. When Mrs. Owens was introduced, and received a long standing ovation honoring her husband,

many of the top Democrats like Pelosi, Sanders, Ellison and Murray wouldn't even stand. Really deplorable. They also made their disgust for President Trump known in many other ways. The Democrat women all wore white to show the president they still consider him a sexist and misogynist. Maxine Waters, the congresswoman from California that called the Trump Cabinet "scumbags," didn't even attend. Very sad.

As President Trump outlined plans to cut taxes, fix the economy, strengthen the military, fix immigration, stop illegal immigration, reduce crime, provide school choice, repeal and replace Obamacare and balance the trade deficit the Democrats scowled, snarled and groaned and sat on their hands. When he mentioned the recent program he set up jointly with Canada to help women entrepreneurs start or grow their businesses even

the "ladies in white" didn't respond. It was shameful. Another bad moment of the night for the Democrats was when President Trump was describing the need to better protect American citizens. He announced that he had directed the Director of Homeland Security to create a special office to do just that called VOICE. That stands for the "Victims of Immigration Crimes Engagement." As he said it the Democrats actually groaned loudly. It was the equivalent of a soft boo. Our first thought was who do the Democrats really support in America? Citizens or illegal immigrants? It is not clear who comes first with them.

Watching the demeanor of the Democrats was very concerning. From the moment President Trump entered the room the "hate" was noticeable and intentional. One only had to look at the faces of Schumer, Pelosi, Hoyer, Warren and Booker. At one point

Senator Booker, the NJ Senator that plans to run for president in 2020, was caught checking his watch when President Trump was speaking about a more united America. We guess he was totally uninterested. As soon as the President ended with "God Bless America" the Democrats hastily ran for the aisles. It was a sad and un-American display by the Democrats last Tuesday night. We can only hope they will eventually put their country, American citizens and the economy ahead of their partisan ideology and help "Make America Great Again."

Good job, Mr. President. It was an inspirational speech and we support you and encourage you to push ahead with your plans to renew the American spirit with or without the Democrats. We are with you and the initial polls show that the people are overwhelmingly with you also. And God Bless you, Mr. Trump.

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## The Hypocritical Divide

If there is no evidence against a Republican, the Dems call for an investigation; if there is no evidence against a Dem they say there should be no investigation. If Trump doesn't do everything perfect the Dems say he is inept and if Dems do nothing good at all they are called wonderful. If Obama says "God" in any context he is praised for his faith but if Melania recites the Lord's Prayer she is bashed for "preying" on the people.

I saw Chris Wallace on Fox Sunday attack Reince Priebus, interrupting him, treating him very badly, implying Trump is acting like a dictator, but he allowed Rush Limbaugh to pretty much speak his mind without interruption. The reason, Rush won't tolerate abuse by a journalist or the journalist

doesn't get the interview, period. The same reporters who ask "tough questions" never ask Dems those same "tough questions". Did Elijah Cummins ever ask Hillary tough questions on Benghazi? Those who want to investigate General Flynn, did they question Susan Rice? Or did they question Koskinen or Lois Lerner? (IRS)

I think people define themselves by their actions, like John McCain and Lindsey Graham, showing they are true RINOs and Washington, D.C. insiders, holding only to their own power structure. I see large crowds supporting Trump because he has done more in 40 days in office than Obama did in eight years for the American people. The people who say he is "not my president" were

very much against those of us who said Obama wasn't their president. Where is their tolerance that they asked for? The Dems have lost their minds, the media has lost all credibility, Hollywood has shown their total disdain for rational people and liberals have proven themselves to be totally hypocritical in who and what they support. I say leave them alone to scream themselves into hoarseness and total oblivion. I say, once again, don't believe everything you hear on Fox News, nothing you hear on any other news outlet and don't even watch what comes out of Hollywood. As the Bible says, "You will know them by their fruits."

Bill Bailey,  
Westcliffe, CO

## More Than Election Derangement Disorder

The election is over. President Trump won. We are watching the Democrat/Left display pathological disintegration. But this lock-step-brain-freeze goes much deeper than E D D (Election Derangement Disorder).

Progressive Leftists are emotionally committed to a fierce dream that includes enforced equality in which everyone is taken care of by taxing the rich until the rich no longer exist. Schools and universities that do not allow hurtful or offensive ideas and climate change (even though it has been changing since the beginning of time) that is blamed on humans who must be extorted to pay for world poverty. For them, nations should have no borders and no armies. Education, health care, food and housing must be free. Abortion and euthanasia must be commonplace.

Democrat/Left/Progressives are so passionately committed to this dream of heaven on earth that they see every person who opposes their dream as hopelessly evil -- and that fuels their hate and rage. What decent, sentient person could oppose this dream of open borders, guaranteed wages and a world of diverse people sharing one beautiful, global family?

Since they see themselves as saviors of the planet and mankind, they are members of an army of saints - social redeemers - who must ferociously fight the deplorable party of the damned. For these morally superior elites, reality is optional. The seductive promise of Godless Marxist global utopia in the 20th Century (Fascism, Nazism, Communism) resulted in mountains of over 100 million corpses. Democrat Socialism

(also Marxist) is a miserable failure in Europe. The people of Venezuela rose up against it and Cuba is poverty-ridden and oppressed because of it.

No matter the lawlessness of Hillary. No matter the blighted, crime-ridden U.S. cities run by Democrats. No matter the historical proof that socialism begets poverty and capitalism begets prosperity. Progressives fight tirelessly against us, the vile enemies of their "magnificent" dream. Compare that to many Republicans who are lukewarm about preserving the Constitution and passive about the virtues of capitalism. We are blessed by God Almighty that President Trump understands this and will fight for our Republic against staggering odds.

Donna Sweere,  
Westcliffe, CO

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# Local Mountain News & Notices

## Thank You From American Legion

Dear Editor;

The American Legion Westcliffe Post 170 extends a HUGE THANK YOU to all the supporters that made donations to the Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation for our non-profit Americanism Program, Colorado Boys State 2017. These contribu-

tions are made available to any high school junior boy, to attend the American Legion Colorado Boys State. This program is cost free to the boys and their families due to the generous donations of the citizens of Custer County, Westcliffe and Silver Cliff.

Thank you to each of you

for helping the American Legion Post 170 make a difference in the future leaders of America.

Sincerely,

Larry Lowe, Commander  
Westcliffe Post 170

Carol Kennedy, Boys State  
Chairman  
Westcliffe Post 170

## CERT Training Offered in March

Press Release

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

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- Conduct light search and rescue
- Set up medical treatment areas
- Apply basic medical techniques
- Help reduce survivor stress
- How to be an asset in other community events
- How to accurately document events

The CERT training will be held at the following times:

**Friday, March 24 – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

**Saturday, March 25 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Friday, March 31 – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

**Saturday, April 1 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

To register for the CERT training class, please do so by email at [custer.cert@gmail.com](mailto:custer.cert@gmail.com) or by phone at 719-285-5507 through April 18th.

## “Top Gun” Twila



Twila Geroux

Courtesy photo

Windsor, CO - Last week, Westcliffe native Twila Geroux brought home a “Top Gun” award from Hayden Outdoors, Colorado’s leading rural land real estate brokerage. Geroux exceeded land sales goals and lead the way with the most sales transactions in 2016. Hayden Outdoors successfully sold over 200 rural properties last year and continues to represent buyers and sellers of rural land across an eight state region, being named one of America’s Best Brokerages by *Land Report* magazine for six years running. Geroux’s office is located at 214 Main St., Westcliffe, CO. (719) 783-2709. Learn more at [www.HaydenOutdoors.com](http://www.HaydenOutdoors.com).

## Excellent Presidential Address

Folks,

What an excellent speech by the President. My first in over eight years as I would never watch Obummer speak much less look at him. I was not surprised by the reaction of the Dem-

ocrats and loved it when especially talking about Obamacare he pointed towards the Democrats when he mentioned it being a disaster. There were no loss of tears during the mention of the honoring of the wife of the Navy SEAL Ryan

Owen who was recently killed.

A great speech by a President who will be a great President second only to Ronald Reagan.

Steve Levine,  
Pueblo West, CO

The Excellence in Education Committee would like to express its gratitude for the overwhelming community support given via contributions during the 2016 Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation Spirit Campaign. The staff and students of Custer County Schools thank you.

The Committee was established in 2008 with the purpose of raising funds for the school to finance programs that fall outside the resources provided by the public school system. The funds raised by the Spirit Campaign and from the

Spring Celebration Dinner, as well as from many individual donations, support programs at the school including GOT IT (graduate on time), Adopt-A-Class and the Volunteer Program. Additionally, each year the administrators identify other areas of need, including programs like Camp Jackson for the middle school students, technology and classroom purchases, and teacher in-service opportunities. Grants from El Pomar, The Sangre Electric Company and The Children’s Health Fund have allowed us to fund more

programs including a pre-school outreach program, and summer enrichment programs for students of all ages.

Excellence in Education continues to seek out funding for future projects via grants and donations from community members. Our biggest fundraising event is the Annual Spring Celebration Dinner which will be held Thursday, June 1st at the Hillside Hall. Save the date on your calendar and watch for more information about this entertaining and inspiring event!



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## COLORADO DATA SERVICES: Computer Professionals in Cañon City

by George Gramlich

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Technician Randy von Holdt.

Photos by George Gramlich

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cast as the villain and rode a big beautiful bay gelding through countless "takes", causing the phrase, "just one more" to become the joke of the day! Max underwent extensive makeup to make his face look really terrible and then rode like the wind carrying a flag in a remote location of the ranch. Filming wrapped up after dark back at the ranch house.

Jacob Banks, who is on tour, and his girlfriend Chelsea, from L.A., arrived on-scene Tuesday afternoon to see firsthand how the shoot was progressing. Banks' music genre includes soul, R&B and hip-hop. This is his first professional music video since signing with Interscope Records and is for the song "Unholy War". The story is a dramatization

portraying Banks as a boy.

On the high-pressure shooting day, Elin Parker Ganschow of Music Meadows Ranch provided food for everyone with her signature Sangres Best beef stew and rib eye dinner that night. Rhoda facilitated the entire event, including creating the costume for Max from Amish trousers by Joe Rauber and an oil skin duster, and details such as dark stain for the saddle leather.

Director Cody LaPlant said, "You guys truly made the trip an unforgettable experience." Crew member Ryan said that of 150 shoots he has done, the Music Meadows team was the most accommodating he'd ever experienced. Everyone involved parted ways as new friends. Elin quips, "We will not be the least bit surprised to see these folks back at the ranch one day!"

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## Rural Teaching Recruitment Event Participants Interviewed

by Larry Luikart, Reporter

Thursday afternoon, February 9, 2017, eleven college students gathered in the Multipurpose Room at Custer County C-1 School District to work on a Community Service Project. These students from a variety of Colorado Colleges and Universities were participating in the Rural Colorado Teacher Event. The event, spanning nearly three days, included an introduction into the joys and the challenges involved while teaching in a rural environment. The students heard presentations on real estate, took a community tour, participated in the Professional Development, worked with the teachers and staff at the school in the classroom, did a community service project and were guests at community dinner.

This reporter was privileged to spend two hours with the students as they worked on their community service project, building picnic tables for the school. The students graciously agreed to take time from their busy schedule to fill out a survey I created. I received ten surveys from the eleven students. Here are the highlights of what these fine young people said:

**How has the experience been so far?** “Westcliffe has a wonderful staff and incredible students. I had a wonderful time with everyone.” “I loved talking to the kids and being allowed to help in the classroom. The tour was informative.” “I have been very impressed by the teachers and students here.” “The town really opened up to us as guests.” Once again the openness and cordiality of the Custer County people was obvious and appreciated by the students.

The purpose of this event was to help students think about a

career in rural education. They were asked, “**has this experience altered your thinking regarding rural education?**” “It has. I would definitely consider working as a rural teacher.” “I think it is valuable, I am just not sure it is the right fit for my family right now.” “*Definitely, I love the true community feel and supportive teaching environment.*” “*I am realizing how much unity it takes, and I love seeing everyone working so closely together.*”

Each student was asked to provide some information regarding their concentration, (major) and since **Education majors are becoming**

ter’s degrees in Curriculum and Instruction, Special Education and Elementary Education. Six of the students will stay in Colorado, two will not and two aren’t sure.

The continued decline in Colorado’s rural population, lack



**Top left photo; Jason Ismail and others survey the task at hand. Top right photo; Elana Allen. Bottom photo; L to R; Lily Niles, Heamer Rigann, Alexandra Hewitt, Casey Johnson and Whitney Hoffman pose with their completed picnic table.**

Photos by Larry Luikart

**as rare as hen’s teeth if they intended to stay in Colorado once they finished their education.** The majors included: Chemistry, Mathematics, Social Studies, Special Education, Art Education and Elementary Music. Three of the students are working on Mas-

of teachers, the high cost of living, and other factors are going to change the way education is delivered in small counties like Custer. The students were asked to comment on “**the future of rural education in Colorado.**” “*I am a bit worried. In Westcliffe, the cost*

*of living is high and the pay is low with not many options for finding work for the spouse.*” “*I definitely think rural schools need to give teachers competitive pay.*” “*This experience has made me want to teach in a rural setting.*”

In conjunction with the above question, the students were asked about their major concerns in teaching in a district like Custer C-1. “*High cost of living, low wages.*”



“*The lifestyle change of pace.*” “*Housing.*” “*There are not many young people in the community.*” “*It isn’t so much the teaching as the culture shock of a small town.*”

The students were asked if “**the current Teacher Housing Project would have a positive or negative effect on their attitude regarding rural teaching.**” All ten agreed this a very positive situation. “*What a great way to take care of teachers.*” “*If I were single or married without children I would love it.*”

These students interact with their peers on a daily basis so they were asked, “**why are so few going into education as a career?**” All ten responded “*low pay.*” Although they elaborated with ideas such as, “*cost of schooling teachers,*” “*long work hours,*” “*education system in general,*” and “*educators don’t make enough money for the requirements.*” These young people are very savvy in their

thinking and they know how to calculate a cost/benefit analysis. College educations are so expensive these days leaving students with very high student loan debt most of them are unwilling to go into a profession that does not offer a reasonable return on the investment.

These students are the next generation of educators and they were asked to comment on **their greatest joys and challenges for their career.** “*I love teaching. It brings me joy! The kids are great. Parents are my challenge and attendance issues with kids.*” “*My greatest joy would be to empower students to realize their potential. My greatest challenge would be the lack of funding in education.*” “*I think the greatest joy is seeing students grow and I think a challenge would be diversity and teaching skills.*”

Each student was given an **opportunity to comment.** “*I am thankful for the experience, and enjoyed being in such an inviting community of people. I could see myself in a community such as this or Custer County in the future.*” “*It sounds like it is hard to find a place to live and there were so many downfalls to living here. I am also concerned by the complete lack of diversity here. I loved seeing the community members they are so sweet and welcoming. Mark seems to really connect with the teachers which is amazing!*” “*It was a joyful, accommodating, and knowledge building experience.*”

The maturity, candor and intelligence displayed by this group of students indicates no matter where they decide to teach, rural or urban, their students will be their priority. The communities in which they live will be better served, and the future of education will be promoted with great professionalism.

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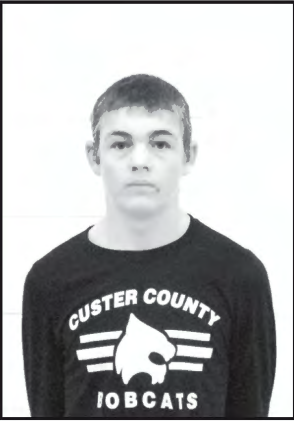
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## Bobcat Wrestlers At State Tournament



Dalton Wommack



Ray Perez



Andy Feldmann

Photos by Jim Silver

by Jim Silver

Three Custer County wrestlers competed at the State Tournament on February 9th through the 11th. It's an honor to get there and face the opportunity and challenge of matching up against the best 2-A wrestlers in Colorado. Sophomore Dalton Wommack (106 lbs.) made the grade as a freshman, and this year, made a good showing by winning 1 match before losing 2. We can bet that he's looking forward to another trip to Denver next wrestling season.

Ray Perez, also a sophomore and wrestling at 132 lbs., went to State for his

first time, and went 2 and out. Coach Mike Ham had particularly encouraging words for this wrestler, saying that he is in the most competitive 2-A weight class and yet stood in very strong, showing a lot of promise for seasons yet ahead.

Andy Feldmann, wrestling at 145 lbs., in his third time of qualifying for State, also won 1 and lost 2 matches. Andy is a senior, so this was his final season of making quick work against most of his opponents. It has been a pleasure to watch him on the mat, as well as observing his leadership with younger teammates in both football and wrestling.

Coach Ham is a busy man, working to build a base of younger students—future wrestlers for the Custer County Bobcats. At the present, somehow, he's fitting into his schedule both middle school and youth “pee-wee” wrestlers. Middle school wrestlers don't have a local tournament, but look for a pee-wee tournament on a Saturday morning shortly after Spring Break.

Coach Ham adds that the pee-wee program has open enrollment on through the season. It is for both boys and girls, and it all comes at no charge to parents. Please Call Coach Mike Ham for more information at (719) 371-7203.

## Bobcats Sport Schedule

**HS Boys & HS Girls Regional Tournament**  
When: Fri, March 3, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Where: Alamosa

**HS Boys & HS Girls Regional Tournament**  
When: Sat, March 4, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Where: Alamosa

**JV Baseball-AWAY v Sierra Grande**  
When: Sat, March 4, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
Where: Sierra Grande

**Goal Miners Soccer**  
When: Sun, March 5, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Where: West Gym

**HS Track Meet - Pueblo Early Bird**  
departure at 7:45 a.m.  
When: Sat, March 11, 9:45 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Where: CSU-Pueblo

**JV Baseball-AWAY v Walsenburg**  
When: Sat, March 11, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Where: Walsenburg



## Bobcat Menu • March 6- March 9, 2017

### Monday

**Breakfast**  
Choice of Cereal  
Fruit  
Milk

**Lunch Elem.**  
Sausage Pizza Burger  
Green Beans  
Fruit  
Milk

**Lunch MS & HS**  
Mexican Pizza  
Tossed Salad & Gr Beans  
Fruit  
Milk

### Tuesday

**Breakfast**  
Choice of Cereal  
Fruit  
Milk

**Lunch Elem.**  
Chili w/Chips  
Cheese Sticks & Tater Tots  
Fruit  
Milk

**Lunch MS & HS**  
Chili Tots  
Cheese Sticks  
Corn Bread & Fruit  
Milk

### Wednesday

**Breakfast**  
Choice of Cereal  
Fruit  
Milk

**Lunch Elem.**  
Breakfast Burrito  
Black Beans  
Peach Crisp  
Milk

**Lunch MS & HS**  
Breakfast Burrito  
Black Beans  
Peach Crisp  
Milk

### Thursday

**Breakfast**  
Biscuit & Gravy  
Fruit  
Milk

**Lunch Elem.**  
Salisbury Steak/ Roll  
Mashed Potato/Gravy  
Fruit  
Milk

**Lunch MS & HS**  
Salisbury Steak/ Roll  
Mashed Potato/Gravy  
Corn & Fruit  
Milk

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## KIDS

Friday, March 3, 2017

## The Peace Corps

John F. Kennedy was President of the United States from 1961 until 1963, when he was assassinated. He is remembered for his many accomplishments. One of his greatest achievements, in my mind, was creating the Peace Corps.

The Peace Corps is an organization of American volunteers who work in developing countries to raise the living standards of the people in those countries.

The mission of the Peace Corps is to promote world peace and friendship by providing qualified volunteers to interested countries in need of trained manpower, by fostering a better understanding of Americans on the part of the people served and by fostering a better understanding of other people on the part of Americans.

During the 60's and the 70's thousands of young Americans signed up to serve in underdeveloped areas in Latin America, Asia and Africa. They worked side by side with the people in these areas of the world, teaching in their schools, building sewer and water systems, helping in farming and agricultural settings, in the medical field and many other projects.

The creation of the Peace Corps dates back to an impromptu speech during Senator John F. Kennedy's campaign. Senator Kennedy arrived in Ann Arbor, Michigan, October 14, 1960, at 2 a.m. to get a little rest and sleep. Awaiting him were 10,000 University of Michigan students eager to hear him speak. That early morning, he issued a challenge to those college students:

*"How many of you who are going to be doctors, are willing to spend your days in Ghana? Technicians or engineers, how many of you are willing to work in the foreign service and spend your lives traveling around the world? On your willingness to do that, not merely to serve one year or two years in the service, but on your willingness to contribute part of your life to this country, I think will depend the answer whether a free society can compete. I think it can!..... So I come here tonight to go to bed! But I also come here tonight to ask you to join in the effort... I come here tonight asking your support for this country over the next decade."* He received an enthusiastic response.

On March 1, 1961, President John F. Kennedy following up on the idea he launched at the University of Michigan, signed an executive order establishing the Peace Corps.

The Peace Corps today continues to send thousands of volunteers to countries all over the world.

by Audrey Slater, Sources: [peacecorps.gov](http://peacecorps.gov), [psu.edu/org/peace\\_corps/history.html](http://psu.edu/org/peace_corps/history.html), [history.com](http://history.com)

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## PTSO Scholarship Night Connects Seniors with Agencies

Press Release

The PTSO Scholarship night was held on Wednesday, February 22nd, with 12 local agencies attending to speak to CCHS seniors about their scholarship programs. The evening began with cookies and punch provided by PTSO and was followed by the agencies giving a brief overview of their

scholarships. CCHS seniors were then given time to meet the representatives from the agencies and get scholarship applications. "I enjoyed the connections we had with the members of our community and what they have to offer us in the way of scholarship," said senior Seani Millard.

"The PTSO scholarship



**Cody Young and Athena Wisecup begin completing scholarship applications at the PTSO Scholarship Night.**

*Photos Courtesy of Troy Bomgardner*



**Sara Shields and Lori Bistodeau talk with Senior Kaylee Chase about the Ben Kettle Scholarship.**

night is a great way for our seniors to get connected to our local agencies," noted CCHS counselor Troy Bomgardner. "We have an outstanding line-up of scholarships for our size of school and the agencies really want to help our students move on to post-secondary education. A big thanks to PTSO for their help with this night!"

To help the seniors get started on their quest for college, PTSO ended the evening with a drawing for \$50 gift certificates. Hannah Moulton, Serenity Ham, Brenai Vidmar, and Kaylee Chase received the gift certificates. The local scholarships will be due over the next few months and presented at the CCHS graduation on May 28th.

## School Board Meeting Diesel Bus, Negative Factor in Funding and More State Funding Cuts, Summer Programs

—January 14, 2017

*by Larry Luikart, Reporter*

President Davis called the meeting to order promptly at 4:30 p.m. She led the assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Roll was called with all Board members present.

The Agenda was approved with minor revisions. There was no Correspondence to the Board and no General Public Comments for the first or last part of the meeting.

A Bobcat Pride Certificate was awarded to music teacher Andrew Straight for his volunteer work with the Rotary Club as advisor. The Minutes from the January 17, 2017 Board Meeting were approved. Three of English teacher Michelle Tillotson's students read honor poems they wrote. Junior girls reported on the upcoming prom to be held on April 22, 2017, from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Road House 96. The facility was donated to the class at no cost.

Business Manager Amy Perschbacher gave her monthly report. Lori Short from Excellence in Education gave her report indicating the Spirit Campaign generated \$11,500 in funds. These funds are being considered for many possible uses at the school. No decisions as to their distribution have been determined so far.

Don Diones and GK Baum presented information only on the intricacies of Bond/Mill Levy overrides. This presentation was in conjunction with the current application for a BEST Grant for physical plant renovations. If the

BEST grant is approved, it will cover approximately 60 percent of the costs. The other 40 percent will come from the District. Emphasis on information only.

Melinda Ruzanski introduced herself as the new BOCES/EARRS Coordinator. She also discussed with Superintendent Payler a proposal for an At Risk High School Summer Camp, a ninth-grade Outdoor Adventure Camp and a Mentor Committee. Planning continues.

Elementary teacher Jenna Smith submitted her resignation for the end of the year and Michael Florom was approved as substitute teacher. The Check Vouchers and Financial Reports were approved.

The Lease/Purchase agreement for a Diesel Bus with a Rack and Glove Box was discussed and approved. The financing will be conducted with First State Bank of Colorado.

A new policy regarding the Emergency Facility Usage Agreement and the By-Laws of the Custer County School District C-1 were discussed and approved.

Superintendent Payler presided over a discussion regarding the 2017-2018 district schedule. The Board discussed a change to the current mileage reimbursement policy.

A proposal was made for 35 cents a mile and seconded. After discussion, the Board voted down this policy. A new policy was proposed and seconded for mileage reimbursement at the current IRS standard mileage ta-

ble values. This was adopted by the Board but it must come back for a policy reading due to a current mileage policy already in place.

The Elementary and Secondary Principal's reports were heard. Superintendent Payler in his remarks indicated the loss of state funding due to the negative factor for Custer County Schools from 2009 - 2017 amount to \$3,351,390. The BEST Grant proposal will be submitted next week. There were no items introduced by Board Members.

*(Reporters note: The Legislature and Governor continue to demonstrate their lack of understanding regarding the impact of this funding deficit or they are willfully neglecting the public schools in Colorado. Colorado ranks very low not only in funding but in the performance of her students compared to the rest of the nation. Throwing money at a problem seldom solves it but there is a point when lack of funds severely impacts performance. Colorado public schools at the very least must have the Negative Factor (dollars stripped from the school funding formula) reinstated as part of the school budgets. Already in this session, any bills submitted to end this practice have been sent directly, with no debate and no consideration, to the kill bin. This is a serious situation and the citizens of Colorado need to make their concerns known to those at the Golden Dome.)*

The next regular scheduled Board meeting is March 14, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. in the Library.



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**Friday, Saturday March 3 and 4, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, March 5, at 2 p.m.**

**"Lion"**

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**THE JONES THEATER \$\$** Westcliffe

**Saturday, March 4, 2017, 10 a.m. – Noon**  
**New Member Range & Safety Orientation**  
**Sangre Shooting Sports Club**  
Plan to arrive at least 15 minutes ahead

**Wednesday, March 6, 11 a.m.**

**Play to learn**

West Custer Library  
Community Room

**Monday March 6, 5:30 p.m.**

**Silver Cliff Town Meeting**

Silver Cliff Town Hall

**Monday, March 6, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

**Saddle Club - Membership Meeting & Pot Luck**

90 CR 241, Westcliffe

**Monday, March 6, 6:30 p.m.**

**Talent Show**

At the Custer County School West Gym

**Tuesday, March 7, 9 a.m.**

**Commissioners Meeting**  
Boardroom

**Tuesday, March 7, 1:30 p.m.**

**County Board of Zoning Adjustment and Planning Commission, open to Public**  
Custer County Courtroom

**Tuesday March 7, 5:30 p.m.**

**Westcliffe Town Meeting**  
Westcliffe Town Hall

**Wednesday, March 8, 9 a.m.**

**Commissioners Meeting**  
Boardroom

**Wednesday March 8, 12:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.**

**Bonfils Blood Drive**  
Custer County School parking lot

**Wednesday March 8, 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

**Girl Scout Meeting**  
Custer County School Library

**Tuesday, March 14,**

**School Board Meeting**  
4:30 p.m. School library

## Recurring Events

### Monday

**6 - 7 p.m.** Closed Step Study Alcoholics Anonymous at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Westcliffe.  
Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Emily at (719) 371-5974.

### 3rd Monday

**4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.** Writers group at the Library. If you write or would like to start writing, please join us in the Community Room for peer editing, feedback, ideas, comradery, and more.

### Tuesday

**12 – 4:30 p.m.** Bridge Club meets in the Library Community Room in downtown Westcliffe.  
**6 p.m.** Bible Study at Wild West Cowboy Church. Call 719-783-2676.

### 1st Tuesday of the Month

**4:15 p.m.** at 615 Rosita Avenue. Custer County Republican Central Committee meeting. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. See [www.CusterGOP.com](http://www.CusterGOP.com) or Facebook page at <https://m.facebook.com/custergop>.  
**6:30 p.m.** at Cliff Lanes American Legion Post 170 monthly meeting.  
**6:45 p.m.** Post 170 Auxiliary monthly meeting (March – October) at the Saddle Club.

### Wednesday

**9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.** Line dancers meet at the Methodist Church. Call Clem at (303) 909-7370.  
**6-7 p.m.** Closed Big Book Study Alcoholics Anonymous at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Emily at (719) 371-5974.  
**6:30 p.m.** Men's and Women's Bible Study. First Baptist Church of Westcliffe Call 719-783-2498.

**6:30 - 8 p.m.** Custer County Community Band practice in the band room at the high school.

### 2nd and 4th Wednesdays

**3 p.m.** Scrabble Group West Custer County Library.

### Last Wednesday of the Month

**11 a.m.** Book Club meeting at the West Custer County Library. Open to the public.

### Thursdays

### Second Thursday of the Month

**10 a.m. – 11 a.m.** "Ask a Nurse" at the library.

### Friday

**6 - 7 p.m.** Open Discussion Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Emily at (719) 371-5974.  
**7 - 8 p.m.** Bible Talks with Domenic Enrietta and John Hartig. At the Library Community Room. All welcome. No charge.

### Third Friday of the Month

Camp Happiness for 0-6 yrs old.  
1-2:20 p.m. at West Custer Library.

### Saturday

**10 a.m.** Wet Mountain Al-Anon Family Group meets at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Call Dee (719) 404-1851 or Jean (719) 371-1229.  
**2 p.m.** Laughter Yoga at the West Custer County Library. Open to the public.  
**3 p.m.** Open Drum Circle at the West Custer County Library. All ages welcome! If you have a drum, please bring it. We have a few spares.

### 3rd Saturday of Month

**9 a.m.** VFW meeting at Cliff Lanes Conference Room for more info call Commander Randy Knight 783-9340.

## Services

**Club America**  
50 E. Main Street  
Silver Cliff, CO 81252  
(719) 783-0750

**Custer County Senior Center**  
612 Main St.  
Silver Cliff, CO 81252  
(719) 783-9508

Lunch; Mon., Tues. & Thur. at Noon. RSVP by 9:30 a.m.

**Custer County Community Sharing Center Inc.**  
120 N. 3rd St.  
Westcliffe, CO 81252  
(719) 783-3303  
Fri. 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

**Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources**  
417 Cliff Street  
Silver Cliff, CO 81252  
(719) 783-4357  
Mon. and Thur. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Fri. 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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

**Wet Mt. Rotary Van Service**  
For transportation needs, contact Van Dispatch  
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*(719) 783-2343*  
Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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with thanksgiving, let your requests  
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Philippians 4:6 NKJV



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## Sheriff's Report...

*Sheriff's Report for 3/3/17*

On the dates below, there were **156** calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, **8** to EMS, and **6** to the Fire Department. As of February 27, there were 9 males and no females in the county jail.

**3/22/17:**  
**Arrest:** Deputies arrested Deandre Hedrick of Silver Cliff on two separate felony Arrest Warrants out of Sedgwick County, KS. The warrants were as follows: (1) Alias Warrant, (2) Aggravated Assault: Use of a Deadly Weapon; and (3) Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance with Prior; as well as (1)

Forgery; Making or Altering a Written Document; and (2) Forgery: Distributing or Issuing a Written Statement.

**Lost Gun:** A deputy was dispatched to a merchant on Main Street in Westcliffe to take a lost fire-arm report for the ATF.

**Dispute:** A deputy was dispatched to a merchant on Main Street in Westcliffe, for a verbal dispute between family members.

**3/23/17:**  
**Medical Issue:** Custer EMS responded to Spread Eagle Drive for a medical call. Wet Mountain Fire

was dispatched to set up a landing zone for Flight for Life but stood down due to weather. EMS transported an individual to the hospital.

**3/24/17:**  
**Additional Charges:** Marland Jones was detained on additional charges for vehicular assault, DUI and Reckless Driving.

**Bus Slalom:** A deputy and State Patrol responded to CR 130 for a bus that slid off the roadway. There were no injuries, and no damage to the bus.

**3/25/17:**  
**Traffic Summons:**



Kathleen Downs of Aurora for speeding 20 - 24 over.

**3/26/17:**  
**Flare Up:** The Wet Mountain Fire Department and a Sheriff's deputy were dispatched to Main Street in Westcliffe for hot spots flaring up at the scene of a prior bonfire.

**3/27/17:**  
**Propane Leak:** The Wet Mountain Fire Department was dispatched to investigate the smell of propane gas at a merchant on Main Street in Silver Cliff.

## Liberty Rocks

*Sentinel Staff*

Liberty Rocks is a fun gathering and, according to organizer Dan Bubis, a great way to learn about our founding documents. It's also a way to encourage one another to get involved with making a difference at a local level.

At Thursday night's Liberty Rocks, Bubis gave a presen-

tation on the 5th and 14th Amendments to the Constitution - particularly on the due process clause.

These state that no person shall be "deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law."

The twenty-plus folks in attendance got into a lively discussion and debate on due process and the

state of the court system in America. Local issues discussed included the recent condemnation of a local residence. There was also an energetic conversation on how local citizens can best make a difference in the county.

The winner of the trivia contest was Dr. Gary Mohr. But since he already had the book, the

runner-ups John and Mo Johnston took home "The 5000 Year Leap".

The next Liberty Rocks will be held on the 30th of March at Tony's Pizza. The program begins at 6 p.m. but you're encouraged to come at 5:30 p.m. to order food. The topic of the March meeting will be the Declaration of Independence.

***Be silent in the presence of the Lord God;  
For the day of the Lord is at hand.***

Zephaniah 1:7a NKJV



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# Local Mountain News & Notices

## CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES



### COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 01-17

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:  
On January 3, 2017, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Custer records.

|                                      |                                       |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Original Grantor(s)                  | Frank C Wolking and Valorie A Wolking |
| Original Beneficiary(ies)            | Wells Fargo Bank N.A.                 |
| Current Holder of Evidence of Debt   | Wells Fargo Bank N.A.                 |
| Date of Deed of Trust                | January 09, 2006                      |
| County of Recording                  | Custer                                |
| Recording Date of Deed of Trust      | February 02, 2006                     |
| Recording Information                | 203748 Book: 545 Page: 203            |
| (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) |                                       |
| Original Principal Amount            | \$180,000.00                          |
| Outstanding Principal Balance        | \$179,694.54                          |

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

**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.**  
See the attached Exhibit A for legal description.  
Also known by street and number as: 67449 N Highway 69, Westcliffe, CO 81252.

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

#### Exhibit A – Legal Description

**THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF CUSTER, STATE OF COLORADO, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: A PARCEL OF LAND IN SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH RANGE 73 WEST OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M., MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTH ¼ CORNER OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 73 WEST OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M., THENCE S. 89 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 29 SECONDS E. ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 17, 2544.42 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE S 07 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 48 SECONDS E., 1235.35 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PARCEL; THENCE ON THE FOLLOWING 7 COURSES: 1. N.75 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 15 SECONDS E., 215.54 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COLORADO STATE HIGHWAY #69; 2. S. 23 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 15 SECONDS E., ON SAID R.O.W. LINE, 78.77 FEET; 3. CURVE RIGHT ON SAID R.O.W. LINE, CENTRAL ANGLE = 5107 FEET 10 INCHES, RADIUS = 905.00 FEET, LENGTH = 80.87 FEET, THE CHORD OF WHICH BEARS S 20 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 40 SECONDS E. 4. S. 65 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 28 MINUTES W., 276.85 FEET; 5. N. 21 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 00 SECONDS W., ON AN EXISTING FENCE LINE, 21.69 FEET; 6. N. 16 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 51 SECONDS W. ON SAID FENCE LINE 36.30 FEET; 7. N. 01 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 03 SECONDS E., ON SAID FENCE LINE, 151.65 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.**

#### NOTICE OF SALE

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

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 05/03/2017, at the office of the Custer County Public Trustee, 205 South 6th Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;  
IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

Colorado Attorney General  
1300 Broadway, 10th Floor  
Denver, Colorado 80203  
(800) 222-4444  
www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov

Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau  
P.O. Box 4503  
Iowa City, Iowa 52244  
(855) 411-2372  
www.consumerfinance.gov

DATE: 01/03/2017  
Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee in and for the County of Custer, State of Colorado  
By: Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
McCarthy & Holthus, LLP C/O Holly Shilliday, 7700 E. Arapahoe Road, Suite 230, Centennial, CO 80112 (877) 369-6122  
Attorney File # CO-16-746804-LL  
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Custer County Board of Zoning Adjustment and Planning Commission will hold a public meeting on March 7, 2017 at 1:30 P.M. Custer County Courtroom. The following will be considered:

1. Elections of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Posting & County Attorney advice

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 meeting 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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link at [custercountyschools.org](http://custercountyschools.org).

**For Financial  
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information for  
Custer County  
School District  
C-1, please see**

### Custer County BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Tentative Agenda

**TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017**

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

Call Meeting to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call  
Amend Agenda  
Audience Introduction  
Public Comment  
Approval of Minutes  
Commissioner Items  
Attorney Items  
Executive Session  
New/Old Business  
- CCEDC Grant Support – C. Bogle  
- Underfunded Courthouse RFP  
Staff Reports:  
- Airport  
- Public Health  
- Extension  
- Veterans  
- Human Services  
- OEM

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### NOTICE Notice to Creditors

**Estate of Dorothy Gibson Shaw  
Deceased  
Case Number 2016PR030014**

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

Sondra Tuttle  
PO Box 638  
Westcliffe, CO 81252

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#### Notice

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

**We apologize for any  
inconvenience.**

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

**The public is welcome  
and encouraged to  
attend the meetings.**

Please visit our website  
at: [www.CusterGOP.com](http://www.CusterGOP.com)  
and our Facebook  
page at [custercounty-  
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### Custer County BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Agenda

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017**

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

Call Meeting to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call  
Amend Agenda  
Audience Introduction  
Public Comment  
Approval of Minutes  
Commissioner Items  
Attorney Items  
Executive Session  
New/Old Business  
- Early Childhood Council MOU – Butch Gemin  
Staff Reports:  
- Road & Bridge/Landfill/Recycle  
- HR/Finance  
- Treasurer  
- Planning & Zoning

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

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

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

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

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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

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#### EXHIBIT A-LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point from whence the Southeast 1/6th corner of Section 8, Township 22 South, Range 71 West of the 6th PM, in the County of Custer, State of Colorado bears N 00°40'46" W, 677.64 Feet,

1. Thence N 88°59'21" E 4.22 Feet
2. Thence S 55°56'56" E 105.30 Feet
3. Thence S 88°42'50" W 90.76 Feet
4. Thence N 00°41'02 W 60.93 Feet to the point of beginning containing 0.07 acres more or less

Bearings for this description are based on survey recorded in the office of the Custer County Clerk and Recorder on November 12, 2009 under Reception No. 878

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***Do not be deceived:  
“Evil company corrupts good habits.”***

1 Corinthians 15:33 NKJV

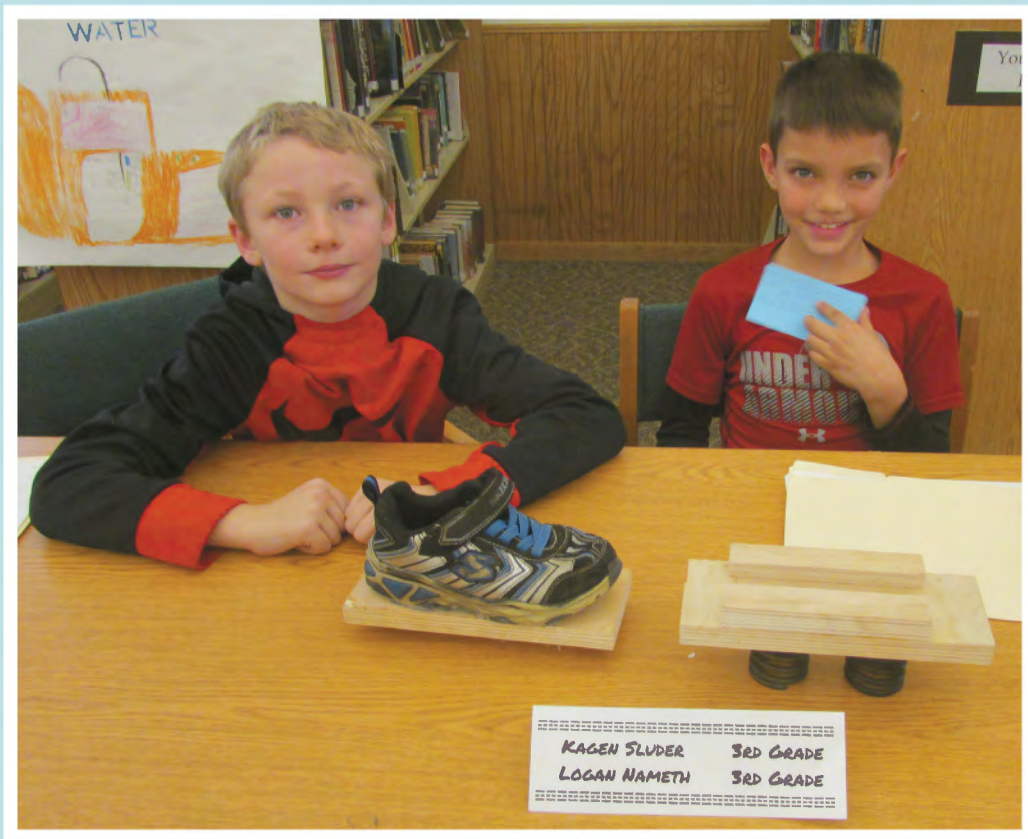


# CC 2017 INVENTION CONVENTION

Third through fifth graders worked to develop inventions to solve a problem or make the world a better place.  
The inventions were showcased on February 8th.



Most Promising Inventor and Invention  
Ayrihanna Rusch  
The Sink that Reuses Water



Honorable Mention - 4th Grade  
Isabella Ferron & Kenna Ingram  
Vet T.S.



Honorable Mention - 3rd Grade  
Daniel Day & Colt Moulton  
Handicap Alarm



Honorable Mention - 5th Grade  
Wynlynn Bowers  
45 Minute Filter











## Colorado State News

# Trade Show Fight With Colorado Has Utah on Its Back

by Joey Bunch,  
ColoradoPolitics.com

The fight over a Salt Lake City outdoor retail equipment trade show that Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper inadvertently picked hit a new threshold Thursday evening.

The parent company of the Outdoor Retailer show said it's leaving Utah over some politicians' determination to make more federal public lands open to energy development, grazing and local management.

Leaders of Emerald Expositions met with Utah Gov. Gary Herbert via a teleconference Thursday, and it didn't go well.

Company Vice President Pat Hus said he is open to invitations for a new home, and Colorado leaders are eager to welcome the 22,000 exhibitors here.

The four-day show each winter and summer is the largest such gathering of outdoor retailers in the country, and it's been in Utah for 20 years. The contract expires next year.

Conservation Colorado launched an ad campaign in Salt Lake City to put out the welcome mat and assure the show that Colorado bests Utah in its commitment to public lands, good beer, great cycling and getting high.

"Colorado has a long and proud

history of protecting our public lands, and Coloradans know just how important these remarkable places are to our economy and Western way of life," Conservation Colorado Executive Director Pete Maysmith said Thursday evening, as news broke. "If the outdoor industry is looking for show locations that reflect its values of stewardship and a passion for outdoor recreation, it should look no further than the Centennial State."

SnowSports Industries America, which puts on a Snow Show in Denver each January, said it would be happy to partner up with the Outdoor Retailer trade show.

"As leaders from across the outdoor-recreation community step forward to discuss the best way to respond to public-lands policies that would negatively impact our industries, we also have an opportunity to address other, significant business challenges and to position suppliers and retailers for future success," Nick Sargent, President of the Denver Trade Show, said in a statement.

In Utah, the news isn't being taken well. Herbert called the trade show ungrateful.

"It smacks of gross ingratitude to a community that has embraced the Outdoor Retailer show, subsidizing its success and expansion

through direct investment — let alone extraordinary hospitality," Paul Edwards, the governor's deputy chief of staff, said in a statement to the *Deseret News* in Salt Lake City.

The newspaper reported negotiations broke down around the state's request that President Trump toss out President Obama's decision in December to set aside 1.35 million acres south of Moab as the Bears Ears National Monument.

Please see: <http://coloradopolitics.com/trade-show-outdoor-colorado-utah/>

## Aspen City Council Helps the Rich Stay Rich

by Kevin Glass,  
Watchdog.org

The richest and most exclusive town in America is instituting rules that will make it even richer and more exclusive, in direct violation of what the claimed goals of its development plans have been.

Aspen, Colorado, where the average property costs \$2.7 million, has long been a resort destination for the elite and the wealthy. Hollywood movie stars and Wall Street tycoons have vacation homes there. Louis Vuitton and Prada have retail stores there, and Michelin-star chefs like Nobu Matsuhisa and Hakan Thornstrom have restaurants there — all in a town of under 7,000 people.

New rules instituted by Aspen City Council are going to make the city even more of an elites-only getaway rather than a quiet mountain town.

New zoning rules include a 28-foot height limit on buildings and restrictions on how much land can be used for any new construction.

While small-town America typically prides itself on mom-and-pop stores and local charm, some are warning that the new rules in Aspen will hasten its slide into big-box elitism.

As Aspen Public Radio reported:

*Other new mandates might also backfire, warned Maria Morrow, speaking to the council on behalf of the Aspen Chamber Resort Association. Developers are now required to provide or pay for public housing and transportation. Older buildings previously exempt from these mitigations will pay their fair share on a graduated timeline.*

*"There was a concern that many of the buildings that would be hurt the most by retroactively applying mitigation are the same very buildings that are currently affordable," Morrow said. "So we fear that this code will force the older, more affordable, funkier buildings into a corner where they will only be bought by a very moneyed developer. The result: more homog-*

*enization, more big box, and maybe more unleased spaces. Not more charm and funk."*

This all comes after what has been nearly a yearlong moratorium on land use applications in Aspen.

It makes sense that the wealthy want to preserve their elite status through heavy regulation. They paid millions to live in Aspen, and they don't want any riff-raff coming in and forcing them to think about the real world outside their bubble, or ruin their hefty investment.

It's unfortunate that small local retailers and businesses that don't cater to the rich may be put at risk. The rules may even make it impossible to start a new business. But, in the eyes of many socialites, the Aspen City Council is merely doing its job: protecting the interests of wealthy, powerful constituents.

Please see: <http://watchdog.org/287496/aspen-city-council-helps-rich-stay-rich/>

## "Takin' It To The House..." A Calendar And Commentary From The Golden Dome

Rep. Jim Wilson – HD 60

—February 26, 2017

There are two issues that have been a source of much consternation in HD 60 over the past few years. No Child Left Behind (along with Common Core) was one big item, and the fate and future of PERA was the other. Both topics are in the spotlight once again.

No Child Left Behind (NCLB) has been replaced by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Supposedly, states will have a great deal more flexibility under ESSA than they had under NCLB. Each state is to develop a state plan moving forward under ESSA.

The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) recently released a draft of the "Colorado Plan", outlining how it intends to implement the federal ESSA for public review and to collect feedback. The plan will be open for public comment until March 10th. Colorado's Commissioner of Education, Katy Anthes, said, "We are proud today to release the draft of Colorado's ESSA plan, which is the culmination of a year's worth of hard work, thoughtful conversations and deep consideration about Colorado's education system."

If you had any concerns about Colorado's education system under NCLB, now is the time to make

your voice heard. The comments the state receives will be compiled and included with the plan when it is submitted to the U.S. Department of Education and incorporated into the plan as deemed appropriate. Your time is now. See: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/fedprograms/essa>. 'Feedback' and 'view' links are on this page.

The second source of turmoil is the Public Employees' Retirement Association (PERA). On one hand is State Treasurer Walker Stapleton's "the sky is falling" railing against the stability of PERA. On the other is Secure PERA's Executive Director Lynea Hansen's "Despite fear-mongering, PERA in good shape" article. I am sure the truth lies somewhere in between.

Getting to the truth is the challenge. Colorado PERA provides retirement and other benefits to more than 500,000 current and former teachers, State Troopers, snowplow drivers, corrections officers, and other public employees who provide valuable services to all of Colorado. Securing the future of PERA is critical to the members of PERA. Making sure the stability of PERA does not fall on the backs of the taxpayers of Colorado is a critical issue as well. Do some research on your own – it affects us all.

The House Education



Committee heard two more of my bills on Monday. HB 17-1160: "K-3 English Learning Reading Assessment" and SB 17-123: "Seal of Bilitocracy for High School Diplomas". Rep. Millie Hamner (D – Summit) is the co-prime sponsor on both bills. I anticipate both bills to move on through committee. SB 17-123 passed out of the Senate on a 30-5 vote.

In addition, HB 17-1091: "Tax Credit Employer-Assisted Housing Projects" (to help small businesses in rural areas acquire affordable housing) will be heard in the House Finance Committee this week as well. This is one of my bills that I hope can make it through the process. It is a partial solution to the affordable housing challenge.

As the session continues into March, you may have questions. Please feel free to call my office in the Capitol at 303-866-2747 or send me an e-mail: [WilsonForHD60@gmail.com](mailto:WilsonForHD60@gmail.com) or [james.wilson.house@state.co.us](mailto:james.wilson.house@state.co.us).

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## Colorado State News

# Bennet (D-Cuba): Gardner Travels State While Bennet Visits Communist Regimes

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

For all the hay Democrats are trying to make out of Senator Cory Gardner's travels around the state, we seem to have misplaced Colorado's senior Senator Michael Bennet, who has not held a town hall for as long as we can remember. Good thing the writers at the *Coloradoan* were there to help us track him down. Here is what they said about Bennet's where-

abouts this week:

"Like Gardner, Bennet has met with constituents on specific topics. Bennet spent the recess traveling to Cuba and Colombia to discuss trade, human rights, migration and more," Cipriano said in an email.

Egads. You mean to say that Senator Bennet not only isn't in the state, but isn't even in the country? Good grief. Even people lambasting

Gardner would have to admit that Gardner being in the state is better than Bennet visiting a tropical location run by a communist regime.

To all the left wingers following Sen. Gardner around, please also chase after Senator Bennet. He's in Cuba. Trust us, we're positive you'd love it there.

<http://coloradopeakpolitics.com/2017/02/24/bennet-d-cuba-gardner-travels-the-state-while-bennet-visits-communist-regimes/>

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Bennet Left. Gardner Right. No pun intended.

Photos Courtesy of ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

## Enviros Admit Prairie Dogs Are Tasty Treats

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

We have good news and bad about the prairie dog population in Colorado.

The good news is that a federal survey shows the critters have doubled the size of their habitat, meaning they are too plentiful to be listed on the endangered species list.

That they are plentiful, is the bad news for many Coloradans.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife official Tina Jackson confirmed "we have enough" prairie dogs, and

had this to say about a potential endangered or threatened species listing.

"A listing of a species like this would have a huge impact on landowners. It could restrict activities on their property," she said.

Problem solved, right?

Environmentalists are not known for taking good news well about the positive state of Mother Earth, so of course they found something to whine about — the colonies still aren't big enough.

And unless we have tons more prairie dogs, the black-footed ferrets won't have enough of the critters to eat, they say.

We've always argued that

prairie dogs are worthless except to feed the ferrets.

Who knew that environmentalists would ever come around to our way of thinking?

It's a positive start, but we expect their buddies over in animal activist land won't be too happy about their position.

Please see: <http://coloradopeakpolitics.com/2017/02/21/animals-are-food-enviros-admit-prairie-dogs-are-tasty-treats>



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**IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT**

School Board Meetings:

**Cañon City Fremont RE-1**

**2nd and 4th Mon**

**5:30 p.m.**

**101 N. 14th St., Cañon City**

**Florence-Penrose Fremont RE-2**

**2nd Mon. at 7 p.m.**

**403 W. 5th St. Florence**

**Cañon City City Council**

**1st and 3rd Mondays at 6 p.m.**

**City Hall**

**128 Main St. Cañon City**

**County Commissioners**

**2nd and 4th Tues.**

**9:30 a.m.**

**615 Macon, Rm. 105 Cañon City**

**Royal Gorge Tea Party**

**2nd Thursday**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Core Knowledge School Gymnasium,**

**890 Fields Ave. Cañon City**

**www.royalgorgetea-party.com**

**Fremont Republican Central Committee**

**4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.**

**603 Main Street**

**Southern Colorado Survivors**

**1st Sat at 10 a.m.**

**El Alazan Mexican Restaurant**

**1925 Fremont Dr. Cañon City**

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

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# Florence City Council Approves Changes to Municipal Codes

by Charlotte Burrous

Last Tuesday, Florence City Council approved amending several municipal codes and tabling two others until the next meeting.

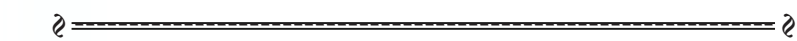
“These are simple items before you. All these items stem from venues the police chief has seen recurring in the jurisdiction of your city,” said City Attorney Matthew Krob. “The police chief nor I have any control over what the district attorney does when someone violates a state statue and that person is incited and sent to district court. We don’t have any control over the court fines or restitution or what agreements are made. All we have control over is what happens within our jurisdiction and what happens in our municipal courtroom.”

These are things that are already issues at the state level. Because of funding or whatever it is, these cases that are filed with district court are not handled as rapidly as the city would like.

“We can control what happens in municipal court,” Krob added. “While they may seem cumbersome, they are (modeled) after state statues.”

When the officers write tickets and go to court, the city is spending city funds, but not recouping any of the fines or surcharges it all goes back to the county.

“You’re using your resources, but you’re not recovering any of the (funds),” Krob continued.



## JOHNSON AMENDMENT from page 1

protect free speech for all Americans.”

Recently, U.S. Sen. James Lankford and U.S. Rep. Jody Hice introduced the “Free Speech Fairness Act.” Although not a repeal of the Johnson Amendment, the bill amends the law to allow for speech made “in the ordinary course of the organization’s regular and customary activities,” removing the threat of IRS censorship and safeguarding free speech and religious freedom. This bill has the added benefit of applying to all 501(c)(3) organizations, removing an unfair burden against free speech in nonprofit organizations. Safeguards against these organizations contributing to political campaigns or parties remain in effect and its broad application to all 501(c)(3) organizations strengthens its constitutional soundness.

We face a long legislative road to removing barriers to free speech from the pulpit. All journeys begin with a first step and adopting the Free Speech Fairness Act represents that first step.

**Deb Walker,**  
**The Citizens Project**

Critics of the Johnson

Amendment claim that the free speech protections of the First Amendment are not enjoyed by faith leaders and argue that the law should be repealed. But in fact, religious expression by church leaders and houses of worship enjoys wide latitude.

The Johnson Amendment to the U.S. tax code prohibits charitable organizations that receive tax-deductible donations from endorsing or opposing any political candidate or party in their formal activities. This amendment places no restrictions on discussions or advocacy with regard to political issues such as abortion, same-sex marriage, gun control, health care and other issues of conscience. Pastors and other church leaders can engage in partisan politics when acting solely as individual citizens and may endorse a candidate just as any other citizen, as long as they do not do so when acting in the name of their church. The amendment is also neutral in that it does not single out religious organizations but applies this restriction to all 501(c)(3) nonprofits.

Part of the jurisprudence behind the Johnson Amendment is that government may not subsidize political endorsements

through tax-exemption. It is estimated that more than \$50 billion per year is given in charitable tax deductions. The intent is to ease the financial burden on organizations that operate for religious, educational and charitable purposes. Essentially, giving an organization “charitable” status is a way that citizens subsidize and encourage charitable activities that benefit the whole of society. That subsidy is intended to help nonprofits, religious or otherwise, more easily accomplish their mission, not to engage in political campaigns. The Johnson Amendment ensures that citizens of all faith traditions (or no faith tradition) are not inadvertently financially supporting church-based politicking. It also ensures that the government is not entangled in underwriting partisan political activity.

As further evidence of how free religious expression remains in the political arena, it is worth remembering that religious organizations openly engage in lobbying, spending hundreds of millions of dollars per year to make their views known on Capitol Hill. This includes well-known organizations such as the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Southern Baptist Convention and the Family Re-

City Manager Mike Patterson said the county is not out of any money because most of these charges are never seen in court.

“My recommendations to you, council, is [that] you table (the ordinance pertaining to unsightly vehicles and the code pertaining to threats). We’re taking state law and saying we’re going to make this the law in Florence so our officers can charge it and we can recoup some of these costs,” he said. “These are already the law at the state level. We can charge it then we can prosecute it. It saves officers’ time that is being wasted and cases can be prosecuted (in our court).” The ordinances the council approved are as follows:

- Approved adding a section pertaining to criminal trespass.
- Approved adding a section pertaining to unlawful acts in or around schools.
- Approved adding a section pertaining to driver’s licenses and license plate violations.
- Approved adding a section pertaining to drug related offenses.
- Approved adding a section concerning possession and use of marijuana and marijuana accessories within the City of Florence.
- Approved a section pertaining to increased surcharges and fees.

## Events March 3-April 2

- **COG lunch is served at noon every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday** at 100 Railroad St. in Florence. Call 784-6493 before 9:30 a.m. for reservation. Meals cost \$2 for 60 and older and \$6.50 for 59 and younger.
- **Free lunch is served from noon-1 p.m. Tuesdays at Mercy Today Ministries** in the back of the First Christian Church at 320 N. 16th St. in Cañon City. For more information, call 276-9242.
- **Lunches are served at noon Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Penrose Center** at 405 Broadway in Penrose. Everyone is welcome. Meals are \$3 per person. Please call 372-3872 for reservations. Thrift Store is open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
- **Friends of the Penrose Community Library hosts its weekly used book sales** from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. every Wednesday in the shed behind the library at 35 Seventh Ave. in Penrose.
- **Free lunch to those in need** will be offered from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. the third Saturday of the month in the Fellowship Hall at the First United Methodist Church at the corner of Ninth and Main streets.

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

**March 11, Florence 2nd Saturday ArtWalk** Explore downtown and have a great night out! Shop for original art, meet interesting people, and treat yourself to dinner and drinks at Florence’s best art galleries, restaurants, and pubs.

**March 11, Fremont County Republicans Annual Lincoln Day Dinner** at the Abbey Events Center at 2931 E. U.S. 50. The event kicks off with a social hour at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner. Tickets are \$45 per person or \$80 per couple. Ticket price includes dinner, live and silent auction, and drawing of the Fremont Patriot Revolver raffle. Keynote speakers are Colorado State Sen. Kevin Grantham and U.S. Congressman Doug Lamborn. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.fremontcountyrcc.com](http://www.fremontcountyrcc.com) or by calling 719-315-1322 and leave a message.

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

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

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

search Council.

A closer look reveals that the Johnson Amendment restriction is aimed not at religious expression per se but at partisan political expression made under tax-advantaged (including religious) auspices. It is purposefully narrow. Its application is neutral and secular in that it requires nonprofits of all stripes to avoid political partisanship in exchange for enjoying tax-exemption benefits.

Those opposed to the Johnson Amendment claim that any restriction forces religious leaders to give up their constitutional right to free speech and is intended to silence religious groups from speaking to issues of

morality. This is simply untrue. A limited restriction on partisan political speech by a tax-exempt nonprofit does not equal silencing. Such restrictions protect the integrity of nonprofits and their ability to focus on serving our communities not beholden to any particular candidate or party.

**Tim Neville** represents District 16 in the state Senate. He lives in Jefferson County. **Deb Walker** is the executive director of Citizens Project. She lives in Colorado Springs.

Please see: <http://coloradopolitics.com/point-counterpoint-johnson-amendment-changed-allow-politics-pulpit/>



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## Is America Set Up For a Coup?

My ministry partner of 25 years, William Agbeti, has been through six coups d'état in Ghana spanning from 1966 through 1981. Only one failed. I asked him to analyze the factors of those coups and compare them with the current situation in America to see if there were similarities. He said, "All the FACTORS that play out for coups d'état are currently PRESENT in the U.S. Most of these FACTORS are oftentimes masterminded. The stage is being set for perhaps America's first coup d'état." Agbeti went on to identify the various indicators already in place that may contribute to an overthrow of the U.S. government in some form or another. Did the previous "president" set the stage for a third-world coup in the U.S.? Read on.

Agbeti says, "Coups makers in Ghana belonged to one, part or all of the following categories of persons: disgruntled leaders, power-drunk individuals, stoogies fronting for organized criminals, over-ambitious adventurers, ex-heads of state with unfinished agendas, opposition members who have created a shadow government, die-hard individuals with sympathetic ears to foreign powers desirous of entrenching and superimposing their interests (or way of life) on a nation. Master minds, employing state oppression as an excuse, using mainstream mass media, institutions, and instigating groups of people to pour out into the streets to create well-organized mass revolts, easily paved the way for successful coups. These master minds belonged to shadow governments with hidden agendas."

Agbeti says there are several factors that lead to a coup, including "Disgruntled leaders and workers;

Heightened trumpeting of corruption, inefficient governance and well-orchestrated and timely resignations; Readiness of the fourth estate of the realm (mainstream mass media) to establish and perpetuate evil government and governance; Organized mass revolts; Fearless or extraordinarily bold, self-proclaimed or secretly elected "insane" leaders ready to "free" the people; Organized murders, fake incidents, doctored statistics, rumor mongering, agitation of people through inflammatory statements; and Mass disbursements of funds to individuals, organizations, people's groups, both local and foreign."

In conclusion, Agbeti says if there is a coup in the U.S., "It may come in one of several forms: widespread civil disobedience that gives legitimacy to call for the resignation of Trump, "occupy" versions of coups, planned resignations from and rejections of government appointments, massive funding of key institutions used by the shadow government to protest new government policies, etc." When you think about the George Soros-funded professional protestors and the vitriol hate of the malcontents in this country, the unthinkable factors described by Agbeti come into focus.

There are strongholds in place that threaten our inalienable rights. 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 says, "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds." Let us pray and act.

*Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!*

Bill Wilson

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## Arizona Sheriff Releasing 400 "Criminal Illegal Immigrants" Every 10 Days

by Judicial Watch

An average of 400 "criminal illegal immigrants" are being released every 10 days by the newly elected sheriff in Arizona's most populous county, federal law enforcement

40 criminal illegal aliens getting released from Maricopa County Jail facilities, the sources said. On weekends the number drops to about ten each day. The illegal aliens have state criminal charges ranging from misdemeanors to felonies,

talk and can't be identified. Without cooperation from county authorities, federal agents would have to stand at the door to the jail 24 hours a day and guess which prisoner should be deported, sources said. "We can't stand out there and question everyone that walks out of that jail," said a federal agent directly involved in the matter. "Even if we did, we would have to make arrests on the street, in the middle of protestors, families and picketers and that will only heighten the danger to agents."

When Penzone announced the new policy at a press

our streets and mitigate the possibility of future crimes being committed against the residents of our communities." Judicial Watch has filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to obtain specific figures and pertinent information related to the Maricopa County Sheriff's policies involving criminal illegal aliens. "This is as bad as it gets," said one federal officer.

Just this month an illegal immigrant released from the Denver County Jail in Colorado was arrested for murder. The Mexican national, Ever Valles, was released into the community

*"...Maricopa County Jail, one of the nation's largest with a population of about 8,000."*

sources tell Judicial Watch, many of them violent offenders. It's part of Maricopa County Sheriff Paul Penzone's new policy to protect illegal aliens, even those who have committed serious state crimes, from deportation. Under a long-time partnership between the county and the feds, the Phoenix field office of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was notified when "aliens unlawfully present with additional Arizona charges" were released from the Maricopa County Jail, which is one of the nation's largest with a population of about 8,000. That ended when Penzone, who refers to illegal immigrants as "guests," took office this year and, though he formally announced the change last week, it was put into practice much earlier.

During a recent 10-day period, more than 400 criminal illegal immigrants were released from the Maricopa County Jail, according to federal law enforcement officials directly involved in the process in Phoenix. Weekdays are the busiest, with an average of about

driving under the influence and drug offenses. "There's no telling how many criminals he's (Sheriff Penzone) putting on the streets," said a high-ranking federal law enforcement official stationed in Arizona. Judicial Watch's calls to the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office were not returned.

Before the new sheriff changed the system, ICE would send a wagon every 12 hours to pick up criminal illegal aliens scheduled to be released from the main jail in Maricopa County. Under the new policy, Maricopa Coun-

*"Just this month an illegal immigrant released from the Denver County Jail in Colorado was arrested for murder."*

ty officials are not giving ICE "any notification at all of the release of criminal illegals," according to an agency official in Phoenix who's not authorized to

conference last week, ICE issued a statement calling it an "immediate, dangerous change." The agency's Phoenix director for enforcement and removal operations, Enrique Lu-

in December even though he was a "known gang member" with a lengthy and violent criminal history. The 19-year-old gang-banger was arrested in October on multiple charges, including possession of a weapon and vehicle theft, and was flagged by ICE for removal. Instead, Denver County officials released Valles without notifying ICE and this month he was arrested and charged with shooting a man to death during a robbery at a rail station in Denver.

Please see: <http://www.judicialwatch.org/blog/2017/02/arizona-sheriff-releasing-400-criminal-illegal-immigrants-every-10-days/>



*Islamic principle of Muruna or flexibility to blend in with the enemy, once again that is you, the infidel. In an interpretation of Surah 2:106, "If we abrogate a verse or cause it to be forgotten, we will replace it by a better one or similar"; they can forget what is convenient as long as they pursue a better verse. Forget that they can only take up arms against those that have attacked them in favor of killing all who disagree, the infidel. All in the interest of having non-Muslims lower their guard in order to be attacked more easily. The Japanese did this by conducting peace negotiations while bombing Pearl Harbor. Why is it that our leaders in Washington cannot see this today? Perhaps because they see us as infidels as well. We call that treason.*

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# Clintons Fundraiser In Hiding, "Fears Untimely Death"

by Mac Slavo, SHTF.com

The pattern continues...

Those who are connected to the crimes and misdemeanors of the Clinton crime cartel live in hiding for fear of their lives.

Of course there was funneling of money going on. The Wikileaks and Guccifer 2.0 hacks went a long way in documenting the quid pro quo nature of Clinton diplomacy.

Back in the 90s, it was selling nuclear secrets to China, and schmoozing with high powered Chinese individuals, caught up in real estate deals, fundraising schemes and the like.

So it is little surprising, though certainly alarming, that this story

has surfaced of a Chinese-American businessman who is living in hiding and who felt compelled to make an ‘insurance policy’ video detailing his involvement in the Clinton Administration’s “China-gate” which involved laundered funds from high powered Chinese businessmen:

via Daily Mail:

*A Chinese-American businessman at the center of a Clinton campaign finance scandal secretly filmed a tell-all video as an ‘insurance policy’ – because he feared being murdered.*

*[...] Johnny Chung spills details on how he illegally funneled money from Chinese officials to Bill Clinton’s 1996 re-election bid.*

*The Chinese-American Clinton fundraiser recorded the ‘elabo-*

*rate videotaped testimony’ while in hiding in 2000.*

*He smuggled it to trusted friends and family with instructions to release it to the media in the event of his untimely death because he believed he was at risk of being assassinated.*

*Chung is believed to still be alive and living in China.*

It seems that there were some implicit threats being made against him from within the system just ahead of his testimony. His FBI protection was lifted and he was tauntingly instructed to ‘call 911’ if he felt his life was in danger.

Here are the highlight excerpts of his confession video:

If one reads between the lines, and it seems clear that a threat

was made against Chung to coerce him into keeping his mouth shut and saying nothing that could indict the sitting President, the First Lady or their network of operatives.

*Chung described on the tape how Democrats on the House Committee on Government Reform tried to dissuade him from testifying publicly before the committee by sending his attorney a letter telling him he could plead the Fifth Amendment.*

*[...] The FBI in Los Angeles began providing around-the-clock protection for him. But just a few days before Chung was scheduled to testify before a grand jury, the FBI headquarters in Washington called off the protection detail and told Chung he would have to make the trip alone.*

*[...] ‘I called the FBI office and offered to [speak with] the US assistant attorney again on the phone,’ said Chung. ‘And he said ‘Mr. Chung your case is over. As a normal American citizen, what do you do if you feel your life is in danger? You just call 911.’*

Chung’s connections to elite Chinese businessmen apparently went all the way to the top of the chain. It is evident that a foreign power influenced the iconic American president to the point of buying him out.

This is just the top of the iceberg, and you can feel it.

Please see: [http://www.shtfplan.com/headline-news/man-in-hiding-confesses-to-illegal-fund-raising-for-the-clintons-fears-untimely-death\\_02242017](http://www.shtfplan.com/headline-news/man-in-hiding-confesses-to-illegal-fund-raising-for-the-clintons-fears-untimely-death_02242017)

## Trump Just Blew the Dog Whistle on a Market Top

by Karl Denninger, Market-Ticker.org

A few days ago President Trump said *deficits are out of control*.

He’s right, of course.

In point of fact the *real deficit increase* was \$1.4 trillion last year. How do we know this? Because *debt to the penny* (an official Treasury site) **tells us** exactly how much the federal government has “borrowed.”

*I put “borrowed” in quotes for a reason: Banks, including the Fed, do not actually lend out deposits that were previously made. Instead what they do is push a button, credit your account and cover the reserve requirement when the money is spent and someone else deposits it.*

As such *borrowing* by the federal government, **which is not backed by collateral**

**al that has already been made and is removed from the market until said loan is repaid**, always **and immediately** creates monetary inflation.

You cannot control where this shows up in prices but that it does and **always will**, is a mathematical fact.

Last year GDP was operating at about an \$18.7 trillion in the third quarter (when the total deficit increase was totaled as well; September 30, 2016.) **This means that approximately 7.5% monetary inflation occurred last fiscal year.**

How much was the stock market up during that time? From 1951 -> 2168 (S&P 500), approximately, **or roughly 11.1%.**

Or was it?

**No, it was actually up 11.1 - 7.5% in real terms or 3.6%.**

What happens if the deficit goes to *zero*. Then the market *at best* grows at *about 1/4 of the rate it was before*.

This, of course, assumes the stock market got an *average* benefit from that inflation. In point of fact it probably got a *much larger than average* benefit. Why do we know this? Because corporate profits have *not* been accelerating materially *and the market is now trading at crazy prices: sales ratios -- which have only been seen before in the near term before serious corrections or even crashes.*

So again -- what do you *expect* to happen **if** the fuel that has driven the market up disappears?

*You might want to start thinking about that.*

Please see: <http://market-ticker.org/akcs-www?post=231855>

## Teacher Accuses Students of Harassment for Saying “God Bless You” After Sneezing

by Victor Skinner, EAGNews.org

**(Editor/GG: A little red neck humor here folks with regards to another leftwing, snowflake teacher.)**

PANAMA CITY, Fla. – An atheist middle school teacher’s online rant about her students recently sparked both a district investigation and angry complaints from parents.

Merritt Brown Middle School teacher Susan Creamer took to the Atheists of Bay County Facebook page to solicit advice about how to deal with the religious “cretins” in her class, putting her job in Bay District Schools on the line, the Daily News reports.

*“There is a bevy of boys in one of my classes (middle school) who are taking turns either inviting me to their church or leaving (anonymously) flyers inviting me to church events. Today, I found one on the A/V cart I use for a podium,” Creamer wrote.*

*“Every time any child sneezes, they loudly say ‘God bless you!’ and look in my direction. I have complained twice to my principal – one last month and once today,” she continued. “She has spoken privately to one or two of the little cretins, but it seems to do NO GOOD.”*

*“I am feeling bullied and harassed. It has become intolerable,” Creamer wrote. “I don’t feel like talking with the parents will stop the inappropriate behaviors because, for all I know, the*

*parents are encouraging them. Any suggestions?”*

Parent Crystal Mosely pointed out several serious issues Creamer’s comments raise for parents in a letter to school Superintendent Bill Husfelt.

*“First and foremost, she should not be discussing her religious preferences (or lack thereof) with any of these students,” Mosley wrote. “Had she not been proudly boasting of her atheism these children would not know of her personal beliefs and I would not be addressing this situation.”*

*“Secondly, as an adult in a professional occupation, her choice of words to describe her students is completely unprofessional and completely out of line,” she continued. “Third, for her to see out suggestions from a group on social media of how to handle her students (my children) has me outraged!”*

Bay District Schools spokeswoman Karen Tucker told the Daily News school policy prohibits teachers from criticizing students in person or online. Creamer’s comments were posted to a closed page, but were captured by a screenshot that was distributed among students, parents and others in the district.

Tucker said district officials launched an investigation into the Creamer’s post and other comments on Facebook because the district policy applies regardless of whether comments are posted to open or closed pages.

“I don’t think it matters (if the page is private or not), because eventually someone else is going to see it posted, which is what happened,” Tucker said. “People were re-posting. If you said things on there, which she did, about students, no, I don’t think it matters.”

The district also issued a formal statement to WJHG-TV.

*“Teachers are encouraged and trained, to keep clear boundaries between their personal and professional lives to ensure that the classroom remains a neutral and supportive environment.*

*This training and related school board policy includes guidelines for interactions on all social media platforms including, but not limited to, Facebook,” the statement read. “We do not condone the use of disparaging comments about our students in any form, on any social media platform or in any school.”*

*The district’s policy manual clearly states “the district believes employees should separate personal and professional relationships in online communities and platforms,” the news site reports.*

WJHG-TV also pointed out that Dictionary.com defines cretin as “a stupid, obtuse, or mentally defective person.”

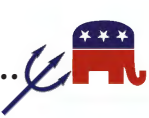
Please see: <http://eagnews.org/teacher-accuses-students-of-harassment-for-saying-god-bless-you-after-sneeze/>

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### Flush of the Week

Jared Polis (D-Colorado)

Educate  
...Agitate...



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#### The Agitator in Chief

In an interview with Tucker Carlson, Jared Polis was asked if he was trying to rebuke the Prez by inviting DACA-protected Mexican-born immigrant Oscar Juarez-Luna to President Trump’s Address to the Joint Session of Congress.

Rep. Jared Polis answered by saying, “not a rebuke”, but rather “to educate!”

*(Trump is not deporting DACA protected individuals like Oscar, who had been here over a decade.)*

Polis also argued that we need to keep the “cheap” labor that picks crops. ALSO not part of deportation: these folks are NOT undocumented workers but highly protected migrant workers here legally on a work visas... Nice try Polis, but you’re not trying to “EDUCATE” as you claim; but “AGITATE”; a common grandstanding ploy in political-lifer land.



# Buy High and Sell Low?

## A Review of "The Socionomic Theory of Finance"

by Robert Gore  
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Socionomic theory predicts it will be at its least popular when it's most useful, implying that right now, few will read *The Socionomic Theory of Finance* (STF) [by Robert R. Prechter] or this review, although it's an important book and most financial market participants would benefit immensely from learning why they consistently lose money.

The prevalence of herding throughout the animal kingdom suggests its evolutionary benefits. A gnu in a herd sees a stalking lion and before you know it, they're all fleeing because they're all fleeing. One may end up gnu tartare, but the rest are safe, and evolution cares about species, not individuals. On a less blood-thirsty note, when a gnu finds a spring in a parched savannah, before you know it, the herd has bellied up to the bar. In an uncertain world, herding allows for virtually instantaneous dispersal of knowledge and evolutionarily effective responses.

*Socionomics (so-shee-o-nom'-ics or so-see-o-nom'-ics) is the study of social mood and its influence over social attitudes and actions. It provides a basis for explaining the genesis of past social events and for anticipating future ones, thereby offering a new science of history and social prediction.*

STF, pg. 113

In contexts of uncertainty, herding is what Prechter terms "pre-rational." Pre-rational herding impulses take precedence over rational reflexion and are the fundamental psychological driver of inherently uncertain financial markets. So-called rational reflexion comes after the impulsive imperative, and is nothing more than rationalization. Following the herd in financial markets brings participants to grief, because the herd always has and

always will buy high and sell low.

Socionomic theory breaks revolutionary and controversial ground.

The main theoretical principles are that in human, complex systems:

- *Shared unconscious impulses to herd in contexts of uncertainty lead to mass psychological dynamics manifested as social mood trends.*
- *These social mood trends conform to a hierarchical fractal called the Wave Principle (WP) and therefore are probabilistically predictable.*
- *These patterns of human aggregate behavior are form-determined due to endogenous processes, rather than mechanistically determined by exogenous causes.*
- *Social mood trends determine the character of social actions and are their underlying cause.*

STF, pg. 313

The last bullet point often proves the bridge too far. Everybody "knows" that events are behind social mood and its swings. Rising stock markets and expanding economies make people optimistic and happy. Depressions and wars make people depressed, pessimistic, fearful and belligerent. The socionomic theory requires a 180-degree reversal in most people's thinking. *Social mood trends, regulated by their own internal, or endogenous, dynamics and impervious to external influences, motivate social actions. Social mood is the cause; social actions are the effects.* Stock markets rise and economies expand because of rising social mood. Depressions and wars are results of falling social mood.

Social mood itself is intangible, although its effects are not, but we have indicators of social mood, called sociometers, from fields of human endeavor that are collective exercises in contexts of

uncertainty. The best sociometers are equity markets, which second by second register changes in the speculative herd's mood. Studying stock market charts in the 1930s and 1940s, Ralph Nelson Elliott discerned the wave patterns that became the basis for the

which any suitably chosen part is similar in shape to a given larger or smaller part when magnified or reduced to the same size."

While Elliott waves are irregular fractals, they take shape

*To an uninitiated person, conventional economic thinking feels right even though it's wrong, and socionomic causality feels wrong even though it's right.*

*To begin your journey out of that mindset, you must learn to accept and then embrace irony and paradox, at least as humans are unconsciously wired to interpret things. Once you recognize that social mood and patterned herding are independent, primary causes that have consequences in social action, once you get used to the world of socionomic causality, the irony and paradox will melt away, and everything the markets do will make sense. Rather than appearing unfathomable, market action will become completely normal, somewhat predictable and wonderfully entertaining.*

— Robert R. Prechter

Elliott Wave Theory (EWT).

*As established by R.N. Elliott empirically and Benoit Mandelbrot mathematically, financial prices fluctuate as a fractal, with a comparable style of movement on all time scales, from seconds to centuries.*

STF, pg. 232

A fractal, according to the Merriam-Webster online dictionary, is: "[A]ny of various extremely irregular curves or shapes for

according to certain guidelines and mathematical relationships. At any point a financial market can go up or down, but the EWT yields probabilistic predictions about its direction and pattern, which means it can be empirically tested. Much of STF is devoted to demonstrating the EWT's predictive efficacy.

Prechter demolishes a slew of external, or exogenous, cause theories purporting to explain financial markets. He presents sol-

id evidence that the socionomic theory yields testable predictions that flow logically from its postulates and are far more accurate than such theories or random guesses. He's had his whiffs—predictions can only be probabilistic, not certainties. However, he and EWI's numerous home runs, including the last stock market crash and the subsequent rally, put them in the prognosticators' hall of fame.

Prechter does an outstanding job of making his theory accessible. He is a fine writer with a straightforward style, which makes most of the book an easy read (a few unessential articles by other writers are more difficult). The numerous charts are well labeled and explained. His current prediction for equity markets and the economy is that we are within months of the end of a fractal series of rising mood trends that will mark the top not just of the bull market wave that began in 2009, but a larger wave that began in 1974, a still larger wave that began in 1932, and a still larger wave that began in the 1780s. A huge down wave will propel a devastating financial crash and a depression greater than the Great Depression.

*The Socionomic Theory of Finance* represents a monumental intellectual accomplishment. Prechter has exposed exogenous cause "theories" as nothing more than post hoc rationalizations with the predictive power of coin flips. To his credit as a scientist, he invites further study, refinements, and modifications. However, those who directly challenge socionomics cannot fall back on the widely-accepted formulations he's discredited. They must propose a theory that yields testable hypotheses and has more predictive power. That's how real science works. Until someone builds that better theoretical mousetrap, socionomics will reign intellectually supreme.

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## Four Agencies to Abolish Along With The Department of Education

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In the wake of the Senate's confirmation of the appointment of Betsy DeVos, the protests from the left prompted Republican Congressman Thomas Massie to offer them a way to get rid of DeVos: eliminate the Department of Education.

According to Massie, he'd been planning to introduce the bill for more than a year, and the controversy over DeVos appeared to be as good a time as any.

There's no harm in Massie introducing the bill, of course, although as I've noted here, the odds of Republicans offering much help to Massie in passing

the bill are pretty low.

But as long as we're identifying cabinet-level agencies for the chopping block, why stop with the Department of Education?

There are plenty of other departments which oversee activities that could easily be done by state and local agencies, or which should just be reduced to their former less-exalted positions in the federal ecosystem.

For starters, we'll just address some of the low-hanging fruit. Here are agencies that can be eliminated with relative ease, either because they are recently-created, redundant, or utterly unnecessary.

### One: The Department of Homeland Security, \$51 Billion

Somehow, the United States managed to get along for more than 225 years before this department was created by Congress and the Bush Administration in 2002.

The department quickly became a way for the federal government to spread federal taxpayer dollars to state and local law enforcement agencies, thus gaining greater control at the local level. The DHS administers a number of grant programs that have helped to purchase a variety of new toys for law enforcement groups including new weapons, and new technologies. Also in-

cluded in this is the infamous military surplus program which supplies tanks and other military equipment to police forces everywhere from big cities to small rural towns. The crime-free Town of Keene, New Hampshire made sure its police received a tank through this program as have many larger cities.

When the Orlando gunman opened fire in the Pulse nightclub in 2016, the police eventually rolled up in a tank — which did nothing to stem the bloodshed inside the club.

Police claim they need these half-million-dollar vehicles from the DHS to deal with civil unrest. Never mind, of course, that every state already has a National

Guard force specifically for that purpose.

While the department was created in response to the 9/11 attacks, the department does nothing to address anything like a 9/11-style attack, and all the agencies that were supposed to provide intelligence on such attacks — the FBI for instance — already exist in other departments and continue to enjoy huge budgets.

DHS also includes agencies that already existed in other departments before, such as the Federal Emergency Management

**FOUR AGENCIES**  
see page 24





# The Second Amendment Corner Liberty's Line in the Sand

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

A Psalm of David, Psalm 144:1

## Rotary Int'l Bars Clubs from Hosting Gun-Related Fundraisers

by Erika Haas,  
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It appears Rotary International (RI), the service organization made up of 35,000-plus clubs across the globe and over 1.2 million members, is attempting to quietly distance itself from the firearms industry.

At the start of the new year, the foundation instated new rules prohibiting its clubs from accepting sponsorships from, or co-branding with, firearms or weapons companies.

Clubs were also warned against hosting gun shows, gun sporting events or hunts – all of which are used as fundraising events for the organization and its humanitarian programs.

"The RI Board would not take kindly upon knowing that Rotary clubs are sponsoring or hosting gun and knife shows or that the clubs are hosting or sponsoring shooting tournaments and hunts. We would appreciate your assistance in passing on this information to the clubs in your areas and, if you would, ask any clubs that may already be sponsoring or hosting gun/knife shows, shooting tournaments and/or hunts to cease such activity," read one notice.

Soon after the new policy was put in place, several clubs complained. As a result, the RI Board said it would review the policy and provide more details soon.

Until then, clubs are allowed to proceed with any current gun-related events they have planned.

Please see: <https://bearingarms.com/erika-h/2017/02/24/rotary-international-bans-gun-related-fundraisers/>



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## New Hampshire Gets Constitutional Carry

by Dean Weingarten,  
Gun Watch

Governor Chris Sununu has signed SB12, the "permitless" or Constitutional Carry bill for New Hampshire in a signing ceremony. The ceremony was held at 10:30 Eastern time, today, 22 February, 2017. From Governor Sununu's Facebook page:

Signing #SB12 into law is a commitment I made to the people of New Hampshire. I am proud today to fulfill that commitment.

Similar bills were vetoed twice by former Democrat Governor Maggie Hassan. Hassan left the Governor's mansion to become a U.S. Senator from New Hampshire.

The bill passed with solid margins in the Senate, 13-

10, and in the House, 200-97. Here is the analysis of SB12 from the New Hampshire legislature:

I. Increases the length of time for which a license to carry a pistol or revolver is valid.

II. Allows a person to carry a loaded, concealed pistol or revolver without a license unless such person is otherwise prohibited by New Hampshire statute.

III. Requires the director of the division of state police to negotiate and enter into agreements with other jurisdictions to recognize in those jurisdictions the validity of the license to carry issued in this state.

IV. Repeals the requirement to obtain a license

to carry a concealed pistol or revolver.

A campaign to push Governor Sununu to veto the bill was pushed by Michael Bloomberg organizations. Some New Hampshire police organizations joined the campaign. From the eagletribune.com:

*CONCORD, N.H. — Senate Bill 12, a bill ending the permit requirement to carry concealed guns in New Hampshire, will allow sex offenders and children to carry certain firearms concealed if signed by Gov. Chris Sununu, according to the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police.*

Reading carefully, the police are worried that people under the age of 18 might legally carry rifles and shotguns concealed. They

are also worried that people who have committed some misdemeanors would be able to carry concealed.

Their efforts were blunted by the fact that both Vermont and Maine have similar rights to carry firearms. Vermont has been a "permitless" or Constitutional Carry state for its entire existence; Maine joined the club last year. Neither has had any adverse experiences with Constitutional Carry.

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## National Reciprocity Bill in Senate: What Are the Prospects

by Dean Weingarten,  
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On Saturday, February 25, 2017, Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) announced that he will introduce the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act in the Senate this week. From the *Dailycaller.com*:

*Texas Republican Sen. John Cornyn announced Saturday at the general meeting of the Texas State Rifle Association in Austin that he will introduce the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act in the upper chamber next week.*

The bill is said to mirror H.R. 38, in the House of Representatives.

A similar national reciprocity bill was put forward by Senator Cornyn in 2013. It came within 3 votes of overcoming the Senate filibuster. 57 senators voted for it, 43 against it. After the 2016 election, that number should have switched to 58, assuming that all Republicans vote for the bill, and all Democrats who voted for it before will still

vote for it. The Democrats who voted for it in 2013 are:

Joe Donnelly, Indiana; Jon Tester, Montana; Tom Udall, New Mexico; Martin Heinrich, New Mexico; Mark Warner, Virginia and Joe Manchin, West Virginia.

Those senators are all still in office.

Thirty-three senators voted against it, and are still in office. The turnover of 10 senators who voted against the bill from 2013 to 2017, only switches one vote with clarity. Of the 33 who are still in office, five are up for election in 2018 in states that Trump won. Those five senators are from states with large numbers of concealed carry permits. One, Missouri, is now a Constitutional carry state, which means that everyone who votes in Missouri, over the age of 20, is now a potential legal gun carrier. The numbers of permit holders in those states has increased from those listed below:

*Bill Nelson, Florida*  
*Over - 1,400,000 resident permits in Florida. All*

*are voters.*

*Claire McCaskill, Missouri - Over 171,000 permits, potentially all voters over 20.*

*Sherrod Brown, Ohio*  
*Over - 574,000 permits in Ohio. All are voters.*

*Bob Casey, Pennsylvania*  
*Over - 1,000,000 permits in the state. All are voters.*

*Tammy Baldwin, Wisconsin, over 240,000 permits in the state. All are voters.*

It is reasonable to believe that in 2013, the Obama administration lobbied hard against the national reciprocity bill. In 2017, it is reasonable to believe that the Trump administration will lobby hard in favor of it. National reciprocity was one of the pillars of the Donald Trump campaign.

Will they be able to switch two votes to overcome the 60-vote filibuster barrier? It looks to be eminently plausible.

The only reason to vote against the bill is purely ideological. Why would Senator Bill Nelson of Flor-

ida want to prevent 1.4 million voters in his state from being able to carry in other states? Permit holders from other states can already carry in Florida. The same is true in Ohio, Missouri, and Wisconsin. Pennsylvania honors permits from 25 other states.

Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin is an extreme ideologue. I do not expect her to switch. I am not so certain about the other four. Perhaps readers with more information can comment on Bill Nelson, Claire McCaskill, Sherrod Brown and Bob Casey.

Only two senators have to flip to pass national reciprocity over the 60-vote filibuster barrier.

I predict that we will obtain national reciprocity under the Trump administration.

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**"The Constitution preserves the advantage of being armed which Americans possess over the people of almost every other nation...(where) the governments are afraid to trust the people with arms."**

—James Madison, The Federalist, No. 46 Published Tuesday, January 29, 1788





## Codrea and Smith Weigh in on *Kolbe vs Hogan* Decision

# Fourth Circuit 2nd Amendment Subversion Highlights the Critical Need to Vet Judges

by David Codrea,  
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On Tuesday, the United States Court Of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, in the matter of *Kolbe v. Hogan*, upheld Maryland's so-called "assault weapon" ban. The divided decision dashes hopes raised last year when a three-judge panel ruled the doctrine of "strict scrutiny" should apply in determining if edicts like the Orwellian-named Maryland Firearm Safety Act (FSA) violated presumed Bill of Rights protections.

As noted in an Oath Keepers analysis at the time, that still left open the question of how courts would interpret the "legal" benchmark for weapons designated "in common use at the time." What's clear from the *en banc* ruling is that the dominant thought on the Fourth Circuit repudiates reality by denying the function of the militia to field citizen soldiers bearing "ordinary military equipment" intended to be taken into "common defense" battles.

The court contorted that, denying such weaponry is protected, and further, "even if the banned assault weapons and large-capacity magazines are somehow entitled to Second

Amendment protection — the district court properly subjected the FSA to intermediate scrutiny [Note/DC: levels of scrutiny explained here. See [http://blogs.findlaw.com/law\\_and\\_life/2014/01/challenging-laws-3-levels-of-scrutiny-explained.html](http://blogs.findlaw.com/law_and_life/2014/01/challenging-laws-3-levels-of-scrutiny-explained.html)] and correctly upheld it as constitutional under that standard of review."

You can read about the decision all over the place. Pro-gunners are decrying it. Gun-grabbers are in-your-face rejoicing. No amount of punditry or quoting the Founders is going to change things. What's needed is a Supreme Court ruling, and they could side with Maryland or just let everything stand by doing nothing, that is, by not hearing the case and letting the Fourth's decision stand.

So what can we do to increase the odds of a favorable outcome?

For now, we need to be holding our Senator's feet to the fire on who they vote to confirm.

Let's look at the *Kolbe* judges, specifically at the ones who evidently believe the Second Amendment has nothing to do with "the security of a free State." From the decision:

*Judge King wrote the opinion for the en banc majority, in which Chief Judge Gregory and Judges Wilkinson, Motz, Keenan, Wynn, Floyd, Thacker and Harris joined in full; Judge Diaz joined in part as to the Second Amendment claims and joined as to the Fourteenth Amendment equal protection and due process claims; and Judges Niemeyer, Shedd, and Agee joined as to the Fourteenth Amendment claims only. Judge Wilkinson wrote a concurring opinion, in which Judge Wynn joined. Judge Diaz wrote an opinion concurring in part and concurring in the judgment as to the Second Amendment claims. Judge Traxler wrote a dissenting opinion as to the Second Amendment claims, in which Judges Niemeyer, Shedd and Agee joined. Judge Traxler also wrote an opinion dissenting as to the Fourteenth Amendment equal protection claim and concurring in the judgment as to the Fourteenth Amendment due process claim.*

Now, focusing on the anti-Second Amendment contingent, let's look at who appointed the robed oath-breakers, and who supported their confirma-

tion. Of significance: Republicans participated in it all, and one of the most vocal opponents of an individual rights "interpretation" of the Second Amendment is Ronald Reagan appointee J. Harvie Wilkinson, who took SCOTUS to task for confirming that truth.

That brings us to another nominee currently under consideration for the Supreme Court, Neil Gorsuch. Evidently saying "the Second Amendment ... may not be infringed lightly" is enough for all the national

that raise flags and due diligence scrutiny, but instead concerns are not just being dismissed — they're being ignored. We're expected to just trust the Republicans to do the right thing — like they did for (to) us with William Brennan, Earl Warren, Warren Burger, David Souter...

If and when the Supreme Court hears *Kolbe*, will it be a crapshoot?

No one expects the Senate Judiciary Committee to try and pin Gorsuch down on specifics of cases he's

to pose some pointed questions on just what he thinks the Founders meant in the Second Amendment. And requiring unequivocal responses under oath.

What other job lets candidates play coy with how they intend to follow the rules, and then hires them?

With Trump, we've been given a rare opportunity to shape the future direction of the high court and subordinate federal courts for years to come. He would not have been elected without strong conservative and gun owner support, and that was given because he promised things were not going to be business as usual.

Now is no time to be applying rubber stamps only to find we've been sold (yet another) bill of goods. If the Supreme Court ends up saying we have no right to keep and bear arms of the type needed to defend Liberty, good people are going to end up experiencing things a lot more painful than buyer's remorse.

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So, if you have 14 guns and some judges on a federal court decide that 10 of them are not protected by the 2nd Amendment, just how many guns will I have? All of them. YOUR MOVE.



"Here's an outcome the robed betrayers haven't factored into their subversive rulings..."

[Via Matthew Bracken]

gun groups to declare this guy the Second Coming of Scalia. What they won't answer — because they can't — is "Why?" There are plenty of competing interests in his personal background

likely to hear. That said, there's no rule against asking about understanding and principle, and it's not expecting too much for those taking their "advice and consent" role seriously

## Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals Has Gone Full Anti-Gun, Anti-Constitution

by Herschel Smith,  
The Captains Journal

The Fourth Circuit made a very good decision in the case of Nathaniel Black. They didn't seem to care about that decision and specifically violated their own precedents and showed they couldn't care less about consistency in the case of *U.S. vs Robinson*. Now they have gone off the deep end.

A federal appeals court on Tuesday upheld Maryland's ban on semiautomatic guns with certain military-style features that the state passed after the 2012 mass shooting at a Newtown, CT, elementary school.

The 10-to-4 ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit vacates an earlier panel decision that cast doubt on the constitutionality of the ban that is similar to laws in seven states, including California, Connecticut and New Jersey.

The ruling from the Richmond-based court goes further than other appellate courts that have reviewed similar laws in stating clearly that "assault weapons and large-capacity magazines are not protected by

the Second Amendment." The majority opinion, written by Judge Robert B. King, refers to the banned firearms as "weapons of war" that the court says are most useful in the military.

In a strongly worded dissent, Judge William B. Traxler Jr. said his colleagues have "gone to greater lengths than any other court to eviscerate the constitutionally guaranteed right to keep and bear arms."

That they have, and they have also added language to both the Second Amendment and *Heller* that isn't there.

"It's unthinkable that people could say that those weapons of war are protected by the Second Amendment," Frosh said Tuesday. "Especially when you look at the carnage at Newtown and elsewhere around the country." [...]

Like Maryland, Connecticut's ban was expanded after a gunman used a military-style semiautomatic weapon to kill 20 students and six teachers at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

The 81-page opinion issued Tuesday opens with a detailed description of that day, including

the number of rounds of ammunition fired, and goes on to describe mass shootings involving similar military-style firearms in a long list of other U.S. cities.

"We have no power to extend Second Amendment protection to the weapons of war that the Heller decision explicitly excluded from such coverage," King wrote in the 4th Circuit opinion, referring to the Supreme Court case known as *District of Columbia v. Heller*.

The court also found that Maryland lawmakers were justified in passing the ban in the interest of public safety because magazines holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition "enable shooters to inflict mass casualties while depriving victims and law enforcement officers of opportunities to escape or overwhelm the shooters while they reload their weapons."

Forget the fact that Charles Whitman used a bolt action long gun (Remington 700), that storied Marine sniper Carlos Hathcock used a Winchester Model 70 .30-06, that Marines initially in Iraq during the push to Baghdad used the same rifle for long distance shooting, and that Marines in

Now Zad, Afghanistan, used 12 gauge shotguns for room clearing operations. Left unsaid is why the laws don't regulate assault hammers. This is what happens when idiots try to make legal decisions who have no knowledge of the facts.

It's also what happens when men and women who have no moral compunction about violating their oath of office get to make judgments that affect the rest of the country. Recognizing the right of every citizen to have the weapon that best allows him to defend his own family isn't an expansion of the Second Amendment. And *Heller* said nothing about forbidding semi-automatic firearms from its scope, semi-automatic firearms having been around for more than a century when *Heller* was decided, in use by both civilians and the military.

This neat, clean bifurcation between civilian and military weapons is non-existent, an imaginary phantom concocted by judges to make themselves feel better for depriving citizens of their rights, pretend sociology wrapped up in legal language. These are God-given rights, not subject to the whims or vicissitudes of judicial political leanings.

Here is the ruling. Frosh said "It's unthinkable that people could say that those weapons of war are protected by the Second Amendment ... Especially when you look at the carnage at Newtown and elsewhere around the country." Well think it, collectivist hack. I'm telling you flat out that weapons of war are protected by God, and included within the scope of the Second Amendment.

Whether citizens of Maryland choose to stay and fight or move to a free state, remember Matt Bracken's advice—

"So, if you have 18 guns and 12 of them are declared illegal, how many guns will you have?" Eighteen.

YOUR MOVE.

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"So, If I have 24 guns and ..." "You only have 24 guns?"



## 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.*



## New Residents Welcomed

Dear Mayor Slipjaw,

Because I am approaching retirement age, I have been researching possible places to spend my golden years. I understand you preside over a sanctuary city which caught my attention. Having been in the ministry for over fifty years, I am quite familiar with the word 'sanctuary.' According to my count, the expression appears 97 times in the Bible and is generally defined as a place set apart for the worship of God. It is also used as meaning a refuge or a place of protection; I'm certain the latter definition is the one of your choice which I also favor.

Facing the probability of living on a limited fixed income, it occurred to me that several significant advantages may be available to anyone fortunate enough to have residence in your benevolent municipality. Unless I am sadly mistaken, your willingness to harbor illegal aliens is an indication of broader latitudes concerning other unfortunate laws. Frankly, I have grown weary fighting my "dark side" and have decided I would be more comfortable in a place that encourages its exploration.

These thoughts have led me to a number of questions that I hope you can help me with. I suppose that few, if any, of your undocumented guests carry auto insurance, so would it be absolutely necessary for me to be insured? It is incredibly expensive, and everyone knows the entire industry is evil and should be boycotted. If the government can provide for our health needs, why not transportation as well? Speaking of health, I assume all of my necessities can be dealt with in emergency rooms or free clinics...is that correct?

Would I be prosecuted for shoplifting? Corporate America has grown rich on the backs of the disenfranchised; it's past time for more redistribution of the wealth...Bernie Sanders is my guy! What is your attitude about purse snatching? If I promise to only target old women with expensive fur coats – would that fly? I am a card carrying member of PETA and abhor the awful treatment of animals. I do hope your local McDonald's has a free day for the homeless. I believe I could be very adept at aggressive panhandling – getting in peoples' faces and yelling at ninety decibels is something I'm actually quite good at. I suppose police protection would be provided if I were threatened with violence.

For reasons unstated, I am accomplished at siphoning gas. I would only use this God given talent on high-end cars to help my undocumented brothers who are forced to drive broken down Chevys. I see myself as a modern Robin Hood; I'm certain Nancy, Chuckie, Hillary and Barack would applaud my pure heart motives. Please understand, I greatly desire to be a contributing member of your community. When good liberal

protest is called for, I assure you, Mr. Mayor, I will be on the front lines. I am old, but with some effort I believe I could still break some windows or light a match. If you thought it would be advantageous, I could wear my clerical collar to add credibility to our outrage.

Do you think I would find a greater acceptance if I brushed up on Arabic? Would you recommend a change in wardrobe to appear a little more Middle Eastern? I am not a Muslim but would be happy to write multiple letters to the editor in sympathy for their plight. Mr. Trump is an obvious hate monger without any ability to see the innate goodness in all persons. The minuscule number of potential terrorists that he professes to be worried about are simply misguided individuals who need to be redirected toward love. I would be happy to assist your city in organizing an Islamic Woodstock...my, oh my, those were the days.

I must confess that I am slightly worried about housing after perusing your local newspaper. It seems to be very unaffordable...those wretched capitalists! Would it be possible to provide me with some public housing in exchange for my community organizing efforts? A three bedroom, two bath condo with a lovely view of the bay would do nicely. Nothing extravagant, you understand, but cable T.V. and off street parking would be appreciated. And of course, central air conditioning is a must.

Mr. Mayor, I know you're extremely busy orchestrating a very important "We All Hate Trump" campaign which, by the way, I would be delighted to assist. In light of this critical effort and the demands it places on you, I shall conclude this letter with one last inquiry. My limited research revealed your humanitarian city does contain charities that distribute food and meals which will be essential to my wellbeing. I would like to avoid those rescue missions that insist on preaching what they call the "Gospel" before a morsel of food is presented. They always major on the so-called depravity of mankind and the alleged need for salvation and redemption...the negativity upsets me terribly! As far as I am concerned, the only hell is here on earth living in close proximity to those damnable Conservatives. I do hope you can guide me through their sand traps of "traditional values." Speaking of sand traps, I do love golf; does your city have any courses that offer complimentary clergy passes?

I will await your reply in the hope of becoming a new resident in your wonderful socialistic kingdom.

Sincerely yours,

Reverend Comrade Doomsberry

P.S. I doubt my 1968 VW flower bus can pass your strict emissions test, but it is covered with "Save the Planet" bumper stickers. Is that sufficient mitigation?

## A Sheepdog Barks!

Been monitoring the local Facebook political site and a few national ones. I also spend some time reading the Fox News and POTUS twitter account sites. (I can't believe I just said that.) It's very disturbing. The LPSDs in America are lost; completely and totally lost. If their rantings continue and they cannot see what the truth is and what the real spirit of America is in the next few years my hopes for a recovery will be dashed. Their illogical and emotional beliefs and feelings are scary. They think they know what America is all about but they don't have a clue. And the younger they, are the worse it is. One young LPSD journalist was debating the illegal immigrant deportation issue and actually said that enforcing the existing deportation laws (which have been around for decades) is UNAMERICAN. WHAT? Can the LPSDs be any more screwed up? They truly believe violence, property destruction and squashing free speech is the new American Spirit. It is very sad and very disturbing to this sheepdog. America may have crossed the Rubicon and possibly cannot be saved. We may only be experiencing a short pause before the final decent. WOOF!

And LPSDs think they are really clever. They soften language to make it more acceptable, at least to the liberals. You know what I mean, like abortion is a "choice" not a murder or killing. And spending money we don't have is "investing" in our future instead of destroying our future. Here's the latest one, friends – "protections". We are going to hear this one a lot as President Trump (PT) "de-regulates" the overreaching and over-controlling federal government. The LPSDs will cry out that PT is eliminating "protections" not unnecessary regulations. They love to soften things up and yet they only fool themselves. WOOF!

I must speak out about the Texas girl that thinks she's a boy but just won the state wrestling title in her weight class in the Texas High School Girls Wrestling Tournament. Confused? Only if you are not an LPSD! Let me try to explain. The girl, 'er trans-boy, says she thinks she is a boy and wants to wrestle boys.

But the mean ole State of Texas won't let her. In Texas you have to compete with the same sex that's on your birth certificate. You know, with the other athletes that have the same kind of body parts that you have. You know, like soft skin, long eyelashes and small biceps maybe. Anyway I digress. On the surface that policy certainly makes sense to me. So even though her grandma says she really, really wants to wrestle boys, the state said no. She was forced to wrestle other girls. I didn't even know that girl wrestling was a high school sport. What the heck happened to field hockey and half-court basketball? Don't answer that, you might be called a sexist or worse – a misogynist. Anyway, back to Texas. So this girl, er transboy, wrestles girls, goes undefeated and wins the State Championship. Nothing wrong with that right? Wrong! This is where I part ways with the so-called adults in the Texas High School Athletics programs. I like that she had to wrestle other girls. I don't like that it was a known fact that she was "pumped up" on steroids and extra helpings of testosterone while she transitions her way to big biceps and a flat chest. What in the blazes are the authorities thinking. Performance enhancing drugs are prohibited. So here is how real adults should have handled this. Adult: *Girl, you can choose to wrestle with other girls without taking drugs or you can choose to take "boy kind" of drugs and NOT WRESTLE AT ALL.* Girl: *That is so mean!* Adult: *NEXT!* That's how this ole sheepdog sees it. WOOF!

How many of you readers feel sorry about the Iranian film director that didn't come to the Oscars because PT was mean and rude to his country? Raise your hands! Just like I thought. NO ONE! WOOF! And I hope you didn't miss this Academy Awards part. Some two bit actor read a verse from the Koran about love (you know "Love Trumps Hate" according to the LPSDs). The crowd, a bunch of "make-believe" losers, cried and cheered. Really? The Koran is what "inspires" the world's Jihadists which all just happen to be



Muslim. Clueless! WOOF!

Here's my best advice to the father of the Navy Seal that was killed during the Yemen raid. We all respect and honor your son's willingness to serve and risk his life for us all. Please do not besmirch his life and his courageous service by using his death to play politics. You will become just like the Gold Star father who used his son's death to help Hillary Clinton. Can you even imagine how many Gold Star families would have liked to trash Obama? I guess hundreds, but they didn't do it. It would have been a disservice and dishonor to their loved ones who died fighting for our country. Leave it alone. Please. Your son is a hero. Let that be what he is remembered for. I salute him!

I have a plea to the makers of Monopoly: I grew up on Monopoly and I love it. Your efforts to modernize it are not appreciated. Would you support casting out one of the Founding Fathers? No, so why mess with the original Tokens. First you let the public eliminate the "iron." Next you let them eliminate the "thimble." Wake up – you are letting the "feminists" destroy the game. Doggie Smile!

I'll end today with a little shout out to AT&T. My oldest son (USAF) just deployed to the Middle East. In December he bought a new iPhone 7 from an AT&T store on a two year contract. In February he called AT&T to shut down his service on his phone for the next six months. AT&T said okay and then informed him they would excuse the rest of his debt (approx. \$700) on the new phone. It's a little known thing they do for our active duty warriors on deployments. Thanks AT&T! Three Woofs for you. WOOF! WOOF! WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH





# BOCC: County Out of Hamilton Lawsuit; Courthouse Project RFP, County-wide Dark Skies Ordinance?

**Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)**  
February 28, 2017  
—Westcliffe, CO  
by Jax Bubis

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call. Introductions of the public in attendance followed. Commissioner Hood had several additions to the agenda.

The Board approved minutes from January 31, February 17, and February 21, meetings.

**Commissioner Items**  
Mrs. Hood reported on elected officials emergency training last week.

Commissioner Printz reported that the people in Wetmore are both thrilled and mad at the same time. They are mad that they didn't get everything they want and they think the contractors are going "pretty

slow." He reported that the building looks good. Discussion ensued on the painting that will be done by the Wetmore residents and how the paint will be purchased. Mr. Printz stated that the Wetmore people are very happy to have the "finest building in Custer County." Commissioner Kattnig reported meeting with the Forest Service and with Dennis Page (stage 3 Incident commander on the Junkins fire) along with the OEM on both fire and flood mitigation.

**Attorney Item**  
Regarding the long-standing lawsuit between Hamilton, Halpin and Custer County, Mr. Smith announced that the judge has dismissed the county from the lawsuit despite Hamilton's objections. He also stated for the record that his work in resolving this has not cost the county more money since he gets paid the same amount no matter how much time he

puts in. Mrs. Hood asked what the commissioners' responsibility is with regards to Hamilton's wish list presented in January. Smith replied that this would be up to the commissioners. He also stated that in recent years, Road and Bridge had not been so much in the cattle guard business (one of Hamilton's desires) but that if people wanted cattle guards, they paid for the installation.

Mr. Kattnig stated that there isn't much to maintaining a cattle guard. He also said that he's confident that Hamilton will pay for installation of the requested cattle guards. (The document that Hamilton gave the county in January requests the county pay for the cattle guards.)

Mr. Printz gave Mr. Smith kudos for finally getting the county out of this issue that they perhaps should not have been involved in the first place.

The Gateway to Success's use of the Annex Building for continuing DUI classes was discussed and tabled to gather more information.

Some questions have arisen from the RFP for the underfunded courthouse project. One firm is requesting a working blueprint, and asking about surveying that may be needed and a geo-technical report. This firm is also concerned that the \$144K allotted for this planning project may not be enough. Mr. Kattnig stated that, when they got the \$144K for this planning, they had not planned on a courtroom in the basement. But he believes it is needed and also said that the bonus is that we'd get an elevator out of the deal. The commissioners agreed that if surveys were needed, the county surveyor could be used. Mrs. Hood will find out how much the geo-tech report will cost.

Mrs. Hood brought up the need to review the planning and zoning policies, especially in light of the Dark Skies push for a county-wide Dark Skies Reserve. Discussion followed regarding the way to proceed with this initiative. Public meetings will be held after a public workshop (to be scheduled.) It was confirmed that new construction would need to be Dark Skies compliant as would any replacement of current outdoor lighting in the county. Mr. Kattnig wants to avoid push-back from the ranchers by not going into public meetings with an ordinance but rather with talking points. Mr. Smith will come up with talking points to be discussed at a future BOCC meeting.

Mrs. Hood has three projects she would like to get Kit Shy, the county surveyor, to work on. Cooperative Law Enforcement Annual Cooperative Plan between

the Forest Service and the Sheriff's Department was signed.

The vouchers were approved after Mr. Printz got clarification on the \$4,281.80 spent on laptops for the commissioner. This money was taken from the donation fund from Mrs. Hood. Kattnig and Printz expressed their appreciation for the "courtesy donation".

Reminder was given of upcoming meetings and workshops. The meeting was recessed until 2 p.m. It was then reconvened and the Board went into executive session for interviews for the assistant road boss position.

When the Board reconvened, a motion was made to offer the position to Roger Squire, who accepted the position.

The meeting was then adjourned by Mr. Kattnig with no motion or second.

## VET SNOOP BILL from page 1

As Jahn put it during committee testimony, "We actually have had people harming their animals so that they could actually get the drugs and painkillers for their animals, and then they're taking them themselves."

But notice the bill's loose language: Even if someone brings in a perfectly happy and healthy pet for a routine check-up, the vet has the authority to look up the person's medical records, if the vet thinks the person has ever abused any drug. Again, letting vets act as human doctors or social workers just isn't appropriate.

What about the welfare of the pets? The bill likely

would end up hurting some pets, because people with drug problems would be less likely to take their sick or injured animals to the vet for fear of getting tangled up with the authorities. Apparently neither Jahn nor the veterinarians she says support the bill thought very hard about such likely unintended consequences.

Regardless, there's little reason to think that letting vets check human medical records would help them determine if a pet has been intentionally harmed. During testimony, one of the bill's supporters referenced a *Washington Post* article. But that article does not indicate a widespread problem. Instead it states "it is not known how widespread the problem really is," and it discusses one vet who "has not seen any instances of

'vet shopping' at his clinic." In the main case discussed in the article (from Kentucky), the vet saw that a dog's "cut looked sharp and clean," as made by a knife.

Suspicious wounds, coupled with a pet's owner asking for drugs, might indeed tip off a vet to animal abuse. But vets already are empowered to report such suspected abuse to the authorities. It is far more likely that the new bill will result in more animal suffering by discouraging vet visits than in better animal care due to snooping through owners' medical records.

The bill also expands the powers of doctors to snoop through patients' records. Current law says doctors can access the drug database only when "prescribing or considering prescribing any

controlled substance." The new bill *would let doctors* (and others who can prescribe drugs, *as well as their designees*) look through the records of any current patient *at will*.

So, for example, if you go to an *emergency clinic* for strep throat, the bill says the doctor there, who isn't your primary doctor and who has never seen you before, gets to check out your records in the Colorado Prescription Monitoring Program, when all you need are antibiotics. That's crazy.

One concern mentioned during testimony is that doctors need to be able to know what drugs you're already on so they don't prescribe other drugs that don't mix well. But there's already an obvious way for doctors to learn what drugs you're tak-

ing: Ask you or your other doctors with your consent. This is only a problem when people lie to their doctors. But why should responsible people have to sacrifice more of their privacy for the sake of drug abusers who lie to their doctors?

Finally, the new bill expands the ability of pharmacists, who know almost nothing about your interactions with your doctor, to access your records in the database. Currently, pharmacists can access the records only when "dispensing a controlled substance." The new bill says they can snoop in your records if they prescribe any drug, even antibiotics. But why should pharmacists have the power to snoop through your records and to second-guess your doctor's advice?

Realistically, most people will not even notice whether SB17-146 passes. The impact to most people would be minor and hidden. Still, the bill is yet *one more step toward an all-seeing surveillance state*. The bill violates patients' rights to privacy for benefits that are tiny at best and that are offset, if not overwhelmed, by unintended harms. Jahn herself points to a key problem with the program when she points out that "an addict will do whatever it takes to get the drug that they need to get."

Her bill won't fix that.

Please see: <http://completenesscolorado.com/pagetwo/2017/02/23/bill-would-let-veterinarians-snoop-in-peoples-medical-records/>

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## FOUR AGENCIES from page 19

Agency, and the agencies that handle immigration and customs. Those agencies should either be returned to the departments they came from or be abolished.

And, few would miss the Transportation Security Administration — an agency that has never caught a single terrorist, but has smuggled at least \$100 million worth of cocaine.

### Two: The EPA, \$8.3 billion

It seems at least one member of Congress already beat me to this one, and a bill to “terminate the Environmental Protection Agency” was introduced on February 3, 2017.

Created under Nixon in 1970, this agency largely exists today to push around small-time business owners, entrepreneurs and mom-and-pop organizations that run afoul or some obscure federal regulation. More recently, The EPA dumped three million gallons of toxic sludge into a Colorado River, poisoning the Navajo Nation’s watershed. Meanwhile, the agency is suing a city in Colorado because the city’s storm drains aren’t exactly right.

Local property owners and local governments already have a large incentive to avoid the destruction of rivers and air used by local communities. In the modern era of nature-based recreation, destroying a mountain river — as the EPA has done — is an easy way to destroy the local economy.

Moreover, most of the environmental cleanup we attribute to federal regulation today was simply the result of growing wealth in the U.S. As Americans became wealthier, they began to value clean air and water more than the jobs associated with the “dirty” industries. Does anyone seriously believe that the Cuyahoga River would start catching on fire again without an EPA? It’s not going to happen.

### Three: Department of the Interior, \$14 billion

The most notorious agency within the Department of the Interior is the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). The BIA controls 55 million acres of land which is — to use the darkly euphemistic term employed by the Feds — “held in trust” by the U.S. government. That means the Indian tribes can’t control their own land unless a bureaucrat at the Department of the Interior says so.

Given that the tribes should be totally independent of federal regulation, the BIA should be abolished immediately. Any relations between the tribes and U.S. government should be handled by the State Department, which is the appropriate place to deal with organizations that are supposed to be governed primarily by treaties with the United States.

The other main purpose of the Interior is the control of immense amounts of “public lands” including national parks. The Department is unnecessary here as well, given that public land should be administered by the communities that are economically dependent on those lands. Moreover, whether we like the idea of public lands or not, the chances of public lands being privatized — even after being made into state lands — is approximately zero. State parks, national forests and national parks are very popular with voters and moving them from federal control to state control won’t change this.

### Four: The Department of Agriculture, \$153 billion

This is the most expensive of the Departments funded here — primarily because the USDA over-

sees the Food Stamp program — now known as SNAP — which costs more than \$70 billion. The reason the SNAP program is in the USDA is that SNAP has always largely been a subsidy program for farmers. One of its original selling points was that it would get people to buy more food. SNAP could be rolled into the Department of Health and Human Services this afternoon, and virtually no one would notice or care. The USDA bureaucracy simply adds more cost.

That wouldn’t do anything to eliminate that \$70 billion food stamp spending, of course. But it would make it much easier, politically speaking, to get rid of the remaining \$80 billion of the USDA’s budget.

The rest of the USDA is composed of pork projects for farmers, researchers and other corporate interests that continually receive the taxpayer’s largesse.

The USDA also administers its own affordable housing programs, even though several major programs for affordable housing already exist in the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

### The Problem with Cabinet Level Agencies

A lot of what we’ve discussed here falls short of totally abolishing the government spending associated with these departments. These are all extremely mild reforms and mere baby steps toward a more human-sized federal government.

But ending cabinet level status for many of these agencies is a crucial first step in cutting these agencies down to size. It is likely not a coincidence that no cabinet-level agency, with the exception of the Postal Service, has ever lost its cabinet-level status, and certainly none have ever been abolished.

When a government agency is lifted to the cabinet level, it gains political prestige, permanence and direct access to the President. In other words, it makes that agency more easily able to lobby Congress, the White House and to fight budget cuts. The fact that abolishing the Department of Education — without even abolishing all its programs — is now seen as some sort of wildly radical position — illustrates the power of the cabinet-level agency.

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