

“Republican” Comish Kattnig Skips Republican Dinner, Then Attends Democrat Dinner!!!

Other Two “Republican” Commissioners Also No Shows

by George Gramlich,
News and Commentary

My, my, my. I can hear then Commissioner candidate Bob Kattnig stating unequivocally, about two and a half years ago, in the *Sentinel's* office, to my face, that he was a “conservative Republican”. He then listed the usual conservative talking points that he adhered to politically. Sounded good to me. Although his family were life-long democrats, and he was a long term, tenured professor at an Arizona university (warning signs, maybe?), he insisted he believed in limited government and traditional conservative American values.

“Honesty” was one of his big themes. Yes, honesty. A “man of his word” or a similar phrase was used often. “I will treat people fairly” was another. Hmmm.

two Custer County School homeschooled students received awards for an essay contest), and ATTENDS AND SPEAKS AT THE DEMOCRAT DINNER a

loyalty only matter when it is politically expedient.

Little did we know.

Fast forward two and half years, fellow Custer County citizens. Yes, Republicans, Democrats and Independents. What we have here in Kattnig is a person who intentionally deceived the citizens who signed his primary petition to get him on the ballot; who intentionally deceived the Republican Central Committee (RCC), and intentionally deceived the citizens of Custer County who voted for “Mr. Honesty” because he was a “Republican”.

After Kattnig got elected two years ago, you could

visibly see the constant friction between then Republican Commissioners Attebury and Shy versus Kattnig at the Commissioner meetings. It was obvious they disagreed on a whole variety of topics. Attebury and Shy were (and are) good, solid, traditional, rural, conservative Republicans. And allegedly so was “Republican Bob”. So, why the friction?

We now know. As soon as our two new RINO Commissioners were sworn in, the cat was out of the bag for all three.

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“...as we march towards
being Boulder South...

And now we have this: Registered Republican Commissioner Bob Kattnig skips the most important Republican event of the year, the Lincoln Day Dinner, sponsored by the Republican Central Committee (where

few days later. Guess who also skipped the Lincoln Day Dinner? Our two newly elected RINO Commissioners, Jay Printz and Donna Hood. Too busy watching CNN maybe. How nice. How loyal. Children and

Enviro Insanity

by William B. Scott

(Editor/GG: Bill Scott lives in Colorado Springs and has a summer cabin here in the valley. He is the retired bureau chief of Aviation Week and Space Technology and is a very well known author. His body of work includes “Counter Space: The Next Hours of WW III” and “The Permit”. Bill has graciously granted the Sentinel permission to reprint his recent short story on government run amuck, “Enviro Insanity”. This is Part 1 of 3.)

In 1978, Bill L. Minor was looking forward to an enjoyable fishing trip, soaking up nature’s serenity while dipping a line in the East Fork of the Walker River. He had flown into a friend’s private airstrip near the high desert foothills of the Eastern Sierra Nevada mountains, about 40 miles southeast of Lake Tahoe, and driven to a favorite fishing spot along the river.

At some point, a local farmer drove up and started chatting. The two got

acquainted as Bill leisurely drowned a few worms, discovering they shared the common language of men who loved



and valued the land. Later in the day, Bill stopped by the gent’s spread—and was stunned by his host’s amazing garden. Tomatoes bigger than softballs. Zucchini squash 20-24 inches long. Healthy corn standing six feet tall, its stalks laden with large ears.

“How do you get this kind of yield?” Bill asked in awe.

“Just mixed some yellow dirt into the ground,” the farmer smiled, handing Bill a sample. “Works on livestock, too.” Chickens that ate the stuff were laying an abundance of large eggs, and cows were producing milk in record quantities.

“Where’d you find this ‘dirt’?” Bill pressed, inspecting the ochre-colored soil.

“Well, there’s a whole mountain of it out there,” the man said, pointing. “Coupla thousand-foot piles.” The observant gentleman farmer had noticed deer nibbling on the yellowish soil, and figured there had to be a good reason. He’d shot a healthy buck and was impressed by the venison’s taste and high quality. That led to feeding “yellow dirt” to his own animals and working it into the vegetable garden’s soil. Results were astounding.

Bill was more than idly curious. He had grown up in a Missouri farming and ranching family, held a business degree, and had studied agronomy and animal husbandry at the University of California-Davis. He subsequently sent a sample of the intriguing substance to a friend who headed the food science department at the University of Washington.

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To Text or Not to Text... Confusing Colorado Law Increases Fine, Blurs Definition

by George Gramlich

Now if you get caught “texting while driving” and get convicted it’s going to cost you \$300 instead of \$50. But there’s a catch: You have to be driving “careless” at the same time. Plus the law enforcement officer (LEO) must actually observe you

texting. The observation can’t come from any other source.his new law, SB 17-027 was signed into law by Governor Hickenlooper on June 1, 2017.

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June 26th: a Meeting on Building Code Folks Need to BE THERE

To the Editor;

On Monday, the 26th of June, the County Planning and Zoning Advisory Board, not the Planning Commission nor the Board of Zoning Adjustment, will hold a meeting so that they can recommend adoption of a building code to the County Commissioners. The meeting is at 7 p.m. in the Courtroom. It is possible, though unlikely, that opposition to adopting a building code will be heard.

I have included the *Letter to the Editor* I wrote regarding the Pro's and Con's document submitted by Commissioner Jay Printz and his cabal. It doesn't address the building code as much as debunk their assertions. It is unknown if the push will be for International Residential Code or if Printz's push includes the commercial code. Given that Printz wants the proposed county inspector to also cover the town's inspections, we can assume he will push for adoption of the commercial code disregarding the fact that there is not a commercial zone in the county. Unless they designate AG as commercial as they have done elsewhere. Show up before you lose another right.

Here's my LTE, in case you missed it a few weeks ago:

Weighing in on the Push for a Building Code

Liberals in Custer County have been pushing a building code for a long, long time. And now we have the latest iteration, a la Progressive Printz.

Apparently the Printz has been holding secret meetings to implement a building code for the County. And as usual he shows a complete contempt for both the law and his subjects. Rather than discuss this major character flaw, I'd like to discuss his proposal. He starts with the unanimous consent of those secret conspirators and states that they are requesting, in their capacity as surrogates for the Board of County Commissioners, that the Planning and Zoning Committee, apparently another new group, write some building and fire codes that mirror the codes of the towns. It is unknown what building code has been adopted by the Town of Westcliffe. It might be the Uniform Building Code (UBC) or the International Building Code (IBC). It is also unknown when the building code was adopted. The reason that it is unknown is that there doesn't seem to be a record of this adoption.

Regardless, the secret cabal allegedly identified the pros and cons of adopting a building code. Obviously the pros outnumber the cons. That would be a foregone conclusion of such a secret meeting. Let's go through the pros and see if they are valid conclusions.

First is "Better product produced". Of course there isn't any evidence cited but the truth is that this claim is false on its face. The reality is that all the good builders in the county build better than code and that a building code protects bad

builders and fly-by-night builders. That is the main purpose of the code, to provide cover for builders from lawsuits. They can claim that the structure was "built to code" so they aren't responsible.

Second "Reduce/eliminate inappropriate or dangerous shortcuts and cost saving activities". This is just a ridiculous statement. Who is supposedly doing this? Hired builders or homeowners? And what are these alleged shortcuts? Building with straw bale or tires? As though any responsible individual is actually going to take dangerous shortcuts. But even if a builder did, responsible homeowners and lenders inspect the work being performed.

Third "Higher resale value". A completely specious claim. What causes the higher resale value is the higher cost to build because of all the regulations and inspections. It also isn't a function of government to increase the monetary gain of select groups.

Fourth "Easier mortgage (lower debt/equity ratio)". See above but also when someone builds their own house they either have sweat equity and don't need a mortgage or they manage costs so that their mortgage requirements are much lower.

I haven't even gotten to the really stupid pros yet.

Fifth "Lower insurance costs". Can't imagine where they pulled this from. Insurance is based on the value of the property.

Perhaps what they mean is lower fire insurance but this is also not true. That insurance would be based on the likelihood of a fire destroying the structure and as we have seen from fires like Black Forest experienced, the insurance companies required all trees and brush within 100 feet of a structure be removed.

Sixth "Health and safety of occupants" (including fire/construction) safety (sic). Stop laughing. We all know that where there is a building code, construction workers never get hurt and homeowners always are protected against the ravages of nature. When there is a building code, winds never drive debris through walls, trees never fall on homes, snow never crushes a structure, carbon monoxide never builds up. Well you get the picture.

Seventh "Equitable - Level field - One code for everyone". So does that mean Kommissar Printz wants to regulate the minimum size of structures in the County and Silver Cliff like he has done in Westcliffe? Then it isn't about safety at all is it? And exactly which code has Westcliffe adopted? And when? And does the Town of Westcliffe follow the same regulations as Silver Cliff with regard to modular homes? And will alternative building materials be disallowed?

Eighth "Eliminate property tax evasion schemes". I guess the assessor's office doesn't do their job and never check out structures. But a different government agency will do better than

the existing one. Are there any County employees doing their job?

Ninth "Protect buyers not familiar with proper building standards and adherence thereto". Another way to say this is remove personal responsibility from people and protect them from being STUPID. Maybe that's too harsh. Still, if you don't know what you're doing, hire someone who does. There are lots of building inspection firms that guarantee their findings and warn of problems where a bureaucrat just stamps "built to the lowest common denominator".

And the final pro, and my all-time favorite, "Reasonable flood insurance availability". Flood insurance has nothing to do with adopting some arbitrary building code. It has to do with becoming a FEMA participating county and producing flood maps. The HUD flood maps are not only half a century old, their scale is pathetic. The smallest amount of homework would have revealed this. And I personally know of residents that have flood insurance for about \$100 per year. And that's through Lloyd's of London.

My favorite con is "3. Restricting Class of people (tent dwellers, makeshift housing, etc)". Notice the wording - class of people. We certainly don't want the riff-raff living here. How can we make this Vail or Aspen if those kind of people

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IBC: The Answer to the Question Nobody is Asking

To the editor,

I've been reading about some of the recent BOCC "discussions" with interest since I own property in rural Westcliffe. If I may address a few things:

The Dark Sky ordinance: Regarding the county attorney's comments about the ordinance not being enforced so passing an ordinance is not a problem. What utter horse pucky. If there is an "ordinance" on the books it WILL BE ENFORCED at some point. I dealt with this issue when we put a conservation easement on the property. Dusk to dawn lighting makes it safer for me to move around my property at night. It also acts as a deterrent to criminals entering the property after dark for nefarious purposes. My argument was, and still is, that it makes no sense from an environmental perspective for me to have to use two to three times the number of dusk to dawn lights of the Dark Sky type to illuminate the same area that I can illuminate with one standard dusk to dawn light. I did say that if I needed to put up additional lights I would try a Dark Sky type to see if it would meet my needs and I will. But I don't want to be told that, by law, I HAVE TO USE Dark Sky lighting. That should be my choice.

The county wide building code: While I can see both sides of the issue, I fall heavily on the side of "a person ought to be able to do whatever they want with their property". The county already has a 25' above grade height restriction, which may make sense in some areas but seems silly when applied county-wide especially in the more rural areas. So now Mr. Printz wants a county-wide building code. I think this is the answer to a question that nobody is asking. As for protecting future buyers, it has always been "buyer beware" and adopting a building code will do nothing to change this.

One final comment: if enough of the citizens of Custer County are fed up with this BOCC, there is a remedy addressed by Section 1 of Article 21 of the Colorado Constitution. It's called a recall election.

Regards,

Don Ferree
Rural Custer County

Amy Moulton Leaves Library: A Heartfelt Letter to the Community

Dear Editors,

I have had the great honor of serving as the Director of the West Custer County Library for the last five years. During that time, I've achieved the goals I set out for myself when I started as Director. I believe this is mostly due to the amazing staff and incredibly supportive Board of Trustees with whom I have been privileged to work.

I have, however, decided that it is time for me to seek other challenges. There is something about sending your first child off to college that makes a person more aware of how precious time is. It has me thinking about my own dreams, including having more time with my son and husband. As our library needs and deserves a full-time director, I have resigned from that position. I will be staying right here in the community and looking for something part time that both inspires me and uses my strengths. I look forward to that new adventure.

This has been the best, most challenging job I have ever had, so it was not an easy or fast decision. I love this place, and I will be available to assist in the library's transition with the next director.

Our Library patrons and supporters know it is the staff that makes the library such a special, welcoming place. Our Library staff will continue to offer exciting, relevant services people have come to expect with the support of the new director. I, for one, look forward to seeing what they do!

Amy Moulton

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ENOUGH We Say...

To the Editor:

Due to scheduling issues we won't be able to attend the meeting regarding Building Codes. That being said we feel this way; NO BUILDING CODES for Custer County. Let people build on their property the way they see fit. We already have HOAs that tell you what and where THEY think you

should have or not have buildings, gardens, horses etc... ENOUGH we say... As long as you aren't ENCROACHING on your neighbors property you should be allowed what you want — after all you pay the taxes, mortgage and insurance.

Sincerely,

The Streckers

Rural Custer County

To the Editor;

On Tuesday, June 6th, around 10:15 a.m., I went to the Post Office. I parked in the parking lot, got out of my car and started down the sidewalk. A woman had tied her dog to the post by the walkway. The dog got up, tightening his leash. I tripped over the leash and fell on my face, hands and chest, and was bleeding a lot from my mouth. I split my lip and chin, sprained my wrist, bruised my knee and elbow, and had several other cuts. The people outside came to my rescue, getting paper towels and helping me up. They were great, offering to take me to the clinic. I was so bloody I wanted to go home to wash and have

Another Clinic Horror Story: Policies Need to be Changed

my husband take me to the clinic, which he did.

At the clinic I was told to sit down and a nurse would come and check me out. We sat down. No one was in the waiting room but us. When the nurse came out, the first thing she said was "We are not an emergency room". I told her I needed an X-ray on my hand. She said X-rays are Mondays and Thursdays only. I tried to show her my injuries. She was not friendly. She said that I would have to make an appointment. There I was, still in my bloody clothes and she said, "Do you want to make an appointment?" I said, "No", and we left.

The clinic has really gone downhill. As we were leaving, the Administrator of the clinic was in the office area, taking this all

in. I would like to add that the blood lab and physical therapy at the clinic are excellent. When Dr. Bliss went to Florence Medical, we transferred our records there. We still use the clinic for an emergency.

I wanted the community to be aware and hopefully you won't encounter this situation. I know other people have had similar problems and we need to get this problem fixed. We did go to Salida emergency room to check for broken ribs and wrist — no broken wrist and bruised ribs. Salida emergency did a great job and the staff was very caring.

*Shirley Barney
Westcliffe Resident*

(Editor/GG: Yes—another Clinic horror story. No surprise there. No second ambulance available. The

huge EMS/Ambulance mill levy passed a few years ago doesn't seem to have made a difference.

Wonder where that money is going? The Clinic has stopped putting their quarterly financial statement on their website a few years ago after it looked like the Clinic was grabbing the new EMS mill levy money for the Clinic expenses. Who knows? Folks, the Clinic has had serious management issues for many years. The Hospital District Board refuses to admit it and refuses to address it. Nothing is going to improve unless there is a management change at the Clinic and we start looking at the Clinic in a more innovative, business-like manner. It can be fixed if we have the right people running it.)

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Sub before and after restoration. Bottom photo shows damage to the top of the unit.

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laboratory was commissioned by NASA and named after Mercury astronaut Scott Carpenter. After his passing in 2013, the sub was given to the Space Foundation who in turn hired our museum to restore it.

The project was spear headed by Steve Janssen, Curator of the Space Museum and Dick Wood, Vice President of the Aircraft Museum, with generous help from volunteers from the Westcliffe area. Special thanks goes out to David Miller, Rick Castor, Kyle Kelly, Marty Gassaro and Jeff Ivy for making the long trip out to the museum on numerous occasions to help with the prep work. Well over 500 hours went into the endeavor to get the submersible restored.

We are very pleased with the results and honored to have been able to work on this one of a kind historical artifact.

Tube Tragedy on San Isabel Lake

Press Release

Custer County Sheriff’s Office

On June 14th, 2017, at approximately 10:20 am, deputies were dispatched to San Isabel Lake on a report of an unresponsive male party. Citizens had reported to the Sheriff’s Office a male party was fishing in a float tube on the lake and approximately 30 minutes later they noticed his float tube upside

down on the lake. Citizens discovered Richard Hartgraves, 82 years old, unresponsive in the water. They brought him to shore and performed CPR until Rye Rescue and Fire Department arrived on scene. They were not able to resuscitate Mr. Hartgraves. Cause of death cannot be determined until an autopsy is completed. Mr. Hartgraves resided in Pueblo, Colorado. Our heartfelt condolences to the Hartgrave family during this difficult time.

Custer County Trails Initiative Task Force Meeting

From Their Press Release

The Custer County Trails Initiative Task Force (TI) met last Tuesday evening, June 13th, in the Library Community Room from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The meeting was chaired by Paul Parsons and there were twelve attendees.

The discussion centered on three

major points: TI will operate on a “phase in” approach with regard to maintaining and promoting Custer County’s existing trails; TI will need a Steering Team as soon as possible; and TI has no funding or structural authority.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 11th, at 5:30 p.m. at the Library Community Room.

Farmer’s Market

Cañon City Tuesdays 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Veteran’s Park First Tuesday of June -last Tuesday of September	Westcliffe Wednesdays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Jess Price Park Corner of Main and 4th St.
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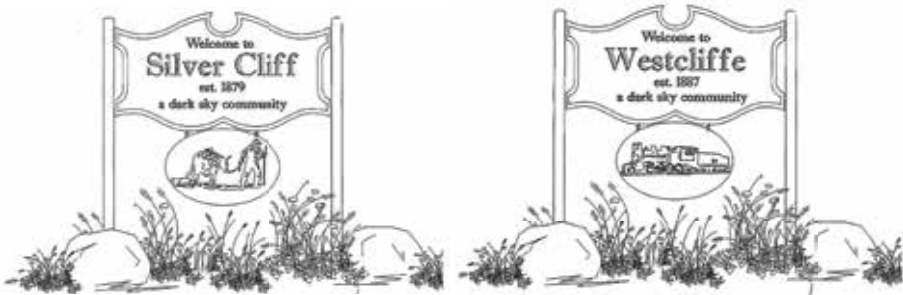
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Silver Cliff/Westcliffe Sign Unveiling



Press Release

C.A.R.T. (Cliff’s Action Revitalization Team) would like to invite the public to join them for the unveiling of the new “Silver Cliff & Westcliffe Welcome sign” located between the towns (Just east of the Dollar Store) on Monday, June 26th at 5:30 p.m.

For several years C.A.R.T. has been planning, organizing and working on this project which would not have been possible without the support from both Towns

Mayors and Boards of Trustees, many volunteers and a very generous donation of the property from Shirley Lloyd where the sign will welcome visitors to the ‘CLIFFS for many years to come. Thank you, Shirley!

C.A.R.T. would also like to thank Tom Garcia and his crew from Colorado Mountain Design Co. for designing, building and setting the sign.

Hope to see you there!

Pot Plant Limits for Residential Property

Press Release

Colorado House Republicans

DENVER—At a bill signing ceremony in the capitol, the governor signed House Bill 1220, which will limit the number of marijuana plants a person can possess or grow in a residential property. While the bill, sponsored by Assistant Republican Leader Cole Wist (R-Centennial), enacts a statewide limit of 12 plants, local jurisdictions can seek voter approval to raise that limit.

The bill was in response to concerns from law enforcement and communities around the state citing examples of residential

homes being used as commercial grow operations – in some cases fueling black market product and affecting neighborhood safety.

“Colorado’s liberal home cultivation laws have placed our communities at risk. The negative consequences have included safety hazards and increased criminal activity in residential neighborhoods,” said Wist. “While protecting the rights of patients, this bill establishes long-needed guardrails around home grows.”

Medical marijuana patients or primary caregivers who cultivate more than 24 plants must cultivate the plants in compliance with the applicable municipal laws.

The criminal penalties for violating the cultivation limit are:

- A level 1 drug petty offense for a first offense if the offense involves more than 12 plants; punishable by up to \$1,000;
- A level 1 drug misdemeanor for a second or subsequent offense if the offense involves more than 12 but not more than 24 plants;
- A level 3 drug felony for a second or subsequent offense if the offense involves more than 24 plants.

House Bill 1220 takes effect on January 1, 2018.

Winners of Lincoln Day Essay Contest

by Candi Sage,
JD Henrich

Congratulations to Micah Zeller, winner of the Middle School Essay Contest. He explained why the song “America the Beautiful” by Katherine Lee Bates is one of his favorites, and to Betsy Zeller, winner of the High School Essay Contest, who wrote about what citizenship means to her. Both of these first place winners delivered their essay to the attendees at the Custer County Republican Party’s Lincoln Day Dinner and each received an award in the amount of \$200.

Winning Middle School Essay:

“America the Beautiful” is one of my favorite patriotic songs. It is a song of thanks and asking for God’s blessing for the beautiful land He has given us.

Katherine Lee Bates is thanking God for the “beautiful spacious skies” and for the “amber waves of grain, for the purple mountains majesty above the fruited plain.” The next stanza is where she turns from thanking God to asking God. She asks if God would “shed His grace on thee,” and if “God would crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.”

God says in First Timothy chapter two verse two, that we are to “pray for kings and rulers, and all that are in high positions that we may lead a peaceful and godly life, dignified in every way.” We, like Ms. Bates, should remember to pray for our government leaders to cooperate, and ask God to shed His grace on them.

Katherine Lee Bates wrote this hymn sitting on a bench on the top of Pikes Peak looking down at the beautiful Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

I am so blessed to be able to live in such a beautiful area and country and I hope others in Custer County realize what a gift this is, and that they thank God daily for the place we live.”

Micah Zeller, age 14

Winning High School Essay:

“A Privilege with Responsibilities”

“What does it mean to be an American citizen? Many people would respond simply that it means to reside in the U.S., but is that really the answer? No, being a citizen does not only mean someone lives in that country, but that the individual also has responsibilities and obligations to fulfill while maintaining citizenship. These responsibilities may be something as small as paying tax on your groceries, to something as big as defending your country in war. Other responsibilities for an American citizen include: looking out for future generations, being an informed voter, and supporting America.

Citizenship and patriotism go hand in hand. If someone carries out his obligations grudgingly, he is not very patriotic. Being patriotic does not mean waving a flag and lighting sparklers on the 4th of July. True patriotism is pride toward your country, upholding it in bad times even if it means losing your life, and voting for what you may not like, but what you know is right. Someone may feel patriotic if they show up to vote, but what is their motive behind who or what they vote for? Are they really voting for what is best for the U.S. as a whole? Or are they just trying to get something at someone else’s expense? A person’s patriotism is shown by their true motive behind what they are doing for their country.

“And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country.” ~ John F. Kennedy

There is all this talk of patriotism, but why is being patriotic important? First of all, it is a privilege to live in America, and we should respect that privilege. Secondly, by being patriotic in the correct way, we are examples of how our founding fathers wanted us to respond to things that come our way. Lastly, one of the big parts of being patriotic is respecting our government. That doesn’t mean we need to love it or agree with everything it says, but we should respect it as our authority under God, because God instructs us to do this in Romans 13:1-7. “Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.” (Romans 13:1-2) God has placed everyone where they are for a purpose, and that purpose should not be neglected.

Being a U.S. citizen is a privilege that comes with responsibilities. We should accept those responsibilities out of respect not only to our country and government, but to the One who created it all.”

Betsy Zeller, age 15

Both essays are reprinted by permission of the authors. Honorable mention goes to second place winner, Makynna Reiff who was awarded \$150 and third place winner, Elias Zeller, who received an award of \$100. The essay contest was presented to all middle and high school students in Custer County’s various schools; Amish, Mennonite, home schooled and to Custer County School District’s History classes for an opportunity to participate. The Republican Party looks to early spring of 2018 for all schools and students in Custer County to again have an opportunity to participate in this contest.

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CCHS Football Attends Camp



The Bobcat boys’ football team survived 100° F plus heat during Football Camp at Fort Hays University competing against Kansas and Nebraska teams.

Photo by Troy Bomgardner

BOBCATS

Bake Sale for Backpacks Project

Sponsored by Community Action Team(C.A.T.)

Press Release

The Community Action Team (C.A.T.) is again this year sponsoring the drive to collect backpacks and school supplies that are needed by many of the students in Custer County. Last year C.A.T. successfully provided 100 backpacks for grades kindergarten through high school plus additional supplies including 200 boxes of Kleenex. This project gives each child the self-confidence and pride as they enter the classroom prepared to learn.

As a kick-off to the School Supplies and Backpack Project, there will be a Bake Sale at the Historic ‘Westcliff’ Schoolhouse on Friday, June 30th, and Saturday, July 1st, starting at 9 a.m. each day. All proceeds of the bake sale will go towards purchasing school supplies

(including personal hygiene products) to be donated to the school. Donations can also be sent to VPR & YC, PO Box 466, Westcliffe, CO, 81252.

In addition, inside the schoolhouse will be a “Vintage to Variety” sale. On sale will be items such as vintage Singer portable electric sewing machine 221-1, crystal, etched, depression and cobalt Blue glassware, pottery, Capodimonte Porcelain, silver pieces, turquoise jewelry, knotted fleece blankets and much more at very reasonable prices.

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KIDS

Friday, June 23, 2017

The GI Bill

The Servicemen’s Readjustment Act of 1944, also known as the G.I. Bill, was a law that provided a range of benefits for returning World War II veterans (commonly referred to as G.I.s). It was designed by the American Legion and its goal was to provide immediate rewards for practically all World War II veterans. Benefits included payment of tuition and living expenses to assist the veterans to attend high school, college or vocational/technical school, low-cost mortgages, low-interest loans to start a business, as well as one year of unemployment compensation. The original GI Bill was signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on June 22, 1944.

This bill ended July 25, 1956, and 7.8 million of the 16 million World War II veterans had participated in an education or training program. In 1984, the GI Bill was revamped to assure that the VA home loan guaranty and education programs continued to work for veterans of the post-Vietnam era.

On April 29, 2008, young veterans gathered on the Capitol steps to voice their support for a new and improved GI Bill. The GI Bill in use at the time was not covering the cost of tuition due to an increase in college tuition. Members of congress joined in with these veterans stressing the need of “21st Century GI Bill”. It took months but by a vote of 92 – 6 in the Senate and 268 – 155 in the House, the “Post 9/11 Veterans Education Assistance Act” passed and was signed by President George W. Bush.

It gave service members and veterans with 90 or more days of active duty service on, or after, September 11, 2001, enhanced educational benefits to cover more expenses, provide a living allowance, money for books and the ability to transfer unused educational benefits to spouses or children.

University of California-Berkeley assistant professor of history Kathleen Frydl, who is writing a book about the GI Bill, says we should remember the main legacy of the original GI Bill: the peaceful readjustment of veterans into society.

Calls to improve the GI Bill continue in an effort to include more National Guard benefits, Online tuition, and fix exclusions, etc.

For all of our veterans who are returning home from stations home and abroad we say: WELCOME HOME SOLDIERS!

by Audrey Slater, Sources: history.com, www.legion.org/education/911gibill, Wikipedia.org

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A wise son makes a glad father.
But a foolish son is the grief of his mother.

Proverbs 10:1 NKJV

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Vintage To Variety Sale

6/30 & 7/1 9 am -3 pm Shop inside the Historic ‘Westcliff’ Schoolhouse, 320 S. 4th St. On sale will be crystal, etched, depression and cobalt blue glassware, Singer portable sewing machine, pottery, Capodimonte porcelain, antique silver, brass items, turquoise jewelry, knotted fleece blankets, floral arrangements and much more at very reasonable prices. Come have some fun.
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VPR&YC Bake Sale

6/30 & 7/1 9 am Come out and support the School Supplies and Backpack Project at the Historic ‘Westcliff’ Schoolhouse, 320 S. 4th. You can purchase freshly made egg burritos, cookies, cakes, pies, cinnamon rolls.... and help support our local children. Marci 783-2289



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Sheriff's Report...

On the dates be-
low, there were 121 calls for service
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and 4 to the Fire Department. As of
6/15/17 there were seven males and
no females in the county jail.

6/12/17:

Menacing: Deputies responded
to the Lake DeWeese area on a
report of menacing. The report was
unfounded.

Traffic Summons: Laura Brimmer
of Cotopaxi for speeding 10 - 19
over on Hermit Road.

Michael Simpson of Melissa, TX,
for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Patty Garland of Zandt, TX, for
speeding 10 -19 over.

Disturbance: A deputy responded
to Stephen Drive for a verbal dis-

turbance and a report was taken.

Mischief: A deputy responded to
Bassick Cr and took a report on
Criminal Mischief.

Mischief: Deputies took a criminal
mischief on Main Street in Silver
Cliff. The incident is under investi-
gation.

Disturbance: A deputy responded
to CR 328 on a verbal disturbance
and a dog complaint. A report was
taken and the incident is under
investigation.

6/13/17:

Juvenile Arrests: Two juveniles
were arrested on charges of bur-
glary and theft.

6/14/17:

Traffic Summons: Amanda Atencio

of Colorado Springs for speeding
20 - 24 over.

Eric Ritter of Cañon City for speed-
ing 20 - 24 over.

Patty Garland of Zandt, TX, for
speeding 10 -19 over.

Death: Deputies, Rye Fire and
EMS, and the Custer County
Coroner responded to San Isabel
Lake for an unattended death. An
82-year-old male, Richard Hart-
graves was found unresponsive
in the lake. An autopsy will be
conducted to determine the cause
of death.

Arrest: Deputies responded to Oak
Grove Circle for a traffic complaint.
Stoney Dimmick, of Roundup, MT,
was arrested on charges of DUI,
Careless Driving, Prohibited Use
of a Weapon, and Driving with
Expired License.

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Events Calendar

Friday, Saturday, June 23, 24 6:30 p.m.
Sunday June 25, 2 p.m.
Shakespeare in the Park
"Romeo and Juliet"
At the Feed Store Park
116 N. 2nd St Westcliffe \$\$

Saturday, June 24, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
29th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament
Wet Mountain Valley Rotary
At the Holydot Golf Course
55 North Parkway Dr. Colorado City. \$\$
For more info <http://www.wetmountainvalleyrotary.org>

Sunday, June 25, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Saddle Club - Youth Mentoring
At Music Meadows Ranch
6076 Co Rd 119, Westcliffe

Tuesday June 27, 5:30 p.m.
Westcliffe Town Meeting
Westcliffe Town Hall
305 Main St. Westcliffe

Wednesday, June 28, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Saddle Club – Gymkhana
90 Co Rd 241, Westcliffe \$\$

Thursday, June 29, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
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Friday June 30, 9 a.m.
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BOCC Boardroom

Friday, June 30, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Bingo at the Saddle Club
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Friday, June 30, 9:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.
Dark Skies Star Party
At the Smokey Jack Observatory
115 S Adams Blvd, Westcliffe

Saturday, July 1, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Hi Altitude Horsepower Car Show
West Main St. Westcliffe

Saturday, July 1, & Sunday July 2, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Flip Sister's Vintage Market
At 'Cliffs Edge
103 Main Street, Westcliffe \$\$

Saturday, July 1, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Sangres Art Guild Fiber Arts Show
Reception & Ice Cream Social
3rd Street Gallery
HWY 69, Westcliffe \$\$

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Tuesday, July 4, 9 p.m. – 10 p.m.
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Custer County Community Sharing Center Inc.
120 N. 3rd St.
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(719) 783-4357
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Fri. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

West Custer County Library
209 Main Street
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Sat. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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CUSTER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

November 2017 Ballot :A Bond Election for the BEST Grant and a Mill Levy Override being considered

WESTCLIFFE, Colorado
—June 6, 2017

by Larry Luikart
Reporter

President Davis called the meeting to order leading the assembled group in Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was taken with Director Brian Cline absent. The Agenda was approved and there was no Public Comments, no Correspondence for the Board and no Bobcat Pride Certificates presented.

The District Financial Reports were presented by Business Manager Amy Perschbacher. The Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting May 9, 2017, were accepted. May 11, 2017, was accepted as a snow day and approval was give to discard used middle school Mathematics books.

Business Manager Amy Perschbacher presented her report but there were no reports from Students and Staff. The Excellence In Education dinner received \$18,000 before expenses and the auction made \$8,400.

The Action Items included the approval of the coaching staff positions for the 2017-18 school year. (A complete list is available from the District Office.) Summer maintenance workers are Billy Berry, Madisen and Nicole Henrich. Resignations were submitted from Greg and Rebekah Cravens. Approved

The New Strategic Plan, Check Vouchers and Financial Reports, State Interest Free Borrowing Program and Workers Compensation Insurance Renewal were all presented and approved. The November Election Intent for the District to participate was heard. Two current Board members are up for re-election; President Terre Davis and Director Bob Jolley. The Board is considering placing on the November 2017 ballot a bond election for the BEST Grant and a Mill Levy Override to implement the Strategic Plan. Details of property tax impact are still being studied.

The Second Reading of Policy GBDE, Staff Maternity, Paternity and Parental Leave was read and

discussed. The Coaches Handbook was presented by Joy Parrish and in conjunction with this item the First reading of Policy JICDB, Extracurricular Code of Conduct was considered. Superintendent Payler presented an Informational Item involving the Teacher Rental Agreement. Policies GCQA and GCQA-R Board Oversight Committee were read and approved. Finally, Policy SCBOCES, Policy Agreement Concerning Special Education Programs and Processes was read and approved.

Superintendent Payler's report included information regarding the ongoing BEST Grant proposal, a reduction in the use of General Funds transfers to food service. A la carte, bulk purchases, and more scratch cooking have reduced the transfer from \$54,00 last year to around \$20 - 25,000 this year. He continues to work on improving Student Achievement through the implementation of 90 Day Plans, completed classroom walk-through's and the use of NWEA, MAPS

and SMAS data to augment the 90 Day Plans.

Superintendent Payler and the Board continue to bring compensation to competitive levels raising the base salary to \$30,640. Along with the base salary the teacher apartments are on schedule for rent July 1, 2017, with both of them already rented for the upcoming school year. This concluded the regular meeting.

The Board adjourned for fifteen minutes into Executive Session for the purpose of an informal discussion of the Superintendent's Quarterly Evaluation. The Board reconvened in a new session for the Presentation of the Proposed Budget. The Board discussed and approved the proposed budget for the 2017-18 and the necessary appropriations to support it. The meeting was adjourned with note. There is NO Board Meeting in July.

The next scheduled Board Meeting will be AUGUST 8, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. in the School Library. Have a nice summer!

Last Summer Reading Event: “Brain Blast” June 29th



Press Release
West Custer County Library

Kids will discover the science behind Dippin' Dots, then make the icy-cold treat for themselves, plus more excellent experiments at “Brain Blast,” a free event for kids under age ten. This event is sponsored by the West Custer County Library and led by Cool Science from Colorado Springs. It will take place on Thursday, June 29th from 1 - 2:30 p.m. in the Custer County School Multi-Purpose Room.

Even though “Brain Blast” is the last event in the Summer Reading kids’ event

series, youth can still sign up to earn prizes by keeping up with their reading this summer. Prize earning opportunities continue until Friday, July 28th. Kids ages 0-17 are eligible to participate whether they live here in the valley or are just staying for a while. Registration for children and teens can be done in the library during normal business hours or anytime online at www.westcusterlibrary.org.

For more information on “Brain Blast”, please contact Youth Services Librarian Jessica Carter at 719-783-9138 ext. 4 or jessica@westcusterlibrary.org.

Worship Services

Christian Science 9:30 a.m. Worship 8 Bassick Place Westcliffe	Cody Park Community Church 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Mtg. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Bible Study 0157 County Rd. 27A Cotopaxi 719/942-3526	High Country Mennonite Church 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 110 Rosita Avenue All Aboard Westcliffe Bldg. Westcliffe 719/783-9045	11 a.m.- 2 p.m. Wedn. Adoration 109 S. 5th Street Westcliffe 719/783-3507	Sangre de Cristo Fellowship Sundays, 9 a.m. Meet and Greet Sundays, 9:15 a.m. Service 120 Jerry Court Westcliffe 719/783-0903	Westcliffe Community Church 10 a.m. Worship 103 N. Adams St. Westcliffe 719/783-2545
Church of Christ 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship 818 Ohio Street Silver Cliff 719/783-4601	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 10 a.m. Sacramento Mtg. 12:10 p.m. Sunday School 240 Ridgeline Drive Westcliffe 719/404-4585	Huerfano Community Bible Church 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 7 p.m.: Thursday Bible Study 603 Leon Street Walsenburg (719) 251-9053	Our Lady of Mt. Zion Catholic Church 11 a.m. Mass, 3rd Sunday of month 210 S. 2nd Street Westcliffe 719/783-2491	Sangre de Cristo Seminary Chapel 10 a.m. Worship 6160 County Rd. 130 Westcliffe 719/783-2447	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
		Hope Lutheran Church 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Worship 3rd & Powell Streets Westcliffe 719/783-9773	St. Luke's Episcopal Church 10:30 a.m. Worship & Eucharist 11:30 a.m. Fellowship 3rd & Rosita Streets Westcliffe 719/783-2477	Sacred Heart Catholic Church Diocese of Pueblo Saturday Mass 4 p.m. Highway 69, Gardner 719/738-1204	Wetmore Community Church 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 699 County Rd. 395 Wetmore 719/784-0596
Community United Methodist Church 8 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Worship 202 S. 6th Street Westcliffe 719/783-2511		First Baptist Church of Westcliffe 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 10:45 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Worship 417 S. 6th Street Westcliffe 719/783-2498	St. Patrick's Anglican Church 11 a.m. Worship 401 South Second Street Westcliffe 719/783-2500	Valley Bible Fellowship 10 a.m. Worship 116 Hermit Lane Silver Cliff 719/783-9050	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
		Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church Diocese of Pueblo 11 a.m. Sunday Mass 10 a.m. Wednesday Mass			

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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

**Custer County
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Tentative Agenda**

FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2017

**9:00 AM
Meeting Location:
Commissioners Boardroom**

- Call meeting to order
- Pledge of allegiance
- Roll Call
- Amend agenda
- Approval of minutes
- Audience introduction
- Public Comment
- Commissioner Items
- Attorney Items
- Executive Session
- New/Old Business
 - Review vouchers and sign checks
 - Reconsider/Discuss County Public Notice Policy
 - Special Use Permit for Westcliffe Supply – J. Hobby
 - Personnel Policy

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Custer County Planning Commission will hold a public meeting on June 26, 2017 from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. In the Custer County Courtroom. The purpose is to discuss a Building Code for the unincorporated portion of Custer County.

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

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

Ordered published by
Vic Barnes, Chairman
Custer County Planning Commission

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In our efforts to provide safe and reliable electric service to our consumers, Sangre de Cristo Electric Association Inc. has contracted with Power Pole Inspectors (PPI) to test and inspect power poles in the Westcliffe area. The work will begin May 8th and will be completed by end of June.

PPI will have access to all of Sangre de Cristo Electric's power poles and be driving pickup trucks and ATVs that are clearly marked with Sangre de Cristo Electric's logo.

If you have any questions, please contact our Engineering Department at (800) 933-3823.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of work to be done on County Road 241. During th week of June 26th, the Road and Bridge Department will be doing asphalt patching on County Road 241, starting at a point .17 mile North of the intersection of CR 241 and CR 243 and continuing 3.22 miles into the Lake DeWeese area. This work is being done in preparation for chip sealing that will be done on the same section of road on the 17th and 18th of July. In order to avoid delays in travel, please use an alternate route when possible while this work is being done.

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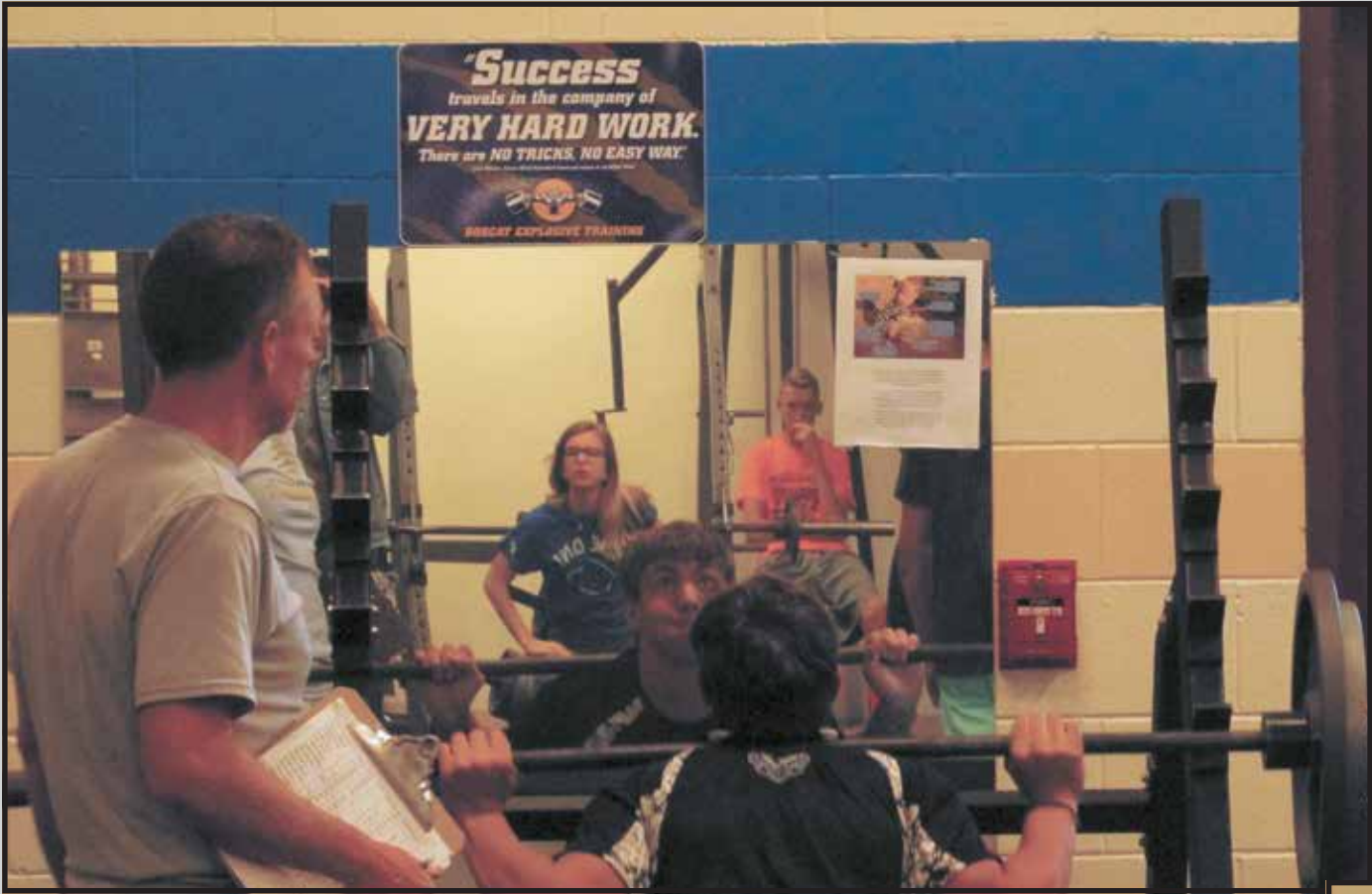


One of the electives at CCHS is a weightlifting class. Students have the opportunity to improve their health and their physical fitness by completing the weightlifting course which focuses on strength training.

“Many of the students in the weights class also participate in other sports. A large number of students taking the course are not athletes and are looking to improve their fitness,” stated instructor Troy Bomgardner. “The Booster Club donated equipment for the weight room and it is great satisfaction about improving their bodies through weightlifting. We are proud of them at a crisis in our country and to see our students working hard is awesome! We have over 50 signed up for the weightlifting class.”

Students began the year learning the basics of weightlifting and how to use the equipment safely. As the year progressed, students worked hard on the bench press and back squat. Students also tracked their progress, reps, and push-ups.

The weight room is open this summer for students from 4:30-6:00pm.



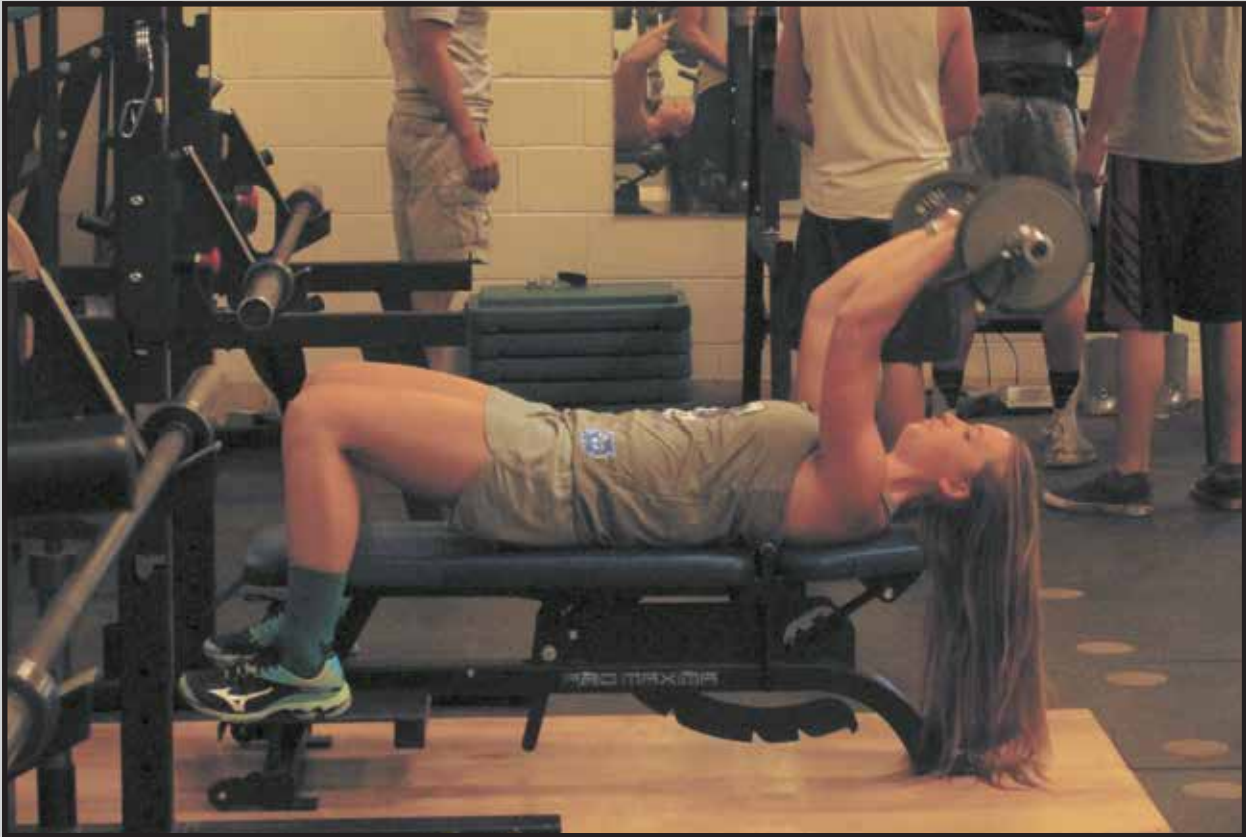
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and numerous students take advantage of the techniques. Over 40 students this year have improved their total body strength and fitness.

participate in CCHS athletics but a number of students have gained a great benefit out of the class,” Coach [Name] has blessed us with additional motivation when a student gets excited about the program. “It is no secret that personal health is important and working hard on their personal health is a goal for all of our students. It is a class next year!”

lifting and the mechanics of lifting to improve their max efforts in the vertical jump, pull-ups, and other exercises.

work out on Monday-Thursday at



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Fremont County Bulletin

News, Opinion, Commentary

IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

School Board Meetings:

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

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

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

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

**Royal Gorge
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2nd Thursday
6:30 p.m.
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**Fremont
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4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
603 Main Street

**Southern
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1st Sat at 10 a.m.
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Please let us know about an upcoming event or meeting you would like to see printed here, or covered in an upcoming issue.

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New Chief Takes Oath of Office

by Barbara Penezic

Newly named John D. Havens City Hall was the site of a brief swearing in ceremony June 9, 2017. Daric R. Harvey took the oath of office and officially became Cañon City's new Chief of Police.

Chief Harvey was surrounded by his family, Interim Chief Cooper, Mayor Troutman, City Council members and several Cañon City Police Officers. While Harvey says he is looking forward to serving the people of Cañon City, Interim Chief Cooper had stated earlier that he is looking forward

to spending some time with his grandchildren.

The transition from Chief Shultz, to Interim Chief Cooper, to Chief Harvey has been handled in such a professional manner that many constituents did not even notice the mantle of authority being passed from one to the other.

While we enthusiastically welcome our new Chief of Police we would be remiss if we did not express our gratitude to Interim Chief Cooper for a job well done.

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New Cañon City Police Chief Daric R. Harvey

Courtesy photo

Cañon City Man Arrested for Kidnapping

Press Release

—June 14, 2017

Cañon City man arrested for kidnapping

Detectives of the Cañon City Police Department have charged Paul Castaneda, age 30, with second degree kidnapping and aggravated motor vehicle theft.

The incident began when the Deer Mountain Fire Station contacted the Fremont County Sheriff's Office about a suspicious man in a vehicle around Ridge Road near Copper Gulch.

Deputies contacted Castaneda driving a 2001 black Dodge

pickup in the 33000 block of Kit Carson Trail in Cotopaxi.

Castaneda was driving with a revoked license and had a 7-year-old female in the vehicle with him.

The child was not related to Castaneda and deputies soon found out that the child had been taken from home by Castaneda without the child's father's knowledge.

Castaneda had been temporarily living with the family at an address within Cañon City, but was not authorized to take the child.

The Fremont County Sheriff's Office and Cañon City Police Department initiated a joint

investigation, which resulted in an arrest warrant being issued for Castaneda.

There isn't any reason to believe that Castaneda had done this before, and appears to be an isolated incident.

The child was returned to the family unharmed thanks to the quick thinking of Fremont County deputies.

Detectives with Fremont County Sheriff's Office and Cañon City Police Department are continuing the investigation.

Castaneda was arrested and is currently being held at the Fremont County Jail on a \$50,000 cash only bond.

Events

June 23—July 29

- **Tuesdays, Cañon City Farmers Market** will offer produce, crafts, arts and much more from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in Veterans Park.
- **Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, COG lunch** is served at noon 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.
- **Tuesdays and Thursdays, lunches** are served at noon 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.
- **Thursdays, Florence Farmers Market** will offer fresh produce, arts, fun, music, food and more from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. in Pioneer Park.
- **Thursday, Get Your Game On** is offered from 4-5 p.m. in the Penrose Community Library at 35 Seventh Ave. in Penrose. Board games.
- **First Friday of every month, Cruise Nights Cañon City Main Street** invites the public to its monthly Cruise Nights from 6-8 p.m. For more information, call 371-3890. Open to all cars and car clubs.
- **Sundays, VFW Post No. 4061** will serve breakfast from 7:30-11 a.m. at 215 Cottonwood Ave. Adults \$7, children 8-12, \$4 and free for children younger than eight. Groups call ahead at 275-9886. The public is welcome.
- **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.

The Florence Pioneer Museum is open Tuesday-Friday: 1-4 p.m., Saturday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. A \$3 donation/admission is suggested..

June 23-24, Royal Gorge Whitewater Festival will begin at 1 p.m. June 23rd and continue with a plethora of events through 11:15 p.m. June 24th. Events include beer garden, food, fun zone, tube races, rafting challenges, music and much more in Centennial Park. Small admission fee will be charged. Note: No firearms allowed.

June 24-25, Colorado Country Music Association will host its 17th Annual statewide Talent Competition on the third floor of the Gibson Mansion at 907 Greenwood Ave. in Cañon City. For more information, call 372-6280 or check the website at www.coloradocountrymusicassociation.com.

June 25, Odd Fellows IOOF will host its Sixth Annual Homecoming Concert, featuring the Flying W Wranglers and Barry Ward from 5:30-8 p.m. at 1020 N. 15th St. in Cañon City. Crowning of King and Queen will also take place at the concert. For more information, call Rocky Wells at 429-0316 or Kathy Wells at 429-0317.

July 1-4, The City of Florence will hosts its Annual Fourth of July festivities in downtown Florence. Vendors, music, art, a parade on July 4th along with fireworks at dusk. Come one, come all. The fun is just beginning. For more information, call 784-4848.

July 4, The City of Cañon City will host its annual fireworks display off of Skyline Drive at dusk.

July 7, First Fridays Jazz Downtown will feature New Vintage Jazz from 5:30-8 p.m. in Macon Plaza at Fifth and Macon Avenue. The concert series is dedicated in memory of D Welch, founder of First Fridays Jazz Downtown.

July 29, Fremont Motorsports 9th Annual 100 Mile for St. Jude Children's Hospital. Registration at 9 a.m. and kickstands up at 10 a.m. The cost is \$20 per person and includes breakfast, lunch, Coors beer and the ride. All proceeds go to St. Jude. Sponsors include Fremont Motorsports, The Daily Record, Miller-Coors, Star Country 104.5, Comcast and Big D Super Foods. Any questions stop by or call Fremont Motorsports at 784-9633.

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Assemble at 9:15 AM, July 4th at the east end of Main Street (Highway 96), Silver Cliff/Westcliffe, CO at the open field just west of the Mining Company Diner (with convenience store and gas station).

Look for the Southern Colorado Patriots assembly area (Gadsden Flags, Tea Party Flags, and guns, guns, guns). Plenty of places in town for breakfast and lunch. March is about one mile long, takes about 45 minutes.

Firearm Protocol; Rifles: unloaded, safety on, no detachable magazines inserted in rifle, chamber flag appreciated, MUST BE SLUNG on shoulder or back. No handling of weapons during the parade. All rifles welcome. Hand Guns: Holstered, open carry. No handling of weapons during the parade.

Any questions email the Southern Colorado Patriots at SDC.Sentinel@gmail.com

This year's march is dedicated to Mike Vanderboegh, Founder of the III% Movement who passed on last fall. Mike came all the way out from Alabama four years ago to march with the Southern Colorado Patriots Club in the Westcliffe July 4th Parade to celebrate our Second Amendment.

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

A Psalm of David, Psalm 144:1



Colorado State News

Hickenlooper Signs Controversial Civil Asset Forfeiture Legislation

by Peter Marcus,
ColoradoPolitics.com

Gov. John Hickenlooper on Friday afternoon signed a controversial measure that he was pressured to veto regarding civil asset forfeiture.

It was a last-minute decision that had a gaggle of lobbyists waiting in anticipation after a frenzied effort that pitted criminal justice reform advocates versus the law enforcement community.

Groups like the ACLU of Colorado asked Gov. Hickenlooper to sign the legislation, arguing that “Coloradans want and deserve stronger protections when property is taken by police.”

But dozens of letters also came from law enforcement and local governments, who suggested that the legislation was premature and arbitrary, adding that it could significantly impact crime-fighting operations as budgets would be impacted. Those who fight against human trafficking also asked the governor to veto the bill.

The Colorado Springs Police Department said, had the bill been in place during cases since 2012, the department would not have received federal equitable-funding sharing in 85 percent of cases. Local officers spent over 42,000 hours investigating cases with federal partners.

Colorado Springs Police Chief Peter Carey was one of many voices opposing the bill. While he said he is open to the concept of reform, law enforcement officials believe more state-level

research into the subject should be done before the legislation becomes law.

“Forfeiture is an effective tool used to shut down complex criminal enterprise and we urge its critics to look past the surface and recognize the impact that these changes will have on law enforcement’s ability to ensure safe communities across our state,” said Gary Barbour, board

year after intense negotiations and previous failed attempts. Supporters of the bill were under the impression that they had reached a fair compromise, but law enforcement says the state is moving too quickly.

A concern that is driving the process is that agencies – including prosecutors and police – have been outsourcing the legal process to the federal government, which

the middle. California, for example, settled on a \$40,000 threshold, according to testimony as the measure was making its way through the legislative process.

“I don’t think there’s magic to that number, personally,” Tom Raynes, executive director of the Colorado District Attorneys Council, testified at the time. “I think there are reasonable questions to ask about where you set that number.”

The prosecutors’ association, however, supported the compromise that came out of the Capitol.

Neville said he believes the legislation will still allow law enforcement to fight crime.

“When you take a look at the number of other states that have taken on similar types of reform, they’re still catching bad guys, and it’s going to continue,” Neville said.

When asked on Thursday – before he had made a decision on the measure – Gov. Hickenlooper himself questioned whether the bill is necessary.

“For a bill in terms of the number of people, you can’t find a lot of people that have been affected in some way who have forfeited assets. It doesn’t affect that many people and yet it is so powerfully symbolic that we’re trying to really sort through and make sure we come down on the right side,” Hickenlooper told reporters when asked by *Colorado Politics*.

But the criminal justice reform side of the debate says the practice, in which law enforcement can seize money and property in

suspected criminal cases, even before a verdict is reached and without due process, is abusive. They believe the legislation adds a layer of transparency.

Supporters of the bill also say money seized should be applied to criminal justice reform, including fueling programs that combat the opioid epidemic.

“I’m thrilled the governor signed this critical legislation—this is a great step forward for basic fairness and Coloradans’ rights to due process,” said Rep. Leslie Herod, D-Denver, a sponsor of the bill. “Four legislators from across the political spectrum came together to bring this bill forward because we believe we must safeguard Coloradans’ rights to their own property if they aren’t guilty of any crime. People should be treated as innocent until proven guilty, and we owe it to all Coloradans to uphold their rights to property and due process.”

“Asset forfeiture should not be used as a loosely applied tool to boost law enforcement funding, but as a legitimate way of separating criminals from the proceeds and instrumentalities of their crimes,” added Sen. Daniel Kagan, D-Cherry Hills Village, another sponsor of the bill. “The overwhelming support for this legislation from the public, legislators, and now the governor, just shows how imperative it was for stakeholders to come together to find a bipartisan solution.”

Please see: <https://coloradopolitics.com/colorado-governor-signs-controversial-civil-asset-forfeiture-legislation/>

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president of the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police. “As the impacts of this legislation come to light, we would hope to find partners in the legislature to approach asset forfeiture reform in a manner that won’t have as significant an impact on public safety.”

The Colorado Municipal League (CML), which also opposed the bill, added, “Signing the bill severely impacts law enforcement’s ability to partner with the federal government and each other to combat criminal activity such as black-market marijuana distribution and human trafficking.”

“Any discussion of civil asset forfeiture reform, specifically transparency, should have included the entities that engage in the practice,” said Sam Mamet, CML executive director. “We’re disappointed.”

The bill passed the legislature this

does not have the same standards as Colorado.

Under the legislation, police departments would need to disclose biannually any forfeiture proceeds through either a state or federal forfeiture process.

What’s most concerning to law enforcement is that agencies would be prohibited from receiving proceeds from federal forfeiture cases if property and money seized is less than \$50,000. The idea is that smaller cases should be handled by the state, not by federal prosecutors.

Critics, however, say the \$50,000 figure is arbitrary and that it has not been studied.

Sen. Tim Neville, R-Littleton, a sponsor of the bill, said supporters arrived at the figure by comparing to other states that have implemented similar measures and trying to reach a number in

Obama’s Legacy in Colorado: 995 Coal Jobs Left

by ColoradoPeak
Politics.com

A “Closed for Business” sign now hangs over the New Horizon coal mine, which leaves only seven coal mines operating in the state employing 995 people.

If the *Denver Post* is correct:

That’s down from 2,118 jobs in 2003. Colorado mines produced 12.8 million tons of coal in 2016, down from 18.7 million in 2015, continuing a 67 percent decrease since 2004.

According to Bruce Finley:

Coal production around Col-

orado has dwindled to record low levels, due in part to competition from wind power and other renewable sources of energy that can be cheaper and cleaner.

That’s not exactly how it happened at all. The mine was forced to close after the state ganged up with WildEarth Guardians to regulate it out of business in a down market.

The utility cited the “significant costs to install additional emissions controls” at both locations under the “increasingly stringent regional haze rule, the state and federal regulatory environment for coal-based generation and current and

forecasted market conditions.”

This is exactly why we harp on overregulation by the government. Too often it’s used to put one industry out of business in favor of another that happens to receive huge government subsidies, like wind and solar and other renewable energy schemes.

Which is exactly what the Obama administration did. Now, we see the results of that effort — 995 jobs.

Please see: <https://coloradopeakpolitics.com/2017/06/09/995-jobs-left-obamas-legacy-in-colorado/>

VA Walks: Justice Declines Prosecution at Aurora Hospital Debacle

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

The top VA officials responsible for bungling construction at the VA hospital in Aurora and are accused of lying to Congress about the cost overruns won’t be prosecuted by the Justice Department for perjury.

Despite proof by the House Veterans Affairs Committee that the executives perjured themselves to hide the monumental mismanagement, government claims there is not enough evidence to hold the bureaucrats responsible.

Evidence like this:

The VA’s inspector general, an internal watchdog, said last year that (Glenn) Haggstrom knew the project was veering toward huge cost overruns but didn’t tell lawmakers when he testified before Congress in 2013 and 2014. That prompted lawmakers to call for the perjury investigation of Haggstrom and (Stella) Fiotes.

U.S. Rep. Mike Coffman released the Justice Department letter to the AP, and said “there is clear evidence that they intentionally misled Congress.”

We can’t think of a time when entrenched bureaucrats held each other

responsible for their actions, be it perjury, improper spending, or polluting the Animas River.

Sounds like the swamp is still gurgling in Washington, and not all of the alligators have been captured.

We hope this does not portend what will happen when the EPA gets around to reexamining the Gold King Mine spill. The VA conclusion is truly disappointing.

Please see: <https://coloradopeakpolitics.com/2017/06/09/va-walks-justice-declines-prosecution-at-aurora-hospital-debacle/>

*A soft answer turn away wrath,
But a harsh word stirs up anger.*

Proverbs 15:1 NKJV

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"All That Is Necessary for the Triumph of Evil Is That Good Men Do Nothing"

Edmund Burke

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NOTE: When writing about God and Jesus, The Daily Jot means YHVH as God and Yeshua Ha Mashiach as Jesus--the actual original names and the true nature and character of them.

Congressional Shooter May Not Have Worked Alone

A colleague yesterday said he was working from home because the FBI asked his company to shut down during the investigation of the baseball field where James Hodgkinson attempted to assassinate Republican members of Congress. I knew there was a ball field across from my friend's office, but I hadn't put two and two together. This field is really tricky to find as even GPS gets confused and "recalculating" occurs. Then an email arrived from ministry partner William Agbeti in Ghana, who has survived six coups, with a blockbuster question: "How did gunman James Hodgkinson, who lives in Chicago, know when and where Steve Scalise and Company would be practicing for a baseball game in Alexandria?"

When I told Agbeti about how difficult it is to find the field, he replied, "Third world kinda contract killing at work." This is an excellent point. While the narrative is that Hodgkinson was a lone wolf who went off the deep end because of all the hate rhetoric, how did he just randomly show up with a long rifle at an obscure location where Republican Congressmen were practicing for a baseball game of all things? No, there is more to this story. It's too bad that Hodgkinson was killed as he took his secret to his grave, although we do know that he was influenced by the hate speech atmosphere created by Democratic politicians and their celebrity supporters as amplified by a biased and complicit media.

The conciliatory chorus crooned by Democrats turned quickly to blaming President Donald Trump for the shooter's actions. Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) was all gushy on the day the

shooting occurred, but the day after said in a speech: "When you have a president that says I can shoot somebody on 5th Avenue and nobody would care, when you have people saying beat them up and I'll pay their legal fees, when you have all the assaults that are made on Hillary Clinton, for them to be so sanctimonious is something." In her column "The Resistance goes live-fire," Ann Coulter concluded: "The fake news insists that Trump's White House is in 'chaos.' No, the country is in chaos. But just like Kathy Griffin and her Trump-decapitation performance art-- the perpetrators turn around in doe-eyed innocence and blame Trump."

Agbeti sees this from an experiential lens: "Being an African who has survived six coups d'etat in Ghana, I see so many similarities associated with the development of coups d'etat at play in the U.S. This development has kept me thinking: What could be happening here?...Indisputably, there is a coup in the offing... the good people of America may not know about the coup in the offing. But clearly, those engineering the coup d'etat know what they are doing; and admittedly they seem to be pros about what they are doing." These are people with blood on their hands and in their minds and hearts. As The Lord said to Cain in Genesis 4:10, "The voice of your brother's blood cries unto Me from the ground." We need to recognize this and pray for our nation and the courage to honor God, calling for civility and standing against tyranny.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!

Bill Wilson

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by The Zman

Most of the issue that plague our modern societies stem from the unwillingness of our policy makers to consider the obvious solutions. In the 80's, we had a bum crisis due to the states being forced to fling open the doors to their nervous hospitals. The former patients had no one willing to care for them and no ability to care for themselves, so they ended up on the streets as bums. The obvious answer was to put them back into the asylums, but that was ruled off limits and we still have a bum problem to this day.

The solution to the bum problem was to ignore it and build up a big new bureaucracy for dealing with the bums, while not actually getting them off the streets. That meant a proliferation of not-for-profit organizations that dealt with the bums, using grants from the city, state and federal government. The result is we now have a special interest that works to thwart any effort to get the bums off the streets. Bum maintenance has become an industry with lobbyists and political power. And we still have bums.

The thing is, the Cloud People do not have a bum problem. They "solved" the "homeless" problem by agreeing to use their tax dollars to build flop houses in your neighborhood and they also make sure the bum services industry is located in your neighborhood. You will never see a homeless shelter next to a Starbucks. The cops in Cloud Country are adept at putting the stray bum on a bus and sending him to Dirt Country, where the shelters are located. After all, they are public servants and that is the humane thing to do.

For a minor annoyance like the bum problem, this is not an untenable situation. Even in the ghetto, the crazy guy screaming at cars as they pass by is just local color. For bigger issues, like the black underclass, this approach is unworkable. For fifty years white liberals have been playing a weird game of Old Maid, in which they find new ways

to dump blacks from their neighborhoods into the normie middle-class. The normies respond by moving away, but Lefty keeps finding ways to inflict the problem on them.

The primary source of racial conflict in modern America is the Cloud People habit of blaming typical white people for the bad behavior of blacks. Whites don't care if Ray-Ray guns down Tray-

BMW's exploded at this rate, Britain would ban the importation of BMW's and demand the manufacturer recall those in the country. Volkswagen is facing billions in fines for violating trivial emissions regulations. Yet, no one dares say, "there's a problem with these Mohameds. Let's put the brakes on importing more of them until we can figure out what's going on

a finger against strangers and aliens. It is as if a form of *Toxoplasma gondii* has infected the brains of the ruling elites.

This is not a terrible way to think of it. The typical person in the managerial elite has never had to face the hard decisions most of us take for granted. Theirs has been a life without accountability in a world stripped of the harsher aspects of the human condition. If you have spent your life in the dream world of the academy and the government campus, you can be forgiven for not wanting to question the underlying orthodoxy. As Tucker Carlson pointed out in this speech, it is a great life and no one would choose to leave it:

(Editor/GG: FNN: Tucker Carlson GOES IN on DC Politicians, Says They Hate Trump @ IAFF Fire Fighters Conference https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t2dct9ErA_g)

The trouble is, once you eliminate the axiomatic, you inevitably end in a logical dead end, with no real options other than retracing your steps. Since questioning the one true faith is off limits, the Cloud People spend their days dreaming up fantasy solutions to real problems that just keep getting worse. For something like bum control, nature tends to step in and solve the problem. For a Muslim invasion, the problem will not resolve itself, at least not in a tolerable way, until the fever breaks or the system collapses.

This will not end well.

(Editor/GG: Zman aptly described our County Commissioners above: more rules, more laws, more fees, more taxes, more control, more government and I like this one, "dreaming up fantasy solutions to real problems" and the head shot: blame everybody but themselves. Ah, the Cloud People, they know better...)

Please see: <http://thezman.com/word-press/?p=10579>

"Instead of addressing the issue of ghetto violence, we have a whole industry built around race hustling."

von over a sneaker beef, but they do care when they are told they are responsible for it. Instead of addressing the issue of ghetto violence, we have a whole industry built around race hustling. The dysfunctional black under-class is the source of income for thousands of people with an interest in never solving it.

"[The Cloud People] are afraid of their own bizarre religion of multiculturalism. When you rule out the reality of human nature from the tool set, you're left with solutions that are contrary to human nature."

The Exploding Mohamed is looking like a problem for which the Cloud People have no way to ignore, but they are working hard to find a way to turn this problem into a weapon against the Dirt People. Take a look at this Spectator piece *(Editor/GG: <https://blogs.spectator.co.uk/2017/06/tackle-terrorist-threat-four-steps-must-now-consider/>)* after the most recent incident. It reads like a meditation on how to avoid facing reality. The proposed suggestions, they don't qualify as solutions, are laughably pointless. You could be forgiven for thinking the writer started by eliminating what will work and then came up with his list of solutions.

The most obvious solution to the exploding and stabbing Mohameds is to stop importing Mohameds. If

the problem. Instead, they build out the police state, install more cameras and turn the country into a game preserve. Cynics say this is deliberate, but that assumes facts not in evidence. These people are not that clever. It's that their multicultural religion forbids them from considering the right answer to the problem.

It is the aspect of anarcho-tyranny that most people don't get right away. It's not that the authorities are lazy or disinterested. It's that they are afraid of their own bizarre religion of multiculturalism. When you rule out the reality of human nature from the tool set, you're left with solutions that are contrary to human nature. The thing that allows them to rule like tyrants over their own kind, prevents them from raising

Obama Voters Switched to Trump Over Immigration, Says Poll

Press Release
From the Voter Study Group

Washington, D.C.
– June 13, 2017

The Democracy Fund Voter Study Group, a new research collaboration comprised of nearly two dozen analysts and scholars from across the political spectrum, today released its first trove of new data and analysis exploring voter perceptions before and after the 2016 election.

During the intense political division of the 2016 presidential campaign, the Voter Study Group began collaborating across ideological lines to examine the underlying values and opinions that influence voter decision-making. The expert group commissioned the VOTER Survey (Views of the Electorate Research Survey) of 8,000 adults who had participated in similar surveys in mid-2016, 2011, and 2012. This unique longitudinal data set provides the basis for four new reports analyzing many of the most hotly-debated subjects of the presidential election, including economic stress, trade, race, immigration and the evolution of the parties.

“Voters who experienced increased or continued economic stress were inclined to have become more negative about immigration and terrorism, demonstrating how economic pressures coincided with cultural concerns to produce an outcome that surprised most of us,” said Henry Olsen, senior fellow, Ethics and Public Policy Center and project director for the Voter Study Group. “However, not all Trump voters shared these sentiments, many of whom were simply partisan Republicans backing a candidate who echoed their long-standing concerns.”

“Our research follows the same set of voters from one election to the next, and looks at voters’ beliefs and affinities, to better understand what’s behind voter behavior and analyze what political polling typically misses,” said John Sides, associate professor at George Washington University and research director for Voter Study Group. “These data are helping us study what the rise of new movements and political figures mean for the future of our democracy.”

Key findings from the initial reports include:

- 1 Most Voters Supported Their Traditional Party in 2016:** Eighty-three percent of 2016 voters backed the candidate of the same party whose candidate they had supported in 2012.
- 2 Views on Trade Not Highly Correlated with Party Switching:** A voter’s views on free trade did not significantly impact their willingness to deviate from their prior partisan voting habits.
- 3 Views on Immigration, Muslims and Black People Were Key Drivers of White Voters’ Decision to Switch:** Before the 2016 campaign, there was an increasing alignment between race and partisanship. Feelings toward immigration black people and Muslims became more strongly related to voter decision-making in 2016 compared to 2012. Those who opposed a path for citizenship for undocumented immigrants and believed that undocumented immigrants detract from American society were more likely to switch their support from President Obama to Trump.
- 4 Long-term Economic Stress Also Contributed to Trump’s Rise:** Voters who experienced

negative attitudes about the economy in 2012 were more likely to express key negative cultural attitudes in 2016 even taking into account their earlier answers to the same questions.

- 5 Trump General Election Voters Divided into Five Large Groups:** The data shows that Trump voters generally share some common values but have different views on many key issues such as immigration, taxes, race, American identity and size of the government. One analysis categorized Trump voters into five different groups: Staunch Conservatives (31 percent), Free Marketeers (25 percent), American Preservationists (20 percent), Anti-Elites (19 percent), and Disengaged (5 percent).
- 6 Trump Voters Disagree Significantly on Economic Issues:** Voters who switched from Obama to Trump are much more likely to hold liberal views regarding economic inequality and government intervention than Trump voters who supported Mitt Romney in 2012. Donald Trump’s strongest supporters also tended to express more support for

Social Security and Medicare than did any other cohort of Republican voters.

- 7 Democratic Partisans Agree on Most Issues:** Nearly 45 percent of all voters could be classified as holding traditional liberal views on economics, social issues and issues respecting national identity. Clinton received 83 percent of these votes, and nearly 78 percent of her total support came from these voters.

(Editor/GG: For the whole Press Release see the link below. One area I strongly disagree with is Point 3; “Views on Immigration, Muslims, and Black People Were Key Drivers of White Voters’ Decision to Switch”. I agree that negative views on immigration and Islam were key drivers, but not Blacks. I did not see any negativity in the Trump white voter camp against Blacks. None. What we did see was pushback against the violence of Soros and DNC superpack funded “Black Lives Matter”. In fact, Trump grabbed a larger number of Black votes than Romney did.)

Please see: <https://www.voterstudygroup.org/newsroom/press-release-june-13-2017>

Media Spreads Fake News About GOP Shooter’s Weapon

THE DAILY CALLER
NEWS FOUNDATION

by Amber Athey

Reporting indicates the GOP baseball shooter used an SKS rifle to commit Wednesday’s attack, and media outlets are already incorrectly labeling the gun an “assault rifle.”

ABC News wrote, “Sources told ABC News that the primary weapon used in shooting was an SKS 7.62 assault-style rifle.”

Similarly, The *Chicago Tribune* wrote, “In Belleville, Hodgkinson had purchased at least three guns...Among those three guns was an SKS assault rifle, the source said.”

But the SKS is not an assault rifle.

According to an official U.S. Army handbook, assault rifles are defined as “short, compact, selective-fire weapons that fire a cartridge intermediate in power between submachinegun and rifle cartridges.”

Additionally, “Assault rifles have

mild recoil characteristics and, because of this, are capable of delivering effective full-automatic fire at ranges up to 300 meters.”

An assault rifle is capable of firing in fully-automatic mode or burst, which is a rapid succession of a few rounds.

The SKS is a semi-automatic rifle; it is not capable of burst firing or fully-automatic mode. **That means the gun can only fire one round per trigger pull** as opposed to firing continuously when the trigger is held down.

Twitter users have called out ABC for the mistake, but they have yet to edit their headline or story.

See: <http://dailycaller.com/2017/06/15/media-spreads-fake-news-about-gop-shooters-weapon/>

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We shall defend our island, whatever the cost may be, we shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender.

—Winston Churchill

Illinois Is Collapsing: It’s Coming Everywhere

by Karl Denninger,
Market-Ticker.Org

The blame game is in full force, including in *Crain’s*.

“Like in a good Agatha Christie mystery, there’s a whole train-full (or, in this instance, Capitol-full) of suspects in the case of Who Killed Illinois? Just like on the Orient Express, they’re all guilty to one degree or another.

[...]

Here’s who’s at the top of my list: Gov. Bruce Rauner and House Speaker Michael Madigan, in that order: Other folks had their hands on the knife, but these two are the ones who really drove it in.”

Uh huh.

Sure.

Maybe you can blame Madigan. He’s been there long enough. But Rauner? C’mon folks.

It was obvious that Illinois was going to fail as a state before I left in 2000. That was 17 years ago by my count.

Why?

Impossible promises made to public unions, for one. And that’s not a *small* one either. Suburban school districts that were driving property taxes through the roof (these *doubled* since I left, incidentally, by my count) and then the general pension promises on top of that.

For those who continue to say “but it’s a contractual obligation” or even “it’s protected by the State Constitution” I reply thus:

A contract to do an impossible thing is not a contract at all.

You cannot enforce a “contract” you make with me where I am to jump over the Empire State Building unassisted. Why? Because the act contemplated is impossible.

Similarly, a promise to pay an exponentially increasing amount where the exponent is larger than the tax base growth rate is also impossible. That’s math, and it makes any such promise void.

The longer the people of Illinois fail to demand that *all* of the medical providers in the state who *are* and *do* conspire to drive up and fix prices, refuse to quote a price before a procedure is done and engage in other similar acts, *all of which I remind you appear to be illegal on their face under 15 USC*, face indictment and prosecution the **further down the hole the state will go.**

The longer the people of Illinois refuse to demand that all public pension promises that were made *with knowledge* that the “growth rates” promised and assumed **exceeded the historical or any rationally-arguable future growth** in the tax base be declared **void** due to fraud *at the time of the agreement the further down the hole the state will go.*

You can try to enforce payment of said pensions but you can’t make blood run out of a stone. If there is no money, there is no money. If you don’t pay the teachers, police and firefighters who are on the job *now* because

you take all the cash and give it to the pensioners *the current employees will not show up as nobody in their right mind works without being paid.*

Fifteen minutes later, the *entire* Chicagoland area is overrun with gangs and burned to ash.

Go ahead folks, keep pretending. It won’t work because it can’t, but denial of mathematics is something that politicians are exceedingly good at. I left the state in no small part because I saw it coming, it was mathematically inevitable and utterly nobody would do anything but scream “but you *made a contract*” when I brought up the **fact** that *at the time* the promise was made, the people negotiating it on both sides of the table knew full well that it was **mathematically impossible** for what they “negotiated” to happen.

Watch and learn, because this same dynamic is coming to the rest of the nation -- **and in Washington DC, driven by Medicare and Medicaid where exactly the same dynamic, driven by the same medical scam, has been unfolding for the last 30 years.**

(Editor/GG: Replace “Illinois” with Colorado in the article. Throw in a couple of “PERA” mentions for good measure. Then ask yourself, what was the Colorado legislature doing this year: trying to raise our taxes to pay for these illegal agreements and bankrupting the working people? Nice job, guys.)

Please see: <http://market-ticker.org/akcs-www?post=232119>

Special Counsel Mueller Purged Muslim Anti-Terrorism Training Materials While FBI Chief

by Judicial Watch

Now that Robert Mueller has been appointed special counsel to investigate if Russia influenced the 2016 presidential election it's worth reiterating his misguided handiwork and collaboration with radical Islamist organizations as FBI director. Judicial Watch exclusively obtained droves of records back in 2013 documenting how, under Mueller's leadership, the FBI purged all anti-terrorism training material deemed "offensive" to Muslims after secret meetings between Islamic organizations and the FBI chief. Judicial Watch had to sue to get the records and published an in-depth report on the scandal in 2013 and a lengthier, updated follow-up in 2015.

As FBI director, Mueller bent over backwards to please radical Islamist groups and caved into their demands. The agency eliminated the valuable anti-terrorism training material and curricula after Mueller met with various Islamist organizations, including those with documented ties too terrorism. Among them were two organizations— Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) and Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR)—named by the

U.S. government as unindicted co-conspirators in the 2007 Holy Land Foundation terrorist financing case. CAIR is a terrorist front group with extensive links to foreign and domestic Islamists. It was founded in 1994 by three

eration designed to influence the opinions and actions of persons, institutions, governments and the public at-large. The records obtained by Judicial Watch also show similar incidents of Islamic influence operations at the De-

"Mueller bent over backwards to please radical Islamist groups and caved into their demands."

Middle Eastern extremists (Omar Ahmad, Nihad Awad and Rafeeq Jaber) who ran the American propaganda wing of Hamas, known then as the Islamic Association for Palestine.

The records obtained as part of Judicial Watch's lawsuit show that Mueller, who served 12 years as FBI chief, met with the Islamist organizations on February 8, 2012, to hear their demands. Shortly later the director assured the Muslim groups that he had ordered the removal of presentations and curricula on Islam from FBI offices nationwide. The purge was part of a broader Islamist op-

portments of Justice and State, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Obama White House.

Here are some of the reasons provided by Mueller's FBI for getting rid of "offensive" training documents: "Article is highly inflammatory and inaccurately argues the Muslim Brotherhood is a terrorist organization." It's crucial to note that Mueller himself had previously described the Muslim Brotherhood as a group that supports terrorism in the U.S. and overseas when his agency provided this ludicrous explanation. Here's more training material that offended the terror-

ist groups, according to the FBI files provided to Judicial Watch: An article claiming Al Qaeda is "clearly linked" to the 1993 World Trade Center Bombing; The Qur'an is not the teachings of the Prophet, but the revealed word of God; Sweeping generality of 'Those who fit the terrorist profile best (for the present at least) are young male immigrants of Middle Eastern appearance;' conflating Islamic Militancy with terrorism. The list goes on and on.

Mueller's actions have had a widespread effect because many local law enforcement agencies followed the FBI's lead in allowing Islamic groups like CAIR to dictate what anti-terrorism material could be used to train officers. Among them are police departments in three Illinois cities— Lombard, Elmhurst and Highland Park—as well as the New York Police Department (NYPD). In the case of the Lombard Police Department, CAIR asserted that the instructor of a training course called "Islamic Awareness as a Counter-Terrorist Strategy" was anti-Muslim though there was no evidence to support it. Like the FBI, Lombard officials got rid of the "of-

fensive" course. The NYPD purged a highly-acclaimed report that's proven to be a critical tool in terrorism investigations after three New York Muslims, two mosques and an Islamic nonprofit filed a lawsuit.

Considering Mueller's role in much of this, it makes him a bizarre choice to lead the heated Russia investigation. The goal, apparently, is to determine if Russia interfered in the 2016 presidential election and if President Donald Trump's campaign colluded with Russian officials. In the Justice Department announcement, Deputy Attorney General Rod J. Rosenstein describes Mueller as person who qualifies to lead the probe because he exercises a degree of independence from the normal chain of command. "Special Counsel Mueller will have all appropriate resources to conduct a thorough and complete investigation, and I am confident that he will follow the facts, apply the law and reach a just result," according to Rosenstein.

Please see: <http://www.judicialwatch.org/blog/2017/05/russia-special-counsel-mueller-conspired-radical-islam-ic-groups-fbi-chief/>

Deadly London Tower Fire Fueled By 'Green Energy' Rules



Fire on Latimer Road, West London, Great Britain, June 14, 2017.

Photo Courtesy of Daily Caller News Foundation taken by Reuters/Toby Melville



by Michael Bastasch

London's Grenfell Tower was made worse by government "green energy requirements" that allowed fire to rapidly engulf the building that Wednesday, leaving at least 79 people dead and scores more wounded or missing.

While it's unknown what sparked the fire, experts say that the cladding, or exterior insulation, created a chimney effect through which the fire rapidly spread upwards. The cladding was added to Grenfell's exterior in 2015 as part of a \$12.8 million retrofit.

"I have never seen a fire that has engulfed an entire building like this in a career of more than 30 years," Matt Wrack, who heads

the Fire Brigades Union, told *The Telegraph*.

"It could be that this is the quest for sustainability trumping other concerns," echoed Dr. Jim Glocking of the Fire Protection Association.

"There has been an emerging body of evidence surrounding some of the materials being used and now we have an appalling demonstra-

tion of what can happen," Glocking said.

The Telegraph noted that cladding "is used as an insulation to make buildings more sustainable to meet green energy requirements." Some 30,000 buildings in the U.K. have been retrofitted with cladding to cheaply comply with green energy mandates.

Grenfell Tower became more energy efficient, but the space between the cladding and the building increased the potential damage from fires, leaving hundreds of residents at the fire's mercy.

"There were explosions everywhere you looked, lots of bangs, blue gas coming out everywhere you looked," Mickey Paramasivan told *The Telegraph*.

"About 12 floors up I saw three children waving from a window and then there was just an explosion and they disappeared," he said. "They were three kids, they were banging on the windows, you could see their silhouettes and then bang, it just went up."

Prime Minister Theresa May has called for a full investigation into what happened. Others have called for all cladded buildings to be inspected for fire hazards.

However, building residents and experts have warned about the fire risks of cladding for years. A blog post by the Grenfell Action Group in November 2016 warned that "only a catastrophic event" would bring attention to the building's issue.

Government officials cautioned against the risks of cladding since at least 1999, according to *The Telegraph*.

See <http://dailycaller.com/2017/06/15/deadly-london-tower-fire-fueled-by-green-energy-rules/>

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"Politicians are power addicts. Just like some people are addicted to drugs or gambling or porn, these people are addicted to the high they get from exerting power over other people. It burns them up that somewhere, there's someone who they can't control. They're willing to murder billions and destroy society just to gain more power over more people. Addicts are not rational, they will do anything to feed their addiction, even if it destroys them and everyone around them."
(Editor/GG: Yup, think local...)

— From *over the transom*
Hat Tip to ZeroHedge.com



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

U.S. Liberals On Terrorist Attacks: Do Not Arm Yourself, Run and Hide

(Oops, It Was U.K. Liberals.....)

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In the U.K., the mere idea that licensed gun owners could be considered a resource to defend against terrorist attack, is off the table.

A caller to a BBC radio show, a gun store owner and gun owner, asked Alison Hernandez, the Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner, a question. What would be the repercussions of legal gun owners using guns to defend themselves in a terrorist attack? The Commissioner suggested that the idea should be examined. From theguardian.com:

“If there should ever be a terrorist attack, what happens if I and other people try to defend themselves using those guns? What would be the repercussions?”

Hernandez replied that it was a “a very good question” and asked the woman if she would put it in writing so that the Chief Constable, Shaun Sawyer, could consider it. But she then added: “This might be some of our solution to our issues.”

The Deputy Chief Constable Paul Netherton immediately put an end to any thought such an idea should be considered. From devon-cornwall.police.uk:

The following statement is in response to an interview given Monday June 12th, to BBC Radio Cornwall by Police and Crime Commissioner, Alison Hernandez, where it was discussed whether or not registered firearms license holders could be of assistance to police during a terrorist attack.

“Under no circumstances would we want members of the public to arm themselves with firearms, not least because officers responding would not know who the offenders were, and quite obviously they would not have the time to ask.”

“Our message to the public is a simple one: to run, to hide and to tell.”

The Deputy Chief Constable never allows any possibility of self-defense. If self-defense with guns is seen as legitimate, the entire scheme of victim disarmament in the U.K. falls apart.

Consider. A gun store owner in the U.K. is not allowed to defend themselves with a gun, at least not in any planned way. According to U.K. law, a gun may not be kept in a ready condition in order to protect against attack. It might seem that a Jihadi attack in the U.K. countryside would be implausible. How about an attack on a undefended gun store?

The rigorous citizen disarmament scheme in the U.K. was never about crime. It was always about fear of a revolution.

The dogma of a disarmed citizenry has become holy writ to the British governing elite. It must never be questioned. Anti-rights activists in the U.S. should be asked if gun shop owners should be able to defend their shop with a gun.

“Under no Circumstances” is the answer if the U.S. follows the path of British gun control.”

(Editor/GG: All kidding aside, the U.K.'s police position is EX-ACTLY what our lovely liberals want in this country. Get involved folks if you want to save your country.)

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I'm a Black Woman and a Gun Owner

by Kira Davis,
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A recent article at The Root breathlessly reported on a study that revealed skyrocketing gun ownership and concealed carry permits among black women. The report from the Crime Prevention Research Center discovered that from 2000-2015 the rate of growth for concealed carry permits among black women was 3.81 times faster than that of white females.

Politically speaking, black women aren't traditionally associated with gun rights but the author shouldn't have been so surprised.

“I think I need a gun.” I said, shocked to hear the words out loud.

And so I got a gun and I learned how to use it. The first night of training class our instructor, Deb—a stereotypical and proud redneck woman with a mullet and dressed entirely in denim—asked each of us to explain why we were there. I timidly told her I didn't want to be there, that I didn't like guns and that I felt like a hypocrite for being there. She told me, “Honey, you're a mother and considering where you live you'd be a fool not to give yourself every advantage to protect your children. That's what mothers do.”

slave owners and sometimes to help “convince” spooked escapees not to turn around and head back to the plantation. How many people would have died were it not for her finger on a trigger?

This is our legacy as black women. We have always been inclined to protect ourselves from nefarious forces in this country. It has only been at the hands of government that we've been forced to give up our protection. Gun control is rooted in the dark racism of this country. Even after slaves were freed to live as Americans, laws like the “Black Codes” prevented them from protecting themselves against bitter ex-slave owners and the hideous enforcement wing of the segregationist Democratic party of the time, the KKK.

In the 1960s, government stepped in with welfare programs that came with all kinds of strings attached and the result was to once again disarm families with the added horror of making the black father and husband in the home nearly obsolete to this day.

Some women quoted in the post at The Root claimed that rising racial tensions have prompted them to get trained and armed.

“I have three young adult sons,” said Manning, “and the only thing I could think of was, ‘Oh, my God, are we getting ready to go back to those times?’ And there's no way in the world that I could see my sons being pulled out of my house.”

While I don't share these fears (courtesy of a thorough reading of our great Constitution) this is an argument I frequently make for curbing gun control. This is exactly what the Second Amendment was created to protect us against—not only the threat of personal violence but also against the threat of a hostile government that might once again enact laws that prevent certain people from living free.

Whether it is to protect oneself against domestic violence, crime or government aggression, for black women and women in general, owning a firearm is the great equalizer and a no-brainer.

No surprise here.

Please see: <https://bearing-arms.com/kira-d/2017/06/05/im-black-woman-im-part-fastest-growing-group-gun-owners-america/>

Not Without a Fight: Black Women Are Taking Up Arms to Protect Themselves



They are out there and I should know. I'm black, female and I own a gun. I'd own a concealed carry permit too if I didn't live in the People's Republic of Californiastan.

My own intellectual shift happened when I was just a young mother, living with my husband and two small children in the middle of a midwestern ghetto that I will decline to name. It doesn't matter. The point is that we lived in a place where gang activity and poverty were rampant and law enforcement was sparse. I always swore I would never keep or allow a weapon in my home...how barbaric!

But then my husband left for a job that took him from us for four months. As I helped him pack for his departure I looked around our home with multiple entrances, huge windows and giant vulnerabilities. We had been having a rash of violent, gang-related home invasions on our block.

That's why the report doesn't surprise me in the least. Like me, many black women around the country are discovering that a weapon is the great equalizer. With low marriage rates, high incarceration rates for black men, and an epidemic of single-parenthood, black women are often left as the head of their household and they're tired of being afraid. When it comes to our children nothing is off the table.

The first thing I did after signing up for weapons training was to sincerely research the history of the Second Amendment. Not only was I taken aback by how much I had wrong about its origins and purpose, but I was intrigued to learn how gun control was at the front lines of oppression.

Women of grit, steel and virtue across the centuries in this country have relied on weapons for their very survival. Harriet Tubman always carried a pistol on her Underground Railroad missions, sometimes for protection against

A Review of Bernal Diaz’s “The Discovery and Conquest of Mexico”

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The American edition, published in 1956, 468 pages, Translated by A.P. Maudsley

The Diaz account is the best history book that I have read. It has all the advantage of a first person account and reads like a well written adventure novel.

“The Discovery and Conquest of Mexico” by Bernal Diaz del Castillo is the only extant first person account of the campaign under the command of Hernando Cortez from 1519 to 1520. The campaign resulted in the discovery and conquest of the Aztec civilization in Mexico. Cortez himself wrote five long letters to Carlos V in Spain. Parts of them are included in this edition to help explain the narrative. But Cortez’ letters were essentially reports of a Conquistador commander seeking favor, and explaining his actions, which were mostly extralegal.

The entire conquest was a massive verification of the adage that “It is easier to obtain forgiveness than permission.”

Bernal Diaz’ account is a first person narrative of the entire campaign, with the amazing detail of a foot soldier who is vitally interested in food, women, weapons, and gold. He includes accounts of two separate expeditions before Cortez.

Bernal Diaz made extensive remarks on the use of firearms in his narrative. The initial numbers were tiny, but contributed significantly to the success of the conquest. Of the initial 400 to 500 men under the command of Cortez, there were 16 with horses, 13 with individual guns, four small cannon, “some brass guns” (more cannon), and 32 crossbowmen. The 13 personal guns were almost certainly arquebuses, the first really practical personal gun, with early matchlocks. Diaz mentions “much powder and ball”.

Diaz rated the crossbowmen and the “musketeers” about equal in effectiveness. The cannon were extremely effective both as destructive weapons and for their psychological effect. It is hard for modern man to realize how quiet the world was before gunpowder and modern engines. The loudest noise was thunder, often equated with supernatural power. Firearms duplicated the intensi-

ty of that noise, at least at close range.

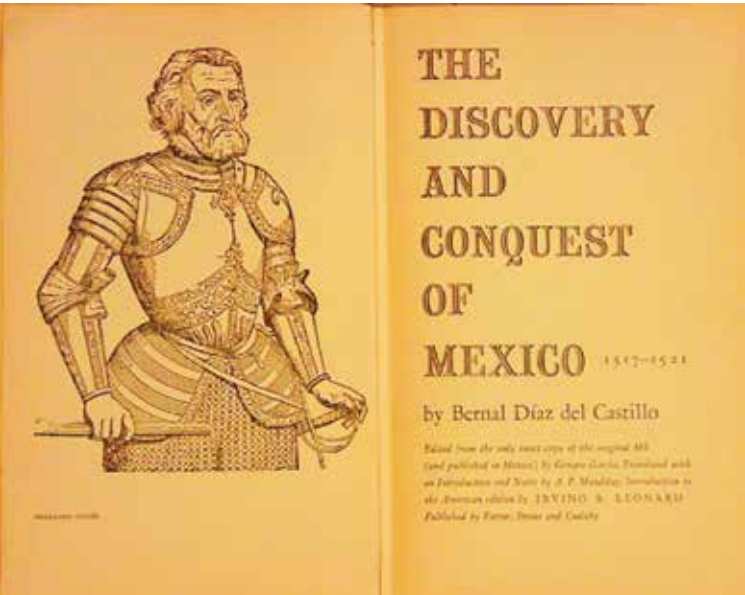
The soldiers of the conquest spent considerable time on the maintenance of their weapons and armor. Not much has changed in 500 years. They adopted whatever of the enemies weaponry that they found useful. The Spanish quickly appropriated the quilted and compacted cotton armor of the natives, to supplant what steel armor they had with them.

The conquest would likely have failed without two recent inventions in Europe, corned gunpowder and portable guns. Corned gunpowder had only been perfected about 50- 20 years previously. Moistening the mix, then pushing it through sieves made a gunpowder that was much more powerful, durable, and resistant to absorbing moisture from the air.

It is unlikely that simple mixtures of gun powder would have survived the trip across the Atlantic; and likely two to three times as much would have been required. The new gunpowder allowed for much smaller, lighter, faster firing and reliable guns, both cannon and arquebuses.

Bernal Diaz was literate, educated, and makes reference to the literature of the time. He shows

from a manuscript found in Madrid. Several secondary editions were published from that version. People who had read the original



manuscript kept in Guatemala, wrote that the published version differed in a number of details from the original. In 1895, a photo copy of the Guatemalan manuscript was furnished to Senor Don Genaro Garcia of Mexico, who published a true version of the Guatemalan text. The A.P. Maudley translation is of that publication.

There are indications that the manuscript was written over a considerable period of time. In



a keen understanding of tactics, strategy and the importance of various players in the complicated, Machiavellian game of life, death, and power played out by Cortez, Montezuma and various native allies, especially the Tlaxcalans, one of the few groups not subject to the Aztecs.

The manuscript was published after the authors death, first in 1632 by Friar Alonzo Remon

one preface, a “day book” was noted as a source. Did Diaz keep, in effect, a diary? We do not know. The work was well under way by 1552, 30 years after the conquest. In those 30 years it would be reasonable that Bernal Diaz had many conversations with his former comrades in arms. He likely took notes. Pedro de Alvarado, one of Cortez’ Lieutenants, was made Governor

of Guatemala in 1524. Guatemala is where Bernal Diaz was granted his estate as a reward. In the Conquest, Diaz had served under

Montezuma was killed when the Aztecs revolted. The Spanish had to fight their way out of Mexico City. They barely succeeded.

Diaz’ account makes clear that both Cortez and Montezuma were world class Machiavellian politicians. They continually lied to each other, their allies and their men, as the situation required. They jockeyed for position, and worked hard to understand the other and their vulnerabilities. Montezuma was at a disadvantage, because the Conquistadors, their capabilities and weapons were new and unknown. Cortez knew more of the world. Both knew how to make and break alliances to their advantage. Cortez had the disadvantage of having to work through translators for most of his interactions with allies, enemies, and spies. Diaz says the acquisition of Doña Marina (her converted Christian name) in the early part of the Conquest, was critical to Cortez’ success. She was a talented translator, shrewd advisor and companion of Cortez. She later bore him a son.

Diaz’ narrative contains numerous remarks on the human sacrifice and cannibalism that were frequently encountered during the Conquest. It was not limited to the Aztecs, but included the Tlaxcalans and the tribes conquered by the Aztecs. At one “cue” or temple, he writes that he found human skulls arranged in such an order that he could determine the number through counting. He calculated that there were 100,000 of them, and emphasized the accuracy of the estimate. Slavery was common to both the native tribes and the Spaniards. The Church insisted on a formal decree from Spain that free Indians could not be made into slaves in New Spain. It took decades to enforce the decree.

I highly recommend this book to anyone who is interested in the history of the Americas and the early use of personal firearms in warfare. I purchased the earlier 1928 version, and gave several 1956 editions as gifts. They can be had for as little as \$2 on the used market.

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“I pronounce it as certain that there was never yet a truly great man that was not at the same time truly virtuous.”
— Benjamin Franklin
The Busy-Body, #3, 1728”

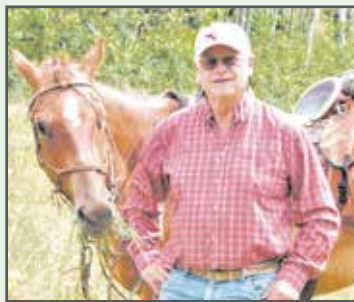


In truly Orwellian fashion it’s fascinating that the current generation is referred to as millennials, or rather the 1,000 year generation. Just like Hitler’s 1,000 year Reich, they will meet the same fate and based on biblical prophecy, sooner rather than later.

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Politics & The Bible

From Pastor Jim



Jim Modlish has been in ministry 50 years, pastoring churches from upstate New York to Washington. He holds a doctorate in theology, but frequently states: "I have education, but I got over it."

Southern Colorado natives, Jim and his wife, Linda, happily returned to their home state in 2006. He is currently the founding pastor of Huerfano Community Bible Church in



Walsenburg. Pastor Modlish believes the Bible is the greatest political science textbook on earth, and that all current events should be examined under the searchlight of Scripture.

All Scripture taken from the King James Version.

THE OTHER WOLF

Since the *Sentinel* is currently running a series of articles on the several "Wolf Reintroduction Projects" across the country, I considered it a good time to chime in. As a hunter, a student of the Bible, and an individual with what I believe to be a reasonable amount of common sense, I passionately oppose the "Re-wolfing of America." I have a personal friend who was a state game warden in Idaho but in frustration took an early retirement over the devastation of the state's elk herd due to the proliferation of the wolf population. His observations were firsthand, but his voice of reason was totally ignored. The science and the facts speak for themselves and are now well documented, so the remainder of this column will deal with the Biblical aspects of this liberal insanity.

Ancient Palestine was a region where a large part of wealth consisted of flocks of sheep; consequently, the habits of wolves became thoroughly well-known and were often used as symbols of behavior of mankind. According to Jesus Christ, wolves are particularly destructive to flocks of sheep (John 10:12), but what is more instructive, the entire context of the chapter is a comparison of sheep to people. In general, wolves kill, torment and persecute the flock. (Matthew 10:16-23) Is it a coincidence that there appears to be a direct correlation between the adoration of the wolf by the Left and an increasing hostility toward the Christian Right by the same pack? A survey of the Scriptures renders an explanation that even eludes Fox News.

Jesus indicated that wolves rely on deception to harm the sheep: "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." (Matthew 7:15) The false prophet here, as elsewhere, is classified with the canine species (II Peter 2:22; Revelation 22:15; Philippians 3:2), yet as such, he parades as a sheep. Note that the warning is not against thieves, harlots, drunkards, dopers, or communists but against those who appear as sheep! A sheep would appear innocent, gentle, and meek, and this again accurately describes the individuals we are to carefully "look out" for. They do not appear as wolves. The ideal false prophet would be a shrewd, slick, talented, well-bred, mild mannered, polished person who operates primarily through sophistication, subtlety, scholastic appeal, and flattery. Inside he is a wolf. (John 10:12) The application in the world of the spiritual is obvious, but it easily extends to the educated, well-spoken government scientist who advocates the re-introduction of wolves to "balance nature."

Those ignorant of the Bible have no

idea that nature is presently intended by God Almighty to be out of balance. (Romans 8:22) The introduction of sin on this planet brought consequences that testify of a cursed globe. Hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, earthquakes, grasshoppers, locusts and dozens of other calamities lend voices to a choir of disasters that are all off key. Liberals seek to restore harmony in creation without the ability to change the disposition of the participants. The power of regeneration is reserved for a coming, conquering king rather than a "foolish, idol shepherd." (Zechariah 11:15-17) The multiplication of wolves in this present age doesn't even qualify as a cheap imitation of the capability of the King of kings when "thy kingdom come" is put on full display. "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them." (Isaiah 11:6) The briefest survey of the entire chapter leaves no doubt as to who will have the authority to authorize and activate this "balance in nature."

In the meanwhile the alpha wolf of this world is characterized as a god (II Corinthians 4:4), resulting in a diabolical, insatiable desire to be worshipped. Being "more subtle than any beast of the field" (Genesis 3:1), he finds a certain satisfaction in being revered covertly through the objects that represent him. Simultaneous to this twisted idolization is a jealous wrath against his primary competitor and anything that pictures the Author of creation. (Matthew 4:1-11)

I realize we are now in territory that's a little heavy for liberal lightweights, but try to hang in there and learn something. "Make haste, my beloved, and be thou like to a roe or to a young hart upon the mountains of spices." (Song of Solomon 8:14) The roe and hart are the female and male of the deer family which types the beloved who is Jesus Christ. (Song of Solomon 1:8-10) Not only is the deer family illustrative of Christ, but also of the church (Song of Solomon 4:5; 7:3) and a good wife. (Proverbs 5:19)

A great conflict continues in the world of the unseen (II Kings 6:8-23; Ephesians 6:101-8) which frequently manifests itself in the physical universe. Left wing animal rights activists are often pawns on the chessboard of a superior intellect who blinds them to simple truth. What is more humane – a quick kill with a 30 caliber or a crippled animal being torn apart, piece by piece? What we observe in nature is but a fractional analogy of a far greater reality...but there is a great Shepherd who can save you from a ravenous predator who would ravage your soul.

A Sheepdog Barks!

My beloved country is in peril. It makes me very sad as I watch the special kind of LPSD insanity and violence that is going on every day in this "new" America. I don't like it. I feel like it is a kind of incurable cancer which is slow-growing but very aggressive. And it's all because of the LPSDs. It seems like it has been "progressing" (the liberal progressive cancer that is) since the late 60s and early 70s. I think it started during the hippie movement. The hippies believed in and wanted to live in some utopian world without responsibilities. They wanted to "toke" up and feel good all the time. They didn't want to face reality. As these young irresponsible Americans grew up some of them matured and changed their ways. Many of them didn't. Those that didn't became the initial leaders of the LPSD movement in this country. They began to accept the beliefs and principles of the American Communist Party as their own. I've written about this before. It was laid out very well by W. Cleon Skousen in his 1958 book "The Naked Communist." Skousen was a retired FBI agent who saw firsthand what the Communists were up to in America. He identified their 45 goals which were intended to "soften up America" for the final take over. Their campaign to slowly destroy America from within failed. That was seemingly good news until the far left liberals in the Democrat Party seized on the same principles and started to change the whole country. I believe this to be absolutely true. The Democrats of 100 years ago had many flaws (which they still have by the way) but now they have taken on even more destructive methods and beliefs which have caused a fatal case of "cancer" which might not be stoppable. Those 45 Communist goals are now, almost word for word, the platform of the current Democrat Party. As you readers know I lump the Liberals, the Progressives, the Socialists and the Democrats all together as the LPSDs. They have destroyed our country's faith and our Christian beginnings. They attack Christians and Christianity every day. They have destroyed the family in

America by creating "new" normals. Just yesterday I read where a liberal activist judge in California ruled that a child can have three parents. The LPSDs actually have a term for this new phenomenon – it's called "tri-parenting" and is designed so homosexuals can pair up with a sperm or egg donor to have children. God help us! This is insane. I miss the country that I grew up in. I see it dissolving right before my eyes as it gets sicker and sicker. WOOF!

For example, I see where it's okay to pee and defecate on the streets of New York City. They don't want to harass the homeless that live there and survive by harassing all the responsible citizens. I find this acceptance by the LPSDs despicable. It helps the cancer grow. If they would all relieve themselves on the steps of the City Hall or on Mayor DeBlasio's home I would almost find it acceptable. But you can bet it won't be allowed there. I'm reminded of a scene I saw trying to board the subway in Grand Central Station at about 9 p.m. one night in 1990. The cops had barricades up and hundreds, maybe thousands of homeless people were quietly lined up behind them. A group of us were planning to go to "little Italy" for a late dinner. We happened to arrive precisely when the cops lowered the barricades and the homeless rushed in and took over the station. Each seemed to have their personal place (the first safe spaces?) to camp out. Dozens plopped down on the stairs and would not move as we tried to get to the tracks. We had to weave our way through them. They occupied every store front and every nook and cranny available. According to one of "New York's Finest" we spoke to this happened every night at the end of the rush/business hour and then they would be rooted out in the morning before the start of the next day. I found this very disturbing. I saw it as a failure of leadership. I saw it as a dangerous acceptance of dependency. I realize there have always been homeless people. But when you accept it, make it easy for them, the numbers grow and grow. Reports are that this problem is increasing in Denver, Colorado, because



legalized marijuana has drawn thousands of jobless and dependent people there. These kinds of situations will only get worse when liberal cities like New York and Denver "accept" this kind of behavior and even make it easier. More trouble is ahead. The "new" normal is ugly. WOOF!

The LPSDs continue to spiral out of control and to new heights. They have become the violent and the anarchists. They will not accept the election results. Something they howled about when it looked like Clinton would win. They are now the ones acting like what they predicted the conservatives would do. Every day they reach new lows as they continue to destroy this country with their progressive cancer. The Virginia Governor, Terry McAuliffe, goes on TV in the first hours of the shooting of a Republican congressman and blames a lack of gun control. The liberal media blame the Republicans. You know the LPSDs never let a good crisis go to waste. Shame on them all! WOOF!

LPSDs flocked to a NYC play where President Trump was assassinated every night as a Julius Caesar type leader. The crowd roars. This is sick and insane. The play went on even though they knew it inspired violence and death. The LPSDs are SICK people. And they are making this country sicker every day. Wake up my fellow Americans. Be vigilant. The persecution of Christians, the acceptance of Islam/Sharia law, the killing of unborn babies and the elimination of all morals and family values are all having a serious effect on America. And the liberal leaders are calling for a "summer of rage." We must resist. We must fight back. Be alert and carry your protection. I weep for America. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



“REPUBLICAN”
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Commissioners Printz and Hood, traveled a similar route, pretending to be traditional “Republicans”, duping the Republican Central Committee members to launch their campaigns, and avoided stating their main political agenda of bigger government, more fees/rev-enue/taxes, and more rules, rules, rules.

This includes Printz’s proposed Custer County building code that will decimate the poor, the middle class and the people who want, as an American right, to build

publican base that voted for them. (Note: BEFORE the election, all three were constant attendees at the Republican Central Committee. Hood was even an official. We’re “just like you folks”, say the three RINOS. Everybody is happy. They show deference, respect to the Committee. We will be loyal Republicans. We’re honest people. Yea.)

After the election, when they don’t need the Committee anymore, Committee members have informed me that NONE OF THEM HAVE COME TO EVEN ONE MEETING. The Committee wrote them a letter two months or

can’t seem to make the Republican Dinner, but has time to attend the annual DEMOCRAT DINNER a few days later and gives a speech to his Dem homies on how great he is. To Bob, repeat after me: **honesty, integrity, and loyalty.** And East Coast Hood? Maybe she was too busy shopping for neon western wear to attend the dinner. Who knows. They live in different worlds then we do.

Does the word “arrogant” come to mind, fellow citizens?

The point is folks, that these three Commissioners used deception and dishonesty to get elected, and are NOT representing what the Republican majority (and a vast number of Independents) in this county want: limited government, fair play, compassion for your fellow citizens, freedom and liberty.

Whether you are a Republican, Democrat or Independent, this is not the kind of people you want representing you.

They are pushing a classic, extreme left-wing agenda with big government, more spending, more laws, more control, more fees/revenues/taxes, and more rules, rules, rules; often in a very secretive manner (just a few examples being: look at the simply astounding number of “Executive Sessions” of questionable legality they have been having at the BOCC meet-

ings, and the secret meetings Printz was having; re: the building code issue. Even Brother Kattnig commented on *that* in a BOCC meeting.)

The three RINO’s have only been in charge for six months, causing immense damage to our county. One person has lost their job and was forced to move out of the county with her husband and child, onerous rules and regulations are about to be forced down our rural throats, and they want to fee/license and tax us to death. (The leftists are, of course, thrilled as we march towards being Boulder South.)

The natives and the vast majority of people who have moved here want what WAS here: a friendly, rural, easy going, traditionally western place where we can do what we want without big government dictating every aspect of our lives and we treat our neighbors and the people who work for us with dignity and compassion, NOT as ignorant peasants to be ruled by an all knowing and caring elite. Our old way of life is RAPIDLY disappearing as these three “Cloud People” Commissioners implement their left-wing agenda. We will be Boulder South soon. If that’s what you want, folks, stay at home and let it happen. If not, you better start making some noise.

Time for a change.

“They live in a different world
than we do.”

their own home, garage or shed; the government sponsored wifi/internet access that is totally unneeded and will be obsolete in a few years; their intention to regulate “Dark Skies”—telling us we can’t light our doors, driveways, corals, or barns the way WE want (this has worked out just fine through education and volunteerism WITHOUT laws outside the towns); vindictive attacks against people who have crossed them (the CSU Extension/Robin Young assassination for one, that they still lie about) and the complete abandonment of the Re-

so ago with a list of complaints and a requested a substantive answer. The three RINO’s (and calling them RINO’s is being kind) send a two-sentence answer basically saying go take a hike we don’t need you now. And now they refused to attend the premier Republican affair of the year, the Lincoln Day Dinner.

“Republican” Printz says on Facebook, something like “I don’t think I would be welcome there”, (ol’ “man to man” Jay again) and true to course, His Largess Himself, Bob Katnig,



TEXTING
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in heavy traffic, or pulled over on the side of the road and are texting, that’s all legal now.

Thus, we have a two part test to be issued a summons for texting while operating a motor vehicle: the LEO must physically observe you texting, and the LEO must see you driving “carelessly”.

Careless driving is statutorily defined as driving “without due regard for the width, grade, curves, corners, traffic and use of the streets and highways and all other attendant circumstances”.

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JUST DON'T TEXT

—lucy

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An analysis indicated the innocuous “yellow dirt” was an abundant blend of micro and macro-mineral elements; chock full of nutrients; naturally buffered and easy for both plants and animals to assimilate; completely free of toxic metals, and had a pH of 4.9 (a measure of soil acidity). In short, it was nearly perfect fertilizer—and 100 percent natural.

A product of prehistoric volcanic activity, the “yellow dirt” is indigenous to Nevada’s Walker River Valley and the only known deposit of soil having such a perfectly balanced composition. Bill promptly secured a long-term lease on 2,500 acres and launched a campaign to explore the attributes of what became known as “Orykta”.

Over the next few years, he set up technology transfer agreements with a long list of universities in the U.S., Israel, China, Costa Rica, Malaysia, etc. to conduct rigorous tests on Orykta. The results appeared too good to be true, but were backed by hard-core data:

- Mixing Orykta with feed improved the growth rate and overall health of dairy cows, beef cattle, swine, poultry and horses—without additional synthetic products. Animal tissues assimilated nutrients far better than was realized using manmade mineral mixtures. By enhancing the transfer of nutrients through intestinal membranes, feed was digested better, contributing to more weight gain, better reproduction and healthier offspring. In technical terms, Orykta had a

Total Digestible Nutrient or TDN level of 96-97 percent availability, exceeding any other product on the market.

- Plants grown in Orykta-enhanced soil showed greatly improved assimilation of soil nutrients (nutrient uptake). Crops consistently demonstrated higher yields at reduced costs. Fruits and vegetables grew faster and yielded larger produce. Flowers were bigger and their colors more intense. Lawns and golf courses were lusher and greener, yet required far less fertilizer.

- Soil depleted of nutrients was revitalized. Total porosity and water retention properties were improved, reducing the loss of nutrients and significantly improving moisture retention.

- Waterways, ponds, wells and estuaries were unharmed, because Orykta is a natural material. Runoff from fields treated with chemical/synthetic fertilizer had been polluting groundwater for decades, and government agents were finding residues in drinking water. “Nutrient pollution is one of the most pervasive water-quality problems facing this nation,” according to Charles Fox, assistant administrator for water at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

- Finally, preliminary testing indicated that Orykta is beneficial to aquaculture, which researchers believe may be vital for feeding millions around the globe.

Overuse of manmade fertilizers—typically a combination of nitrogen (N), phosphate (P205) and potash (K20)—also was depleting

Earth’s arable land. Over the last three decades, fertilizer use almost doubled from less than 70 million metric tons to more than 138 million metric tons per year. Never-

by long-term crop growth and overuse of chemicals. “Locked up” meant the soil “was like an old race horse that had been run too long and too hard,” Bill said.



The PMMR Orykta mine in Western Nevada.

Photo courtesy of PMMR

theless, as topsoil became depleted of vital nutrients, mankind’s traditional response has been to use more and more artificial fertilizer, despite its deleterious impacts.

The net result, Minor discovered, had been a sharp decline in the amount of land fertile enough to grow crops in some countries, a decrease in the quality of drinking water, a virtual explosion of oxygen-stealing algae “blooms” in estuaries, and steadily diminishing nutrient values of plant and animal products. Consequently, today’s food is significantly less nutritious than what our parents and grandparents ate, and most now sold in supermarkets contains chemical additives and residues of fertilizer.

Rigorous testing proved that Orykta did not harm the environment. Instead, it restored land that literally had become “locked up”

It was worn out.

Orykta unlocked that soil, by replacing vital minerals and nutrients, and enhancing plants’ ability to assimilate them. When combined properly with other fertilizers, this naturally benign, non-toxic substance revitalized and restored nutrient balance.

Armed with 20 years of data validating the agronomy science behind Orykta, Bill’s company purchased those 2,500 acres of still-geologically active land in northwest Nevada on November 30, 1998. Western Engineering and Surveying Services of Carson City, Nevada, had estimated the high desert region contained approximately 1.4 billion tons of Orykta—more than 938 million cubic yards. It was time to get serious about bringing Orykta to a global agricultural market.

Bill’s prior business operations and a network of international contacts opened doors in Central America, South America and China. Costa Rica, in particular, had instituted strong environmental standards and welcomed Orykta as a natural alternative to petrochemical fertilizers. Colombia’s coffee growers also were interested, especially as the demand for organic java increased.

Soon, the Precious Minerals Mining and Refining (PMMR) company was shipping hundreds of tons of Orykta per year, and racking up certifications for being environmentally friendly, toxin-free and of significant benefit to crops and livestock. For example, the Organics Materials Review Institute certified that Orykta “may be used in certified organic production or food processing and handling according to the USDA [U.S. Department of Agriculture] National Organic Program Rule,” clearing the all-natural material for use as a crop fertilizer, soil “amendment” and “livestock feed” ingredient. Similar certifications were awarded by Costa Rica, Nicaragua and, ultimately, China.

Although classed as a mining operation, the Orykta extraction process was strictly a surface operation. A front-end loader scooped and loaded the material into a truck, which hauled it to a nearby processing plant. There, the yellow dirt was crushed to a uniform consistency, dried (rarely necessary) and either sacked or loaded into rail cars for bulk shipping. Nothing was added or removed.

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