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Johnston Public Forum: *Commissioners Actions both Panned and Lauded*

by Jackie Bubis

The town forum organized by John Johnston was held on Thursday night, March 16th at the Community Room of Rancher's Roost. About 35 people attended.

The moderator of the meeting, Ann Barthrop, began the meeting by inviting leaders from local organizations to say a few words. Bill Baker, a local 4-H leader was the only one to do so. He spoke passionately about his sadness at the removal of Robin Young as county extension agent.

Next, Ann Wilson spoke about the history of Custer 2020 and the ongoing desires in the community for a recreation center.

When no more leaders spoke up, Ms. Barthrop opened the meeting for anyone who wanted to speak.

The topic of interest was issues and concerns with county government. By all appearances, about one third of the attendees were there to support the commissioners and two thirds, who had issues with their recent decisions. Particularly the

cliffe planning commission, saw it differently. He stated that he was there "to make sure the people in our government are represented – that their voices are heard because they aren't here."

"Moderator Ann Barthrop encouraged people to get involved, to go to the commissioner meetings."

road supervisor selection and the removal of Robin Young, Custer County's now removed CSU Extension Agent.

One local "old-timer" said that she just wanted to see the vindictiveness stop, "you don't get elected to use your power to be vindictive."

Jerry Jennings, from the West-

The crowd wondered why they weren't there.

Jennings went on to say "Those of you who voted for them – they are your voice. Those of you who didn't, it's like any election, you accept your elected officials."

The meeting got contentious over the views of executive sessions

held for personnel reasons. Monte Lee, from the school board, vociferously defended the commissioners not including the person in question, in the executive session. Some argued that Robin Young was not Custer County "personnel" and that executive session was therefore illegal. **(Editor/GG: Robin Young was NOT an employee of Custer County. She was an employee of CSU. Based on Colorado's Open Meetings law, it appears that this use of executive session was improper.)**

There was also some argument about the legalities of Mr. Printz acting as both attorney for the Town of Westcliffe and county commissioner. Jennings defended the legality of this, inviting people to look it up. He could not cite the particular regulation but did promise to get that information.

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Colorado House Passes Student Free Speech on College Campus Bill

by Colorado House Republican
Communications Office

DENVER—Today **(Editor/GG: March 21, 2017)**, the House unanimously passed Senate Bill 62, sponsored by Representative Steve Humphrey (R-Eaton). The bill would protect the free speech and expression rights of students anywhere on campus granted that they don't interfere with academic studies and classes. Currently, institutions have the ability to restrict legitimate expression to designated free speech zones on campus.

"Institutions of higher education are a place of free expression and a marketplace of ideas and students should be able to express their views freely on campus," said Humphrey. "While still protecting the academic process, this strong bipartisan bill expands students' rights to publicly express their views on college campuses throughout Colorado, and I am glad to see it going to the Governor."

Having passed the Senate on a 32-2 vote, the bill should arrive on the Governor's desk shortly.

C.A.R.T. Invites Community to Meeting: *Addresses Strategic Plan*

by Fred Hernandez

The C.A.R.T. Board held a meeting to communicate with the wider community on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at the bowling alley community room. Mrs. Jacke Barnes, one of the directors of the board, opened the meeting with an introduction of the ladies from Progressive Urban Management Associates (PUMA), based in Denver. PUMA is a private group contracted by Department of Local Affairs of the State of Colorado (DOLA). PUMA works directly with municipalities both in urban and rural areas and assists in planning, strategizing and implementing programs that promote economic development and cultural identification.

C.A.R.T. is the acronym for Cliffs Action Revitalization Team a 501 (c) 3 non-profit corporation that, working closely with PUMA, to develop and implement economic wellness plans for the "Cliffs" (Westcliffe

and Silver Cliff). One such program is the Main Street commercial district activities. Main Street is defined as the area beginning in the Silver Cliff Community Park down French Street to Main Street, left turn on Main Street and west towards Westcliffe; all the way to The Bluff. Main Street is therefore "book ended" by two community gathering areas with breathtaking views of the Sangres.

C.A.R.T., to its well-deserved credit, is responsible for other economic development efforts such as the production and distribution of DISCOVER, the pocket-sized brochure that features valuable commercial, regional and cultural information about the Custer County, plus a folding map that clearly defines both towns and its environs. C.A.R.T. conceptualized and organized a well-attended activity called BREW WITH A VIEW where part of Main Street is closed to traffic,

merchants set up their tents and promote and sell their merchandise, mostly beverages, while and clients enjoy fellowship and a great view. Another one of C.A.R.T.'s efforts is beautifying the downtown area with flowers and banners during the spring and summer seasons when tourists visit. A new welcome sign for each of the towns is about ready to be installed, thanks again to the non-profit. C.A.R.T.'s vision is to make The 'Cliffs a cultural destination with a thriving local economy. Translated to a mission it is simply to foster economic prosperity.

The main presentation during the community meeting was handled by the two ladies from PUMA; Ms. Yvette Freeman, Senior Strategist and Ms. Erin Lyng, Senior Associate. Both spoke eloquently and outlined a draft of the plans being formulated.

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*The great day of
the Lord is near,
It is near and
hastens quickly.*

**Zephaniah 1:14a
NKJV**

Custer County Stage 1 Fire Ban

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OBAMACARE – Just Repeal It!

We are all getting tired of the Obamacare disaster. This has become way too complicated because of the genius of the Liberals. They designed Obamacare to do exactly what it is doing. Obama and his progressive cronies knew if they could get the nose of the "socialized health care" camel under the tent flap, it would never be eliminated. That was their goal and they brilliantly achieved it. The Democrats fully expected this Rube Goldberg federal health care machine to fail. They knew that from the outset. What they got wrong was losing the 2016 election. Their next phase was to "fix" Obamacare by making it a single payer government provided health care program for everyone. Obamacare is just another gargantuan federal government entitlement that would keep them in power for years. But a very bad thing happened on the way to the coronation of Hillary Clinton and completing their plans. She didn't get elected.

Here's where the Republican are going wrong. They got cold feet and started talking repeal and replacement. Big mistake. Now they have a huge mess on their hands. Health care is

not an enumerated power of the federal government. The Republicans needed to stick with just repealing this unsustainable entitlement which cannot be managed by any government. Many representatives were elected because they promised to repeal Obamacare, not repeal and replace it.

Obamacare is in a death spiral because of its mandates and the subsidies to "buy" health care for those in "need." The problem is that the "need" is free total health care rather than health insurance to protect against catastrophic illness. So what is happening? The Republicans want to eliminate the tax subsidies and replace them with tax credits. A sleight of hand maneuver used by all illusionists. The federal government has a habit of giving "tax credits" to those who don't pay any federal income tax at all. That's not a tax credit; that's just another big government unearned entitlement. Or as some are calling it Obamacare Lite or Obamacare 2.0.

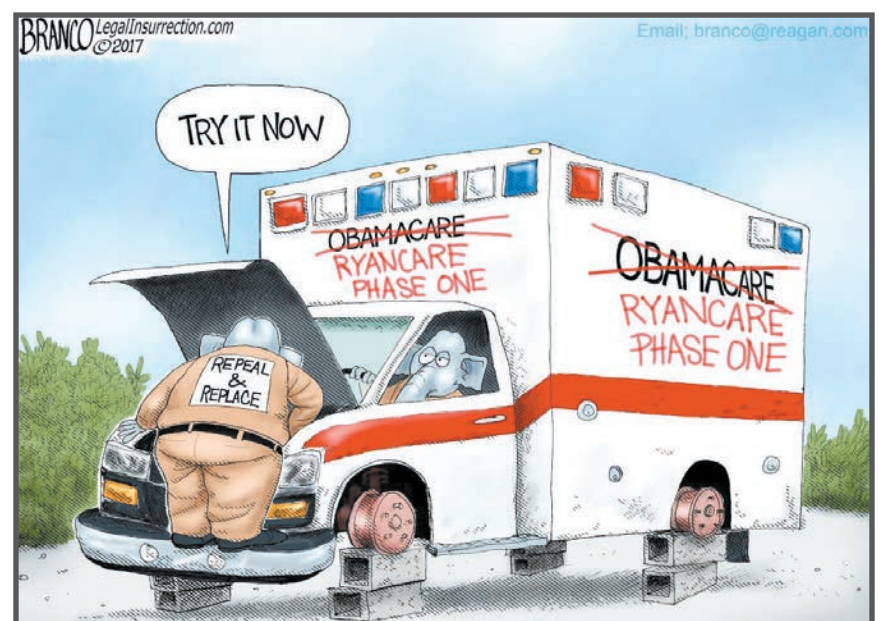
Look, Americans need to pay for their basic health care needs just like they did back in the 1950s and 60s. Families had catastrophic health care insurance for the costly unexpected problems

that can occur. But they paid to go to the doctor for sore throats, coughs, colds and minor injuries. The concept worked just like car insurance. When you needed an oil change, a tune up or new tires, you paid for those services or goods. But you were covered for serious accidents and thus protected against bankruptcy to pay large claims or for major repairs to your vehicle. Today, many Americans want insurance that pays for everything including getting their cars washed. That is never going to work. We all need to pay for our basic health care costs as we go along and use our health insurance to cover the catastrophic injuries or illnesses that would be beyond the average American's

ability to pay. That concept worked 50-60 years ago and will work again. Certainly there should be a safety net for the most needy and disadvantaged among us.

Obamacare was a program designed purposely for the federal government to take control and provide free health care to all. This will not work no matter how it is presented with new words and phrases. Republicans need to simply repeal Obamacare, as they promised, and then eliminate the barriers in the free market that drive health care costs up and beyond reach of most Americans. Tort reform and state laws that prohibit insurance companies from selling competitively all over the

country need to be reformed. Ridiculous lawsuits force doctors to order unnecessary tests because of the fear of being sued for malpractice. The government needs to fix those kinds of problems and then get out of the health care operations. Big government involvement is why we are where we are. Stop trying to fix or replace the unfixable and unreplaceable. Repeal Obamacare. We cannot afford this major entitlement program. A watered down version of Obamacare won't solve the problems. It will only transfer the "ownership" of failure to the Republicans. And that will be something they will regret for sure. They need to be united on this effort.



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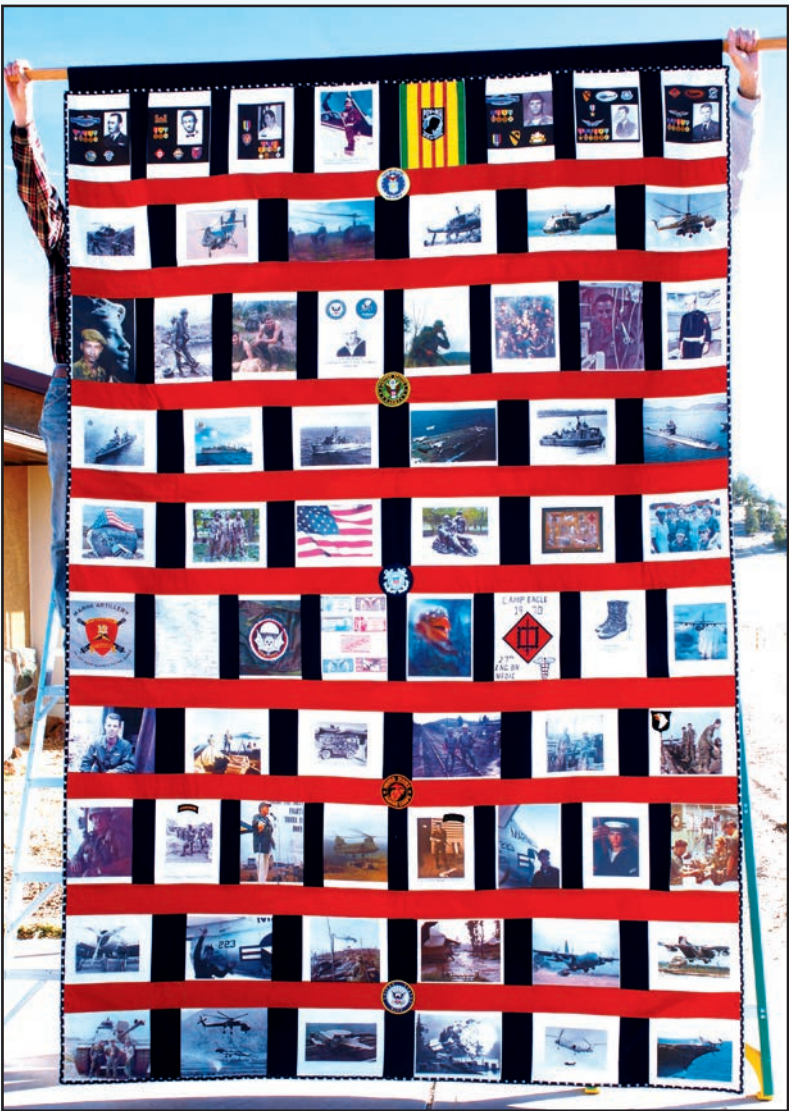
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Locals Help Quilt Artist Create and Donate to the National Vietnam Museum



by Sentinel Staff

Michele Hoffman of Quilts of Honor, a local Custer County resident designed and created a quilt this year for a special cause. The quilt features images and patches from the Vietnam War. It measures 80 inches by 116 inches. The materials cost was \$548. Michele said that the photo fabric alone, cost \$158. She said it took about fifty hours to put together.

It will be donated to the National Vietnam

Museum in Mineral Wells, Texas, for their annual spring fundraiser. The quilt will be auctioned off in a live auction on April 1st, with the funds going towards building the museum. The Visitor Center for the museum has been completed and is open.

Michele said she was thankful for the many individuals who donated photographs or financial support to the project. (Those individuals are listed below.) Michele is a Vietnam Era Veteran.

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BOCC: Coors Grant Money, Fiber Optic Issues at Courthouse, \$300K for SO Communications, Employees Shouldn't Feel Threatened...

Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)

—March 21, 2017

WETMORE, Colorado

by Jackie Bubis

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call. Introductions of the public in attendance followed.

The Board approved minutes from February 28th, March 7th, and March 8th.

Commissioner Items:

Commissioner Hood met with Matthew Brothers Electric for a quote on data and voice lines to be put in the Wetmore Community Center. The bid was \$2,280 and was approved by a unanimous vote of the commissioners. She listed various meetings that she had attended since the last BOCC meeting. She and Dawna Hobby have been working on job descriptions, personnel and purchasing policies, making them consistent across the board. She also suggested that there are no maintenance agreements on any of the county buildings (HVAC and Electric) and said she'd be returning at some point with suggestions remedying this situation.

Mrs. Hood announced that Custodian/Groundskeeper Dave Post has given his notice and that she and Dawna Hobby would be looking at the possibility of reorganizing that job description.

Commissioner Printz announced that the Coors Foundation grant for \$25,000 for the Wetmore Community Center came in. He thanked Brenda Gaide and former commissioner Lynn Attebery for their work on the grant. These funds cut the deficit for the building almost in half.

Commissioner Kattnig is trying to track down a machine owned by the highway department that Wetmore can use to fill sandbags. He is also trying for a presidential declaration on the Junkins fire that would free up more recovery money. He congratulated Wetmore residents for their hard work on Saturday cleaning up the creek.

Several of the commissioners attended the E-911 meeting and Mr. Kattnig mentioned that our 911 equipment and software would need to be replaced within about 18 months. The cost of this project will be in the \$300K range – which would be funded by the 911 fee on phones. A discussion ensued about how the money is collected from cell phone companies and that sometimes that money doesn't actually get to the locality where the users live. Mrs. Hood suggested this was an area where the public needed to be educated and said that this information can be found on your cell phone bill.

Attorney Items: Mr. Smith has drafted an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between the county and the Early Childhood Council. The Commissioners will look it over and take it up in a future meeting. Mr. Printz said it was a "no brainer" because "it doesn't cost anything."

Christie Doon, Regional Manager of Department of Local Affairs was in attendance to discuss the needs assessment done by architect students several months ago. The students have completed their draft document and it will be sent to the Commissioners for their input. This was a very limited study. Mrs. Hood asked Ms. Doon to work with her to facilitate a meeting with Fremont and Huerfano Counties regarding fiber optic lines.

Chuck Ippolito, the county IT manager spoke with the Commissioners about fiber optics in the courthouse. In the last few months, fiber optic cable was installed in the basement of the courthouse for use by the court. Ippolito contacted Centurylink to see if the county could tap into that and was told yes. He suggested that the Commissioners agree to a five-year contract with Centurylink to provide higher internet capacity to the courthouse and Sheriff's Office. More and more of the ongoing work in the county involves uploading information which slows down the internet for ev-

everyone. This is a particular problem in the Sheriff's Office. Mrs. Hood is concerned about committing to a five-year contract when technology grows and changes so quickly. Ippolito said there was a 3-year option but it would raise the monthly cost of service. Mr. Kattnig stressed the need for a "dual system." Dale Mullen, from the Custer County Economic Development Corporation, who was in the audience, stressed that normal rates for internet run in the \$5-\$7/megabit range and that the numbers Ippolito was giving were three times that. He suggested that if the county must use a band-aid approach to an immediate need, that the contract time should be as short as possible. He also stated that Centurylink has been notoriously unreliable and has not served our county well.

Cindy Howard, Office of Emergency Management, discussed the usage of PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) funds for mitigation planning in the Woods at Buck Mountain and Curno Verde. The Board approved the wording of a public notice with regards to spending these funds.

Dallas Anderson, from the Airport Advisory Board brought the agreement for model airplanes to fly at the airport. His board approved the agreement and the BOCC did so as well. After approval of the word-

ing of an invitation to bid on replacement of the fuel dispenser, he will put out the invitation to four companies. The Say Weather system was ordered at a cost of \$3,250.

There will be a second workshop to discuss the proposals received for the next phase of the Underfunded Courthouse project – March 29th, at 1 p.m.

Staff Reports

The BOCC recessed and went into session as the Board of Health to address two items brought to them by Jackie Hobby (Planning and Zoning). The first was a resolution requested by Round Mountain to protect the source water from the Gallery well. The resolution will state that no septic systems will be allowed within 1,000 ft of the well. That resolution was passed. She also brought a variance for a chemical toilet/porta-potty requested by a landowner that wanted to spend 20 days a year on his property with a travel trailer. After discussion, Mr. Printz suggested that there be a policy that would require a contract with a porta-potty company for instances like this. Jackie Hobby agreed that it was a good idea and will change her form to reflect that.

Out of the Board of Health and back in session as the BOCC, Jackie updated the Board on letters that had been mailed out by her office.

Mr. Kattnig took the opportunity to address rumors that have made it back to the courthouse of the BOCC's intention to fire several employees. He assured the crowd that this was not appropriate and that the employees shouldn't feel threatened with loss of their job through rumors.

Sheriff Byerly addressed the Board requesting a 30-day Stage-1 fire ban to be effective immediately. If the forecasted moisture becomes a reality, then the Board could meet with 24-hour notice simply to lift the ban. The Board agreed and the resolution passed. An addendum to the fire ban includes the possibility of some of the Wetmore slash (from clearing out the creek) being burned if conditions are favorable, with the assistance of the fire department. Anyone seeking information on the current state of fire ban in the county is encouraged to visit the county website: www.custercountygov.com or contact the Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Printz informed the Board that he had a long-standing conflict with the Wetmore meeting being on the third Tuesday of the month. He requested it be changed to the third Wednesday of the month. There were no objections so the Board passed the motion to do so.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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Rocky Mountain Snow Travel Solution



Louis Webster shows off his recent acquisition: a mint 1970 Mercedes Benz Unimog.

by George Gramlich

Louis Webster just moved to Custer County recently after he finished building a beautiful cabin for him and his wife in the mountains. He has a pretty long driveway and even though we didn't have much snow this year, he couldn't get out of his property for SIX WEEKS after a snow storm early this year.

Well, what does a resourceful man do to resolve his

bad weather transportation issues? He gets a world-renowned vehicle that roams the baddest regions of the planet: the Mercedes Benz Unimog. When you need to get through some rough ground, climb mountains, ford streams and bust through piles of snow, you can't beat the Unimog: four-wheel drive, locking rear, center and front differentials, unbelievable ground clearance, low gearing and a super-duper air intake snorkel (for fording water).

Photo by George Gramlich

Louis picked up this 1970 Swiss Army Model 404 Troop Carrier Unimog in southern Colorado right after he escaped his six weeks of being stuck in his cabin. It is in mint condition. Louis says he is now ready for next winter.

Louis stopped by the *Sentinel* to buy his daughter, a California college student, a *Sentinel* subscription and was gracious enough for us to take a picture of his beauty. Good luck Louis.

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Custer County C-1 School Board Meeting

by Larry Luikart,
Reporter

—March 14, 2017

The Board meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Davis. Roll was called with all Board members present. The Agenda was approved. There was no Correspondence for the Board and no Public Comments at the beginning or end of the session.

David Epps, a member of the community responsible for the “In Concert” series received a Bobcat Pride Certificate for his work in bringing the exceptional artists who perform on Sunday to the school for Monday morning concerts. His work provides an opportunity for students to hear performances they normally would miss.

The Consent Agenda consisted of approval of the regular Board meeting on February 14, 2017, two Special Board meetings on March 2nd, and March 6th and

the approval of February 28, 2017 as a “Snow Day.” The two Executive Session meetings involved discussions of Superintendent Payler’s evaluation and performance and then discussion with him regarding it. The Board was complimentary and supportive of Mr. Payler’s efforts as Superintendent. He continues to provide exceptional leadership in organizational leadership, implementation of the District Strategic Plan, student growth and achievement, and he exhibits the highest degree of professionalism which has resulted in the confidence and trust of the public and the school community. The Board feels fortunate to have Mr. Payler as the Superintendent of the C-1 District.

There were no reports from students and staff. Amy Perschbacher gave her monthly report. The pending retirement of Principal Holly Anderson offered an opportunity for the Board to review the overall administrative structure of the District and the effectiveness of those positions. The

review resulted in a new structure of PK-12 Principal, PK-12 Assistant Principal and TOSA/AD/DAC (Teacher on Special Assignment/Activities Director/District Assessment Coordinator) positions. The Board indicated this new structure will maintain the integrity of services while providing a cost-effective model. Approved. There will be a change to Policy CCA-Organizational Chart brought before the Board for revision at a future meeting.

The following personnel were considered and approved by the Board. Mary M. Kienbusch, Substitute; Kristina Camper, Assistant Principal; Justin Walden, Assistant Baseball Coach; Eric Thompson, Baseball Coach.

The CDOT Easement Donation, (part of the Westcliffe street project), Check Vouchers and Financial Reports along with the Teacher Housing Selection Criteria were all approved. The housing applicants will be selected by a lottery (names drawn from a hat) process.

The Board considered and approved first readings for Policy DKC-Expense Authorization/Reimbursement and Policy JIC-DE-Bullying Prevention and Education.

The Board accepted the 2016 Audit findings. Policy JLCB-R – Immunization of Students was amended as a result of CASB (Colorado Association of School Boards) recommendation. The Board noted this change leaves in place the authority of the parent to make the decision regarding immunizations.

Superintendent Payler recommended and the Board approved the rehiring of Jack Christensen as PK-12 Principal and Amy Perschbacher as Business Manager.

Principals Christensen and Anderson gave their reports to the Board.

Superintendent Payler, reported the “Facility Usage in An Emergency” was signed by the County. The recent immersion experience

received high praise and was considered the best experience by the participants. The BEST Grant has been submitted. There will be a question and answer period with the BEST Board on May 17 - 18, 2017. The new bus has been ordered and will be delivered sometime in June. Mr. Payler wrote two letters of support for a KZLR student internship and a letter of support to the San Isabel Land Trust for use of the Bluffs as an outdoor classroom for STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) for C-1 students. The Donnell Kay Foundation researchers contacted Mr. Payler and interviewed some of the teachers for a white paper (formal research report) regarding rural education.

The Board adjourned from the regular meeting going into Executive session regarding a personnel matter. The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. in the school library.

Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below, there were 293 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 5 to EMS, and 1 to the Fire Department. As of December 26th, there were 10 males and no females in the county jail.

3/14/17:

Traffic Summons: Clarence Wellen of Westcliffe was issued a summons for reckless driving for cutting off another driver and then slamming on the brakes, causing the two vehicles to make contact.

Benjamin Zeppelin of Denver for speeding 10 -19 over.

Lon Lowry of Walsenburg for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Joseph Dyar of Silver Cliff for speeding 10 -19 over.

Student Problem: A deputy was dispatched to the Custer County School to escort a student from the premises.

3/15/17:

Traffic Summons: Efelio Muniz of Pueblo for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Rosita Kuhar of Richmond, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Carlos Moreno of Frisco, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Heath Orcut of Noman, OK, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

3/16/17:

Traffic Summons: Annette Paape of West Lake Hills, TX, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Richard Fegan of McKinney, TX, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Samuel Gonzalez of San Antonio, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Eugene Brooker of Dallas, TX, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Cameron Enterline of Magnolia, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Richard Fegan of Arlington, TX, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Russel Main of Sherman, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Roberta Rosen of La Veta for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Jeffrey Horwedel of Parker, TX, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Moses Alvarez of Houston, TX, for speeding 10. - 19 over.

Hongming Zhang of Fort Collins for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Carlan Cardenas of Westcliffe for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Heather Davidson of Austin, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Alexandro Adame of Canyon, TX, for speeding 10 -19 over.

Ralph Smith of Pueblo for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Barbara Rupert of Oklahoma, OK, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Kevin Estrada of Pueblo for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Coda Villa of Gun Barrel City, TX, for speeding 10 -19 over.

Robert Tobin of Westcliffe for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Miguel Loya Castillo of Pueblo for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Stefanie Call of Farmington, NM, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Sarah Smith of Westcliffe for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Maurice Woods of Davenport, IA, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Welfare Check: Deputies conducted a welfare check on an individual who made a statement about harming themselves. The individual was not harmed, and a report was taken.

Suicidal Party: Deputies and Florence EMS responded to the report of a possibly suicidal party on CR 293 and an individual was transported to the hospital.

3/17/17:

Traffic Summons: Thomas Fellers of Highland Village, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Jewel Sapp of Westcliffe for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Robin Espinoza of Frederick for speeding on Highway 69.

Donald Keeling of Tulsa, OK, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Daniel Aybar of Forney, TX, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Benjami Jenkins of Dallas, TX,

for speeding 10 -19 over.

Don Schwartz of Sugarland, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Brandon Martinez of Cañon City for speeding 5 - 9 over and driving while license is under restraint.

Theodore Johnson of Westcliffe for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Patricia Morris of Westcliffe for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Davide Rogers of Westcliffe for speeding 10 -19 over.

Mischief: Deputies took a report from multiple parties in the lobby of the Sheriff's Office regarding criminal mischief. The matter is under investigation.

3/18/17:

Traffic Summons: Nancy McNeil of Waco, TX, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Donna Ortiz of Houston, TX, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Scott Raynes of Houston, TX, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Christopher Tracy of Driftwood, TX, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Michael Johnston of Oklahoma, TX, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Robert Lockhart of Weatherford, TX, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Dylan Myers of Annetta, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Adam Zelinski of Austin, TX, for

speeding 20 - 24 over.

Steven Mitchell of Tulsa, OK, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Bobby Graham of Little Rock, AR, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Alicia Hamalian-Barwick of Westcliffe for speeding 10 -19 over.

Stephen Richmond of Edmond, OK, for speeding 10 -19 over.

Miles Newcomb of Oklahoma City, OK, for speeding 10 -19 over.

Joseph Hodges of Longview, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Brett Scott of Oklahoma City, OK, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

James Banks of Little Rock, AR, for speeding 10 -19 over.

Helen Rodriguez of Amarillo, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Elisa Behzada of Germantown, MD, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

3/19/17:

Traffic Summons: Robert Kaess of Westcliffe for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Michelle Juarez of Porter, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Assault: A deputy met with a party in the lobby who wished to file an assault complaint.



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Call For Artists: ‘Armed Forces Art Exhibit’

Press Release
—March 11, 2017

This is an exhibit to showcase the artistic talents of active duty, Veterans and retired military personnel in Colorado. Hosted by the Florence, Colorado Downtown Merchants Association, this exhibit will be displayed in the storefronts of participating businesses. The show will open with a reception(s) on Saturday, May 13th and will run

through Memorial Day, May 29th. We invite you to submit two or three-dimensional works in any media. There is no size limit, the subject matter is open. The show is not juried, but the subject matter must be appropriate for general public viewing. Artwork can be for sale. Intake of artwork will be Saturday May 6th and Sunday 7th from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day at A Florence Gallery, 108 East Main Street, Florence, CO. The

committee requests that interested artists please call 719-372-1016 or 303-717 1977 by April 15th to register for the show or for more information. The Florence merchants would like to thank and honor military personnel during the month that observes Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day. We know there is some great artistic talent out there and we would like the opportunity to share it with public.

Youth Center in Our Future?

Press Release

This is a continuing saga of the plans for a Youth Center here in Custer County, the brain child of Peggy Leper, Silver Cliff resident, to honor a past educator here in the county. A board is in place and several meetings have been held.

The latest meeting was held on March 16th. It specifically focused on beginning a strategic planning process for the formation of a Youth Center for Custer County. They invited a facilitator, Noël Berge, to guide them in the process. Over the next several hours, the group of eight attendees worked

in small groups to develop the higher level objectives for such an enterprise and briefly discussed the need for key assumptions surrounding such a program. They left with assignments for moving forward for the next meeting. The next meeting will be held at the county courthouse annex for board members and other key stakeholders who are responsible for making this endeavor a reality. Any individuals who may have an interest in participating should contact Peggy Leper at 783-9423. Once we have a viable strategic plan, there will be meetings held to seek broader participation from the community.

Bobcats Sport Schedule

MS Traveling Basketball When: Fri, March 24, 8 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Where: West Gym	HS Track Meet - La Junta Open-departure TBD When: Fri, March 31, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Where: La Junta
Custer County Youth Wrestling When: Sat, March 25, 6:30 a.m. – 7 p.m. Where: East Gym	JV Baseball HOME v Cotopaxi When: Fri, March 31, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Goal Miners Soccer When: Sun, March 26, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Where: West Gym	HS Track Meet - Sangre de Cristo Thunderbolt Invitational Departure 5:45AM When: Sat, April 1, 8:15 a.m. – 4 p.m. Where: Mosca
MS Traveling Basketball When: Fri, March 31, 8 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Where: West Gym	

Bobcat Menu • March 27–March 30 2017			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk	Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk	Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk	Breakfast Biscuit & Gravy Fruit Milk
Lunch Elem. Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Mixed Veg & Fruit Milk	Lunch Elem. Egg Roll Spice Bread Fruit Milk	Lunch Elem. Beef Taco Pie Rice/ Corn-on-Cob Peas & Fruit Milk	Lunch Elem. NO K Thru 8th
Lunch MS & HS Popcorn Chicken Wrap Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Corn & Fruit Milk	Lunch MS & HS Chicken Stir Fry Spice Bread Carrots & Fruit Milk	Lunch MS & HS Taco Salad Mexican Beans/Roll Fruit Milk	Lunch MS & HS Kitchen Choice Veg Fruit Milk
Elementary: Main Dish, Grain Product, Veg., Fruit, and Milk Middle & High: Main Dish, (Or Premade Chef Salad), Grain Product, Vegetable, Fruit and Milk A la Carte Items To Be Sold To M.S. & H.S. Only			

Save the Date

Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club will once again host their Annual Rotary Scholarship Golf Tournament & Steak Dinner. This year’s event will take place on Saturday, June 10th. Tee Times will be 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. at St. Andrews Golf Course (801 Copper Gulch Rd, Westcliffe) and there will be a steak dinner that evening.

To sign up, go to <http://www.WetMountainValleyRotary.org/Sign-up.pdf> or contact Julie Olomon at 719-783-4300.

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Fingerprinting

A fingerprint is an impression left by the friction ridges of a human finger (Wikipedia.org).

Finger prints are individually unique to every person. They begin forming during the 12th week of gestation and unless they are surgically or accidentally removed they remain permanent for the life of the individual. That may be why you may have seen in old gangster movies where criminals had their fingerprints removed.

No two fingerprints have ever been found to be identical. Even identical twins will have identical DNA but they will have different fingerprints. Making fingerprints the most accurate form of identification.

The first documented fingerprints were taken by Sir William J. Hershel in 1858 in India. He was concerned about establishing authenticity in court regarding business dealings with the government. So he made a construction builder who could not write put a print of his palm and fingers on an official business transaction form. This gave us the first documented application of fingerprinting.

Gilbert Thompson, a surveyor in New Mexico in 1882, put his own prints on a survey to prevent forgery. This was the first evidence of the use of fingerprints in the United States. In 1892, an Argentinean Police Commadore by the name of Juan Vucetich took prints off a door post to nail a murderer. This was the first recorded use of fingerprints in a criminal matter. It then became standard operating procedure in the United States, and in 1924, an act of Congress established the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

DNA is as pervasive at crime scenes as fingerprints but typically costs more than fingerprinting for each specimen. It also can require additional months for the analysis to be complete. So, fingerprints and DNA are regularly harvested from serious crime scenes like murder, but fingerprints alone are usually used as evidence for crimes such as burglaries and vehicle break-ins.

Fingerprinting has been one of civilization’s greatest developments. It is used not only in criminal cases but for driver’s licenses and many times for positive ID when taking tests for doctor’s and nurse’s licenses. It’s accuracy in identification has also been especially helpful in missing persons cases.

by Audrey Slater, Sources:: Crime Scene Forensics, LLC, Matthews, NC; www.crimescene-forensics.com, fingerprinting.com, onin.com

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on the right.
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somewhere else.
Marvin Miller (719) 429-6472

Major Progress on County Wide Broadband Survey

Custer County Economic
Development Corporation
Press Release
—March 20, 2017

With the recent comple-
tion of Phase 3 of the
DOLA funded county wide
broadband survey, poten-
tial antenna sites have been
identified that can eventu-
ally support the doubling
of broadband coverage in
Custer County. An analy-
sis of current and proposed

antenna sights is being final-
ized to price and prioritize
six antenna locations that
will provide the best system
improvements in coverage.
While the analysis has been
primarily done to address the
continued improvement of
broadband coverage, there
has been collateral benefit
in improved cellular phone
coverage. The schedule
for the accomplishment of
these improvements is high-
ly dependent on the avail-
ability of grant funding and

the negotiation of contracts
with various broadband and
cellular phone providers to
host their equipment on the
towers.

The Phase 4, final report on
this effort will be present on
March 23, 2017, at 1 p.m. at
the West Custer County Li-
brary Community Room.

For additional information
contact the Custer Coun-
ty Economic Development
Corporation. EconDevC@
gmail.com.

C.A.R.T. from page 1

GOALS:

1. Increase community un-
derstanding of C.A.R.T.
2. Support and strengthen
existing businesses and
and cultivate new ones
3. Showcase ‘Cliffs heri-
tage, natural beauty and
art culture
4. Expand opportunities for
low impact tourism

The Key Theme (Strate-
gy) of the plan is to attract
visitors to experience the
‘Cliffs heritage, its natural
beauty, its art culture and to
support local businesses, lo-
cal attractions and activities.

ACTION (Implementation)
3-5 Year Period

1. Hold quarterly meetings
with the Tourism Board,
Chamber of Commerce,
Custer County Economic
Development Corpora-
tion (CCEDC) and other
entities
2. Support and strengthen

local businesses through
educational campaigns

3. Address empty store
fronts; one way is by in-
corporating work of local
artists
4. More active collabora-
tion with local partners,
i.e. Dark Skies Commu-
nity and others

For newcomers moving
into the area C.A.R.T. will
offer a welcome package
with information about lo-
cal businesses, local activi-
ties, local services, coupons
and improve open commu-
nications all around. The
community at large was
asked to assist by volun-
teering, contributing, shar-
ing personal experiences
with the community, at-
tending functions and con-
necting on social media.

With an audience of about
45, the meeting was well
attended by business own-
ers, local town officials and
area residents. Members
of the C.A.R.T. Board are:
Ileen Squire, Jacke Barnes,
Kathy Snow, Kathy Reis,

Patty Martinez, Christy
Patterson and Marty Wolfe.

Before concluding the
meeting, it was opened for
ideas from the audience.
Suggestions were made for
a bike shop for rentals, sales
and repairs and other such
services. Another sugges-
tion was for a sports shop.
Ms. Elin Ganschow of Mu-
sic Meadows suggested a
tourist attraction for the
winter months, an activity
known as Ski Joring where-
in a skier is pulled along a
predetermined course by a
rider on horseback. Still
another suggestion was
for a soap box derby down
Main Street which would
bring in teams of parents
and children. PUMA will
finalize their plans and an-
other meeting will be held
towards the end of March
or early in April. Contact
C.A.R.T. Executive Direc-
tor Ms. Marilyn Stodola
for more information or to
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at (727) 642-5342 or email:
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risk, complex, or sensitive incidents or cases. Performs the full range of duties of
detention deputies, such as offender management, booking, drug screening, interven-
ing in disputes, cleaning and organizing detention areas, safety security of jail opera-
tions, writing reports, preparing legal paperwork, and victim notification. Performs
general jail operations such as cooking, cleaning and organization of jail, collection
of fees, computer entry in record management system supervision of offenders in
court, and transporting offenders to court and to medical appointments.

A detention deputy for this agency will be expected to arrive to work on time, work
shift work, work holidays, work assigned shifts, occasionally work overtime and
maintain a pleasant atmosphere for the citizens and staff they are in contact with. This
office is an emergency service agency and lunch breaks are a paid working lunch and
at times you may be expected to work through your lunch break. A detention deputy
is required to stay alert to their surroundings and ready to respond to situations within
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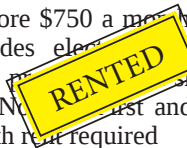
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Applications will be accepted through April 10.
Background checks and a pre-employment drug test are required following offer of employment but prior to beginning work.
For a full position description and application, visit Sangre de Cristo's website at myelectric.coop or email

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Events Calendar

Friday, March 24, 12 p.m.
BOCC Workshop
(County Health Nurse) Boardroom

Friday and Saturday, March 24 and 25 at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 26 at 2 p.m.
“A United Kingdom”
Biography | Drama | Romance | PG-13
THE JONES THEATER \$\$ Westcliffe

Friday, March 24, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Bingo - Saddle Club
90 CR Rd 241 Westcliffe

Sunday, March 26, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Saddle Club - Youth Mentoring
Music Meadows Ranch
6076 Cty Rd 119 Westcliffe

Wednesday, March 29, 1 p.m.
BOCC Workshop
(Underfunded Courthouse) Boardroom

Thursday March 30, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Preschool Bake Sale at CC School

Monday , March 27th, 4 p.m.
School Board Meeting
School Board work room

Friday March 31, 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Commissioners Meetings
Boardroom

Friday March 31, 9 a.m. – Noon
Sangres Shooting Sports Club
South Hwy 69

Friday, March 31, 2017, 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Indoor Star Gazing— West Custer County Library, 209 Main St., Westcliffe

Friday and Saturday, March 31 and April 1 at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, April 2 at 2 p.m.
“John Wick: Chapter 2”
Action | Crime | Thriller | R
THE JONES THEATER \$\$ Westcliffe

Saturday, April 1 All Day
April Fools

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 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

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by Fred Hernandez

Every Lenten Season, the forty days before Easter Sunday, Christians worldwide take the time to reflect on the final days of Our Lord Jesus Christ's ministry on earth. There are many ways to remember HIM during Lent and reading the book *"The Day Christ Died"* (1957), by Jim Bishop, is one way preferred by many. Through the magic of colorful and vivid narrative, the product of meticulous research and panoramic vision, the author transports the reader into the heart of the middle east at a time when most of the world was in fact the Roman Empire.

At that time already seven hundred years of age and growing, The Roman World hugged the rim of the Mediterranean basin. It included many people of many colors. the Roman standard towered over the Rhine and the Danube. Its banners danced in the breeze of the Atlas Mountains in North Africa. Its presence was felt through its legions in Portugal, Belgium, Egypt and Syria whose male citizens comprised cohorts under Roman officers known as Centurions. Tiberius was Caesar reputed to be just but merciless.

Book Review
"The Day Christ Died"

Part of the Roman Empire was Palestine which in itself was the Jewish World with Jerusalem as its center. At 150 miles long and 75 miles wide it was so small that Rome subordinated it to Syria. The land where Jesus performed HIS ministry, Palestine, had three main provinces; Judea, Samaria and Galilee where the remnants of the twelve tribes lived. Three dialects were spoken in the many little cities, towns and villages populated by about three million citizens. Farming was the major enterprise in a sub-tropical climate which had a dry season and a rainy season with an average annual precipitation of twenty five inches between November and April.

Being a Theocracy, the Jewish people were "ruled" by their priests who imposed strict adherence to the rules and religious laws governing every man, woman and child. However, being under governance of Rome a Roman prefect had overall and final authority. During Jesus' time the Prefect (later changed to Procurator) was Pontius Pilate. As part of the religious obligations of the people they each had to pay what was called a "temple tax" equivalent to twenty five cents in to-

day's currency. In addition to this basic income, the priests charged for every animal or bird used for the mandatory sacrifice on the high altar. This was big money for the ruling class.

Into this complex mix of cultures between the Jewish population on the one hand, micromanaged by their religious leaders, and the Romans on the other hand, cruel in many ways in the manner they maintained peace and order, the author weaves in the main characters in this acclaimed story. There is Jesus, the Galilean, not just preaching salvation, but actually performing stunning miracles inspiring the people to seek HIM out and follow HIM. The temple priests worried sick that this Miracle Worker would take their clientele away and unable to accept the potential disaster of such an occurrence. Then there is the Roman Prefect involved in high intrigue against the priests and the ruling Tetrarch of the province, Herod. With all the hatred swirling around these three factions you have the makings of a plot which came to be known as "the greatest story ever told".

Jim Bishop is a meticulous researcher with a panoramic vision. He searches

where others forget to look and comes up with brilliant threads of information which he then weaves into a rich and gorgeous tapestry. His format of a "24-hour day" is nearly a Bishop patent. But, if one thinks that a twenty-four hour window in Christ's last day would be insufficient to tell the whole story they would be mistaken. Using a flashback technique and two "background" chapters, Bishop brings forth the entire panorama of the life of Christ in Palestine Circa 30 A.D.

Born in Jersey City, New Jersey, on November 21, 1907, James Alonzo Bishop dropped out of school after the eight grade. As an adolescent he drove a horse-drawn wagon delivering milk. He then left that line of work as a young adult to go into his preferred line of work as a copy boy in a newspaper. He worked his way up after transferring to another New York paper as a cub reporter. He learned typing, shorthand and bookkeeping and grew in his knowledge and writing skills. One of his first books was *"The Day Lincoln Was Shot"* which became an instant best seller. One of the great authors of our time, Jim Bishop passed away in July 26, 1987.



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Matthew 28:20b NKJV

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10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Worship
Wedn. 6 p.m. Worship
818 Ohio Street
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Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
10 a.m. Sacrament Mtg.
12:10 p.m. Sunday School
240 Ridgeline Drive
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Community United Methodist Church
8 a.m. Worship
10 a.m. Worship
202 S. 6th Street
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719/783-2511

Cody Park Community Church
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Mtg.

Wednesday, 7 p.m. Bible Study
0157 County Rd. 27A
Cotopaxi
719/942-3526

Cotopaxi Community Church
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Wedn. Bible Study
20326 Hwy. 50
Cotopaxi
719/942-4339

First Baptist Church of Westcliffe
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:45 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Worship
417 S. 6th Street
Westcliffe
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High Country Mennonite Church
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Sunday School
110 Rosita Avenue
All Aboard Westcliffe Bldg.
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Huerfano Community Bible Church
10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

7 p.m.: Thursday Bible Study
603 Leon Street
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9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Worship
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Diocese of Pueblo
11 a.m. Sunday Mass
10 a.m. Wednesday Mass
11 a.m.- 2 p.m. Wedn. Adoration
109 S. 5th Street
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Our Lady of Mt. Zion Catholic Church
11 a.m. Mass, 3rd Sunday of month
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10:30 a.m. Worship & Eucharist
11:30 a.m. Fellowship

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10 a.m. Worship
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Westcliffe
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Saturday Mass 4:00 p.m.
Highway 69, Gardner
719/738-1204

Valley Bible Fellowship
10 a.m. Worship

116 Hermit Lane Silver Cliff
719/783-9050

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

Wetmore Baptist Church
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Worship
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Wetmore
719/371-1230

Wetmore Community Church
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Worship
699 County Rd. 395
Wetmore
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Wild West Cowboy Church
4 p.m. Worship
Followed by Potluck
Tuesdays 6 p.m.: Bible Study
60260 Hwy. 69 North
Westcliffe
719/783-2676

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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

Custer County School District C-1
Special School Board Meeting
Board Work Room – March 27, 2017 – 4:00 pm

1:00 PM
Location:
Commissioners Boardroom

or The District Court of Custer County Colorado

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PUBLIC NOTICE

“For the good of the students of Custer County Schools”

- AGENDA**
1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Approval of the Agenda

3. Action/Discussion:

a. Action concerning the District as the Convening Entity of the Early Childhood Council

b. Action allowing Dr. Davis to sign appropriate documents on behalf of the Board of Education concerning the Early Childhood Council

c. Discussion on office space within the schools for the potential part-time employee of the Early Childhood Council

4. Executive Session – Personnel – Superintendent’s Contract

5. Adjournment

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- PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Custer County Planning Commission will hold a public meeting on April 4, 2017 at 1:30 P.M. Custer County Courtroom. The following will be considered.

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

The agenda is posted on the bulletin board located in the hall of the Custer County Courthouse. Copies of the agenda are available in the Custer County Planning and Zoning office.
- Anyone wishing to comment may do so at the Hearing or by mail to Custer County Planning and Zoning office, P.O. Box 203 Westcliffe CO 81252; by fax 719-783-9907 or by e-mail Jackie@custercountygov.com

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Workshop

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2017

12:00 PM
Location:
Commissioners Boardroom

County Health Nurse

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017
- Underfunded Courthouse

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Tentative Agenda

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2017

9:00 AM & 7:00 PM
Meeting Location:
Commissioners Boardroom

Call meeting to order

Pledge of allegiance

Roll Call

Amend agenda

Approval of minutes

Audience introduction

Public Comment

Attorney Items

Executive Session

New/Old Business

- Review vouchers and sign checks

- Transfer from Advance Tax to County General & Sales Tax to County General – V. Trujillo

- Action 22 Status – Doris Morgan, Interim President Action 22

- Jane McCarty – Deeding property to County (JD Henrich, G. Hyde)

- Extension Discussion

Commissioner Items – to be held at 7:00 PM
Public Comment
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- NOTICE**
Notice to Creditors

Estate of Jeffrey T Roby
Deceased
Case Number 16PR12

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

Matthew Roby
2017 Mohawk Rd
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- The Custer County Board of County Commissioners is proposing the expenditure of an estimated \$23,000 for Community Fire Protection Planning in the Sangre de Cristo Foothills and the balance of approximately \$15,000 for Wildland Fire Fuel Reduction in the county, to be taken from the Custer County Title III Secure Rural Schools Act and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, reauthorized by section 524 of P.L. 114-10, of 2015. (Public Law 114-10). These funds can only be expended in accordance with provisions made in the law.

Copies of the Fact Sheet that explain the proposals in further detail are available at the County Clerk’s Office for review.
- This is the notice of 524 of the 45-day public comment period for the proposal. Comments must be submitted by May 8, 2017, to the Custer County commissioners Office, by mail to PO Box 150, Westcliffe, CO 81252; by fax 719-783-2885 or by e-mail: brenda@custercountygov.com.

Ordered and published by Bob Kattnig, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners.

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Colorado State News

Colorado House Unanimously Passes Bill to Expand Health Freedom

by Mike Maharrey,
The Tenth Amendment Center

DENVER, Colorado

—March 10, 2017

The Colorado House unanimously passed a bill that would help facilitate healthcare freedom in the state.

A bipartisan coalition of two representatives and two senators sponsor House Bill 1115 (HB1115). The legislation specifies that direct primary care agreements (sometimes called medical retainer agreements) do not constitute insurance, thereby freeing doctors and patients from the onerous requirements and regulations under the state insurance code.

The bill also defines what constitutes a direct primary care agreement and creates a modest regulatory structure.

The House approved HB1115 by a 65-0 vote.

According to Michigan Capitol Confidential, by removing a third party payer from the equation,

medical retainer agreements help both physicians and patients minimize costs. Jack Spencer writes:

“Under medical retainer agreements, patients make monthly payments to a physician who in return agrees to provide a menu of routine services at no extra charge. Because no insurance company stands between patient and doctor, the hassles and expense of bureaucratic red tape are eliminated, which have resulted in dramatic cost reductions. Routine primary care services (and the bureaucracy required to reimburse them) are estimated to consume 40 cents out of

“This represents the kind of cost control Obamacare promised, but failed to deliver.”

every dollar spent on insurance policies, so lower premiums for a given amount of coverage are another potential benefit.”

This represents the kind of cost control Obamacare promised, but failed to deliver.

Under Obamacare, regulations define such programs as a primary care service and not a health insurance plan, and current IRS policy treats these monthly fee arrangements just like another health plan.

A FIRST STEP

At this point, it appears the Republicans will not actually repeal Obamacare, and the changes to the plan may actually make things worse. Regardless, state actions can help completely bring down the Affordable Care Act or whatever you want to call the Republican version of national healthcare. Regardless, state actions can help completely bring it down.

Oftentimes, supporters of Obamacare criticize opponents for not having any alternative. Direct primary care offers one.

These direct patient/doctor agreements allow a system uncontrolled by government regulations to develop. It makes doctors

responsive to patients, not insurance company bureaucrats or government rule-makers. Allow-

“a first step toward healthcare freedom in Colorado...”

ing patients to contract directly with doctors via medical retainer agreements opens the market. Under such agreements, market forces will set price for services based on demand instead of relying on central planners with a political agenda. The end-result will be better care delivered at a lower cost.

By incentivizing creative healthcare solutions, the market will naturally provide better options, such as the Surgery Center of Oklahoma. This facility operates completely outside of the insurance system, providing a low-cost alternative for many surgical procedures.

A more open healthcare marketplace within a state will help spur de facto nullification of the federal program by providing an affordable alternative. As patients flock to these arrangements and others spurred by ingenuity and market forces, the old system will begin to crumble.

Passage of HB1115 would represent a first step toward healthcare freedom in Colorado, and would create a stepping stone to further action to nullify the onerous Affordable Care act. Once in place, Coloradans can take further steps to fully extricate themselves from Obamacare for good.

NEXT

HB1115 will go to the Senate for further consideration. At the time of this report, it had not received a committee assignment. Once it does, it will need to pass by a majority vote before moving forward in the legislative process.

Please see: <http://blog.tenthamentmentcenter.com/2017/03/colorado-house-unanimously-passes-bill-to-expand-health-freedom/>

Free Colorado! New Law Makes Grouse Plan Illegal



by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

The Republican rollback of President Obama’s midnight regulations has a hidden gem for Coloradans — the sage grouse plan forced on us by the federal government is no longer legal.

Those plans for states were invalidated by the new Congressional Review Act, which requires that Congress has a role in its creation and Congress was

never given the chance.

Says the Pacific Legal Foundation:

“Therefore, it cannot be legally enforced and remains vulnerable to congressional disapproval.”

This is good news for private property owners, ranchers, homebuilders, the energy sector and recreation.

Now all we need is a member of Congress to challenge those grouse plans, and free 173 million acres across 11 states from the grips of the bureaucrats who thought this was a good idea.

We urge PeakNation™ to call their representatives in the House and Senate to make this happen.

(Editor/GG: Hallelujah!)

Please see: <https://coloradopeakpolitics.com/2017/03/16/free-colorado-new-law-makes-grouse-plan-illegal/>

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John Adams, A Dissertation on the Canon and Feudal Law, 1765

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Colorado State News

“Takin’ It To The House...”

A Calendar And Commentary From The Golden Dome

by Rep. Jim Wilson –
HD 60
March 19, 2017

Many of us (who are older than we would like to admit) can remember John Travolta’s movie, “Staying Alive”. Part of the lyrics to the theme song were – “Ah, ha, ha, ha, sta-

in’ alive, stayin’ alive.” As for the message of the song, Robin Gibb was quoted as saying, “Stayin’ Alive is about survival in the big city—any big city”. The “Stayin’ Alive” phrase popped into my head this past week as I reviewed the status of my 2017 bills here in the big city of Denver.

As the sun set on the 66th

day of the 71st General Assembly, 11 of the 12 bills that I am a prime co-sponsor on were still alive. The only “casualty” to date has been SB 17-054. However, that survival rate will change rapidly. Monday, I postponed indefinitely (a legislative term for killed) my HB 17-1178: “Rural Administrative Flexibility”. The bill would give addi-

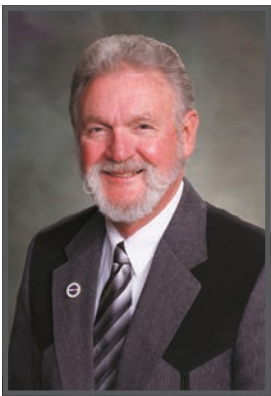
tional flexibility to rural districts, but if the troops are still arguing in the trenches over the details, I am not going to lead that charge just yet...

However, 10 of my other bills are still “stayin’ alive”. Senate bills SB 17-060 (Colorado Student Leaders Institute), SB 17-110 (Accessibility of Exempt Fam-

ily Child Care) and SB 17-123 (Seal of Bilingualism for High School Diplomas) are all awaiting the Governor’s signature.

On the House side, HB 17-1174 (my rural broadband bill) passed out of the House 62-0, HB 17-1106

**TAKIN’ IT
see page 23**



Colorado House Democrats: Small Biz Can Only Succeed If Fines Are Paid

by ColoradoPeak
Politics.com

The jig is up. Democrats have shown for the seventh time that government regulations are not really about protecting the public, but a fee collection scheme to take our money.

How else to explain the actions of House Democrats, who for the past six legislative sessions, and again last week, killed a bill to give small business owners a second chance to make things right?

The *Denver Business Journal* reports that the bill sponsored by Sen. Tim Neville (R), of Littleton would have given first offenders 30 days to fix the problem before paying a fine.

We’re not talking about major corporations, but mom and pop shops, start-ups by folks who are sinking their entire life-savings into a business who can’t afford hefty fines because some obscure

regulation popped up they never even heard of.

The proposal would have changed the culture so that the state was seen as working with, rather than against, businesses, said the House sponsor of SB 1, Minority Leader Patrick Neville, R-Castle Rock.

“Now you have a specter in the business community that they must succeed not because of government regulators but in spite of government regulators,” said Mike Kopp, the president and CEO of Colorado Concern.

House Democrats claim that this time, they have a solution of their own they want to introduce. No details yet, but we recommend small business owners hang on even tighter to their wallets.

Please see: <https://colorado-peakpolitics.com/2017/03/06/house-democrats-small-biz-can-only-succeed-if-fines-are-paid/>

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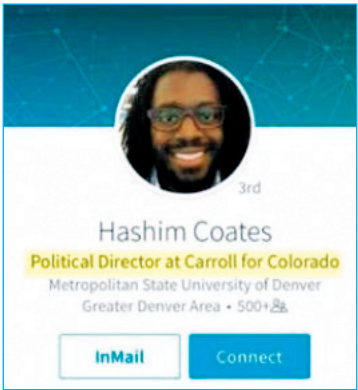
On Saturday, Democratic activists swarmed the Democratic assembly to elect former Senate President Morgan Carroll as their leader. We assume some of these of activists, including Carroll, also marched in the women’s march in January. Their hypocrisy is stunning.

On Friday, it was revealed that one of Carroll’s former—maybe current—staffers, Hashim Coates, was busted in December for visiting a prostitute, and then, shooting at her car with a gun. We can’t think of something more anti-woman than actually shooting at one. From the 9News story:

“According to the complaint, Hashim Coates ‘discharged a firearm into a motor vehicle...’ and ‘unlawfully engaged in an act of sexual intercourse’ with a prostitute.”

Even more bizarre is Coates’ association with the Human Relations Commission of Aurora. We have

a suspicion that Coates’ prostitute visit is not exactly the kind of human relations the commission had in mind. While Coates may have worked on Carroll’s failed Congressional bid, the position that’s more



interesting is the *Aurora Sentinel’s* claim that he was continued to work on Carroll’s bid to become the state chair of the Democratic Party.

To put this in context, Coates was employed by Carroll until November 2016, was arrested in December 2016 (during which he may or may not have been an employee), and

then, after his arrest, continued to work for Carroll until March 2017.

That’s right, Morgan Carroll employed a man who not only slept with a prostitute, but then fired a gun into a car with several people (including the prostitute) in it.

And, then, despite the fact that this article came out two days before the state chair election, Democratic activists, the same activists who wore nasty hats in Civic Center Park, looked the other way when it came time to cast ballots. It didn’t matter that Carroll had hired someone who was decidedly anti-woman to get her elected.

Remember this next time Democrats claim to be pro-woman. When it came time to stand up for women by punishing one of their own, they sat down.

Please see: <https://colorado-peakpolitics.com/2017/03/13/guns-hookers-carroll-oh-my-carroll-campaign-staffer-busted-for-bad-behavior/>

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School Board Meetings:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Colorado GOP Vice Chairman Derrick Wilburn; Guest Speaker at Royal Gorge Tea Party

by Barbara Penezic

The RGTP was honored to have guest speaker Chairman, Derrick Wilburn founder of the Rocky Mountain Black Conservatives and American Conservatives of Color visit with them at their regular meeting. Derrick is a prolific writer and has three published books. He also writes for some very well-known publications such as *The American Thinker* and Allen B. West.

“It’s time we as Republicans do a better job of



Chairman, Derrick Wilburn

Photo courtesy of J Penezic

courting ethnic minority voters,” Derrick said in his opening remarks. Then, and this is what makes Mr. Wilburn exceptional, he went on to explain his plan for bringing this often-missing group of voters into the Republican ranks. The following information taken from Derrick’s talking points says:

“To survive and grow the conservative movement in America, [we] must become more diverse by reaching a greater number of ethnic-minorities. The Conservatives of All Colors Internship Program represents an important step for the future. Placing young black and Hispanic minds into internships allows them to experience for themselves the truths about conservatives and the values we hold.”

We cannot change the mindset of folks that are 70-years old they are set in stone. They see the republican/conservative party as ‘MOSTLY OLD WHITE MEN COMPLETE WITH PITCHFORKS, TAILS AND HORNS.’

Younger generations and minds do not have the same biases and preconceptions as those who lived the civil rights struggles of the past.

They are an open persuadable book. Through this program, we may be raising up the Tim Scotts, Mia Loves and Allen Wests of tomorrow.

“Founded in 2011 by a small but determined group in Colorado, the Rocky Mountain Black Conservatives has been steadily building bridges between two distant communities; ethnic minorities and political conservative. Now through our relationships with minority organizations like the NAACP, Urban League, Black Pastor’s Association, and, those with conservative organizations and legislators we are uniquely positioned to locate quality interns, place them and grow conservative values in minority millennials.

“We need to show these young people that Republicans and conservatives care about things like the constitution and allowing you to keep more of your money. Then we can begin to crack the wall a little faster. Congressman Ken Buck is working on getting us hosts for the interns. Ken has presented the program to Speaker Ryan and gained his approval. We have five people ready to go and we are wanting 30. Once we have Colorado up and running we will begin to look at other areas of the country.”

A necessary step to be sure; it is also an expensive one. To make this program a reality, we are in need of financial sponsors. If you would be willing to support this effort or simply would like more information, please visit www.BlackandConservative.com or call Chairman, Derrick Wilburn, at 719-237-0070.

Wilburn told the group, “We are living in historic times in our country. If Trump continues to bring back jobs the Dems won’t have a chance in 2020. If he serves for the next eight years the Supreme Court is a lock baby,” he stressed, “None of [us] saw this coming in 2008, we were all too busy crying in our soup.”

People complain about Trump and don’t always like the way he expresses himself but at least with Trump you know what you are getting. With some of these other knuckle-heads, it’s like the flavor of the month. Take Hillary for example if she is talking to a black person, she is black, to a Jewish person, she is Jewish, with

Latinos she pulls hot sauce out of her pocket.

With Trump, you get one consistent person; I appreciate that.

Derrick emphasized that in the Bible, there is an account of a prophet and a woman who simply called him a man of God. She did so to describe the prophet to her husband as she did not know his name. She could only describe him by his actions. What would happen if people did not know you and had to rely only your actions; where you go, what you say about people on social media-what would they call you?

I caution everyone, it is easy to say ugly things about people especially on social media.

I never ever get personal even when I am attacked. I want people to be drawn to our party not repulsed by the things we say. Trump’s agenda will work; jobs are already coming back; the only ones that can screw this up is us. There is a perception out there that we are racists, bigots and haters. This is not true, but when we do not behave like men and women of God we throw fuel on the fire. Don’t take the bait!” Derrick admonished us, *“Be Godly in all you do, say and write. We will hold this office for eight years, and the Supreme Court will be 7-2 or maybe 8-1”*

Be Informed...Get Involved

Events

March 31-April 30

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

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.

April 7, The Fremont County Commissioners invite the public to join them at 5:30 p.m. in front of the historic Rialto Theater and on Macon Plaza. A student art show reception will follow at the Fremont Center for the Arts at 505 Macon Ave.

April 8, The Humane Society announces the second annual Rescue Runway, a fashion show with a four-legged twist, featuring the clothing line of Barn & Barrel. Cocktail hour starts at 4 p.m. at Quality Inn at 3-75 E. U.S. 50. Tickets are \$40 per person. Tickets are available at the Humane Society at 110 Rhoades Ave. in Cañon City.

April 15, Easter Egg Hunt is brought to the children by the Penrose Volunteer Fire Department & Penrose Park & Recreation District. The event will run from 8:30 a.m.-noon in Penrose Park at 401 Fourth Ave. in Penrose.

April 15, Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will start at 8:30 a.m., followed by games and activities at 9 a.m. and Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. on Main Street in Florence.

April 22-23, Escape in Time to Steampunk and Wine will hold its third annual festival in Florence, Colorado coming at Pioneer Park. Events include Gold Canyon Gunfighters, group marriage vow renewals, carriage rides from Dawson, entertainment by Midnight Sun playing at the Steampunk Ball from 7 to 11 p.m. The Frost Mountain Clan, Bobby Dean, Sons of the Republic and the Bent Fork Family Band will also be performing.

Lamborn and Oldest Vet



U.S. Congressman Doug Lamborn presents an American flag that flew over the Capitol to Jim Hogan, the oldest veteran attending the Lincoln Day Dinner on March 11th at the Abbey Events Center.

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Extraordinarily Disturbing
News About Our Children

If we are to take a recent national opinion poll conducted by the American Culture and Faith Institute of 1,000 Americans 18 years or older at face value, the present generation of parents and the Christian "Church" in the U.S. has completely lost the Millennial generation. This failure appears to be irreversible and by all indicators signals a prophetic shift away from God, the morals, traditional values, and belief in freedom necessary to sustain a Constitutional Republic. The survey showed that only 4%--that's four in 100--held a biblical world view; they prefer socialism over capitalism by 44%; twice as many Millennials consider themselves liberals (a complete reversal over the previous generation).

The survey indicated nearly three out of every ten Millennials claim to be atheist, agnostic or non-faith, a 35% increase over adults 30 or over. No wonder Millennials are accepting of "cheating on taxes, using non-prescription drugs for recreational purposes, and getting married to someone of the same sex; and being less likely to worship God other than within a church service." Some two-and-a-half more Millennials than older adults claim to be in the LGBT community. According to the survey, "The largest gaps between the beliefs of older adults and those of Millennials related to the nature of God; the existence of absolute moral truth; concepts concerning evil; and the personal importance of faith."

In analyzing the poll, George Barna, Executive Director of the American Culture and Faith Institute, says, "the current views of Millennials are so far to the left-of-center that even a typical amount of repositioning over time will leave the youngest generation considerably more liberal than desired, and more distant from traditional norms than has been the case during our lifetime... a person's world view is typically developed between the ages of about 18 months and 13 years. There is usually very little movement in a world-

view after that point. You could say with confidence that the world view a person possesses at age 13 is probably the world view they will die with. Unless pre-existing patterns radically change, we are not likely to ever see the Millennial generation reach even ten percent who have a biblical world view."

History may judge us as having been the generation that lost America, but even more disturbing, we may have failed even our children in the mission Jesus Christ gave us--the Great Commission. This should be a sad wake up call to every pastor and every Christian in this country--that embracing bad doctrine, using the world's ways in marketing, making the "church" into a self-improvement program, and allowing government to take over the duties of the church may well have destroyed our children and the sustainability of this nation. In short, evil is out-evangelizing us and successfully condemning our children to hell. We have some ground to cover and only with God can we do it. But we better not be lax.

Romans 10:13-16 says, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, Lord who has believed our report?" Isaiah knew the consequences of disobedience. Verse 17 says, "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing the word of God." Obviously, this is a grave situation. We need to step up.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!

Bill Wilson

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by Russ Read
Daily Caller News
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More than 500 million users were affected by the Yahoo hack in 2014, but this massive heist wasn't perpetrated by a team of cyber warriors. It was the brainchild of a couple Russian intelligence agents and their two hacker recruits.

The hack was one of the largest data breaches in world history, and the subsequent indictments associated with it mark the first time the U.S. has charged Russian intelligence officers for a cybercrime.

"The involvement and direction of FSB officers with law enforcement responsibilities make this conduct that much more egregious," said Acting Assistant Attorney Gen. Mary McCord in a statement Wednesday. "There are no free passes for foreign state-sponsored criminal behavior."

Dmitry Dokuchaev (also known as Patrick Nagel), a 33-year-old Russian FSB agent, was the mastermind behind the hack. He was overseen by Igor Sushchin, 43, also an FSB agent and a former information security head of a Russian financial company, where he reportedly provided information on the company's employees to the FSB.

Both men worked for the agency's "Center 18," the FSB's center for information security. Sushchin was the senior FSB official at the Center during the Yahoo hack and oversaw the younger Dokuchaev, according to the Department of Justice indictment.

While Dokuchaev played an active role in the Yahoo operation, he was not the main hacker behind the breach. He tapped notorious Russian hacker Alexsey Belan, AKA "Magg," to act as the primary hacker.

How Four Russian Cyber Spies
Pulled Off One of the Biggest
Cyber Heists in History

Belan came into the operation with quite the resume, having racked up two prior indictments in the U.S. for hacking e-commerce companies in September 2012 and June 2013.

The Belan-Dokuchaev partnership almost never happened. According to



SB-Agent Dokuchaev, the primary handler of the hackers involved in the Yahoo hack.

Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation



FSB agent Igor Sushchin (left) oversaw the Yahoo hacker group. Alexsey Balan, (right) the primary hacker responsible for intrusions into Yahoo's computer network.

Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation

the indictment, Belan was arrested in an unnamed European country in 2013 under a provisional arrest warrant. He was slated to be extradited to the U.S. for prosecution, but was inexplicably able to escape prosecution by leaving the European country and fleeing to Russia. As a result, he was put on the FBI's list of most wanted hackers, sanctioned by President Barack Obama and put under an Interpol "Red Notice" to be arrested and extradited.

Russia is an Interpol member, but instead of arresting Belan, the FSB decided to recruit him. The practice is not uncommon in Russia,

as the security services are known to frequently catch criminal hackers and offer them employment to avoid prosecution. Dokuchaev apparently did not wait long to put Belan to work, as the indictment claimed the operation against Yahoo began in early 2014.

Belan and company's hack into Yahoo's computer network involved a mix of common hacker tactics and clever methods used to cover up their traces. Belan acted as the point man for the hacking itself, while his FSB handlers fed him intelligence information to help avoid detection by U.S. and other law enforcement agencies.

The group used four main tools to engage in the hack: leased servers (some of which were located in the U.S.), virtual private net-



ment Tool (AMT) and its user database, or UDB. To put it simply, the UDB contains user information that the hackers were after, such as user names, passwords, and phone numbers, while the AMT is the tool Yahoo uses to make and log changes to user accounts. Essentially, the UDB contained the treasure trove, AMT was the key to accessing it. When Belan combined the two, he was able to potentially access information to Yahoo's one billion users.

The hacking group also engaged in a technique known as cookie "minting" to gain access to accounts. Cookies are small files stored on a user's computer by the computer's web browser. When a user connects to an email server, the server can read the cookie's data to obtain information on the user. This allows a user to continue to access their accounts without having to constantly re-enter passwords.

By "minting" or making fake copies, of these cookies both inside and outside of Yahoo's network, the Russian hacking collective was able to access accounts by making the company's servers believe they already had valid access. Approximately 6,500 accounts fell victim to this technique, according to the Department of Justice.

Minted cookies also helped the hackers narrow down their targets. Most of the 500 million accounts affected by the breach had only things like user names and passwords stolen. The hackers were able to pinpoint targets of potential intelligence value by searching recovery emails associated with a company or organization the user may have worked for. These victims included high-ranking foreign officials in countries near Russia; a Russian journalist who worked for *Kommersant*, a leading Russian newspaper once owned by the now-deceased Boris Berezovsky, an unabashed critic of Russian President Vladimir Putin; U.S. officials, and other targets of "intelligence interest."

RUSSIAN HACKERS
see page 21

USDA Threatens To Shut Down Farm for Conservative Article in Break Room

by James Gottry,
The Federalist

Maybe it's just nostalgia talking, but the slaughtering, processing, packaging, and distribution of animals used to be so much simpler.

For hundreds of years, the meat-packing industry bore the responsibility for transforming Bessie the Cow into carnivores' favorite source of protein, and more recently the Food Safety and Inspection Service inspectors of the U.S. Department of Agriculture ensured that the finished product was "safe, wholesome, and correctly labeled and packaged."

Not so anymore. Due to agency rules issued during the Obama era, FSIS inspectors enjoy expanded duties, including monitoring facilities for any "disrespectful" or "insult[ing]" communication (no, not among the animals). Should they uncover any such communication, inspectors are empowered to take "corrective action," even if that involves slicing and dicing fundamental freedoms guaranteed by the First Amendment.

The Fateful Day Don Put an Article in the Break Room

Predictably, unleashing meat inspectors to police the exercise of free speech—with guidelines that provide only vague directional prodding—is the equivalent of releasing a bull in a china shop. At least, it was for Don and Ellen Vander Boon, the owners of West Michigan Beef Company. (To be fair, Mythbusters found that bulls can be surprisingly respectful of grandma's china. The same cannot be said for the USDA and the First Amendment.)

The USDA threatened to shut down this family-owned com-

pany, not because of health concerns, or because short ribs were incorrectly labeled as plate ribs (incidentally, you would not believe the labeling requirements), or because People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals infiltrated their ranks in some sort of hostile takeover bid. Rather, the so-called offense consisted of an article Don placed in the breakroom.

The breakroom at West Michigan Beef includes tables that essentially serve as a repository for newspapers, magazines, articles, and other forms of literature that employees or the owners wish to share with those who care to read them. Think of it as a pre-technological Facebook. Importantly, no one is required to read the materials, any more than I am required to flip through a two-year old copy of *People* while sitting in my dentist's lobby, or to read my friend's Facebook post about replacing smoke detector batteries (true story).

In 2015, following the Supreme Court decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges* that purported to redefine marriage for the entire country, various employees shared arti-

clarian, the on-site inspector, saw the article in the breakroom, well, he had a cow. He removed the article and reported it to his USDA supervisor. The pair stampeded into Don's office and threatened to remove USDA inspectors—effectively shutting down the facility—if Don returned the article to the breakroom, stating the article was offensive and harassing under expanded agency rules.

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"...take the policy out back and swiftly and humanely kill it."

This ban on Don's speech appears to have been grounded on the USDA's "Anti-Harassment Policy Statement" issued in July 2015, which prohibits written or oral communications that USDA officials consider "disrespectful" or

working in the Vander Boon's federally regulated plant. So much so that the *company's* breakroom for *company employees* must be intellectually sterilized, lest an inspector catch a glimpse of an "insulting" article while walking through the breakroom.

So much could be said here, but to take at least a stab at brevity, I'll rein in my responses to two choice beefs with the policy.

First, and most fundamentally, even assuming that the USDA should be in the business of inspecting expression in addition to animal products, its inspectors are constitutionally prohibited from labeling some viewpoints as prime while chucking others entirely. As recently as 2015, the Supreme Court said as much, explaining in *Reed v. Town of Gilbert* that the government "has no power to restrict expression because of its message, its ideas, its subject matter, or its content." Notably, the USDA inspectors took no action against materials in the breakroom that expressed favorable messages regarding same-sex marriage. The *topic* was not objectionable to the USDA; the *viewpoint* was.

Second, by forcing Don and Ellen to choose between (1) abandoning their right to express their religious views and (2) being shut down, the USDA imposed an impermissible burden on their free exercise of religion. The Supreme Court prohibited such a forced choice in *Sherbert v. Verner*, saying that "[g]overnmental imposition of such a choice puts the same kind of burden upon the free exercise of religion as would a fine imposed against appellant for her



Saturday worship."

My employer, Alliance Defending Freedom, sent a letter to President Trump asking him to direct the USDA to rescind its unlawful "harassment policy" and lift the unconstitutional restriction on Don's speech—in other words, is to take the policy out back and swiftly and humanely kill it. The letter also asks the President to follow through with his promise to make religious freedom a top administration priority by signing an executive order directing federal agencies to respect the free exercise of religion, thereby providing necessary protections for small business owners like Don, as well as nonprofit and social-service organizations. Until then, the next time you're grilling a nice, juicy steak, take a moment of silence—not for the animal that provided that delectable dish, but for the First Amendment freedoms that were sacrificed on the chopping block to bring you what's for dinner.

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Please see: <http://thefederalist.com/2017/03/10/usda-threatens-shut-farm-conservative-article-break-room/>

NY Politician Unveils Bill to Suppress Non-Government Approved Free Speech

by Tyler Durden,
ZeroHedge.com

In a bill aimed at securing a "right to be forgotten," introduced by Assemblyman David I. Weprin and (as Senate Bill 4561 by state Sen. Tony Avella), liberal New York politicians would require people to remove "inaccurate," "irrelevant," "inadequate" or "excessive" statements about others...

Within 30 days of a "request from an individual,"

- "all search engines and

online speakers] shall remove...content about such individual, and links or indexes to any of the same, that is 'inaccurate', 'irrelevant', 'inadequate' or 'excessive,'"

- "and without replacing such removed...content with any disclaimer [or] takedown notice."

- "'[I]naccurate', 'irrelevant', 'inadequate', or 'excessive' shall mean content,"

- "which after a significant lapse in time from its first publication,"

- "is no longer material to current public debate or discourse,"

- "especially when considered in light of the financial, reputational and/or demonstrable other harm that the information ... is causing to the requester's professional, financial, reputational or other interest,"

- "with the exception of content related to convicted felonies, legal matters relating to violence, or a matter that is of significant current public interest, and as to which the re-

quester's role with regard to the matter is central and substantial."

Failure to comply would make the search engines or speakers liable for, at least, statutory damages of \$250/day plus attorney fees.

As *The Washington Post's* Eugene Volokh rages, under this bill, newspapers, scholarly works, copies of books on Google Books and Amazon, online encyclopedias (Wikipedia and others) — all would have to be censored whenever a judge and jury found (or the author expected them to find) that the speech was "no longer material to current public debate or discourse" (except when it was "related to convicted felonies" or "legal matters relating to violence" in which the subject played a "central

and substantial" role).

And of course the bill contains no exception even for material of genuine historical interest; after all, such speech would have to be removed if it was "no longer material to current public debate." Nor is there an exception for autobiographic material, whether in a book, on a blog or anywhere else. Nor is there an exception for political figures, prominent businesspeople and others.

But the deeper problem with the bill is simply that it aims to censor what people say, under a broad, vague test based on what the government thinks the public should or shouldn't be discussing. It is clearly unconstitutional under current First Amendment law, and I hope First Amendment law will stay that way (no mat-

ter what rules other countries might have adopted).

Remember: There is no "right to be forgotten" in the abstract; no law can ensure that, and no law can be limited to that. Instead, the "right" this aims to protect is the power to suppress speech — the power to force people (on pain of financial ruin) to stop talking about other people, when some government body decides that they should stop.

(Editor/GG: Do you think our lovely democrat politicians would do this if they could? Note: They all use the same Alinsky playbook....)

Please see: <http://www.zerohedge.com/news/2017-03-16/new-york-assemblyman-unveils-bill-suppress-non-government-approved-free-speech>

And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom.

2 Timothy 4:18 NKJV

ACLJ at Work: 74-Year Old Veteran Prosecuted for Memorial Day ‘Posting’ of Tiny American Flags on VA Center Fence!!!

by Judicial Watch

(Washington, DC) – Judicial Watch today announced it filed a series of motions alleging constitutional and other legal deficiencies in the extraordinary prosecution of its client, Robert L. Rosebrock, a Vietnam-era veteran who faces federal criminal charges for purportedly displaying two four by six inch American Flags above a Veterans Affairs (VA) fence on Memorial Day, May 30, 2016. Judicial Watch’s team of attorneys recently filed:

- A motion to suppress statements Rosebrock allegedly made to a VA police officer during a custodial interrogation of Rosebrock without advising him of his Fifth Amendment rights, as required by *Miranda v. Arizona*.
- Two motions to dismiss the “flag posting” charge and two photography-related charges against Rosebrock on First Amendment and other constitutional grounds.
- A motion to dismiss all charges against Rosebrock on the grounds of selective and vindictive prosecution and retaliation for Rosebrock’s having exercised his First Amendment rights.

The photography-related charges stem from allegations that Rosebrock took photographs of VA police on Memorial Day 2016 and Sunday, June 12, 2016, without VA permission. Rosebrock is alleged to have taken unauthorized photographs of a VA police

spite being detained and handcuffed.

The case, *United States of America v. Robert L. Rosebrock*, (CC11, 4920201; 4920202; 6593951), will be heard by U.S. Magistrate Judge Steve Kim in the U.S. District Court for



Robert L. Rosebrock

Courtesy Photo

officer on Memorial Day 2016 as the officer took him into custody, interrogated, and cited him for purportedly displaying the two napkin-sized American Flags on a VA fence. Rosebrock also is alleged to have taken unauthorized photographs of VA police officers handcuffing conservative activist Ted Hayes on June 12, 2016, after Hayes purportedly displayed an American Flag on the same VA fence. Hayes, dressed as “Uncle Sam,” was not charged with any wrongdoing de-

the Central District of California. Judicial Watch Attorney Sterling E. Norris, a former Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney, and Los Angeles-based Defense Attorney Robert Patrick Sticht are representing Rosebrock.

The fence is part of the “Great Lawn Gate” entrance to the Los Angeles National Veterans Park, a public park on the corner of Wilshire and San Vicente Boulevards in the Brentwood area of Los Angeles. The gate and park are part of a larger, 388-acre parcel

that includes the Veterans Home of West Los Angeles.

Rosebrock (below), 74, along with fellow veterans, Hayes and others, have been assembling at the site nearly every Sunday and Memorial Day since March 9, 2008, to protest what they believe is the VA’s failure to make full use of the valuable West Los Angeles property for the benefit and

baseball team, an athletic complex for a nearby private prep school, a golf course, laundry facilities for a nearby Marriott hotel, storage and maintenance facilities for 20th Century Fox Television’s production sets, the Brentwood Theatre, soccer practice and match fields for a private girls’ soccer club, dog park and a farmer’s market.

VA officials previously told

Rosebrock faces up to six months’ imprisonment if found guilty on any of the three charges.

A hearing on Rosebrock’s motions is scheduled for March 7, 2017, in Los Angeles, CA. Rosebrock’s trial had also been set for March 7, but the court has delayed the trial.

“We still hold out hope that Jeff Sessions’ Department of Justice will put an early and deserved end to this case,” said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. “Rosebrock’s rights have been repeatedly and needlessly violated. No public good can be served by prosecuting a 74-year-old veteran over the placement of two small American Flags at the entrance to a park honoring veterans on Memorial Day.”

(Editor/GG: Obama’s VA cops and his “Justice” Department did this to a Vietnam veteran. More liberal hate against our military and our veterans. And Hillary would have been worse. The libs wonder why we voted Trump in???)

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Veterans Affairs (VA) fence on Memorial Day

Courtesy Photo

care of veterans, particularly homeless veterans.

Deeded to the federal government in 1888 for the specific purpose of caring for disabled veterans, the property includes the veterans’ home, but also entirely unrelated uses such as a stadium for UCLA’s

Rosebrock that a federal regulation allowed hanging the American Flag and POW/MIA flags on the “Great Lawn Gate” fence, and Rosebrock, Hayes and others hung as many as 30 full-size America Flags at the fence at the same time without incident.

What About Bill?

by The Zman

The other day, Bill Kristol took to twitter to announce his support for a coup against President Trump. Kristol has become fond of this sort of thing, leading some to wonder if he has lost his marbles. Alternatively, it could just be a lonely old man looking for attention as no one seems to care about his opinions these days. It’s hard to know, but Kristol is still taken seriously by people in Washington, especially with the neocon cabal that still occupies a lot of space in the media and the GOP. Here’s the tweet:



Bill Kristol @BillKristol
“Obviously strongly prefer normal democratic and constitutional politics. But if it comes to it, prefer the deep state to the Trump state.”

6:36 AM - 14 Feb 2017
2,105 replies 320 retweets 552 likes

Regardless of his intentions, Kristol is a good example to keep in mind when wondering how to judge the opinions from the commentariat. Bill Kristol has been wrong about most everything for the last 25 years. He was

a champion of Bush’s big government conservatism, which meant doing all the things the Left dreamed of doing, but calling it principled conservatism. He also championed the “invade the world/invite the world polices” that resulted in losing at least two wars of choice and flooding the nation with low-IQ hostiles from the third world.

That’s a lot of wrong for one little man. There are two questions that arise when looking at the disastrous career of a guy like Kristol. One is how was he allowed to wreak so much havoc? People like Pat Buchanan

How is it that people so wrong could be so good at maneuvering their way to positions of authority?

An answer to the former question can and will fill up many books. The latter question is far simpler. The policy experts and political wizards of our age are men who possess no standing outside the very narrow field of politics. In the higher reaches, none of them have made a mark in a field outside of politics, like science or business. They prefer to restate, in slightly different terms, the views of a hundred predecessors, so they can invest all of their energies into currying favor with the powerful.

It is often argued that the appeal of politics is that it allows people to gain power and wealth, without having to invent a better mousetrap or figure out a better way to build a mousetrap. The reality is that the main attraction for guys like Kristol is they see punditry and commentary as fields where there is no right answer. Science, math, business, these are fields with right answers and more important, wrong answers. In the productive

world, wrong answers have consequences.

Third rate men will always be drawn to endeavors where everyone can claim to be right, by simply saying that everyone else is

“Third rate men will always be drawn to endeavors where everyone can claim to be right...”

wrong. That’s how a Bill Kristol can trade on the family name and his father’s accomplishments to lever himself into positions of authority within the Republican Party. He is good at the small strategies of parlor room politics, but entirely worthless at everything else. It is no wonder that he fell for every crackpot policy idea of the last 25 years. He had no basis from which to judge them.

He is a man who does not know what he does not know, because he is a man who has never been tested in any meaningful sense. That’s because he never had to compete for customers in business or had to add

a column of numbers and get the right answer. Being wrong has never been a concern, because being right was never a concern.

For some people, the purpose of their life is to be a

It’s that the practical world of productive industry gives one perspective that you cannot get by repeating lecture room jargon to your coevals in the faculty lounge. In the right-answer fields, being wrong has consequences.

Mistakes leave marks and the best lessons are those that leave scars and as a result, the best men are usually those with the most scars.

I don’t think it is an accident that two of the most influential figures on the Dissident Right are Steve Sailer and John Derbyshire. One comes from math and business and the other from math and computer science. They spent a great deal of their lives learning how to get it right so they present their opinions and ideas after careful consideration. They also have been habituated to the idea that it is important to not be wrong. That’s a bit of wisdom that the faculty lounge dandy never has, because it is never needed. In the commentariat, no one ever has to say they are sorry for being wrong.

Please see: <http://thezman.com/wordpress/>



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

Real-World Gunfight Proves Fast Is Fine, But Accuracy Is Final

by Bob Owens, BearingArms.com

A man in his thirties was ambushed in his vehicle last week by a man who not only got off the first shots, but who made the first hit. The victim of the attack rallies, however, drew his own firearm, and ended the threat on his life by being the better shooter.

A shooting victim exchanged gunfire with a suspect, killing him, in north St. Louis Thursday night.

The 37-year-old victim told police he was in his vehicle in the 5700 block of Delmar when the suspect, later identified as 34-year-old Marcus Portis, approached him and began yelling while showing a gun around 7:20 p.m.

After approaching the victim, Portis reportedly fired several gunshots, striking the victim. Then, the victim got his own gun and returned fire, hitting the suspect.

According to police, after the gunshots were fired, Portis ran from the area and eventually collapsed.

Portis was pronounced dead at the scene.

The victim was taken to the hospital with a gunshot wound to the thigh and listed in stable condition.

It's amusing to watch any number of social-media-obsessed shooters engaging (and sometimes missing) targets from near-contact range. I'm impressed by their ability to draw a gun and get a shot off quickly. I'm typically far less impressed with their shot placement, however, as even on their highly-edited "sizzle reels" they can be seen shooting high, low and wide with boring regularity.

This shooting in St. Louis is an example of the "get the shots off quickly" mindset can fail in real-life encounters against a determined adversary. Marcus Portis had the element of surprise and launched an ambush on a man in a vehicle in what should have been a relatively simple attack to complete successfully. He failed, however, to make a single effective hit, missing his intended victim repeatedly and leaving him only with a thigh wound.

Despite being behind the curve, the victim was able to regroup, draw his own firearm, and put effective shots on Portis that killed him in his tracks.

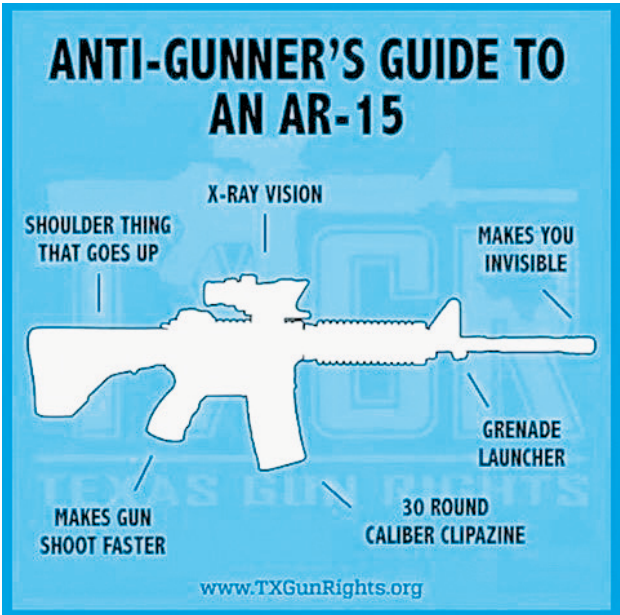
Our victim, who is expected to recover, will see another day.

Portis is being refrigerated like a side of beef in the morgue.

Wyatt Earp had it right.

"Fast is fine, but accuracy is final."

Please see: <https://bearingarms.com/bob-o/2017/03/13/real-world-gunfight-proves-fast-fine-accuracy-final/>



Redneck Chic: For the Gun Guy Who Has Everything

by George Gramlich

I stumbled across this at the Firearm Blog (www.firearmblog.com) and knew immediately it was birthday/Christmas level gift for the Second Amendment devotees who have every gun-related item known to man: a gunshot drinking glass. Very, very, redneck chic.

From a family owned, Wisconsin company called BenShot. Here's their story:

BenShot was started by a father and son team in rural Wisconsin. Their mission was to create unique drinking glassware as gifts for their friends and family. A few gifts turned into a national brand of bulletproof glassware.

The glass workshop is on the grounds of a repurposed furniture factory owned by Thomas Edison in rural Wisconsin. The vintage workspace



and northwoods surroundings provide a unique glass working area resulting in truly extraordinary glassware by their resident glassworker Bulletproof Bruce.

Pride is taken in everything they manufacture and sell. If you're not 100% satisfied you don't need to pay. Send it back to them, they'll melt it down and try again. Simple as that.

They're bringing manufacturing back to the USA one shot glass at a time.

They're interested in your ideas on how they can make glassware better. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram or Contact BenShot directly. ProbablyDrunk@benshot.com.

Love his email address above. Their website is located at BenShot.com.

The glasses are all handmade and not overly priced. They also have some down home wooden coasters that liven up your next box-wine tasting contest.



Tampa Bay Theatre "Popcorn" Shooting: Don't Frighten an Old Man

by Dean Weingarten, GunWatchBlogSpot.com

On January 13, 2014, a retired police officer, Curtis Reeves, and his wife were preparing to watch "Lone Survivor" in a theater in the unincorporated area of Wesley Chapel, part of the Tampa Bay Florida metro complex.

Directly in front of the retired officer and his wife were another couple, Chad Oulson and his wife.

Reeves and Chad got into a dispute after Reeves asked Chad to stop using his cell phone during previews.

The case has been characterized as a retired police officer shooting someone who threw popcorn at him. I was surprised to see the reality when surveillance video of the confrontation was released. The violent confrontation took about 1.3 seconds.

During that period, Chad Oulson snatched the popcorn container from Reeves lap, flung it at his face from about a foot away, rapidly extended his hand toward Reeves face again, and pulls it

back, fractions of a second before Reeves shoots. In the video (**Editor/GG: Go to web address at bottom of article to see the video**), you can only see Oulson's outstretched arm and hand. The rest of him is outside the surveillance video frame.

The outstretched Arm of Chad Oulson is under the red arrow. The container of popcorn is just to left, in flight. Head of retired officer Reeves is just to left of cup in flight, barely visible.

The defense in the case has nothing to do with the "Stand Your Ground" law. The action happened so rapidly that there was no chance to retreat. Reeves was confined in the theater chair, is elderly, and in no condition to fight a younger man. Both men are large, but Oulson, at 43, was nearly three decades younger, in his prime. Clearly, this was an assault by Oulson.

The establishment news coverage has characterized this as a "Stand Your Ground" case, and the pre-trial hearing as a Stand Your Ground hearing.

In reality it is a completely separate part of the law, a pre-trial immunity hearing. The immunity hearing just ended, with the judge finding a preponderance of the evidence did not prove self-defense. From palm-beachpost.com:

A retired Florida police captain who shot and killed a man in a movie theater will face a second-degree murder charge after a judge ruled that the state's "stand your ground" law does not apply in this case.

The hearing will be appealed. From tampbay.com:

Dino Michaels, a member of Reeves' defense team, said they respect the judge's ruling but intend to file a challenge with the Second District Court of Appeals.

One of the strongest points of the defense is that Reeves, 71, was defending against an assault on the elderly. That makes Oulson's assault on Reeves a violent felony. In Florida, deadly force is justified to stop a violent felony. From fox6now.com:

"The claim of the defense is that Mr. Oulson was committing a felony against Mr. Reeves by abuse of the elderly when he threw his cell phone at Mr. Reeves," Swartz said.

The judge in the immunity hearing never mentioned the violent felony justification in her ruling. She did not refute it or dispute it.

This was a tragic case. It seems that either party could have de-escalated early on. Either party could have moved to other seats. It looked as though there were many empty seats. It did not get physical until Oulson snatched Reeves popcorn and flung it in his face at extremely close range.

This may be a classic case of the old canard: "Don't frighten an old man. He won't fight. He will just kill you."

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Please see: <http://gunwatch.blogspot.com/2017/03/tampa-bay-theater-popcorn-shooting-dont.html>

Czech's Seek Pro-Gun Constitutional Amendment in Face of EU Gun Control

by NRA Institute for
Legislative Action

Officials from the Czech Republic have been among the most vocal critics of the European Union's efforts to restrict the rights of law-abiding gun owners. Most recently, the Czech government has contemplated taking the drastic step of amending the country's constitution in order to better protect the rights of Czech citizens to possess guns for self-defense.

This latest move by Czech officials comes as the EU is winding up its plans to further restrict gun owner rights by amending the EU Firearms Directive. The directive sets the minimum gun control standards that each EU member state must enact. Using terrorism as a pretext for further gun control, the European Commission announced its proposed changes to the directive less than a week after the November 13, 2015 terrorist attacks in Paris. Most notably, the initial plan called for a vague ban on the civilian possession of "Semi-automatic firearms for civilian use which resemble weapons with automatic mechanisms."

Since the Commission issued its initial proposal, negotiations between the European Parliament and European Council have resulted in the removal of some of the worst aspects of the Commission's plan. However, the pared-down directive still contains significant new gun controls.

The revised plan generally prohibits civilian use of center-fire rifles and shotguns that are equipped with a magazine with a capacity greater than 10 rounds, and centerfire handguns that are

equipped with a magazine with a capacity greater than 20 rounds. The plan also prohibits the civilian acquisition of these magazines going forward.

In addition to restricting the configurations of available firearms, the revised directive places new burdens on gun owners. In relation to issuing and maintaining

Facing these new controls, Czech Minister of the Interior Milan Chovanec authored the constitutional amendment to better ensure that Czechs would be able to possess firearms for their security. Euractiv Czech Republic reported that Chovanec is optimistic about the amendment's chances. The amendment requires passage by a three-fifth's majority in the Chamber of Deputies and a three-fifths majority in the Senate to be enacted.

The Czech Republic has long had a vibrant pro-gun culture, and the Euractiv report also made clear that Czech gun owners continue to be opposed to the proposed changes to the EU Firearms Directive. Prior to a debate on Chovanec's amendment, the minister was presented with a petition with 50,000 signatures in opposition to the directive.

Last July, in an interview with Czech media outlet Blesk, Czech President Milos Zeman urged citizens to arm themselves in order to combat terrorist violence. Further, in January, in the context of an armed citizenry responding to terrorist acts, a spokesperson for the Interior Ministry explained, "The possibilities of state bodies to quickly and efficiently prevent casualties and other damage are limited during such attacks."

As Brussels bureaucrats race to forfeit the rights of their "constituents" in the wake of violent extremism, Czech officials have wisely recognized that better protecting their citizenry's right to self-defense is the superior means of combatting terrorist violence. As most Americans would recognize, ensuring citizens' access to the means for self-defense is of vital importance and worthy of inclusion in a nation's foundational document.

Please see: <https://www.nraila.org/articles/20170310/czechs-look-for-gun-constitutional-amendment-in-face-of-eu-gun-control>

RUSSIAN HACKERS from page 17

Belan not only hacked Yahoo users for intelligence purposes, he was also able to make a little money on the side. He accessed 30 million accounts, stole their address books and engaged in a huge spam email marketing scheme. He searched some of the accounts for credit and gift card information, as hackers tend to do. But perhaps most fascinating was an ad scheme that involved hacking Yahoo's search engine to show fake erectile dysfunction ads. When clicked on, the links redirected users to a cloud computing firm website and then an online pharmacy which paid Belan a "bounty" for each click.

While Belan was hacking Yahoo from 2014 through late 2016, Dokuchaev and Sushchin directed another hacker, Karim Baratov (AKA "Kay"), to concurrently hack into Google and other unnamed email providers, including an unnamed Russian provider. In some cases, the hacker group used information gained from the Yahoo hack to attack other providers.

Baratov's hack was not as widespread as Belan's, but it was well-targeted. His 18 victims included an assistant to the deputy chairman of the Russian Federation and an organization known as the "Bureau of Special Technical Projects," which investigates cyber tech and child pornography cases for Department K of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs. For his services, Dokuchaev paid Baratov a bounty of approximately \$100 for each victimized account.

Baratov, a 22-year-old Canadian national of Kazakh background, lived a lavish lifestyle with an even flashier online persona featuring pictures of the young hacker with \$100 bills and expensive sports cars. He reportedly made his first million dollars by age 15 through unknown means.

His lifestyle came to an abrupt end Wednesday, when Toronto and Royal Canadian Mounted Police arrested him for his role in the Russian hacking plot. His extradition to the U.S. is pending.

Belan and his Russian handlers were more subtle in their actions, as evidenced by the careful cover-up inside Yahoo's network. In addition to using the minted cookies to cover their tracks, Belan used what are known as "log cleaners," small programs which hide computer logs from a server, to ensure Yahoo did not become aware of his activity.

Those careful steps only worked for so long, as U.S. law enforcement and intelligence were eventually able to gather evidence of the group's alleged crimes. The Department of Justice did not comment on the methods used, only telling reporters that the cooperating was "lawful and legal."

The indictment of the hacker group is a historical marker for the Department of Justice, but the likelihood of the three Russians facing prosecution on U.S. soil is low. Russia and the U.S. do not have a formal extradition treaty, and given the frosty relations between the two countries, the Kremlin will probably not be keen on handing over top intelligence agents to a major rival. Regardless, U.S. officials said they remained committed to prosecuting cybercrime wherever it happens.

"Cybercrime poses a significant threat to our nation's security and prosperity, and

this is one of the largest data breaches in history," said Attorney General Jeff Sessions in a statement Wednesday. "The United States will vigorously investigate and prosecute the people behind such attacks to the fullest extent of the law."

(Editor/GG: If you think your health records, or anything, is safe on the internet you must still be wearing your Hillary For President hand muff. This is going to blow up big time someday.)

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**—Richard Henry Lee
American Statesman, 1788**



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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.



JUDGES RUN AMUCK

Even if a person has declined the title and reputation of a "Trumpster," the common-sense elements of his proposed travel ban affecting six terrorist-occupied countries should hold some appeal. The Democrats have gone judge shopping to throw up road blocks for the President's executive orders which are intended to insure a greater safety for the American people. Fox News recently ran a montage of officials during the Obama administration who were essentially suggesting the same approach that Mr. Trump is advocating. What is the difference between then and now... nothing except pure politics!

Liberals have long relied on judicial activism to advance their agenda which is generally destructive to the American way of life. The cultural landscape of this nation has been dramatically altered in my lifetime due to rulings by the Supreme Court. None of these decisions were voted on by the public or approved by Congress, yet they have become the law of the land. It may be profitable to any concerned citizen to review some of these landmark judgments.

1947 – *Everson vs. Board of Education*: The Supreme Court adopted the phrase "Separation of Church and State" to the Establishment Clause of the Constitution. The only "constitution" that utilized that phrase at that time was the constitution of the Soviet Union (1927).

1954 – *Brown vs. Board of Education*: The Court decided that the purpose of public education was to produce "collectivism;" that was the most important function for all States. Webster's 1956 Dictionary defines "collectivism" as "a politico-economic system of organization characterized by collective control over production and distribution, for example, government ownership of wealth, as in communism, or control by a party under state supervision, as in fascism." Was Congress asleep?

1961 – *Torcaso vs. Watkins*: In the decision one of the Justices stated that "among religions...which do not teach...a belief in the existence of God are...Secular Humanism and others." This led to lower court decisions in 1965, 1970, 1977-79 and 2005 which made atheism a protected religion under the law. Once again, Mr. Webster demonstrates the inconsistency of these rulings when he defines atheism as "Disbelief in, or denial of, the existence of a Supreme Being, or one who rejects some or all of the essential doctrines of religion." Religion is described as "the service and adoration of God, or a god as expressed in forms of worship." How can atheism be a religion when it has no god or system of worship? The Courts had to do an end run around the English language to arrive at this convoluted result!

1962 – *Engel vs. Vitale*: It was decided that the following prayer should

be thrown out of public schools: "Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee; and we beg Thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers, and our country."

1963 – *Abington School District vs. Schempp*: It was decided that the Bible should be booted from the public schools. We are still waiting for a similar ruling regarding the Koran! What are the odds? Does anyone truly believe our schools have improved since God has been unceremoniously ejected?

1964 – *Heart of Atlanta Motel vs. United States* and *Katzenbach vs. McClung*: What was being sold as equal rights has been translated into "affirmative action" (i.e. special privileges for one race). This has hindered race relations far more than it has helped.

1973 – *Roe vs. Wade*: Abortion became sponsored by the government. This has led to the searing of the public conscience in hundreds of other areas.

1976 – *Planned Parenthood vs. Danforth*: Minors have Constitutional "rights" against their parents. No parent can restrict their child from having an abortion. The State is to protect the child from her own parents. The question that begs to be resolved is...who or what protects the child from the State?

1980 – *Stone vs. Graham*: The Ten Commandments were thrown out of all public schools because the students might "read, meditate upon, and perhaps venerate and obey the Commandments which is not a permissible objective." Of course, the present day chaos is a permissible objective.

1987 – *Edwards vs. Aguillard*: Only one theory of origins can be taught in public schools (contrary to what the ACLU argued in the "Scopes Monkey Trial of 1926"), and that is evolution; no student can be taught creationism because it "lacks a clear secular purpose."

These are but a few of the anti-God decisions that the Court has handed down to seditiously menace the spiritual and psychological welfare of Americans. The courts are now willing to play Russian roulette with your physical wellbeing. God is a nationalist exercising a high regard for national sovereignty. (Acts 17:24-27) The spirit of the antichrist (I John 4:3) is one of internationalism purposed to install a one world government. These judges are playing with more fire than they can imagine.

Various religions celebrate holidays or events that they hold sacred or significant. The poor atheists have no such holiday, but in the mood of benevolence we extend to them the opportunity to declare April 1st International Atheist Day. "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God." (Psalm 14:1; 53:1)

A Sheepdog Barks!

Dear Sheepdog friends, my Sheepdog Wife has put her paw down and insisted I clean up some of my piles of notes that have now become about 27 inches tall. I must admit I have made some promises I haven't kept. So please bear with me as I do a little housecleaning and present another version of what I have previously called the Sheepdog Barks "Potpourri." I want to "bark" about several unrelated, and not necessarily timely, issues. So here goes in no particular order or priority.

ISSUE: TrumpCare. I believe the Republicans are making a big mistake and are painting themselves into a corner. They need to quit trying to "tweak" Obamacare and just repeal the darn thing. This Republican infighting looks bad and once they take the "health insurance/healthcare" monkey on their backs they will never shake it off. I know there is a desire to replace it immediately, but the replacement part is ugly and might very well bring them down. It's not the federal government's responsibility to provide health care to all Americans, free or not. The very premise of Obamacare is wrong and is why it is imploding before our eyes, just like predicted. Why would the Republicans want to take over a modified version of a completely unsustainable entitlement program? Let's be clear. Subsidies by another name (tax credits) are still subsidies. Here's a good three-point plan. 1. REPEAL OBAMACARE in its entirety and get the federal government the h*ll out of providing health care. 2. Eliminate the obstacles in the free market that drive up costs like malpractice insurance and restrictions on insurance companies from selling wherever they want to. 3. Provide the states some money to provide catastrophic health care to the extremely poor and disadvantaged. That is all that is necessary. However it appears that the Republicans don't have the courage to do what is right. This is going to cause them a lot of problems and possibly the House and Senate in 2018. Get it done right or suffer the consequences. You tweak it, you own it! WOOF!

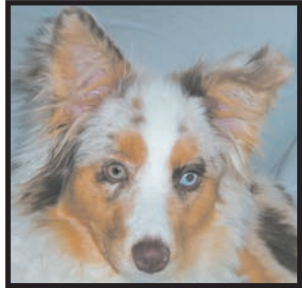
ISSUE: The President's Budget. It's a great beginning but I'm afraid it is dead on arrival now that it has been given to Congress. I have said many times before that the biggest challenges to a successful

Trump presidency are the Republicans, not the Democrats. The Republicans, except for the Freedom Caucus, lack the courage to really "cut" spending where it really needs to be cut. I was thrilled when I saw the EPA would be cut over 30%. It was great to see President Trump (PT) suggest that we start spending less money overseas and more money on Americans. Wow, what a concept! I was tickled to see his proposal to reduce the State, Labor and Education departments by double digits. And these "cuts" were proposed along with double digit growth in the Defense, Homeland Security and VA departments. What's not to love here for a real Conservative? Alas, I know that the Congressional Republicans will fold like cheap lounge chairs at the first mention by the Democrats of "shutting the government down." Sadly, I'm afraid that PT's proposed budget doesn't have a chance when the establishment politicians get their hands on it. They must get reelected you know. The heck with what is good for America and its citizens. WOOF!

ISSUE: Government jobs aren't being filled by Trump. The Democrats have been dragging their feet and slow walking PT's appointments. And let's hope PT leaves a few thousand vacant as he trims government down. There were too darn many anyway. More important is that PT needs to purge the Obama holdovers. The disloyalty and obstructionism is ridiculous. And maybe it's time Congress impeach a few radical liberal activist judges. The temporary travel restriction judgements have been horrible and unconstitutional. WOOF!

ISSUE: Donna Brazile. According to the press she decided to come clean about her dirty dealings with HilLIARy during the campaign. Her un-apology is like so many we hear from the corrupt Washington politicians and operatives. I believe her famous comment that she "will forever regret sending those emails" really means she now wishes she had sent the questions to HilLIARy by courier or Fed Ex. That's all it means to me. WOOF!

ISSUE: The CBO scoring figures. Big false issues about the cost and effect of TrumpCare. Who can believe anything the CBO says? They were so wrong on Obamacare it is laughable. But the Democrats want everyone to believe the



CBO knows exactly how many people will lose their health-care if Obamacare is repealed. Everyone seems to forget that millions lost their coverages when Obamacare was started and more than half of the new coverages were just increasing Medicaid. WOOF!

ISSUE: Wiretapping. Comey confirms an investigation of the Trump Campaign has been going on since July 2016 but denies there has been any surveillance of him or his campaign associates. Somehow this doesn't make any sense. And eight months is long enough to confirm whether or not something was going on. America needs some information so we can concentrate on the important things. WOOF!

ISSUE: Budget Note. PT's budget says it's time that Big Bird move out of his parents basement and get a job. Defund PBS, NPR and the Arts. It's time. WOOF!

ISSUE: Planned Parenthood. PT's budget says it's time to defund the major abortion provider in America (PP) and give the money to organizations that provide real health care and actual pre-natal care for women. WOOF!

ISSUE: Food Stamps. There is a report that illegals are turning down their food stamps to get off the rolls. They are afraid that PT will send the authorities after them for deportation. These unintended consequences, if true, might really lead to some "self-deportation." That can't be all bad. WOOF!

ISSUE: Kaepernick. Spike Lee, the black director of many "B" list movies, says it's "fishy" that former 49ers QB Colin Kaepernick remains a free agent and hasn't been offered a job. Really? Do you think it might have to do with his yearlong protest of kneeling during the National Anthem? Maybe the NFL owners, who are businessmen, want to sell tickets. It is not always racism, Spike! WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



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to the Colorado Supreme Court Ethics committee for answers.

Mrs. Printz said that she has not been privy to conversations in executive session. But went on to defend both the decisions regarding Roger Squire and Robin Young.

With regard to the road supervisor position, she explained that the three commissioners and the work force people ranked all six resumes exactly the same. “Three were very, very strong,” she said, “three were less strong.” She stated that interviews were done in open meeting. “I wasn’t at the meeting, but that’s what I understood.”

About the Robin Young issue, Mrs. Printz said, “I don’t understand a lot of that in detail either. But the commissioners had gotten mail, phone calls, complaints pro and con regarding Robin and 4-H – not necessarily her extension work. . . it seems like the focus was 4-H. And they had a meeting at the courthouse that was apparently well attended.”

She went on to say that other people from CSU supporting Robin were there and there was a lot of discussion and a lot of dissension. “I don’t know a lot of details or why they made decisions that they made. But it’s not like everything was only in executive session and behind closed doors. They’ve had two meetings following their letter to the CSU president regarding Robin’s position here. Apparently one was [that] everybody was in support of Robin and the next day was everybody

who had [something] negative to say about Robin.”

Mrs. Printz summed up by saying “I think the commissioners are taking their jobs very seriously, particularly the new commissioners, and they are making the best decisions that they think that they can make for the county.”

“The point is that if you want to know, you need to go to the meetings and ask the questions. They have the right and the authority to hire who they want to hire. And they had issues with Robin – they had the right – coming from their constituents – if it’s that closely divided in terms of people that think that she’s wonderful and people who think that the 4-H program is lacking because of something that she’s done – somebody’s got to make a decision. Whether it was the right decision, time will tell.”

Moderator Ann Barthrop encouraged people to get involved, to go to the commissioner meetings. Amy Finger reminded the crowd that the commissioners are having a meeting on Friday, March 31st at 7 p.m. in the court room to hear public comments. The regular 9 a.m. meeting that same day has a time set aside for public comment regarding the Robin Young dismissal.

(Reporter’s note: the interviews for the road supervisor were held in executive session.)

For information on the rules of Executive Session: <http://www.sdaco.org/news/follow-these-rules-proper-executive-session>
For the Ethics Committee suggested by Attorney Smith: <https://www.colorado.gov/iec> or <http://www.coloradosupremecourt.us/Complaints/Resources.asp>

by ColoradoPeak Politics.com

G ov. Hickenlooper is urging Senate Democrats to play petty politics with Judge Neil Gorsuch’s Supreme Court nomination.

Talking out of both sides of his mouth, he explains how wonderful it is that Gorsuch was nominated and how talented he is and all.

But then goes on to preach how Democrats should just block the nomination to

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(Extend Early Childhood Leadership Commission) passed 42-23, HB 17-1070 (Study Drone Use By Public Safety Agencies) passed 58-7 and HB 17-1160 (Kindergarten Through Third Grade English Learner Reading Assessment Language) passed 61-0.

The final three bills are awaiting action by the House Appropriations Committee. HB 17-1091 (Employer-Assisted

Hickenlooper’s Two Faces

show Republicans they can’t be pushed around.

“If someone commits an offense against you, generally, if there’s no consequence — if you just walk away and there’s no consequence — if you have another opportunity, you can be pretty much assured that he’ll do that same thing again,” Hickenlooper said during a press conference. “I don’t think I would hold it against Democrats to say, ‘Maybe we should slow this down.’

Because there are real questions about what happened to Merrick Garland, and I think that those actions — just like elections — have consequences.”

It’s not the most eloquent statement, and it’s weak political advice at that, because the first stone was tossed by former Senator and Vice President Joe Biden when George Bush was president.

According to the *New York Times*, Biden insisted that Bush delay a Supreme Court

vacancy until after a presidential election, and that the Senate should refuse to confirm a nominee to the court until after an election.

We shouldn’t be playing gotcha with the Supreme Court, and Hick should be putting petty politics aside if he’s planning to run with the big boys soon and run for a higher office.

Please see: <https://colorado-peakpolitics.com/2017/03/22/hicks-two-faces-why-he-wants-dems-to-play-petty-politics/>

Housing) and HB 17-1090 (Advanced Industry Investment Tax Credit Extension) both stand a very good chance of advancing. However, HB 17-1042 (Increasing Funding For Full-day Kindergarten) with its \$42M fiscal note does not face a positive prognosis of a life after Appropriations.

This session, with the \$600M+ deficit in the budget, the Appropriations Committees will become the “Grim Reaper” in the legislative process. If bills show up in Appropriations

with a significant fiscal note attached, the snappy tempo of “Stayin’ Alive” will probably flat line rapidly...

Last week, I mentioned House Bill 17-1242 (a sales tax ballot question to raise funding for transportation) sponsored by Senate President Grantham and House Speaker Duran. The bill itself is staying alive, but how to address the transportation question has taken on a life outside the Capitol as well. Jon Caldera of the Independence Institute is putting together a ballot question of

his own. In addition, we are also hearing that the Colorado Contractors are pursuing a transportation ballot question. HB 17-1242 is scheduled to be heard in the House Transportation & Energy Committee on March 22nd. Watch for the cardiac monitors to spike on this one!

As the tempo of the session ramps up, please feel free to call my office in the Capitol at 303-866-2747 or send me an e-mail: wilsonforhd60@gmail.com or james.wilson.house@state.co.us.

Custer County Fire Stage 1 Fire Ban

Taken from <http://www.custer-countygov.com/pdf/OpenBurnOrdinance.pdf>

When the Board of County Commissioners imposes a Stage I Fire Ban the following restrictions are imposed on open fires and open burning:

- a. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, coal or wood stove, fireplace, any type of charcoal-fueled or wood-fueled cooking, or open fire of any type shall be temporarily suspended in all undeveloped areas.
- b. Campfires contained in constructed permanent fire pits or fire grates within a developed recreation area shall be allowed.
- c. Grills using propane and other bottled fuels shall be allowed, but only in areas free of flammable vegetation and other

- flammable materials, and such fires must be used and maintained in such a manner that no fire danger is presented to the surrounding area.
- d. All open fires allowed by subparagraphs (b) and (c) above must be attended at all times, and an adequate water supply and/or a fire extinguisher shall be on site at all times while such an open fire is burning.
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- e. All burning of trash, refuse or debris shall be temporarily suspended.
- f. Smoking shall be temporarily suspended except within an enclosed vehicle, building, or outdoor smoking area that is hard-surfaced or barren or otherwise cleared of all flammable vegetation or material.
- g. Discarding smoking materials in a receptacle not designed

- for disposal of smoking materials, discarding smoking materials from a moving or stationary motor vehicle, and discarding smoking materials in any other outdoor location is expressly prohibited at all times.
- h. The use of explosive materials including fireworks, solid fuel rockets, blasting caps, or any other incendiary device which may result in the ignition of flammable materials shall be temporarily suspended.
- i. Outdoor welding, grinding, or use of any type of torch in any area which presents the possibility of igniting vegetation or other combustible material shall be temporarily suspended unless there is an adequate water supply and/or fire extinguisher on site.
- j. Operating any outdoor equipment or machinery with an internal combustion engine in

- an undeveloped area shall be temporarily suspended unless said equipment or machinery is equipped with a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained, and in good working order.
- k. The sale, possession and use of fireworks, including permissible fireworks as defined in §12-28-101, C.R.S., shall be temporarily suspended during the imposition of a Stage I Fire Ban. Such a restriction on fireworks within all or any portion of the unincorporated or incorporated areas of Custer County shall not last longer than a period of one year, and shall not be in effect between May 31 and July 5 of each year unless there is an express finding of a high fire danger by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners based on competent evidence as that term is defined herein.

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