

The Bigger Battle; God's Victory Through One

by Pastor Lyle Stuehrenberg, Retired LCMS (Lutheran Church Missouri Synod) Minister

This next Sunday hundreds of millions from every nation of our world will join their voices in celebration. They will be celebrating the message of angels to mourning women at an empty tomb, “He is risen!” They will be celebrating the life of One who is alive to do what no other person has ever done. Jesus lives to unite the hearts and minds of people across national, racial, ethnic, political and philosophical boundaries in one body, His Church on earth. These people may be worshiping under tin roofs in Africa or great cathedrals in Europe, but their voices will be united in proclaiming, “Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!”

Last week President Trump declared, “The world is a mess!” in response to the atrocities of chemical warfare in Syria. A few days

later he authorized the use of cruise missiles to strike an airbase in Syria. It was a legitimate use of the power God gives to governments; the power of the sword.



But the power of the sword does not unite hearts and minds in peace and joy. In fact, it often creates resentment and animosity. King David understood this. Inspired by the Spirit of God, he wrote, “Put not your trust in princes or horses (military power).” All attempts government uses to clean up messes prove to be incomplete and temporary.

This, of course, is terribly frustrating for those who have the responsibility to govern. Just when they think they have established peace in one area, new

problems pop up in other areas. The ruling Jews in Jesus’ day were feeling that frustration. They had established a shaky peace with the occupying Ro-

mans when Jesus appeared. He was attracting huge crowds, and many people saw Him as a successor to King David. Not to mention that He claimed to be the Son of God. The solution to this mess, they decided, was to use the power of the sword. They moved to crucify Him.

What the ruling powers didn’t realize, what no one realized, was that God was working through Jesus to clean up messes in the world. He asked Jesus to take the world’s mess on His shoulders as He died

on the arms of the cross. He acted, not through the power of the sword, but through the weakness of a cross. Through this cross God works to clean up



Pastor Lyle Stuehrenberg, currently serving at Hope Lutheran Church.

Photo by Monica Luikart

messes by offering forgiveness in the name of Jesus. Through the cross God does what governments can’t force to happen. He brings together all those who experience his forgiveness into fellowship with himself. He brings togeth-

er peoples across national, racial, ethnic, political and philosophical lines into a citizenship that is kept for them in heaven; a citizenship that was secured when Jesus rose from the tomb. This security is what is celebrated as the community of saints throughout the world rejoice together declaring, “Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!”

Last July, I traveled to Guatemala on a mission trip. We conducted mini-vacation Bible schools for children there. It is no secret that the government of Guatemala is a mess. Nevertheless, on Sunday morning we joined brothers and sisters in Christ celebrating the common life we have in Christ, the life that Jesus secured for us and all the world when He rose from the tomb that Easter Sunday. This Easter Sunday I know that those brothers and sisters in Christ will be joining me in joyfully proclaiming with the whole Christian church on earth, “He is risen!”

Letter to the Editor Past Commissioner Speaks Out

Letter to the Editor;

In answer to your headline on Friday, March 10, 2017, Robin Young was NOT treated fairly by the BOCC. And it has taken me this long to be able to provide you with my answer, because to be honest I was too angry to publicly express my frustration with our BOCC and their lack of professionalism, common decency and cruel actions toward a dedicated service provider to this entire community.

For the record, I have always admired Robin and her professional ethics. She is and has been since we first started working together, my professional and personal friend.

For the record, I did not support or vote for Donna Hood or Jay Printz. Back when our Republican Central Committee conducted the forums for the candi-

dates, I provided a “County Government in Colorado – A Snapshot” [see on page 14] to the candidates AND the public, because what I heard from both Donna and Jay scared me to the point that I could see the “handwriting on the wall” of what we as an electorate of Custer County were in for if either or both of them were to be elected. I have attached that document to this email as reference.

For the record, as Commissioner, I sat on the CSU search committee that hired Robin Young to fill Karen Crumbaker’s position as our Custer County CSU Extension Agent. Robin was far and above the most qualified candidate with a knowledge base in areas that complemented the position. Robin lived and worked in Custer County, and had the professional contacts to hit the ground running in the responsibili-

ties of the job. Robin also was committed to make Custer County her home. Karen and those before her, chose, for a variety of valid reasons, not to make Custer County their permanent home.

That was one of the criteria used by the committee in choosing our next County Agent, and that question was posed to all candidates in their face to face interview. As a condition of employment CSU required that Robin complete a Master’s Degree in Agricultural Extension Education so that she would be an expert in all aspects of the position.

When the current commissioners sent the letter to CU President Tony Frank, I emailed Tony and copied the other members of the CSU Extension Leadership team in defense of Robin.

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Matthew 26:2 NKJV

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Our Opinion... From the Editorial Board

Who Is Looking Out For The FIRST AMENDMENT?



We have all heard about the many conservatives who have been prevented from speaking at many of our colleges and universities in the last few years. It seems to be happening more frequently since President Trump was inaugurated. The latest event happened in California last week at Claremont McKenna College near Los Angeles. Noted writer Heather MacDonald, a Manhattan Institute Fellow, has just published a book, "The War on Cops" and was scheduled to speak. Her research show that law enforcement organizations in America serve as a much greater force in protecting black lives than organizations like Black Lives Matter. Hundreds of well-organized protesters prevented her from delivering her remarks. The flyers spread around the area invited participants with words like this. "Join us and help us prevent MacDon-

ald from spewing her racist, anti-Black, capitalist, imperialist, fascist agenda." That's not at all what Ms. MacDonald preaches but that's not important to those that just want to silence conservative speech. There were local police and campus security present. They did nothing to stop the protesters from surrounding the building, becoming violent and beating on the windows of the empty room MacDonald was forced to give her remarks from. Their shouts of protest included these winners. "From Oakland to Greece, (expletive) the police." And, "From rivers to the sea, Palestine will be free." This is what many of our learning institutions have come too. Reportedly Ms. MacDonald was eventually, under heavy security, ushered out of the back of the building through a kitchen area.

Our first thought was why?

Doesn't this just seem a little backwards? Why weren't the protesters being ushered away under heavy security after being arrested? This new norm seems to be to rush the speaker away after their rights to free speech have been infringed by ignorant and many times violent students and faculty. Maybe this just isn't being handled properly. The real perpetrators are going unmolested and free. This seems to be happening everywhere and there are virtually no consequences. It's being reported that the colleges and universities are coordinating with the local authorities and yet the protesters are winning out, sometimes after violence, property damage and personal injuries. Why is this being accepted? Lawlessness should never be condoned. The police can-

not continue to "look the other way." When will this end? Far left liberals are being emboldened because nothing is really happening and there are no real consequences. Without consequences, i.e. arrests and punishments, this will not only continue but probably escalate. Are there no rules being broken for interfering with a sanctioned public event providing for one of our most coveted rights? There absolutely has to be something the authorities can do. They must stop this criminal behavior and soon.

To continue to ignore this problem is complete madness. Can you imagine the outrage in America, and in the mainstream media, if Elizabeth Warren or Bernie Sanders were being prevented from speaking? A common plea at these pro-

tests is to "Shut It Down!" We agree with that sentiment --only it's the violent and interfering protesters that need shut down. Free speech is more important than perceived liberal student rights. Hopefully these types of situations will be discussed and the authorities will decide it's time for enforcing the rule of law and protecting the Bill of Rights. We'll see soon. Ann Coulter is on her way to speak at Berkeley.

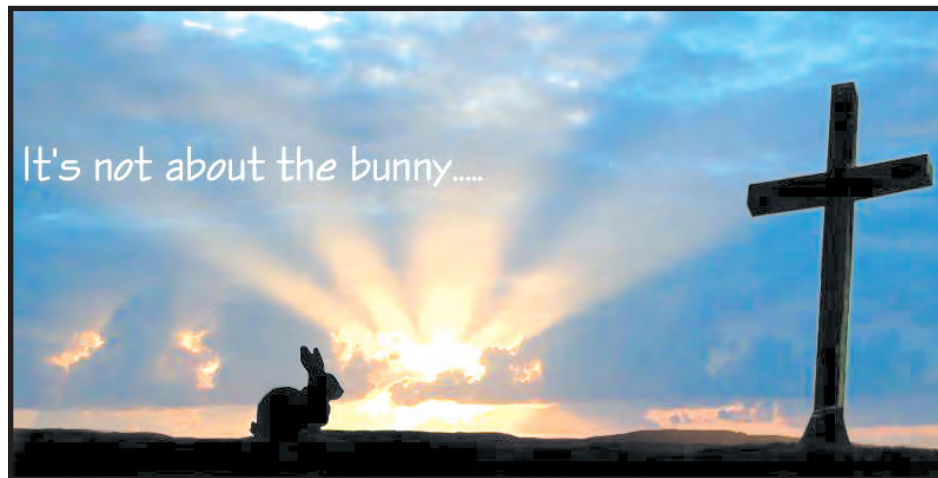
One really good thing did happen this week. Congratulations to Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch. Justice Gorsuch, from Colorado, who was sworn in on Monday. May he make Justice Antonin Scalia proud and protect our constitution while serving all American citizens. Good luck Justice Gorsuch. America needs you.

Rest in Peace Gil Costello

We'll miss his smile, his jokes
and his friendship. For Gil, a
stranger was just a friend he
hadn't met yet.

Our prayers go out to his
many friends and
to his family.

It's not about the bunny.....



Correction: Friday April 7, 2017 Issue: Pam Koons passed away on March 8, 2017, not March 28th. We apologize to her family for this error.

Kelley Hunt in Concert Benefit For Club America

Tickets now on sale for blues pianist Kelley Hunt in concert at A Painted View Ranch, Saturday, June 3, 6 pm. See and hear Kelley at www.kelleyhunt.com for a preview.

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What You Need to Know About Executive Session

There are many articles on the web about the Colorado Open Meetings Law and at least as many about the proper use of Executive Session. And if you, the citizen, don't know what the law says, what's allowed or not allowed, how will you hold your elected officials accountable? At recent public meetings, there was discussion of what statute regulates the use of Executive Session, as a public service, and to limit massive Googling, it is **Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402** and the various subsections. The best write-up I have found comes from the Special District Association of Colorado and is available on their website at <http://www.sdaco.org/news/follow-these-rules-proper-executive-session>. Much of the information I'm presenting comes from there.

If you believe, as I do, that our elected officials are routinely and egregiously violating the Executive Session

provisions, what recourse do you have? We'll cover that later, first let's cover what is allowed.

Executive Session: What is allowed? For the most part, elected bodies are required to hold all meetings in public when they discuss public business but there are a few limited exceptions. The first exception we should talk about is the one for personnel issues. Our current slate of County Commissioners and at least one Westcliffe Trustee think that any talk about employees falls into this category. Not true. An Executive Session is appropriate to discuss a specific person but not a broad-brush topic like a job description or personnel policies. Even when conducting a search for a top executive position, like Road Boss, all steps are required to be conducted in the open and a list of the finalists is required to be published two weeks before an offer can be made. When

discussing a specific individual, that person must be informed and given the option of an Executive Session or a public meeting. See the Guma case against the Sterling City Council which is cited on the webpage above.

What other aspects of Executive Session are routinely disregarded? First, public notice must be given and the agenda must state the reason or subject of the Executive Session must be listed. We have never seen the agenda list a reason for Executive Session. Over the years, it has been common practice to list "Executive Session" on the agenda without specific subject matter. Then, when the meeting starts, there is discussion about whether there is a need for an Executive Session. Fortunately, past commissioners didn't break this law so frequently since

they rarely had Executive Sessions. Second, the subject must be announced, not some ambiguous statement like personnel or legal counsel. And third, the motion has to state the specific citation. When multiple subjects are to be discussed, each must be specified.

The presence of legal counsel is not sufficient reason to call an Executive Session. Even just requesting legal advice isn't an adequate excuse. There must be a compelling reason and generally it has to be about an actual case and not just the fear of being sued for taking or not taking a specific action. Recently our commissioners went into Executive Session to discuss Hamilton's demanded cattle guards. They cited legal counsel as their excuse for meeting behind closed doors even though the county has again

been released from any legal action.

When concluded, the elected officials cannot take any action without public discussion. So coming out of Executive Session and making a motion to condemn a property or to send a letter as we discussed is a blatant violation. In this case, the "vote" of the elected officials was obviously just a rubber-stamping of the decision made under the guise of Executive Session. Of course, the discussion, while in Executive Session, must be only the topic announced.

So what can you as a citizen do when you feel the Executive Session restrictions have been violated? First, you can file an Open Records Request for a copy of the session. Unfortunately that is a legal action and the first part requires a judge to listen to the tape and determine if there is a violation. Except when the

session is called illegally; then the judge can just rule that the recording be open to the public. Second, you can file a formal complaint with the Independent Ethics Commission. Their form can be downloaded from <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/iec/complaints> and their email address is iecinfo@state.co.us. This may be the only recourse for average citizens since lawsuits are cost prohibitive. A citizen could file a formal complaint every time they go into Executive Session citing the words they use to convene said session.

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No Snowflakes in Our House *The Great Generation and Their Children*

by Joseph Cascarelli

On February 28, 2017, my mother will have been dead for 18 years. I miss her not only because you only get one mother, but because of what she has meant to my life, long term. She taught me things about women, men, life and human nature. This is not bad for a woman with a 10th grade education. Rita Catherine Smith married my father when she was 17. By September 8, 1944, having just turned 19 in June, she was a mother. Her father had died when she was seven and her mother died when she was 12. Her two older sisters took turns raising her and younger sister, Eleanor. My guess is that she was a handful as a teen.

As a mother, she did the best she could. After all there were no real good role models for her. Her childhood was short. Members of the Greatest Generation were tough and she did her best to teach me how women wanted to be treated. For this I am grateful. A boy can't learn these things from their father.

One day, I guess I was about six or seven she said, "Joseph, some day you will get married. I never want you to ever complain about your wife to me, because it's a man's world and I will always take her part." At that age, I'm

not sure that I actually understood what she was talking about, but she reinforced that message regularly to me over the next 15 or 20 years. No kidding, and she meant it, every word. Maybe she only said that to me when she and my father had had a fight. That's probably why I heard it so often. "Snowflakes" not allowed.

She did her best to expose me to housework. When my brother was born in 1952, she allowed me to take care of him. I mean totally. Get him in the morning when he first woke up. Change him and feed him breakfast. I got to bathe him, dress him and in general be in charge. When you get good at this by the time you are 11, you get to babysit. In my case, when my mother and friends went out, I got to babysit for her friends' children. Oh, one small point, I had to do it for free. She would never let me take any money. No "snowflakes" allowed.

My other job was to do the laundry. Back in those days, we had no washer and dryer. Diapers were cloth in 1953. About six blocks away there was a laundromat. She took me there a few times to show me how the coin operated equipment worked. From that point on, this was my job. She put the dirty laundry in one of those wire carts with two wheels that

old ladies use. Empty glass olive jars for soap and bleach, exact change for the job and I was off. Once I got the washing and drying right, I was expected to fold as well.

About a year of doing this and the folks bought a brand new ringer type washer from Sears. Now, she did the laundry and hung it on a clothesline to dry. I still helped with the folding and my baby brother, Michael, was still my responsibility.

When I was in the 7th grade, they bought their first house. This is where I learned to mow the lawn (manual mower of course,) shovel snow, walk the dog, take out the garbage and paint what ever needed painting. There was no discussion here. These were things that the oldest boy had to do. No "snowflakes" allowed.

My mother got me my first job. When they needed extra cash, my mother worked in a local drug store as a part time cashier. The pharmacist-owner needed a delivery boy after school and on Saturdays. I was 12. One day, I reported to work with my bike. My job was to deliver prescription drugs to elderly people who couldn't get out. The customer would pay me for the prescription and sometimes give me a tip. Then I'd go back to the store,

give the money to the boss and get the next prescription. For this I was paid \$.25 per hour.

Think about it: 12 years old, riding a bike on the city streets in the most densely populated city in the most densely populated state in the country, dealing in cash and prescription drugs and doing it rain, snow or shine. Is this a great country or what? And, all this I did with my mother's permission. If a parent did this today, social services would take the children away. Oh well, it was a kinder, gentler world back then. "Snowflakes" not allowed.

Here was my first great lesson in personal responsibility. To purchase their house, my father needed to borrow some down payment money from his lawyer, Oral Valari. They paid him back every month or so in cash. One day, my mother couldn't go to make the payment so she sent me with these instructions, "Don't lose the money!" I got \$.20, a dime for the bus fare each way. The roll of cash went in my blue jean's pocket and my hand was wrapped tightly around it the whole time. It was a five block walk to the bus route, a 20 minute bus ride and a one-story staircase up to Lawyer Valari's office. My mother told me to, "Give the money only to Mr. Valari." He of

course was out and his secretary assured me that she would make sure that Mr. Valari got the money. I was sick with worry about failing to follow the instructions, but gave it to her. I expected to get in trouble, but luckily, I did the right thing handing over the cash.

After I graduated college in May of 1966, I was still living at home. We were standing in the kitchen doing dishes. Out of the blue, my mother said, "If you are not married by the time you are 23, I want you to get a place of your own." She went on to add, "I don't want you to move from my home to the home of another woman without knowing what it is like to keep a house." At 23, I announced to my parents that I was moving to an apartment in Flushing Queens. My father was shocked, but my mother explained our agreement to him. He responded very seriously, "Don't you know a nice girl you could marry?"

My childhood was filled with the high expectations of my mother and the even higher expectations of my father. All this prepared me for life.

With this background, I have trouble understanding concepts like "helicopter parents" and "snowflakes." My folks would not have understood them either.



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and their vindication from me,
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Isaiah 54:17 ESV

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From L to R: Betsy Banks, Cari Driver, Loretta Remington and Holly Anderson of Custer County School and Steve Yackley and Adrian Tompkins from the Knights of Columbus Council 16577.

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Press Release

The Custer County School received a donation of over \$500 to help with their Special Needs Program. The Knights of Columbus Council 16577 at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church raised the money during their charity drive. Annually worldwide, the

Knights of Columbus conduct a fundraising drive, commonly referred to as the ‘Tootsie Roll’ campaign, for programs that assist those with special needs like the Special Olympics, etc.

The local council has designated their proceeds for the past three years to help our school. They want to thank

all the members of the Wet Mountain Valley community who generously donated to this cause.

The Knights especially want to thank these merchants, Elevation Meat Market, The Country Store, and JR’s Shell, who hosted them at their location during this fund-raising drive.

The Red Suspenders Announce Events on Copper Gulch Road...

The following events will be held at the Deer Mountain Fire Station. This weekend - on Friday April 14th, is the **first bingo** of the year --- games starting at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. with great burgers and fries for purchase.

An **Easter Egg Hunt**, Saturday, April 15th, at 10 a.m., with gifts and refreshments after the ‘hunt’
The **Annual 5Health Fair**, May 6th, from 7 – 10 a.m. --- Deer Mt. was selected as one of the sites this year that is offering free Hepatitis C tests --- It is not necessary to have any other blood work or tests done in the Fair to receive this benefit. The results will be ready in 20 minutes.
The **Annual Pet Clinic**, May 6th, from 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Dr. Ingram will be the veterinarian. Offering vaccinations and shots, for small animals.

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Local Mountain News & Notices

Local Talent is in Spotlight at After Prom Fundraiser

by Troy Bomgardner

The community was treated to students performing their favorite songs or stand-up comedy at the Fifth Annual STUCO sponsored Talent Show to benefit the CCHS After Prom. The audience took part by buying tickets to cast their vote for the People’s Choice Awards. In addition, a panel of judges awarded winners in the Judges competition. “This event was another example of the talent we have in the schools and the support we have from the community to raise funds for the After Prom event,” said CCHS STUCO sponsor Rebekah Cravens.

The Custer County Booster Club also joined as sponsor of a live and silent auction which helped raise more funds. “Our local businesses were very generous in their donations of gifts and services,” exclaimed After Prom committee and Booster Club member, Stacey Schoch. “The silent and live auctions raised nearly \$1,000!”

Winners in the Judges competition were

First Place, Katie Schepmann with guitar and singing “Enchanted”; Second Place, Aurora Straight, playing “Bach’s Minuet in G” on the piano and Third Place, was Dominic Garcia, singing in a capella version of “Little Sparrow”. Garcia was also the People’s Choice Award winner.

The event, sponsored by the CCHS Student Council, is a way to celebrate the local talent and raise funds for the After Prom event which takes place April 22nd following the Prom event. After Prom is a nationally recognized event to keep students in a drug and alcohol free event which is chaperoned by positive adults. Funds raised will help pay for food and prizes that will be awarded at the end of the party which culminates at 5 a.m. following the Prom.

The After Prom committee will complete its fundraising this week. Donations can be dropped off at the high school office. A big thanks to the Custer County community in supporting our students to make positive choices!



L to R- Talent Show Winners- Aurora Straight- Second Place, Katie Schepmann- First Place, Dominic Garcia- Third Place.

Photo by Troy Bomgardner

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Dates:
Thursday, April 20
Thursday, May 18



Preschool Screening for Children Ages 2-5

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

Located at the Elementary School West Gym

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

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



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Hayden, Bayfield and Custer County Chosen for 2017 Community Assessment

State Program Designed to Support Rural Communities with Development of Vision and Economic Plan

DENVER, Colorado
—March 31, 2017

The Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) today announced three Colorado communities have been chosen for the 2017 Community Assessment program. Each community will receive assistance with creating a community vision and economic development plan. The three communities chosen through a competitive process are the towns of Hayden and Bayfield and Custer County. The Community Assessment Program will provide each with a tailored assessment to meet the unique needs of the awarded communities. The community assessment process will take place on-site over two and a half days. Community members are encouraged to attend and participate in the process. Assess-

ments have been scheduled as follows: and Custer County, May 10th - May 12th; Hayden, May 15th - 17th; and Bayfield, May 30th - June 1st. The assessment will start with a community tour and a community dinner on the first night, followed by a day of stakeholder meetings, culminating in a presentation of the assessment teams' observations and recommendations. Observation teams will consist of OEDIT and the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) staff and experts. Communities will be required to report back to OEDIT within one month of the assessment to indicate which recommendations they intend to follow through with. Yearly follow-ups for two years subsequently are also required of the communities. "This program is designed to help rural communi-

ties gain insight into their unique challenges and strengths, and create actionable items to address them. Each assessment will be individually tailored to the specific needs of the community," said health and wellness champion and senior regional manager for regional development Meridith Marshall. Requirements of the program include a 2:1 match, which can be met through in-kind donations, and a demonstrated ability to implement the assessment recommendations. The total funding for the program is \$39,000 and will be divided among community assessment recipients. Questions about the program should be directed to Marshall at (303) 892-3850 or meridith.marshall@state.co.us, or Danielle Lendriet at (303) 844-3711 or danielle.lendriet@state.co.us

Library Closing for Training

Press Release

The West Custer County Library will be closed on Tuesday, April 25th so that the library staff can attend an annual training conference in Pueblo. "We get some of our best ideas for the library from this conference each year," said Library Director Amy Moulton. "It also

gets us up-to-date on the latest trends and news so we can keep the library fresh and relevant for the community." The library will reopen for normal business hours on Wednesday, April 26th. For more information on library hours, call the library at 719-783-9138 or visit www.westcusterlibrary.org.

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Bobcats Sport Schedule

HS Track Meet - Petrelli and Hunt Invitational <i>departure TBD</i> When: Fri, April 14, 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Where: Garry Berry Stadium 2020 Glenn Summer Rd, Colorado Springs	When: Thu, April 20, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Where: La Junta
MS Track AWAY v Monte Vista <i>departure TBD</i> When: Fri, April 14, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Where: Monte Vista	MS Track AWAY v Center <i>departure TBD</i> When: Fri, April 21, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Where: Center
MS Traveling Basketball When: Fri, April 14, 8 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Where: West Gym	MS Traveling Basketball When: Fri, April 21, 8 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Where: West Gym
HS Track Meet - La Junta Tiger Relays Girls <i>departure 10 a.m.</i>	HS Track Meet - La Junta Tiger Relays BOYS <i>departure 10 a.m.</i> When: Fri, April 21, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Where: La Junta

Bobcat Menu • April 17-April 20, 2017			
Monday Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk Lunch Elem. Chili w/Chips Tater Tots Carrot/Celery & Fruit Milk Lunch MS & HS Chili Cheese Tots Tossed Salad Corn & Fruit Milk	Tuesday Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk Lunch Elem. Toasted Cheese Sand. Tomato Soup Mxd Veg & Fruit Milk Lunch MS & HS Toasted Cheese Sand. Tomato Soup Mxd Veg & Fruit Milk	Wednesday Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk Lunch Elem. Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Roll Gr Beans & Fruit Milk Lunch MS & HS Lasagna Roll & Tossed Salad Gr Beans & Fruit Milk	Thursday Breakfast Biscuit & Gravy Fruit Milk Lunch Elem. Hamburger Oven Fries Baked Beans & Fruit Milk Lunch MS & HS Hamburger Deluxe Oven Fries & Beans Pasta Salad & Fruit Milk
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KIDS

Friday, April 14, 2017

Crown of Thorns



Euphorbia milii
Wiki Commons

The Easter story tells us about the crown of thorns the soldiers placed on Jesus' head;

And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head and they put on Him a purple robe. John 19:2 NKJV

What plant was used to make the crown of thorns for Jesus' head?

There is a lot of discussion concerning the crown of thorns and which plant may have been used. Israel is full of many different briar plants and I don't think it is possible to detect which was the actual plant used.

At my house I have a plant called "the crown of thorns plant". I received it from a neighbor whose friend brought it home from Israel. To look at it you would have to agree it could be the plant that was used. It is called *Euphorbia milii*. It is native to Madagascar and was brought to the Middle East before the time of Christ. The stems are somewhat pliable and the thorns are approximately 3 to 5 centimeters long and extremely sharp. It has small red blooms that make the plant look like it has drops of blood on it. It is easy to grow and anyone wanting a clipping is welcome to one. I am happy to share.

Although this may or may not be the plant used, for my purposes it works. You see, when I water and trim the plant I remember what my Savior did for me on that dark day centuries ago. That day when the sky went dark, the ground shook and the temple curtain was torn. On today, Good Friday, we commemorate the price Jesus paid for our sins. On this Sunday, Resurrection Sunday, we celebrate that Jesus rose from the dead and had victory over death so that all of us who accept Him as our Lord and Savior can be with Him in heaven for eternity.

HE'S ALIVE AND I'M FORGIVEN!

by Audrey Slater, Sources: <http://hermeneutics.stackexchange.com/questions/9150/what-was-the-actual-thorn-plant-that-was-used-in-christs-crown-of-thorns-john>

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Sheriff's Report...



On the dates below, there were 160 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 14 to EMS, and 14 to the Fire Department. As of April 9th, there were 7 males and no females in the county jail.

4/2/17:

Behavioral Issue: EMS and a Sheriff's deputy were dispatched to CR 261 for a female experiencing a behavioral emergency. EMS processed a refusal to transport.

Suspicious Activity: A deputy was dispatched to Stephen Drive in Silver Cliff Heights regarding a report of suspicious activity.

4/3/17:

Arrest: A deputy was dispatched to an incident on Butler Street in Silver Cliff. Michael Bayless of Silver Cliff was arrested for Harassment-Stalking and Menacing.

4/4/17:

Traffic Summons: Dan Tschappat of Cotopaxi for driving with a license under restraint (denied).

Injury: EMS and a Sheriff's deputy were dispatched to Little Horn Drive in Silver Cliff Heights for a male party was struck and run over by a tractor. The patient was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

4/5/17:

Identity Theft: A deputy met with a party in the lobby of the Sheriff's Office who wished to file a report of identity theft.

Theft: A deputy was dispatched to S. 6th Street concerning a report of a stolen trailer.

4/6/17:

Complaint: A deputy responded to a traffic complaint on Highway 96 but was unable to locate the vehicle.

4/7/17:

Traffic Summons: Monserrat Rodriguez of Johnson, KS, for speeding 10 - 19 over and for driving without a valid license.

Christopher Greenstreet of Florence for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Robert Sharp of Cotopaxi for careless driving.

Minors Drinking and Arrest:

Deputies responded to Lake DeWeese Road for a report of some minors drinking. The minors were turned over to custody of their parents. Zachary Flinn of Westcliffe was arrested on charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Additional charges may be pending.

4/8/17:

Theft: A deputy was dispatched to Bishops Castle on Highway 165 for a report of at least two vehicles broken into by one or more vandals.

Female Juvenile: A deputy was dispatched to investigate a report of a female juvenile walking down Main Street in Westcliffe with a dog and a baseball bat.

4/9/17:

Possible Animal Cruelty: A deputy was dispatched to Lone Tree Circle regarding a report of possible animal cruelty.

Concealed Permit Class April 22nd

Press Release

A Colorado Concealed Handgun Permit class will be held on Saturday, April 22nd, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Sangre Shooting Sports Club (SSSC) range in Westcliffe.

This class will satisfy the safety requirement for submitting a CHP application via your sheriff's office, and will consist of approximately four hours classroom plus three

hours range time. Cost is \$40 per student. You will need a handgun and at least 50 rounds of ammunition, plus eye and ear protection.

More detailed information and pre-class material will be provided to all registered participants.

Pre-registration is required. To register for this class, please send an e-mail to me ASAP with the following information:

- Name (as it appears on your driver's license), address and primary telephone number
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HAM Radio Class Is a Go: Pueblo April 22nd, 29th

Update

While there will still be efforts to get more classes brought into Custer County area in the future, the current offering has been redirected to Pueblo.

HAM Radio is growing in demand rapidly and class and test providers must be as efficient and organized as possible. The class is still free, however, the test portion involves a \$15 cost. The class will be held April 22nd and 29th from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 310 W. 11th Street in Pueblo.

Contact Mr. Worley, who is very kind and helpful, at the contact information below. Mr. Worley has taught classes in Westcliffe before and has a very high success-rate of those passing the test so please don't pass up this opportunity currently offered in Pueblo.

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Friday April 14, 1 p.m.
BOCC Workshop
County Lighting Ordinance Workshop
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Friday April 14, 10 a.m.
Giant Easter Egg Hunt 5,000 eggs
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Friday April 14, 10 a.m.
Library Board Meeting
West Custer County Library Community Room

Friday, Saturday, April 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 16 at 2 p.m.
“Table 19”

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Saturday April 15, 9 a.m. – Noon
Altar & Rosary Society
Annual Easter Bake Sale
CC Library Community Room

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 16

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Tuesday April 18, 9 a.m.
BOCC Meeting
Wetmore Fire House

Wed, April 19, 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
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CC School Library

Friday April 21, 9 a.m. – Noon
4-H Club Training
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Friday, Saturday, April 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m.
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Saturday April 22, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Colorado Concealed Handgun Permit class
The Sangre Shooting Sports Club (SSSC) range
Westcliffe Hwy 69 S \$\$

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.

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I see His hand of mercy;
I hear His voice of cheer;
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Christ Jesus lives today!
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and talks with me
along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives,
salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know
He lives?
He lives within my heart.
Hymn Lyrics by
Alfred Henry Ackley

Brady Cause of Death Determined

Press Release
April 10, 2017
The Custer County Sheriff's Office provided an update on the death investigation being conducted from the unfortunate passing of Ashley Brady on March 22nd, 2017.
Our investigation is almost complete as we are awaiting the official report from the El Paso Coroner's Office on the autopsy and reports from the analysis of her personal tablet to conclude the investigation. Because we requested some specific toxicology testing, we do not expect the results to be completed for another three to four weeks. We do not have a time frame on the computer analysis as that is performed off site at the CBI computer lab in Denver. Taking this into account, we can provide some details of the investigation as we await the results of those elements to the investigation.
It is critical to emphasize every death not attended by a physician is investigated as a homicide until the evidence proves otherwise. This procedure is the standard all agencies follow and it is never assumed a death is anything but suspicious until it is determined otherwise. Thus, every effort was taken to ensure a comprehensive death investigation was completed by personnel from the Colorado Bureau of Investigations, The 11th Judicial District, and the Custer County Sheriff's Office.
It has been determined Ms. Brady suffered a self-inflicted contact gunshot wound to the left chest area from a .270 rifle which resulted in her immediate death. The rifle was owned by Ms. Brady and her husband, Michael Ratliff. Ratliff, was with several friends and their children were with family when Ms. Brady passed away.
We wish to offer our sincere condolences to Ms. Brady's family and friends in this most difficult time. They will remain in our thoughts and prayers as they deal with their loss.
For further information contact Sheriff Shannon Byerly or Undersheriff Chris Barr at 719-783-2270.

Holy Week & Easter Services
Cody Park Community
Easter Sunday Sunrise Service 6 a.m.
Potluck Breakfast to follow.
Community United Methodist Church
Good Friday Service 6 p.m.
Easter Sunday Service 9 a.m.
Cotopaxi Community Church
Friday, April 14, Good Friday Service & Communion 6 p.m.
Easter Sunday April 16, Easter Sunrise Service 7 a.m. on the hill behind the Cotopaxi School
8 a.m. Breakfast at Church
11:00 a.m. Resurrection Day Service & Easter Cantata
First Baptist Church
Good Friday, April 14, at 10 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt on the Bluff -All preschoolers up to the 6th grade are invited to participate. 5,000 candy filled eggs to find, games and prizes.
Easter Sunday, April 16 at 8 a.m.
SON Rise Service on the Bluff Easter Sunday morning. Breakfast will follow in Fellowship Hall.
Sunday, April 16 at 10:45 a.m.
First Baptist Church Easter Choir special presentation in church sanctuary.
Hope Lutheran Church
Good Friday Service 6:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church
Good Friday, April 14th, 3 p.m.
Good Friday Commemoration of Our Lord's Passion and Death
Saturday April 15th 8:30 p.m. Solemn Vigil and first Mass of Easter
Easter Sunday April 16th 11 a.m. Mass of the Feast of Feasts
Sangre de Cristo Fellowship
Good Friday 7 p.m. Candlelight Service
Easter Sunday 8:45 a.m. Potluck Breakfast at 10 a.m. Service
St. Luke's Episcopal
Good Friday 12 Noon,
Stations of the Cross
Easter Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Potluck lunch after Service.
Ham provided, bring a side dish.
St. Patrick's Anglican
Good Friday, April 14th
Easter services First Eucharist (Holy Communion) at 11 a.m.
Sunday, April 16th.
Wetmore Baptist Church
Easter Sunday Sunrise Service 6:15 a.m.
At the New Hope Cemetery in Wetmore
Potluck breakfast 9:30 a.m.
at the Church
Then, 10:45 a.m. Service
Wetmore Community Church
Sunrise Service Easter Sunday
6:15 a.m. On Jackson Hill - just east of Wetmore
Potluck breakfast at the parsonage.
Then, 10 a.m. Worship Service at the Church.

Come and Worship
Christian Science
9:30 a.m. Worship
8 Bassick Place
Westcliffe
Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Bible Study
0157 County Rd. 27A
Cotopaxi
719/942-3526
Church of Christ
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Worship
Wedn. 6 p.m. Worship
818 Ohio Street
Silver Cliff
719/783-4601
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
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
10 a.m. Sacrament Mtg.
12:10 p.m. Sunday School
240 Ridgeline Drive
Westcliffe
719/404-4585
Community United Methodist Church
8 a.m. Worship
10 a.m. Worship
202 S. 6th Street
Westcliffe
719/783-2511
Cody Park Community Church
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Mtg.
9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Worship
3rd & Rosita Streets
Westcliffe
719/783-2477
St. Patrick's Anglican Church
11 a.m. Worship
401 South Second Street
Westcliffe
719/783-2500
Sangre de Cristo Fellowship
Sundays, 10 a.m.
Meet and Greet
Sundays, 10:15 a.m. Service
120 Jerry Court
Westcliffe
719/783-0903
Sangre de Cristo Seminary Chapel
10 a.m. Worship
6160 County Rd. 130
Westcliffe
719/783-2447
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Diocese of Pueblo
Saturday Mass 4 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
Junction of Hwy 96 & 67
Wetmore
719/371-1230
Wetmore Community Church
9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Worship
699 County Rd. 395
Wetmore
719/784-0596
Wild West Cowboy Church
4 p.m. Worship
Followed by Potluck
Tuesdays 6 p.m.: Bible Study
60260 Hwy. 69 North
Westcliffe
719/783-2676



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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES



Custer County
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Workshop

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2017

1:00 PM
Location:
Commissioners Boardroom

County Lighting Ordinance Workshop

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Custer County
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Tentative Agenda

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017

9:00 AM
Meeting Location:
Wetmore Firehouse

Call meeting to order
Pledge of allegiance
Roll Call
Amend agenda
Audience introduction
Approval of minutes
Public Comment
Commissioner Items
Attorney Items
Executive Session
New/Old Business
- CDPHE Presentation – Jerry Henderson

- Forest Service Report – Paul Crespin

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NOTICE
Notice to Creditors

Estate of Berniece Odell Gin-
gerich Lackey
Deceased
Case Number 17PRI30001

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

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

or The District Court of Custer County Colorado

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NOTICE
Notice to Creditors

Estate of James R. Duran
aka James Randolph Duran
Deceased
Case Number 17PR2

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

Jerelyn G. Duran
PO Box 846
Westcliffe, CO 81252

or the District Court of Custer County

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NOTICE

Notice to Creditors

Estate of Brenda Sue Abbott
Deceased
Case Number 17PR1

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

Thomas Abbott
PO Box 185
Westcliffe, CO 81252

or the District Court of Custer County

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NOTICE

The Custer County Tourism Board seeks a proposal for developing a new website and providing marketing advice to attract visitors to the scenic, rural county in southeast Colorado. The budget for the project is \$12,600 for the remainder of 2017, with the possibility of a continuing relationship in 2018. Since this is a fixed-price bid, the board seeks a vendor that will provide maximum value for our marketing efforts by responding to the needs enumerated in the full Request for Proposal, which can be found on the internet at: custercountygov.com/pdf/tourism_rfp.pdf

The deadline for receipt of proposals is May 1, 2017.

Proposals should be sent by email, or mail to:
Brenda Gaide
Administrative Assistant
Board of County Commissioners
PO Box 150
Westcliffe, CO 81252
brenda@custercountygov.com
(719) 783-2552



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2017 School Wide Talent Show

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Local Mountain News & Notices

COUNTY GOVERNMENT IN COLORADO – A Snapshot

INTRODUCTION - Counties are a constitutional subdivision of state government. The County boundaries were drawn by the General Assembly and are set forth in statute. County boundaries can be altered through a vote of the citizenry of the affected counties. Counties exercise only those powers specifically expressed in statute or in the constitution.

Counties are responsible for law enforcement, which includes supporting the court system and the district attorney function as well as providing jail facilities through the sheriff.

Counties are responsible for providing the state’s social services, including administering and carrying out virtually all programs overseen by the Colorado Department of Human Services.

Counties may provide health services, and their ability to do so depends on resources available.

Counties are responsible for road and bridge construction, maintenance and repair. Counties control land use in the unincorporated areas.

Counties have a number of other responsibilities and powers, ranging from weed control to restaurant inspection, virtually all of which are traced to state legislation. In certain instances, such as liquor licensing, siting and operation of landfills, and pest control, counties and state government both have authority.

Counties have the power to incur debt, enter into contracts, and receive grants and gifts. Counties may also enter into lease-purchase arrangements (as an alternative to debt financing).

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS - Custer County has three districts and the entire county elects the three County Commissioners. Two will be elected in this cycle. The third will be elected in the next cycle, two years from now. The three commissioners serve as a Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). The BOCC is the main policy-making body in the county. The BOCC is responsible for the county’s administrative and budgetary functions.

The other constitutional officers in each county who are also elected to four-year terms are the county clerk and recorder, county assessor, county treasurer, county sheriff, county coroner and the county surveyor. Constitutionally and statutorily, they are independent from each other and from the county commissioners and their powers and duties are prescribed by law. The constitution provides for a county attorney who, by statute, is appointed by and reports to the county commissioners. County commissioners have no direct authority over the other elected officials in the county except that commissioners approve budgets for all the other elected officials’ departments.

COUNTY OFFICIAL SALARIES
County elected official salaries are set in statute by the Colorado General Assembly. Authority for the General Assembly to fix compensation of county commissioners, sheriffs, treasurers, assessors and clerk and recorders is in section 15 of article XIV of the Colorado Constitution. Salary levels for county commissioners, sheriffs, treasurers, assessors, clerk and recorders and coroners are set in statute C.R.S. § 30-2-102. Home Rule counties set their own compensation rate. Custer County is not a Home Rule County.

Past Commissioner Speaks Out Cont’d

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I again wrote an email to Tony and the members of the CSU Extension Leadership team on Monday, April 3, 2017, and copied the Custer County Commissioners and the current members of the Custer County Extension Advisory committee of which I am a member.

Here is what that email said in part:

Robin Young, throughout her tenure as Custer County CSU Extension Agent has managed, coordinated and provided a wide variety of exemplary programs & quality services to individuals, children & their families. She has provided in class STEM programs in our elementary classrooms and coordinated with our County FFA program.

In addition Robin has reached out to other agencies to provide our county with the best of programs from throughout the state providing a wealth of opportunities to engage in life learning activities for county residents.

I deeply appreciated your unwavering support of Robin Young through these last few weeks of turmoil. As a former Custer County

Commissioner and long-time advocate for quality Extension Services, I want you to know that I am very grateful.

I have had the opportunity to listen to the audio recording of the 3/31/2017 BOCC meeting that discussed Extension Services. From listening to that audio recording it is obvious our Custer County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) are in denial about what they have done and the long term impact of their actions to all the county CSU Extension Services. It has been suggested that a county-wide weed management program could be conducted through the Custer County Road & Bridge Department. Those employees have no training to administer and implement the Colorado Noxious Weed Act that is in Colorado Revised Statutes.

Note: the letter to the editor on March 6, 2017 from Rick Romano, Chairman of the Custer County Weed Advisory Board, acknowledged that Robin Young, as one of her assigned responsibilities as Custer County CSU Extension Agent, was also the Custer County Weed Manager. Through the BOCC actions they have now put that entire program and the grants Robin was administering to manage that program in jeopardy.

I am truly disappointed that our elected County Commissioners (BOCC) never brought their issues and concerns to their appointed Custer County CSU Extension Advisory Committee. For openness as well as standard protocol I would have expected that a special executive session would have been convened that would have included that committee to discuss the concerns that the BOCC had with Robin Young and the way in which the CSU Extension services were being conducted in the county.

It has never been publicly disclosed what the role was of our county Human Resources Department, Attorney, CCI and/or CTSI in this process? Were any of these professionals involved in providing guidance to the BOCC with regard to how to address county personnel issues AND protect all parties involved?

Where was the formally noticed public meeting/public forum to get input from the community at large and the families receiving Extension services to vet issues about the manner in which the Custer County CSU extension Office was conducting business?

County Employees and those having contractual

agreements (like the contract between CSU and the county) have rights to due process. Those same individuals need to be involved in any and all issues that impact the performance of their assigned duties as employees or contractors.

Obviously, standard legal protocols dictate that a chain of events needs to be followed. Appointed advisory groups, our county attorney, CCI’s leadership, and a CTSI legal team representative need to be involved. That way the process protects everyone involved.

This lengthy procedure is not done in the heat of the moment of conflict. This process can take months for a resolution to be crafted. After all, many lives are impacted: not only the employee/contract administrator, but their advisory groups and the overall community of county citizens and families receiving services.

Whatever Robin Young may have done to offend the members of the BOCC, she did not deserve what they put her and/or her office staff through.

Respectfully,
Carole J. Custer, Ph.D., Retired Custer County Commissioner, District One. Westcliffe, CO

BOCC: Commissioner Hood Wants Extension Advisory Board “Un-Appointed” and More Cattle Guard Executive Sessions

Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)

—April 5, 2017

WESTCLIFFE, Colorado

by Jackie Bubis

Note: the meeting scheduled for April 4th was cancelled due to a power outage.

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

Commissioner Items:

Commissioner Printz expressed his pleasure with the turnout of the night meeting on March 31st. He recommended that the Board consider having at least one night meeting per quarter. His thought was that 6 p.m. is a better time. He then brought up the matter of getting an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) for the Wetmore Community Center. Tom Duke quoted him a price of about \$2K and Printz found them on Amazon for about half that.

Commissioner Hood is shop-

ping for window coverings for the Wetmore Community Center.

Commissioner Kattnig reported that Road and Bridge was out all day Tuesday plowing and that the Junkins fire scar had gotten about 2.5 feet of snow.

Attorney Clint Smith addressed the issue of commissioners sitting on the boards of non-profit organizations saying that he could ask the Independent Ethics Commission for a ruling on that issue but he didn’t think there was a problem. In the discussion, boards such as the Early Childhood Council and the Francis Kettle Foundation came up, along with county appointed boards such as the Tourism Board. Mr. Smith thinks that as long as the Commissioner is not personally profiting from what the board does, it is acceptable that they be on the Board even as voting members.

Under Old Business, Butch Gemin, from the Early Childhood Council brought the paperwork for the

chairman to sign indicating the Board’s support for the council in the county.

The Road and Bridge report followed. Gary Hyde and Roger Squire met with the Board to go over the list of future works. They also discussed buying patching material out-of-county in bulk to save about \$4K per year. They will need a dump trailer to take the material on site and are pricing those now. According to Mr. Kattnig, there is a standing policy that the Board will spend up to 10 percent more to buy locally, but in this case, the cost savings is more than 10 percent. They discussed getting the air conditioning units for the graders, citing the health and welfare of the crews – not just for comfort. It will cost about \$6,500 for each of three graders.

Mrs. Hood mentioned that she had a conversation with Mr. Piquette and they could evaluate moving funds around since the first quarter of the year is passed. She also discussed employee reviews with Mr. Hyde and he said that the longev-

ity pay may be out of line. There are operators making \$28/hour because of the longevity pay while others are making \$14/hr.

On several occasions, when Mr. Printz asked Hyde and Squire questions, Kattnig rebuked him saying that those issues were between him (as the Commissioner over Road & Bridge) and Hyde and Squire to decide and then come to the Board for approval.

Rusty Christensen and Dennis Sprecher gave the landfill and recycling report.

The Board then went into a “short” Executive Session regarding the cattle guards that Dr. Hamilton is demanding. They cited “legal counsel” as their reason for the Executive Session despite the fact that the county is no longer involved in the Hamilton/Halpin dispute. Hyde and Squire were in the room for Executive Session. They also stated that they needed

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Colorado State News

The Independence Institute Versus Transportation Tax Hike

by Joey Bunch,
ColoradoPolitics.com

The biggest concern for the multi-billion-dollar transportation bill working its way through the Colorado legislature might not be Republicans or Democrats. It could be Jon Caldara.

When a tax bur gets under his libertarian saddle, nobody rides harder on public policy issues than the president of the Denver-based Independence Institute.

He and I grabbed lunch this week to talk transportation. He's mounting a competing ballot question called "Fix Our D**n Roads" to any request [that] legislators put to voters if it includes a tax increase. As it's written now, House Bill 1242 would ask voters for a new 0.62 percent sales tax, on top of the 2.9 percent the state already takes.

In exchange, the Colorado Department of Transportation could widen Interstate 25 from Monument to Castle Rock and from Denver to Fort Collins, as well as address traffic jams on the I-70 mountain corridor. The tax would pay for projects across the state, as well as giving local communities a big share to spend as they like, including on transit and bike lanes.

Caldara has the political know-how, the public profile of radio and TV, a bankroll for such things from his think tank's tax-averse donors and the stubbornness to fight this better than just about anyone. Caldara doesn't always win but he never quits. He's like an agitated hornet.

"...politicians are basically dishonest and a creature of expediency..."

His was one of the loudest voices out there against two ultimately unsuccessful ballot initiatives for schools, Proposition 103 in 2011 and Amendment 66 in 2013. He's burned a lot of tread down these kinds of roads.

Over Monte Cristo sandwiches, which Caldara described as a doughnut with meat, I asked him why he has a beef with legislators' road plan.

What don't you like about House Bill 1242?

CALDARA: One, because it's

not about roads. It's about everything but roads. It goes 30 percent to transit, which does nothing to alleviate our problems — bike paths and silly crap. And it creates a political slush fund for cities. Not to mention, it's a nonstarter.

Go ahead, put it on the ballot. It'll fail and then what are you going to do? Sooner or later you have to address the real problem, and that's that Colorado does not make a priority out of roads, because we siphon it off for transit.

Why is your ballot initiative better?

CALDARA: What it does is it forces the legislature to make one of its core functions, roads, a priority the way it should be, yet it gives them the freedom to figure out how best to do that.

How did we get in this mess?

CALDARA: We got into this mess because politicians are basically dishonest and a creature of expediency, so instead of asking the people for a tax increase for things like the Medicaid expansion, which they knew would fail, they passed it along knowing it would put us over a fiscal cliff, and then they hold up whatever is

dear to us to pass a tax increase. The last two times it was our children. Rollie Heath's Proposition

"And now the polling shows we love our roads more than we love our children..."

103 and Amendment 66, both of which we destroyed. And now the polling shows we love our roads more than we love our children, and we're tired of being stuck in traffic. And now they're going to hold that up for bait.

Why are Coloradans so fed up with tax requests? They've only passed 24 out of 72 statewide in state history.

CALDARA: I think it's a little bit of the same reason why Trump won. We're tired of politicians not doing their job and making tough calls and prioritizing core functions. They bend to every constituency that comes up and puts pressure on them, except for the rest of us. Also, Colorado wants to keep its spending and taxing close. We're not a low-tax state. We're a high tax state. It's just

that most of those taxes are paid on the local level.

When you say we haven't raised taxes, are you kidding me? We raise taxes all the time. We just don't raise taxes on the state level. We want to see our funding go to something local."

Democrats say we can't adequately fund transportation under TABOR. Why do you think we can?

CALDARA: Of course we can! It's not an R- or D- question. It is a politician question. And politicians' lives are easier when more money comes in and they don't have to anger any constituents. That's not news.

I think the people of Colorado would rather have better roads than Medicaid expansion. I think they'd rather have better roads than giving our corporate welfare to Quentin Tarantino or buying Teslas for rich white guys. The money is there. You just have to make some tough calls to do it.

And this proposal forces them to do that.

Please see: <http://coloradopolitics.com/caldara-tax-hike-colorado-transportation>

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

Rep. Jim Wilson – HD 60
—April 9, 2017

It has been "Long Bill Week" in the House this past week. The Long Bill (SB 17-254), carries the moniker because of its length – 625 pages! House members had to work through the budget bill, plus a packet of 93 amendments during the floor debate. (We are talking \$28+ Billion in this bill...) The House adjourned at 11 p.m. on Thursday night with new amendments to work through Friday morning!

The Long Bill finally cleared its second hurdle by making it through the House (the first hurdle being Senate passage). SB 17-254 will now return to the JBC where the three Democrats and three Republicans will ultimately

make the final adjustments. Both chambers will have to pass the final version of the bill before it goes to the Governor.

Needless to say, not much committee work was done while the Long Bill was center stage. Now that the budget is moving forward, committee work will ramp back up for the final drive toward adjournment. One of the committees that will have a packed agenda down the stretch will be the Appropriations Committee. A huge number of bills have been in que for Appropriations as they waited for final budget figures. Every bill that carries a fiscal note has to receive the blessing of Appropriations before moving on through the process.

Speaking of appropri-



tions, my "Drone Bill" (HB 17-1070) passed the Senate Appropriations Committee unanimously last Thursday. HB 17-1070 is one of the bills for this session that originated in HD 60. It will authorize a study to determine the potential for drones in the State of Colorado before we commit to funding programs that may not be in the best interest of

**TAKIN' IT
see page 23**

"It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Matthew 26:64 NKJV

GOP Brauchler Poised to Run for Colorado Governor

by Peter Marcus,
ColoradoPolitics.com

Arapahoe County District Attorney George Brauchler appears poised to announce a run for governor as early as Wednesday.

The Republican – who skyrocketed into the political limelight after criticizing Gov. John Hickenlooper for issuing a stay of execution to convicted killer Nathan Dunlap in 2013 – posted an announcement teaser video to his Facebook campaign page on Tuesday.

"We're frustrated with weak elected officials who continue to dodge difficult decisions, and career politicians who assure us that the answers to Colorado's biggest problems are just one more election away.

"The system seems to work best for those who have most."

The video then transitions to color: "But it hasn't always been that way here in Colorado, and it doesn't have to be that way now," Brauchler says, before the video dissolves into a George Brauchler logo and the words "coming soon."

Hickenlooper is term limit-

ed in 2018, which leaves an open seat.

Brauchler is expected to emerge as a competitive challenger in the GOP primary. He gained notoriety for several high-profile cases, including acting as the lead prosecutor in the case against convicted Colorado theater shooter James Holmes. Brauchler was disappointed after the jury refused to sentence Holmes to die for one of the worst massacres in the country's history.

Also expected to announce a run for governor on the Republican ticket is state Treasurer Walker Stapleton.

DaVita Healthcare Partners chief executive Kent Thiry is also said to be considering a run for governor on the Republican ticket, as is former U.S. Senate candidate and Colorado State University athletic director Jack Graham.

Former Republican state Rep. Victor Mitchell has already launched a campaign.

A total of four Republicans have so far filed paperwork to run.

On the Democratic side, former state Sen. Mike John-

ston has already announced and been running an impressive campaign. He reported a record-breaking fundraising period, with at least \$625,000 for the first quarter of 2017.

U.S. Rep. Ed Perlmutter, D-Aurora, is also expected to announce a run for governor on the Democratic ticket. And former state Treasurer Cary Kennedy is seriously considering a gubernatorial run.

Democrat Noel Ginsburg, a Denver manufacturing entrepreneur and civic leader, has also declared his candidacy in the 2018 gubernatorial race.

A total of five Democrats have already filed paperwork.

Fifteen candidates have so far filed paperwork to run in the 2018 gubernatorial race. In addition to the major party candidates, there is one Green Party candidate; one American Constitution Party candidate; a Unity Party candidate; and three unaffiliated candidates.

Please see: <http://coloradopolitics.com/george-brauchler-poised-to-run-for-colorado-governor/>

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IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT School Board Meetings:

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

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

**Cañon City
City Council
1st and 3rd
Mondays at 6 p.m.
City Hall
128 Main St.
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**County
Commissioners
2nd and 4th Tues.
9:30 a.m.
615 Macon, Rm. 105
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**Royal Gorge
Tea Party
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Core Knowledge
School Gymnasium,
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www.royalgorgetea-party.com**

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

**Southern
Colorado
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El Alazan
Mexican Restaurant
1925 Fremont Dr.
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Special Liquor Permit Approved for Legacy Center/Hildebrand Care Center

by Barbara Penezic,
Reporter, The Crusader

That's right. A special liquor permit to allow wine to be served at Hildebrand during a special fundraising event was unanimously approved by the council.

Karen Prince addressed the city council with her concerns surrounding the upcoming fundraiser. She spoke with a voice that trembled with emotion as she told the Mayor and council members that she had never spoken before a council before, "this is very emotional for me, both of my parents reside at Hildebrand and they have been there since 2013," Karen struggled to hold back tears as she continued, "Hildebrand is more than just a home for my parents, it is more than likely where they will have to die."

"A lot of the residents here just like my parents enjoy wandering in the hall. When you have Dementia or Alzheimer's it is very hard when your routine is disrupted," Karen pointed out. "When they hear music they go; they know it is in the dining room, they know it is a concert for them," Karen continued, "They will have to eat dinner in their rooms, dinner is the only social time they get," she cleared her voice and

said, "This is a home; on the outside, it may look like a business, but it is a home. They sleep here, they eat here... It is just hard to see something like this, where strangers come in," her voice trailed off briefly then she finished, "[This] may be great for the fundraising and I'm all for that but there has to be a better venue than Hildebrand. It is their home; I don't know how else to say it. I wouldn't want it in my home."

One time might be fine but if this sets a precedent and they want to fundraise two, three or four times a year or start looking at other care center dining rooms. "When residents hear the music, they will go to the dining room and be turned away...I just think it could be done somewhere other than my parents, home."

Mike Merlino spoke for The Legacy Center/Hildebrand telling the council that the event would start music from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. when a full dinner and dessert would be offered along with a cash wine bar. The event is expected to seat around 150 people at \$40 per person. The residents will not be locked in their rooms and everything will be handled with care for the residents. *The proceeds will benefit Fremont Regional Hospice.* The Council ap-

proved the permit unanimously.

The Council also approved rezoning of two lots at 831 Cottonwood Ave. from R-2, medium density residential to MH-2, mobile home subdivision.

Approval of an ordinance allowing for a Special Review Use for Hale Pet Door to continue operation in its current location. This met with applause by those in the gallery.

Finally, approval was given to terminate the city's current employee benefit plan. The city will terminate its health plan on September 30th and a new plan will be in place October 1st. There is some disagreement regarding funds Fremont Sanitation District say it contributed to the Insurance Reserve accounts but to date, proof of the contribution has not been demonstrated.

The Fremont County *Crusader* is researching claims from some city employees who feel their employee retirement accounts were not properly handled, resulting in losses to said employees. *The Crusader* will report the details when this has either been confirmed or debunked.

Be Informed...Get Involved

Events April 14- May 21

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

April 15, Penrose Volunteer Fire Department and-Penrose Park & Recreation District will provide Easter Egg Hunt from 8:30 a.m.-noon in Penrose Park at 401 Fourth Ave. in Penrose. 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.

April 16, The Royal Gorge Bridge & Park Easter Sunrise Service will begin at 6:30 a.m. and is free to the public. Activities include Pastor Grant Adkisson presenting the message. A free-will offering will be taken for Loaves & Fishes Ministries. Complimentary coffee and hot cocoa will be served. Participants are encouraged to dress warmly.

April 20, The Florence Arts Council will host Art Trek, featuring a bus and museum tour to the Denver Art Museum from 8 a.m.-5ish. The bus will leave the Bell Tower at 201 E. Second St. in Florence and return around 5 p.m. Cost is \$50 or \$40 in a 25-passenger bus plus the museum entrance general admission. Lunch will be on your own. RSVP by April 12th. Checks can be made out to Florence Arts Council and sent to the Fox Den at 123 W. Main in Florence or by calling 784-2303.

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

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

April 22, The Winery at Holy Cross Abbey will host its Annual Spring Wine Extravaganza from 1-4 p.m. at 3011 E. U.S. 50. Featured new releases at special pricing plus barrel tastings, sales of selected past vintages, food and wine pairings along with live music by Gary Meyer's Dirty Flamenco. Tickets are \$25 per person.

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

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

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Toward One Another

The vitriol being expressed in our nation against one another is tasteless and vile. Against the backdrop of Senate approval of a new Supreme Court Justice, we have heard terrible things said about a fellow American, the same theme about anybody who disagrees with the vocal left. It is very difficult to discuss these matters of disagreement with business associates, friends and even family members because they usually end up in heated debates and things are said that shouldn't be said. We, as Christians, need to keep in mind the tenets of our faith when standing up for our principles—especially when we are doing so with family and fellow believers. Civility seems to be a lost art these days. Often, I exhort you through The Daily Jot to pray and act, to speak up for what is right, and to hold accountability by speaking boldly as you ought to speak. But this can be a balancing act in these days. Speaking boldly, doesn't mean being offensive or trying to invoke anger. It doesn't mean reducing the argument to personal attacks. It takes wisdom, compassion, empathy and the ability to express right in a dignified and effective manner. As the Apostle Paul writes in Ephesians 5:15-17, "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." In short, we need to remember who we are when we are discussing issues of right vs wrong.

We need to be armed with the facts and stick to them. Keep bringing the discussion back to the facts. Most people I have run into who want to argue a point about the current state of our nation know very little about the facts. Often what they do know is based on a simple fact, but twisted into a lie. Trying to unravel that lie with them is like untangling a pile of coat-hangers. It takes patience and focus on your point. The purpose of The Daily Jot is to equip and encourage you to evangelize. Evangelizing can take many forms. In our case, it takes the form of using a current event to present a Biblical truth. Deception is always key. People are deceived and, like a virus, they spread deception. Ephesians 5:6—9, "Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things comes the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not therefore partakers with them. For you were sometimes darkness, but now you are light in the Lord: walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth.)" Christ has given us life that we may have it abundantly. We don't need to get dragged down into the depths of deceit and anger because we already have the high ground in Christ. We just need to share it appropriately toward one another.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!

Bill Wilson

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The Skins Game

by The Zman

There's a popular quote from Hemingway's "The Sun Also Rises", where one character asks another character how he went bankrupt. The response is "Gradually and then suddenly." It's funny because it is true. The great upheavals in human affairs seldom happen without warning. They are always part of a long process that is plain to see, but people preferred not to notice it so it rolled along until a crash or revolution.

A generation or two from now, people will look back at America and wonder how racial conflict broke out after what many thought were years of social progress. After all, the good whites had atoned for all the bad things done by bad whites. In reality, those years of "progress" were just accumulating bad habits and bad decisions, disguising an underlying rot. American society is headed for a bad place and you can see it here in this story. (<http://abc7.com/education/race-based-school-budget-cuts-spark-outrage-in-noho/1818792/>)

Outrage has grown at Walter Reed Middle School in North Hollywood, as the school faces layoffs and increased class sizes due to a law limiting funds for schools with a higher white student body.

The Los Angeles Unified School District provides more funding for schools where the white population is below 30 percent.

In a letter to parents, the district noted the highly regarded middle school had been above the percentage for the past couple years.

The racial formula was a condition imposed by court decisions dealing with desegregation in the 1970s.

Los Angeles has a form

of misery-sharing in their school system. Since people vote with their feet, they naturally tend toward self-segregation. This means the schools tend to reflect this as kids go to the schools closest

priced out of the market. In other words, the local schools will either have to import diversity or build private schools, otherwise, they will be defunded by the city.

their slice of the pie. One example is gentrification. This is where rich white liberals buy up parts of the ghetto and then drive the hues away with high rents and heavy policing. This way they can have nice urban playgrounds for their kids to enjoy the cosmopolitan lifestyle, without being stabbed by a junkie.

What we have going on is a racial undertow, where the current at the top appears to be flowing in, but underneath, a stronger current is flowing out. In a society with one defined minority group, the majority will go along with helping the minority. When you have nothing but minority groups, which is where America is headed and where LA is now, you end up with the skins game and that is always a zero sum game with winners and losers.

A popular quote in the hate-think community is from this interview with Lee Kuan Yew. "In multiracial societies, you don't vote in accordance with your economic interests and social interests, you vote in accordance with race and religion." That is the example of history and it is why Singapore has always been an authoritarian society. It is the only way to keep peace. Men with guns have to supervise the skins game.

It is why humans across the globe instinctively reject multiculturalism and diversity. Even the lunatics preaching this nonsense avoid diversity and multiculturalism. They always live in rich white neighborhoods and send their kids to private schools. They like diversity and multiculturalism from a safe distance. Humans know another thing that is popular in the hate-think community. That is, Diversity + Proximity = Violence.

Please see: <http://thezman.com/wordpress/?p=9933>

"The sound you hear is the ratchet clicking."

to where they live. To remedy this, the good schools are punished as a way to "even the playing field." It's an insane effort to implement the Kurt Vonnegut story "Harrison Bergeron" (<http://www.tnellen.com/cybereng/harrison.html>).

A look at the makeup of this particular school offers a glimpse of the future. The

The sound you hear is the ratchet clicking. As these sorts of incidents happen, everyone begins to think in terms of race. The honkies can accept writing checks to the Blacks, maybe, but the Hispanics? The Asians, of course, see no reason for cutting checks to anyone. The Hispanics are in a bind as they try to work out whether it is better to

"Even the lunatics preaching this nonsense avoid diversity and multiculturalism."

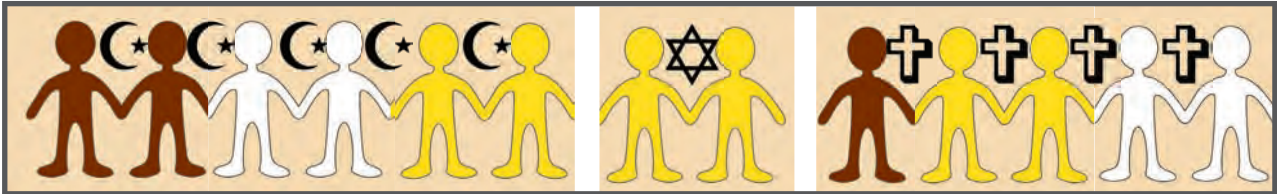
first thing you see is the school is 47% Hispanic, which in Los Angeles is going to mean Mexican, with a sizable chunk of Central Americans. It is roughly 30% white, 11% Asian and 7% black. The test scores, across all races, are above average for the city. This means the school can have a decent basketball team, but still do well in the math bowl.

The North Hollywood area is not a slum, but it is slightly downscale. The demographics, as of 2000, were Hispanics 57.7%, whites 27%, Asians 5.7%, Blacks 5.6%, and others at 4%. Gentrification is underway so those numbers will begin to change as the renters are

be on Team Honky or Team Black, but they are not going to cut checks to the blacks.

The Cloud People imagine a world built like a sports league. The rich successful teams write checks to the poor, unsuccessful teams. That works in baseball as the Yankees and Red Sox need opponents for their games, so they agree to pay Tampa to field a team. In real life, people don't think that way. The Asians are never going to think they need a really good hoops team, so they will hate writing checks to Team Black.

As the racial spoils system settles into society, new types of response develop for each group to maximize



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No Fooling: Doubling Time

by Robert Gore,
Straight Line Logic

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) released figures recently on the government's deficits and the national debt that are downright scary. Unfortunately, they're not nearly scary enough. The assumptions the CBO incorporates are optimistic and will almost certainly be undercut by reality.

The headline projection was the national debt will almost double in 30 years. Using the rule of 72, $T=72/r$, where T is the time in years required for principle to double and r is the annual interest rate compounded, a 30-year doubling time implies the debt is growing at 2.4 percent annually ($30=72/2.4$). However, the national debt almost doubled during George W. Bush's two terms, and almost doubled again during Barack Obama's two terms. That implies a T of a little more than eight years. To be conservative (because debt almost doubled but not quite), round the T up to nine years. Plug that into the rule of 72, and you have the debt growing at eight percent per year ($9=72/8$), or over 3.3 times the rate the CBO is assuming. Scary as that 30-year doubling sounds, simply extrapolating the reality of the last 16 years projects another doubling in not 30,

but nine years, or a year longer than Donald Trump's potential two terms.

But wait, there's more. The CBO assumes the 10-year Treasury rate will be 1.5 percent after inflation over the long term, but last year that rate was 1.9 percent and the year before, 2.2 percent. Ask yourself, with exploding debt and an increasing supply of Treasury bills, notes and bonds, are real rates (the interest rate after inflation) likely to go higher or lower? The CBO says lower; Straight Line Logic (SLL) says higher. The CBO also assumes that potential GDP will grow at 1.9 percent per year over the long term, although it grew an estimated 1.6 percent last year. Ask yourself, with debt service consuming an ever-larger share of the GDP (see next paragraph), will that help or hamper economic growth? The CBO says it will help; SLL says it will hamper. Finally, the CBO assumes that net interest costs will average 2.1 percent of the GDP over the next decade, although last year they were 2.5 percent. Again, ask yourself, will a rising national debt lead to more or less debt service cost relative to the GDP? The CBO says less; SLL says more.

Even the too rosy CBO numbers paint a grim picture. It projects that debt service's

share of total federal spending will triple, from the present seven percent to 21 percent, over the next 30 years. In the same time frame, the national debt as a percent of the GDP will increase from 77 to 150 percent.

President Trump wants to spend "yugely" on infrastructure, increase the military's budget, cut taxes, and not touch entitlement spending. This is all pure fantasy; it's simply not going to happen. Something's got to give, and it will probably start in the bond market. Indeed, it probably already has; the 10-year Treasury rate reached generational lows last July and interest rates have been in an irregular uptrend since. So if you read the Zero Hedge CBO post and are feeling glum, cheer down; you're not feeling glum enough. Unfortunately, this is not an April Fools gag.

(The numbers behind this story come from the Wall Street Journal, "National Debt Is Projected To Nearly Double in 30 Years," (paywall) 3/30/17. For a Zero Hedge summary, see "CBO Warns Of Fiscal Catastrophe As A Result Of Exponential Debt Growth In The U.S.")

Please see: <https://straightlinelogic.com/2017/04/01/no-fooling-by-robert-gore/>

First U.S. City to See Complete Obamacare Collapse

THE DAILY CALLER
NEWS FOUNDATION

by Robert Donachie

KNOXVILLE, Tennessee, could be the first city in the U.S. where Obamacare completely collapses, leaving tens of thousands of people without the option to buy a subsidized insurance policy.

Humana, the city's only remaining insurance provider on its Obamacare exchange, announced it is exiting the market in 2018. If that happens, Knoxville citizens will be in a rough spot. Unless another insurance provider fills Humana's place, some 40,000 people in the Knoxville area will likely be left without the option to purchase an Obamacare-subsidized insurance policy, CNN reports.

Knoxville is illustrative of one of the main problems with Obamacare: It doesn't promote market-based competition. Insurers pull out

of marketplaces where it is not cost-efficient for them to provide services, and, as a result, consumers are left with fewer options at higher prices.

Tennessee is one of the largest casualties of the current health care system. Three insurers have pulled out of the state entirely, the state's co-op failed and premiums continue to skyrocket annually by double-digits. Tennessee's health commissioner has all but given up, describing the state's health care system as "very near collapse."

As it stands, insurance providers have until July 1st to let state authorities know what plans they will provide, if any, on the exchanges in 2018. State officials expect a formal announcement from providers within two months.

Knoxville citizens would still have the option of purchasing insurance on the private marketplace. Without

the Obamacare subsidy to purchase insurance, it is unclear how many consumers would choose to participate in the private insurance market.

To help struggling consumers in their state, Sens. Lamar Alexander and Bob Corker of Tennessee put forth legislation that would allow consumers to use Obamacare subsidies to purchase any state-approved insurance plan on the private marketplace. If the bill passes, it would remain in effect through 2019.

Read more: <http://dailycaller.com/2017/04/04/first-us-city-set-to-see-complete-obamacare-collapse/#ixzz4dJWAIWio>

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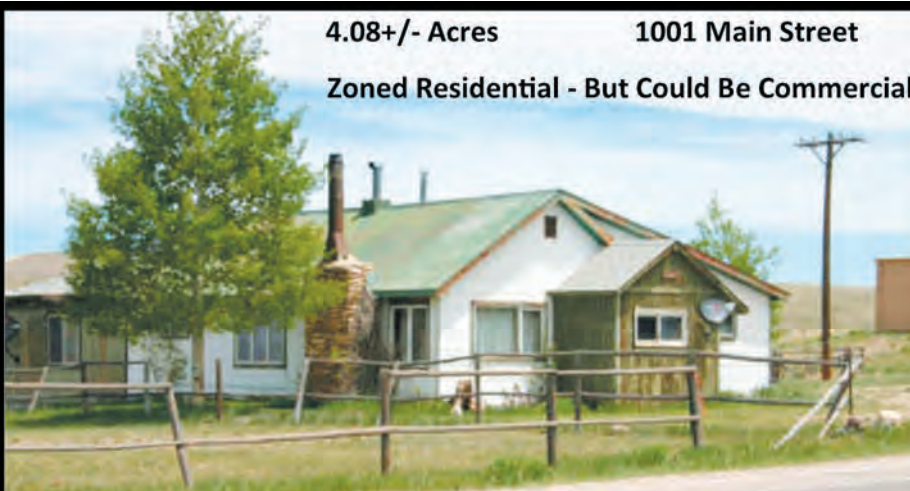
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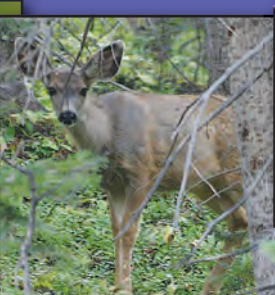
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How a Generation Lost Its Common Culture

by Patrick Deneen,
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My students are know-nothings. They are exceedingly nice, pleasant, trustworthy, mostly honest, well-intentioned and utterly decent. But their brains are largely empty, devoid of any substantial knowledge that might be the fruits of an education in an inheritance and a gift of a previous generation. They are the culmination of western civilization, a civilization that has forgotten nearly everything about itself, and as a result, has achieved near-perfect indifference to its own culture.

It's difficult to gain admissions to the schools where I've taught – Princeton, Georgetown and now Notre Dame. Students at these institutions have done what has been demanded of them: they are superb test-takers, they know exactly what is needed to get an A in every class (meaning that they rarely allow themselves to become passionate and invested in any one subject); they build superb resumes. They are respectful and cordial to their elders, though easy-going if crude with their peers. They respect diversity (without having the slightest clue what diversity is) and they are experts in the arts of non-judgmentalism (at least publicly). They are the cream of their generation, the masters of the universe, a generation-in-waiting to run America and the world.

But ask them some basic questions about the civilization they will be inheriting, and be prepared for averted eyes and somewhat panicked looks. Who fought in the Peloponnesian War? Who taught Plato, and whom did Plato teach? How did Socrates die? Raise your hand if you have read both the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*. The *Canterbury Tales*? *Paradise Lost*? *The Inferno*?

Who was Saul of Tarsus? What were the 95 theses, who wrote them, and what was their effect? Why does the Magna Carta matter? How and where did Thomas Becket die? Who was Guy Fawkes, and why is there a day named after him? What did Lincoln say in his second Inaugural? His first Inaugural? How about his third Inaugural? What are the *Federalist Papers*?

Some students, due most often to serendipitous class choices or a quirky old-fashioned teacher, might know a few of these answers. But most students have not been educated to know them. At best, they possess accidental knowledge, but other-

wise are masters of systematic ignorance. It is not their "fault" for pervasive ignorance of western and American history, civilization, politics, art and literature. They have learned exactly what we have asked of them – to be like mayflies, alive by happenstance in a fleeting present.

Our students' ignorance is not a failing of the educational system – it is its crowning achievement. Efforts by several generations of philosophers and reformers and public policy experts

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— whom our students (and most of us) know nothing about — have combined to produce a generation of know-nothings. The pervasive ignorance of our students is not a mere accident or unfortunate but correctable outcome, if only we hire better teachers or tweak the reading lists in high school. It is the consequence of a civilizational commitment to civilizational suicide. The end of history for our students signals the End of History for the West.

During my lifetime, lamentation over student ignorance has been sounded by the likes of E.D. Hirsch, Allan Bloom, Mark Bauerlein and Jay Leno, among many others. But these lamentations have been leavened with the hope that appeal to our and their better angels might reverse the trend (that's an allusion to Lincoln's first inaugural address, by the way). E.D. Hirsch even worked up a self-help curriculum, a do-it-yourself guide on how to become culturally literate, imbued with the can-do American spirit that cultural defenestration could be reversed by a good reading list in the appendix. Broadly missing is sufficient appreciation that this ignorance is the *intended consequence* of our educational system, a sign of its robust health and success.

We have fallen into the bad and unquestioned habit of thinking that our educational system is broken, but it is working on all cylinders. What our educational system aims to produce is cultural amnesia, a wholesale lack of curiosity, historyless free agents, and educational goals composed of content-free processes and unexamined buzz-words like "critical thinking", "diversity", "ways of knowing", "social justice" and "cultural competence."

Our students are the achievement of a systemic commitment to producing individuals without a past for whom the future is a foreign country, cultureless ciphers who can live anywhere and perform any kind of work without inquiring about its purposes or ends, perfected tools for an economic system that prizes "flexibility" (geographic, interpersonal and ethical).

In such a world, possessing a culture, a history, an inheritance, a commitment to a place and particular

people, specific forms of gratitude and indebtedness (rather than a generalized and deracinated commitment to "social justice"), a strong set of ethical and moral norms that assert definite limits to what one ought and ought not to do (aside from being "judgmental") are hindrances and handicaps.

Regardless of major or course of study, the main object of modern education is to sand off remnants of any cultural or historical specificity and identity that might still stick to our students, to make them perfect company men and women for a modern polity and economy that penalizes deep commitments. Efforts first to foster appreciation for "multiculturalism" signaled a dedication to eviscerate any particular cultural inheritance, while the current fad of "diversity" signals thoroughgoing commitment to decultured and relentless homogenization.

We Must Know...What?

Above all, the one overarching lesson that students receive is the true end of education: the only essential knowledge is that we know ourselves to be radically autonomous selves within a comprehensive global system with a common commitment to mutual indifference. Our commitment to mutual indifference is what binds us together as a global people. Any remnant of a common culture would interfere with this prime directive: a common culture would imply that we share something thicker, an inheritance that we did not create, and a set of commitments that imply limits and particular devotions.

Ancient philosophy and practice praised as an excellent form of government a *res publica* – a devotion to public things, things we

share together. We have instead created the world's first *Res Idiotica* – from the Greek word *idiotes*, meaning "private individual." Our education system produces solipsistic, self-contained selves whose only public commitment is an absence of commitment to a public, a common culture, a shared history. They are perfectly hollowed vessels, receptive and obedient, without any real obligations or devotions.

They won't fight against anyone, because that's not seemly, but they won't fight for anyone or anything either. They are living in a perpetual Truman Show, a world constructed yesterday that is nothing more than a set for their solipsism, without any history or trajectory.

I love my students – like any human being, each has enormous potential and great gifts to bestow upon the world. But I weep for them, for what is rightfully theirs but hasn't been given. On our best days, I discern their longing and anguish and I know that their innate human desire to know who they are, where they have come from, where they ought to go, and how they ought to live will always reassert itself. But even on those better days, I can't help but hold the hopeful thought that the world they have inherited – a world without inheritance, without past, future, or deepest cares – is about to come tumbling down, and that this collapse would be the true beginning of a real education.

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Hillary's New Look
(as if you care)

HuffPost says, "Hillary, is that you?" America's original Nasty Woman debuted a new hairdo on snap chat. She celebrated Women's day by telling followers to Stand up, Resist, run for office, while pairing her new bangs with a snazzy red jacket.

A hairdo hasn't changed this nasty woman, who has always been a redcoat running and resisting arrest for Whitewater, Benghazi, travel gate, file gate, looter gate, e-mail gate and money taken from foreign governments for phony foundation gate.

Let her use her 'Stronger Together' slogan on other inmates! Lock Her up!



The Second Amendment Corner

Liberty's Line in the Sand



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

A Psalm of David, Psalm 144:1

Man Who Used AR-15 To Kill Home Invaders Will NOT Face Charges



by Bob Owens, BearingArms.com

A 23-year-old Broken Arrow, OK, man who used his AR-15 to kill three masked home invaders with one shot each last week will not face any charges after authorities announced that the shooting was an act of self defense under Oklahoma's version of castle doctrine.

The Wagoner County Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney's Office provided an update into the investigation of last week's home invasion that left three teens dead in Broken Arrow on Monday at a press conference.

The triple homicide took place on the 9100 block of South Clearview Drive on March 27th. Wagoner County deputies said at about 12:30 p.m., three masked intruders entered the home, which was occupied by a father and his 23-year-old son, Zach Peters.

Deputies said Peters shot and killed the three intruders with an AR-15.

Peters will not face charges in connection with the shooting, officials said. The Wagoner County District Attorney's Office ruled that Peters acted justifiably in his use of deadly force to defend the home.

Incredibly, the media is still attempting to claim Oklahoma's implementation of stand your ground law is how Peters is avoiding prosecution for the deaths of the three suspects.

Here in reality, we know that it is Oklahoma's long-standing castle doctrine provision that gives homeowners the right to use lethal force against

home intruders, or a business owner to defend his or her business from robbers.

Elizabeth Rodriguez, the ringleader of the gang of burglary suspects and the getaway driver who left her three accomplices behind after shots were fired, was formally charged with three counts of first-degree murder and several counts of first and second-degree burglary. Rodriguez, who seems to be as intelligent as your average storm drain, confessed to the burglaries in a television interview last week, which should all but assure her conviction for the burglary charges, and since the murder charges are hinged upon the felony murder rule, a conviction on all three murder counts as well.

Oklahoma allows the execution of convicted first-degree murderers, but prosecutors have not yet announced whether they will seek the death penalty.

Despite being reviled by gun control supporters, AR-15s are excellent home defense weapons, featuring low-recoil, good ammunition capacity, and excellent self-defense performance from standard 55-grain FMJ M193 "ball" ammunition originally designed for the M16A1 assault rifle, but which is now also the cheapest bulk practice ammunition in .223 Remington and 5.56 NATO variants.

The three teenaged burglars killed in the home invasion were each struck just once.

Please see: <https://bearingarms.com/bob-o/2017/04/03/man-used-ar-15-kill-home-invaders-will-not-face-charges/>

DOJ Seized Man's 541 Guns with NO Charges Filed, He Fought Back and Got Them All Back



The DOJ had taken 209 handguns, 88 shotguns, 234 rifles, 181 standard capacity magazines, 10 high capacity magazines, 100,521 rounds of various ammunition, and 10 firearms classified by the DOJ as "assault weapons" including a .50 caliber bolt action rifle from Mr. Sheakalee.

Courtesy Photo from FreedomOutpost.com

by Tim Brown, FreedomOutpost.com

A California Federal Firearms License holder who had his entire firearms collection of 541 guns seized with no charges filed against him, has had his guns returned.

Albert Sheakalee, who lives in the Clovis area, went through mental health treatment in 2014. He has had a clean criminal record all of his life and owns a retirement home. He is a retired budget director of Fresno Community Hospital, and has held an FFL for more than two decades.

However, under the Obama administration, the Justice Department went after his guns without any charges or guilt of any crime being obtained, a clear violation of the Fifth Amendment's protection that he not be deprived of his rights (specifically the right to keep and bear arms).

A press release at the time by then-state Attorney General, now Senator Kamala Harris barred him from owning guns and brought about a 12-hour raid on his home by the Bureau of Firearms Special Agents on November 12, 2015. He was subsequently arrested for allegedly possessing illegal firearms.

The move was based on the Armed Prohibited Persons System (APPS) database, but it's much like the terror watch list in that it's a list with people who have not committed a crime and have not necessarily been convicted of a crime in which they should lose their rights.

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action rifle from Mr. Sheakalee.

At the time Sheakalee's attorney, Mark Coleman, said that the weapons were all legal. However, he said the state violated Sheakalee's rights, and since he was unaware of being in a database, he was denied the right to due process of law to sort the matter out before a dangerous raid that could have resulted in death took place.

"He has never been adjudicated as any sort of threat to anyone," Coleman told *The Fresno Bee*. "And despite his desire to find help, Sheakalee found himself on a government list which the Department of Justice claim denies him the right to own firearms."

Of course, Ms. Harris used the opportunity to grandstand as though she was actually accomplishing something to enforce the law while she was clearly violating the law, along with every person involved in the raid.

"Removing firearms from dangerous and violent individuals who pose a threat to themselves and the public is a top priority for the California Department of Justice," said Attorney General Harris. "I thank our Bureau of Firearms Special Agents for their bravery in carrying out these dangerous investigations and their commitment to keeping our communities safe."

How was Mr. Sheakalee dangerous? How was he violent? The truth of the matter is that what Harris and the agents engaged in was not only criminal, but it was dangerous and could have resulted in violence, but that is what government is, they are brute force.

Coleman claims that Harris was nothing more than grandstanding as Harris was seeking a senate seat.

"As far as I am concerned, it was a real political deal. Harris was running for

senator," Coleman said.

The Fresno Bee went on to report:

The issue took on renewed interest this year when President Donald Trump signed a bill scrapping an Obama administration regulation adding those receiving mental health disability benefits to the national firearm background-check database. Persons in the database are barred from buying guns.

No charges were ever filed against Sheakalee, but the firearms were not returned until Coleman went to court. On December 12, 2016, Fresno County Superior Court Judge Jonathan Conklin ordered the guns turned over to a Fresno firearms dealer on behalf of the family.

Coleman said that the raid had a "traumatic effect on the family." He also said that the ban targeted people who were seeking mental health care and would "result in people refusing to seek mental health treatment" because they do not want to be in a database. This would then have "an incredible chilling effect."

I agree, and it's not government's place to determine who is mentally healthy or not and it certainly is not within the confines of our laws to deprive American citizens of rights without due process of law. Mr. Sheakalee should sue the state of California and specifically every agent involved and Kamala Harris. Those individuals should pay out of their own pockets all attorney's fees and damages to him and his family for their flagrant disregard for the law of the land, the U.S. Constitution and the rights of Mr. Sheakalee.

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Zero Tolerance: Educator Tyranny

by The NRA Institute
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The “Three Rs” used to stand for reading, writing, and arithmetic. Now, with zero-tolerance policies that ignore facts and logic, it’s reading, writing and ridiculous.

Caitlin Miller, aged five, of Hoke County, North Carolina, was suspended from kindergarten after making shooting motions with a stick during a recess game of “Kings and Queens” (Caitlin was the royal security detail). Citing the need to provide “a safe and orderly environment for learning,” the school uses a zero-tolerance policy for “assaults, threats or harassment from any student.” The suspension letter from the assistant principal advises that Caitlin was being punished for “turning a stick into a gun and threatening to shoot and kill other students.”

This episode follows a report of disciplinary action earlier in March against four-year-old preschooler, Hunter Crowe. Hunter was suspended for seven days because – according to Hunter’s mom – staff alleged he brought a “shotgun bullet” into the preschool. Closer examination indicated the offending item was, in fact, an empty .22 shell casing,

which Hunter picked up after a weekend with his grandfather, a police officer, learning gun safety. Hunter didn’t threaten or hurt anyone, but simply brought the spent casing along as something



to share with his friends. The preschool, however, apparently views this (and Hunter’s use of other toys as “pretend” guns) as a sign of a troubled or degenerate personality.

The preschool director’s letter explains that Hunter had already been told that “guns, hunting, etc., are not subjects that are to be discussed at school,” and that the punishment is intended as a “learning experience” that will lead to a “new outlook and understanding about these issues and the safety of his fellow class-

mates.” Hunter’s mother says she was warned that if Hunter’s “enthusiasm for guns continued, he’d be permanently expelled.” (What next? A demand that Hunter change his name because it is

associated with the “oppression of the environment”?)

Both Caitlin and Hunter are hurt and confused about why they are being banished from school. For adults, the reason is fairly obvious. As we’ve noted previously, these incidents represent a larger trend in schools from kindergarten to high school and beyond to marginalize lawful firearms and firearm use as abnormal by prohibiting speech about guns, drawing pictures of guns, wearing clothing depicting guns (even entirely fictional guns), pointing

a “finger gun,” chewing food into maybe-gun shapes, and other benign behavior. In an ad released last year, one group suggested that ordinary activities like reading a gun magazine or looking at a firearm-related video were among the sinister giveaways of an incipient mass murderer.

The ostensible reasons given for these blanket prohibitions are safety and the need for a secure learning environment, yet rules like these can’t legitimately be justified on safety grounds.

Unfortunately, enforcing such ridiculous restrictions has real and disproportionate consequences for good kids. Besides the immediate impact of a “corrective action” like suspension, these students face being stigmatized as “disruptive” or problem students with “behavioral issues” once these infractions are noted in their school records. In one case, a five-year-old kindergarten who pointed a crayon while making “pew pew” sounds was required to sign a “school safety contract” promising that she would not commit suicide or kill others, and had to respond to a “suicide/homicide assessment” questionnaire, with school officials recommending that the child see a psychiatrist. Such actions also have the potential to

bring parents within the ambit of government oversight and investigation – Hunter Crowe’s mother was apparently told that in addition to the suspension, preschool officials would be notifying the state Department of Children and Family Services.

Educators pride themselves on valuing diversity, promoting inclusivity, and fostering the freedom of students to think imaginatively and creatively. Incidents like these, though, suggest that this tolerance extends only to students with views that conform to political and social ideals about firearms that educators endorse as desirable and “correct.” And we grade that as “Fail.”

Please see: <https://www.nra. org/articles/20170331/zero-tolerance-policies-and-the-making-of-a-preschool-pariah>

In time of peace,
prepare for war.

—George Washington

Army Considers Bringing Battle Rifles Back to War

by Bob Owens,
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For the first time since the M14 was issued in the early days of the Vietnam War, the U.S. Army is giving serious consideration to bringing the battle rifle back to war.

According to multiple sources, what started out as a directed requirement for a 7.62 NATO Designated Marksman Rifle for issue to Infantry Rifle Squads has grown in scope to increase the Basis of Issue to all personnel in Brigade Combat Teams and perhaps beyond. The genesis of this requirement is overmatch. The troops feel like they’re in a street fight with a guy with longer arms. The 7.62x54R cartridge gives the enemy those longer arms.

Consequently, the Army wants to enable the rifleman to accurately engage targets at a further range than the current 5.56mm. Although at this point, I’ll keep that exact distance close to the vest. The goal here is to foster a dialogue about the 7.62 requirement in general, and not offer operational specifics.

It’s important to establish right up front that 7.62mm is not the Army’s end goal. The “Interim” component of this capability’s name relies on a plan to eventually adopt one of the 6.5mm family of intermediate calibers. Currently, elements of the Army are evaluating .260, .264 USA and .277 USA. The .260 is commercially available while .264 USA and .277 USA are developments of the Army Marksmanship Unit. Unfortu-

nately, the U.S. Army doesn’t plan to conduct an intermediate caliber study until the early 2020s. That’s why they want to adopt 7.62mm now. The idea is to adopt the Battle Rifle to deal with a newly identified threat with what’s available now, and transition the fleet to an intermediate caliber cartridge, once its selected. Additionally, the transition to this proposed intermediate caliber cartridge is possible from a 7.62 platform. Such a transition is all-but-impossible with the current 5.56 receiver sets.

Presently, the military will likely be best served by bringing in a commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) solution, choosing from a range of 7.62 NATO rifles currently available on the market to handle the duties required of a battle rifle until a single long-term replacement for both the 5.56 NATO and 7.62 NATO is developed. Presently, the Army Marksmanship Unit (AMU) is testing several cartridges in the 6.5mm to 6.8mm range which may give soldiers more punch and longer range, but at the cost of the amount of ammunition a soldier can practically carry, and with significantly greater recoil than the 5.56 NATO “poodle shooter.”

The demand for a battle rifle comes primarily from the Afghan War, where insurgents are ambushing U.S. forces with 7.62x54R machine guns from beyond the practical engagement range of soldiers and Marines armed with

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George Washington - First President of the United States

Politics & The Bible From Pastor Jim



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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.



HE IS RISEN

According to Chuck Schumer, Judge Neil Gorsuch isn't mainstream enough to satisfy the taste of the senator's caucus. It seems logical that the recent election was a reflection of "mainstream" which leads to the conclusion that the Democrats' definition of mainstream is way left of center. I do not know if Pharisee Schumer would have approved of Jesus Christ's far right positions, but it seems ironic that this is the week we acknowledge His murder, burial and resurrection. It is interesting, to say the least, that He who "shall judge the secrets of men" (Romans 2:16) was anything but "mainstream."

Every time Jesus healed folks on the Sabbath day, ridiculed dead religion or made the ecclesiastical big shots look foolish as a result of Scriptural ignorance, the media moved Him further off center. However, none of these pursuits set the Saviour apart from the crowd more than conquering the grave. Easter, a celebration of the Resurrection throughout the world, is pictured and preached from Liberal pulpits...which still observe it, although they do not believe in it.

The "resurrection" for the news media and the National Council of Churches is actually the "ever living," "always present," eternal "verities" of the human life and human teachings of an exemplary human who could "show the way to God." This "resurrection" is the Greek-agnostic resurrection (or Oriental transmigration of a spiritual nothing into a philosophical less-than-nothing.) The resurrection "from the dead" (Matthew 28:7) is an entirely different thing. Its rejectors, sterile socialists, cannot let it go, and they cannot handle it. They are like a blind man using his fingers to make a honey and jam sandwich.

According to the Apostle Paul, belief and personal confidence in Christ's physical and literal resurrection is as necessary as belief in His atoning shed blood on the cross. "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (Romans 10:9) Because of that necessity, the Scriptures mention several "infallible proofs" (Acts 1:2, 3) of an actual, bodily resurrection of the same man who was crucified:

1. The body was missing. (Matthew 28:6)
2. Those most anxious to recover the body (the Jewish elders) never recovered it. (Matthew 28:15)
3. The resurrected Christ was seen by more than 500 witnesses. (I Corinthians 15:5-8)

4. If it was stolen, whoever stole it had the power to "hypnotize" Roman soldiers long enough to steal it. (Matthew 28:4)
5. If it was stolen, the stupid thief wasted fifteen precious minutes unwinding the body and folding up the grave clothes into a neat little pile! (John 20:5, 7)
6. If it was stolen, the Roman government and the Jewish Sanhedrin could not find it in forty years, even though the integrity of both was at stake!
7. If it only arose "spiritually," it could still eat and drink. (Luke 24:42)
8. It had "flesh and bones" (Luke 24:39) and testified of its own resurrection forty days after it arose.

Of course, these facts are extracted from the Scriptures, and so to ignore them is tantamount to a blatant rejection of the Word of God in totality. In short, the physical resurrection of the Saviour guarantees five things which are hated, fought, denied, slandered or stamped out by the liberal intelligentsia because they fear these truths:

1. There is a resurrection before the last judgment.
2. It is a resurrection of born again Bible believers who have accepted the gospel of I Corinthians 15:1-5)
3. It is proof that no religious person is saved, if he is trusting his own righteousness, motives, sincerity, good works, sacraments, religion, church, or intentions to save him.
4. It is a guarantee that men will have to arise and face God bodily for their deeds in the body and give an account to a Supreme Being who has no more respect for "religion" and "belief in one god" than He does for a drunken atheist.
5. It is a guarantee that by simple, childlike belief and trust in the works and death of God's Son, the humblest, most ignorant human being can have access to Him.

An ecumenicist that neglects to tell its constituents that salvation is not religion, that the Saviour is not just a teacher, and that the new birth is not a transcendental experience, is nothing but a religious cooperative for slave laborers. Go to the tombs of the world's great religious leaders, and you will find one great commonality that extends beyond their theology, philosophy or psychology—they are all dead!

"He is not here: for He is risen." (Matthew 28:6) The words ring through the darkness of religion and sacramentalism as a siren splits the midnight. No wonder the doctrines, words and deeds of Jesus Christ continue to haunt the rejectors.

A Sheepdog Barks!

Some more sheepdog pot-pourri. Here are some things I believe are truths that are helping destroy the America I grew up in and love so dearly. #Our legal system has been utterly and completely polluted by progressive activist judges. #Parents have overpraised several generations of young people and we are seeing the consequences now. #Gender identity is way out of control. A judge in Oregon has allowed a resident to declare himself "genderless". Sorry, but this will not be good for America. #Tax money being given to the Ivy League universities, all of which are hot beds of liberalism and socialism, is a crime. Those eight universities have over \$119 billion in endowments. Let them use their own money. The taxpayer gravy train must end. #Susan Rice is a pathological liar and was very much an "useful idiot" for Obama. #Michael Moore is an idiot and a liberal propagandist. He recently said that President Trump's climate change action was the beginning of the extinction of human life. #Al Gore is another liar. Everything he's said has been wrong but he got very rich. When the polar bear became extinct I was so depressed that...wait...what? #A college student was docked on her grade for using the term mankind. The Northern Arizona University professor said the word mankind is sexist and doesn't mean all people. Yikes! #Republicans eat their own young. When in power they are totally dysfunctional. #Climate science is bogus. They have been caught cheating several times. Just learned that the Paris agreements were based on manipulated oceans temps. It seems the more accurate temps from ocean buoys didn't support their data so they used the higher temps from intake monitors on ships. Whatever it takes to justify their predetermined conclusions! #Islam is not a religion, it's a totalitarian ideology. It controls religion, commerce, governing, justice, economy and the politics of a country. #Obama and Clapper lied about spying on Americans as well as other world leaders. But now we're supposed to believe them. #The Russian election conspiracy is a hoax. A sitting president (Obama) concocts a story of "Russian conspiracy" and uses federal judges as his foil to approve wiretapping and unmasking

Americans against an opposing presidential party during an election. The MSM and the LPSDs are good with that. #At first it was Sanctuary cities and churches. Now it's Sanctuary schools, restaurants and states. #Sportscasters, coaches and sports organizations, like the NCAA, should stick to sports, not determining who can go to what bathrooms by using financial power as a club. #The USMC got rid of rifleman and artilleryman and replaced those titles with Rifle Marine and Artillery Marine. Wonder why? The word-police want the word "man" out of the dictionary. So I read where a "man-eating shark" is now required to be called a "gender identity neutral humanoid-eating shark." That's so much better. # So it follows that "human" needs to become "huperson". Really? # When a Muslim kills a homosexual, it is not considered a hate crime; it's just a mercy killing. Remember not all Muslims are bad. WOOF!

Moving on. As I was still cleaning up my piles, I found some old Army stuff I thought some of you might enjoy.

My favorite mobilization order:

"Everyone will now be mobilized and all boys old enough to carry a spear will be sent to Addis Ababa. Married men will take their wives to carry food and cook. Those without wives will take any woman without a husband. Women with small babies need not go. The blind, those who cannot walk or for any reason cannot carry a spear are exempted. Anyone found at home after receipt of this order will be hanged." Haile Selassie (Upon invasion by Italy, 1935)

Some Murphy's Laws of Combat:

#If it's stupid but works, it is not stupid. #Never forget your weapon was made by the lowest bidder. #All five-second grenades will burn down in three seconds. #The important things are always simple. #The simple things are always hard. #The easy way is always mined. #Friendly fire – isn't. #Things that must be together to work usually can't be shipped together. #Tracers work both ways.

Sixteen All-Time biggest Real Soldier Lies:

#"I put it in distribution." #Your pay will be straight at



the end of the month." #I know I left it right here on top of my desk." #Of course I can read a map!" #It's on valid requisition." #No Sir, I don't smoke dope!" #He's in the motor pool." #I have to go back to the rear." #I read the after action report." #I don't give a darn if the General hears about this!" #I need this for the old man right away!" #I was here until midnight last night working on this!" #Sorry I'm late, but the Colonel called me just as I was about to leave." #Give me your number and I'll call you back." #This is a courtesy inspection." #We're here to help you."

My favorite desk sign:

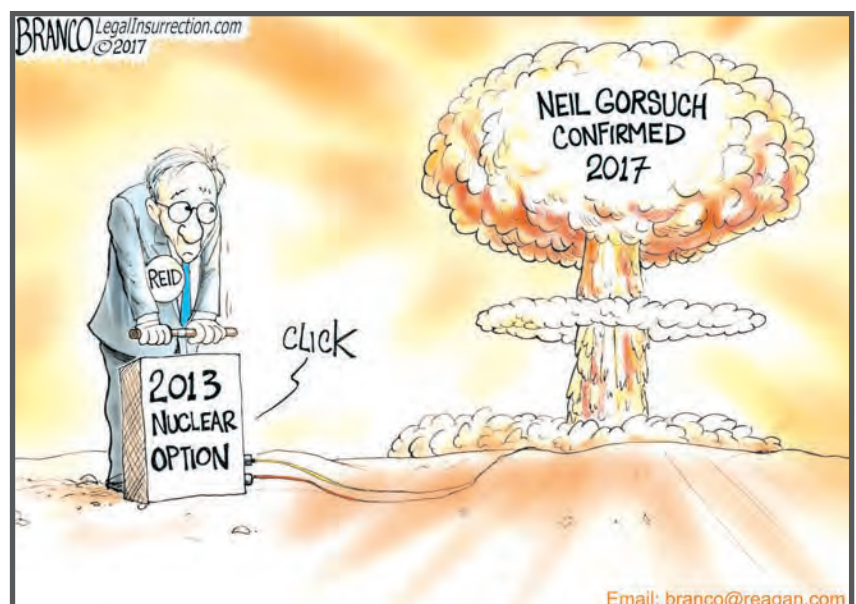
"I know you believe you understand what you think I said but I am not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant."

One of my favorite quotes:

"War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things. The decayed and degraded state of morale and patriotic feeling which thinks that nothing is worth war is much worse. The man who has nothing for which he is willing to fight, and nothing he cares more about than his personal safety is a miserable creature who has no chance of being free unless made and kept so by the exertion of better men than himself." John S. Mill, 1806-1873

Ending today with a big shout out to former senate majority leader Harry Reid (D-NV). His direct action in 2013 ensured the 2017 confirmation and swearing-in of Justice Neil Gorsuch. Without his ill-advised changing of the senate rules it is very likely Obama would have filled Justice Scalia's seat with a liberal changing the ideological bias of the court to a liberal progressive one. Now it remains safely conservative and might get even stronger. Thanks Harry! WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



BOCC
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to discuss a personnel issue regarding salary cap. Dawna Hobby from HR was included.

After an hour and a half, the Board reconvened publicly.

Virginia Trujillo gave the Treasurer’s report.

Cindy Howard from OEM reported on the Homeland Security Grant. The Salamander system is on line and ID’s from emergency personnel have been printed. The scene lighting has been shipped. She stressed that she needed to concentrate on mitigation funds rather than recovery funds because the county gets shortchanged on recovery money.

Mrs. Hood addressed the Board regarding the Extension Advisory Board. She requested that the Board un-appoint the sitting advisory

board and referred to an email they had received from Carole Custer. She was visibly agitated at the email and her response was that, since we do not at this time have an extension agent, the Extension Advisory Board should be done away with. *(Editor/Ilv: That letter is printed in full in this addition. See page 1)* Mr. Printz urged her to not react to the email in that way and suggested that the Board try not to ruffle feathers. Mrs. Hood responded that communication needed to happen and that the Extension Advisory Board needed to be told what their duties are during this time. Mr. Printz suggested that the Board write a letter to the members of the Advisory Board detailing what they could and couldn’t do. Mr. Kattnig stated that they needed to understand that they are “advisory” only and that they could make no public statements and should be reminded of their responsibilities

and protocols. Mr. Printz again urged a less reactive response and again suggested that the Board write a letter telling the advisory board what their role will be in the interim while we do not have an extension agent.

The Board accepted the Adolf Coors grant of \$25K for the Wetmore Community Center. This grant has been in the works since before the first of the year and will bring down the overage considerably.

The Board went into executive session to interview two people for the public health nurse position. They went back into public session at 3:15 p.m.

The Board discussed the trouble they are having getting insured contractors to bid on the door they want to build from the judge’s chambers into the courtroom. Deputy Halpin has been trying to find a contractor. Mrs. Hood said she

knows a lot of contractors and will get with Halpin about this.

Next, the Board addressed the McCarty family proposal to deed property from the Lake Deweese area to the county. Attorney Smith has written up the deed and it was agreed that the Chairman would sign it and have it waiting for the McCarty representative when they came in to sign it. It will then be recorded.

The Airport Advisory Board report was given by Jay Printz.

Beth Green gave the Public Health report. Topics she covered were immunization, emergency preparedness, one mild case of pertussis and the upcoming health fair. She also updated the Board on the school nurse’s work. Mr. Printz asked her to look into the AED for the WCC.

Tim Swartz updated the Board with the Veteran’s

Services Report. He stated that older vets are not coming in to get registered with his office. He will have the Telehealth tablet in the next few days and he’s worked with Sheriff Byerly to find a place for vets to get on the Telehealth system in privacy. Mr. Kattnig addressed Swartz request for a raise. There is no further money from the state. Mrs. Hood informed Swartz that they needed to schedule his annual evaluation. Then, they’d go from there.

Laura Lockhart gave the Human Services report.

The Board announced that it would offer the county health nurse position to Elisa Magnuson. The starting salary will be \$48K at 32 hours per week with the condition that she completes her bachelor’s degree in 2017. Mr. Printz stated that he would like Magnuson to know that the salary she was requesting – which he did not specify

– was not out of the realm but that it wouldn’t be appropriate until she has her degree. The Board will re-evaluate her salary toward the end of the year.

Mrs. Hood reported that she had spoken with IT Director Ippolito and that now that the courthouse and the Sheriff’s Office are tied together with fiber, the courthouse needed a generator. Apparently when the town lost power, the courthouse not having a generator “brought the SO down.” She wants the Board to think about it.

Mr. Printz asked about the procedure for closing the courthouse. Mrs. Hood said there should be a policy in the new employee policies that she is working on. They discussed how a phone tree would work for letting employees know if the courthouse is closed.

The meeting was adjourned but no time was given.



TAKIN’ IT
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the state. Checking out what lies ahead before blindly rushing in – what a novel concept!

As the Legislature returns to its “normal” routine, two major issues remain unresolved. The School Finance Bill, always one of the last challenges to be addressed each session, will be introduced soon. The Long Bill allowed for a \$185 per pupil increase across the board, while cutting about \$48 million from the formula. The \$48 million cut increases the infamous “Negative Factor” by that same amount.

The second major issue is transportation funding. HB 17-1242, the bill that would send a tax measure to the ballot in November raising the state sales tax by .62% for 20 years, has created a

firestorm. In addition, SB 17-267 is attempting to address the transportation challenge from another angle. Lurking in the shadows of the transportation question is the \$264 million reduction in the Hospital Provider Fee to balance the state budget. There is no simple solution to these challenges – stay tuned for the battle...

I agreed to sponsor a couple of late bills this past week. **One is the Colorado Parks and Wildlife’s “Fee Bill”.** I serve as co-chair for the Sportsman’s Caucus here in the House. It stood to reason that I would be involved in the Fee Bill. CPW has made it clear that they need to increase fees since there has been no fee increase for nearly a decade. I signed onto the bill to make sure the fees would be fair and to insure accountability and transparency on the part

of CPW in their handling of the additional dollars. However, we still have some major issues to work out before the bill is ready for “prime time”. As the bill reaches its final form, I will include the details in a later column.

As the tempo increases going into the final stretch, please feel free to call my office in the Capitol with any questions/concerns at 303-866-2747 or send me an e-mail: wilsonforhd60@gmail.com or james.wilson.house@state.co.us.

(Editor/Ilv: We hope while you sponsor that Wildlife fee bill, that you do not support those increased fees. We pay enough and sportsmen should not have to pay for the Parks and Recreation’s push for an increased budget which is not needed by the Wildlife division.)

ARMY
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5.56 NATO M4 carbines. 7.62 NATO battle rifles would once again allow rank and file soldiers (and not just designated marksmen and snipers) the ability to reach out beyond 500-600 meters

to where enemy combatants have preferred to engage.

It’s far too early to know if the Army will look to integrating one of the 7.62 NATO semi-automatic rifles currently used by SOCOM or sniper teams as their choice of

battle rifle, or if they will instead look to issuing an RFP for a new battle rifle entirely.

Please see: <https://bearingarms.com/bob-o/2017/04/05/army-consider-bringing-battle-rifles-back-war/>

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