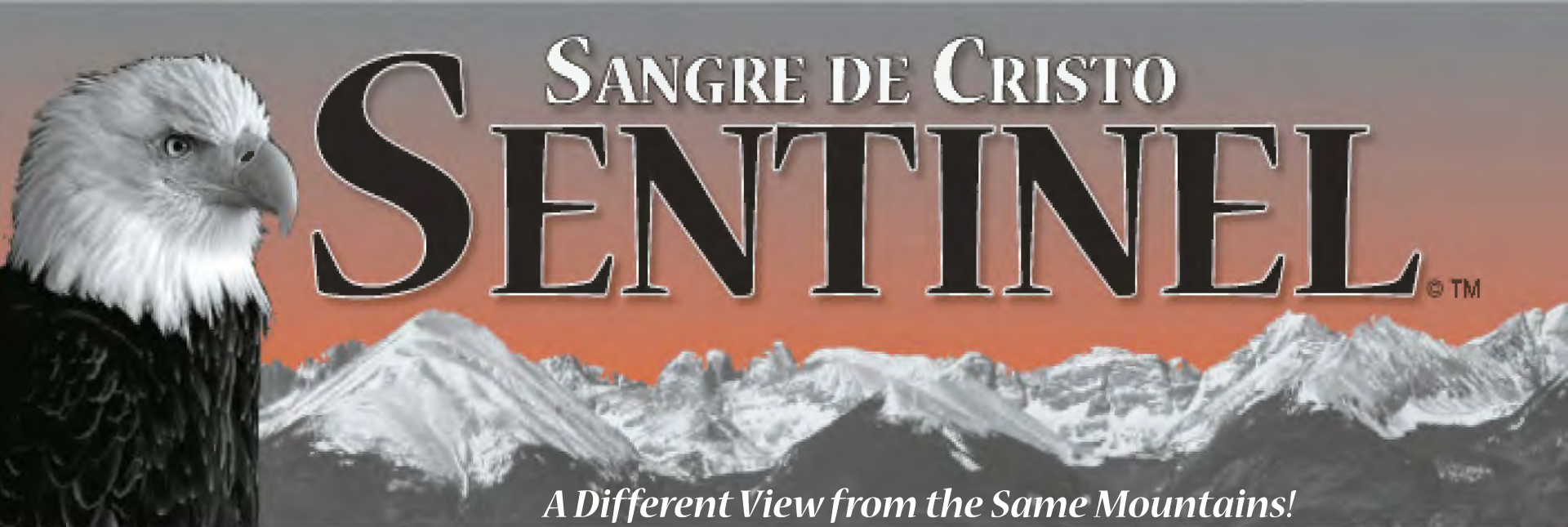




Westcliffe in State Main Street Program for 2014

by Paul Sage

At a special meeting of the Westcliffe Town Board on January 21, trustees voted to approve a Memorandum of Agreement for Participation in the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Main Street Program. The town, along with Silver Cliff, has participated in the program since 2012 through the local CART (Cliffs Action Revitalization Team) organization.

The move to again participate in the program came on a four to one vote with Trustees Cline, Johnston, and Nordyke, as well as Mayor Veltrie voting to ap-

prove the measure. Only Trustee Cascarelli voted against participation, based on his concerns that it is a misdirected effort and has not had any positive effect on the economy of the town of Westcliffe.

At the meeting Stephanie Troller, Main Street Coordinator and Economic Development Specialist from DOLA, gave a presentation to the Trustees on the Main Street Program and discussed its history and goals for the future. According to DOLA information, “The Colorado Main Street Program is designed to assist communities in revitalizing their tradition-

al downtown or neighborhood commercial districts. The Main Street Program works throughout Colorado to help local governments and downtown organizations create an economically diverse business environment while preserving local character and historic resources.”

The program is funded by a grant from the State Historical Fund and money from the Energy Impact Fund from taxes levied on companies that extract resources in the state. It has funding of approximately \$75,000 per year and each participant receives a mini-grant of \$5,000 per year

and can request additional funding for qualified expenditures. The Colorado Main Street Program also provides training, advisory, and architectural services to towns to develop and preserve their business environment and historical character.

Some of the participating towns in Colorado Main Street Program are Steamboat Springs, Granby, Rifle, Victor, and Lake City. Westcliffe and Silver Cliff are the only towns that are listed as joint members in the state. Since they are covered together under CART, both towns receive the \$5,000 annual

mini-grant together, rather than each town receiving its own grant. Silver Cliff Mayor Larry Webber, who was in attendance at the meeting, pointed out that last year Silver Cliff used its turn at the \$5,000 grant to do the re-landscaping in front of the Town Hall. This year Mayor Veltrie expressed an interest in using the \$5,000 on a street beautification project between Third and Sixth Streets on Main Street in Westcliffe.

Westcliffe was the first to pass this Memorandum of Agreement. Silver Cliff is scheduled to review the matter soon.

REDTAPE HICKENLOOPER: 14,000 Pages of Rules and Regulation Added in 2012 Alone

by ColoradoPeakPolitics

We all know Hickenlooper’s progressive record from last year, and we all know from The New York Times and his State of the State address that he is trying to reposition himself as the moderate brewpub/average Joe that he has made his political caricature.

Only problem? Records don’t lie. Rep. Libby Szabo illustrates the disconnect between Hickenlooper on the stump, and Hickenlooper behind his desk for the Denver Business Journal’s Ed Sealoover:

“In 2012 alone, the state promulgated more than 14,000 pages of new rules....”

Hickenlooper’s loves to cite his “Pits and Peeves” program in showing how business-friendly he is. The program has supposedly cut miles of red-tape for Colorado businesses. From his State of the State this year:

“Through a statewide effort called Pits and Peeves, we have also reviewed, modified or repealed nearly 11,000 state rules — many of which were redundant and flat-out dumb.”

11,000! Wow, that is a lot of red-tape that Hickenlooper has cut through for us! Maybe he’s not as bad as we thought he was! (2014 and we still don’t have our sarcasm punctuation marks yet...)

Oh wait, maybe we should check that figure, Hickenlooper hasn’t has been the most forthright in the figures he tosses around. The big qualifier of Hick’s statement — those three words he shoehorns in right before that big 11,000 figure: repealed, modified, or even just reviewed.

If we look at the original report they published at the beginning of 2012, we get this interesting tidbit:

“...the Department of Human Services has recently completed a comprehensive review of **more than 4,300 rules**, resulting in a recommendation for the **repeal of 81 rules**.” [the Peak emphasis]

Just 81 rules repealed of over 4,300.

They may be looking at a lot of red tape, but there ain’t a lot of cutting going on.

By the beginning of 2013 the number of rules they

had reviewed was up to 7,580. While they claim half of those rules had been modified in some way, they never clarify exactly what “modify” means. And, as we’ve seen Hickenlooper and his administration play fast and loose with numbers, we here at the Peak have the feeling those “modifications” were a lot more should we include or exclude the oxford comma here than substantial changes that benefit businesses.

Which brings us back to Rep. Szabo’s fact from above: while Hickenlooper’s people looked at roughly 3,000 rules in 2012 (of which, we can guess only a small percentage actually got repealed), **they added more than 14,000 pages of rules and regulations to businesses in the same time period.**

With all those rules and regulations taking hold in 2013, it’s no wonder we slipped from 4th in private job growth in 2012, to 19th last year.

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Big Win for Bobcats at Winter Fest!

See page 5 for the story and pages 10 & 11 for the photo feature!

Highlighting Westcliffe Business: Sangre Home Décor

by Candi Sage

Sangre Home Décor started in Westcliffe in the backroom of Yoder’s furniture in March 2010 by business owners Robyn and Allen Perry. The store moved again further west on Main Street before settling into their current location at 202 Main Street where the Second Time Around shop was located.

Reopening in November 2011, they offer a variety of home décor including outdoor furniture, dinnerware, mugs, lamps, rugs, cards, purses and their new addition of indoor furniture. The most recent customer feature is a coffee bar appropriately named ‘Sangre de Cristo Coffee’.

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“For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.”

John 6:40 NIV

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

A TALE OF TWO LEADERS



One leader is strong, decisive, skilled and humble. He is a team member and a team leader. He has exceptional situational awareness and can deliver. He makes those around him better and achieves great things. He's in a risky business yet remains calm and focused on his mission. He earned his way and he earned his respect. He leads by example and produces on the field where it counts. His teammates and fans love him. He always moves forward and inspires millions of Americans. He wears orange and blue and yells "Omaha" a lot. Go Broncos!

The other leader is weak, indecisive, unskilled and arrogant. He rose to a position of great power and responsibility without earning it and without the proper skills and experience to lead others to great things. He used his minority status to gain many things like his education and training and he uses it to demand, not earn, respect. It didn't work in making him a great leader. He is not. Recently this powerful, yet feeble, leader conducted an interview in the The New Yorker magazine. He just played the race card once

again. The first to call him out on that tactic was Bill and Hillary Clinton in 2008 by the way. This leader is an ego maniac and needs to be loved by everyone. He cannot believe that everyone does not love him. He is an emperor with no clothes. Up to this point in his life those around him and those that support him have been unwilling to tell him the honest truth. Things are changing. His approval rating is around 39 percent. We cannot believe it's that high. In the The New Yorker interview this leader said, "There is no doubt that there's some folks who just really dislike me because they don't like the idea of a black president." Really? He just doesn't get it. Some folks didn't like the idea of a Catholic president, or a playboy president either. What this leader doesn't understand or won't accept is that, like Martin Luther King, Jr., so eloquently said, he is being judged by the content of his character not by the color of his skin. Most "folks" don't like him because of his bad policies, both foreign and domestic, and his ineffective leadership. This leader talks a great game plan but can't produce results. Five years

later and he hasn't improved much of anything. He's not loved by many because of his lack of respect for our Constitution or our laws. He has told his Attorney General to not enforce the laws he doesn't like. He has tried to interfere with the Second Amendment with his executive pen. He has even said he's tired of waiting on Congress to do things and plans to use his pen even more. He's not liked because of his naiveté about the world and all its dangers. He talks about Junior Varsity (JV) terrorists like they are not to be worried about. This type of thinking can only come from a leader who has been coddled, pampered and protected his whole life. He is a leader who has always been told he is better than he really is, and a leader who has obviously never placed himself in harm's way or danger. This leader is unqualified to be the quarterback for our great country or our Commander-in-Chief. Believe this, there is no such thing as a JV terrorist. This leader is not liked because of his dishonesty and his untrustworthiness. He is not liked because of his disrespect for those in the military and how they should be de-

played and protected. A real leader doesn't announce a "surge" and a "pullout" in the same breath. And this leader is disliked because of the unbelievable shameful manner in how he took responsibility for the killing of Osama Bin Laden. This leader exposed all those involved so he could take a victory lap. Shameful. This leader is also not liked because he doesn't believe in the greatness of America. His very first actions were to apologize for America. Shameful. This leader needs to grow up and get over his childish behavior that everyone should love him. They don't and for very good reasons. He undeservedly reached the big leagues, but he was not ready or skilled enough to be there. He said on the eve of his first inauguration that he wanted to fundamentally change America. Not make America better or move it forward like most presidents-elect have said, but fundamentally change it. America didn't need to be fundamentally changed. Fundamentally, it's the greatest country on earth, not perfect, but the greatest. It's why hundreds of millions of people want to come here. This leader doesn't understand that.

We urge him to get over his need to be liked and get on with doing his job. He needs to quit blaming everyone but himself and work with Congress to improve America's economy. It's a team game. Open the doors to America's resources and stop all this other nonsense. He needs to work with others instead of always going on TV and blaming those dirty Republicans for stopping everything he wants to do. He is the problem. All presidents have had to work with the other side. All except him. He must stop whining and do his job. We are not sure he can, but he should at least try. He is not a king. He is not a one-man team. Like the other leader we mentioned he needs to work with all those around him and make it better for everyone. There are lots of reasons so many "folks" dislike this leader and those reasons are not related to the color of his skin. Sadly, he wears Red, White, and Blue and yells out, "It's not my fault. I didn't know," a lot. He needs to be humble and maybe he should yell out "Omaha" occasionally. It would be better than what he is yelling now. Go America!



Sangre Shooting Sports Club Annual Meeting

A packed house at the annual meeting. All the current officers were reelected. The board reported that many improvements were done to the facilities and a new website was created: www.sangreshooting.com.

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich

The point to remember is that what the government gives... it must first take away.

~John. S. Coleman

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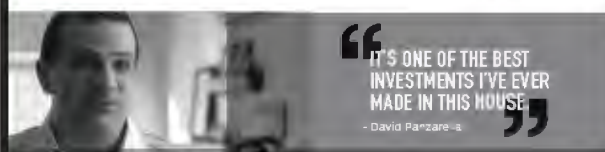
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Will Marijuana Retail Outlets Be Good for Custer County?

by Joe Cascarelli

Reasonable adults can surely agree that legalizing a product, marijuana, statewide which is illegal nationally is a recipe for chaos. No one should be surprised that neighboring states where marijuana is still illegal are going to react in a negative way. Increased scrutiny by law enforcement on vehicles crossing state lines is the obvious knee-jerk reaction. Then, of course, we have illegal drug enforcement protocols at our nation's airports where TSA and DEA will be on the alert for violations by Colorado visitors and residents alike. All these realities will increase the cost of law enforcement across the country. This added effort will stress law enforcement budgets and distract police from more important duties. All Americans can expect tax increases and increases in travel costs.

What would make the retail sales of marijuana benefit Colorado communities? The only positive would be “net” sales tax revenues. The operative word here is “net.” Some might ask if “gross” revenues from the sale of recreational marijuana are a good indicator. No, that would not be a good indicator. Twenty or so states have a track record of experience with medical marijuana. When one studies the medical marijuana history, we do learn a lot. Let's take Los

Angeles for example. The LA city council thought that 70 medical marijuana outlets would be sufficient to meet the “needs” of Los Angelinos. A year ago there were 2,000 outlets. Most of these “businesses” never went through the licensing and vetting process. Opportunists just opened a store front and started selling. One of the key people in any marijuana outlets is the “doctor” who writes prescriptions. Apparently, these people are in plentiful supply.

Licensing and vetting costs money. These costs must be netted against the gross tax revenues. Then, of course, there are the law enforcement costs. That's right the costs to local policing have exploded in those neighborhoods where medical marijuana outlets congregate. Because marijuana production, consumption, and sales are still against federal laws, many banks will not do business with marijuana outlets, medical or recreational. This means no credit card sales. So, these businesses, legal or illegal, are cash businesses. Street criminals know this and in all cases street crime increases. Once a buyer is mugged and robbed on the street, if it is reported to the police, an investigation starts. These investigations cost money. If the victim is hospitalized, it costs more money. If the victim dies, you guessed it, even more taxpayer money is needed

to find the murderer and bring them to justice.

Now for the burglaries; a prize marijuana plant is valued a \$5,000 or more. With these plants being grown on premises, burglaries and attempted burglaries steadily increase. Legal outlets must beef up security; you know cameras, alarms, dogs, and guards. All these expenses increase the costs of doing business and they will eventually be added to the price of marijuana being sold. Another aspect of increased cost for growth facilities is shrinkage. “Shrinkage” is a euphemism for employee theft. All retailers must deal with this reality of modern society. Recently, I asked a business man who approached the Town of Westcliffe seeking permission to buy a building and build a hydroponic marijuana growing facility in Westcliffe, “Are most of your employees users?” I asked this question on the record at a Town meeting. It was recorded. He sheepishly answered, “Yes.” So the people that he intended to employ in our community are users of the very product that they will be growing. My guess is that in this man's Breckenridge growing facility, he somehow compensates for the “shrinkage.” By compensates, I mean adds to the cost of production just like all retailers must do.

When this “shrinkage” becomes chronic or when an

employee and a few confederates decide to make a big bust, the police will have to be called. You guessed it. The policing costs to taxpayers goes up. I've heard John Hicklooper tell people that \$70,000,000 in tax revenue will eventually pour into state coffers; I assume that this is a gross figure. What must be charged against this gross revenue figure are the increased costs, of policing, the court cost, increase to prosecute those caught stealing and then, of course, the cost of incarceration of those convicted. Subtracting these extraordinary costs from the “gross” will result in a “net” revenue figure. It is reasonable to conclude that all of these wind-fall tax revenues will disappear as other costs to the tax payer increase.

When the Westcliffe Trustees considered the marijuana issue, all these anticipated costs were added to the debate. As a consequence, the Town voted “no” on medical marijuana outlets and more recently on recreational outlets and new growth facilities, too. One unexplored question is real estate values. How would the addition of marijuana outlets in the community encourage or discourage new residents? No doubt, there is a certain demographic that would like a brisk trade in marijuana consumption. Property and business owners must de-

cide if this new addition to the “Old West” culture would be an asset to the towns and the county. Citizen-taxpayers should think carefully about any unintended consequences that will be caused by open use of cannabis in the community.

The matters of underage citizens getting marijuana purchased or stolen from outlets haven't been discussed in this analysis, but I do know that many parents of teens are concerned. The aspect of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of marijuana seems to be one that many haven't considered. Detecting marijuana in one's blood stream is more than a matter of blowing into a breathalyzer. Blood must be drawn and then sent to a laboratory. Cops can't draw blood. Only a trained medical professional can do it. So, our sheriff must make arrangements to have a nurse or technician come to the Sheriff's Office and take blood and send it to a lab and then wait two weeks or longer for a result. Just think about what all this will cost local taxpayers. Plus, defense lawyers are already thinking about the chain of custody arguments that will be used to get their client off.

Recently, there was a fire at a marijuana facility near Denver. The gates, bars, and controlled access doors prevented firefighters from gaining access into the

building. This delayed the process of bringing the fire under control. With the winds we have here in Custer County, this kind of a fire could have disastrous consequences for other century old buildings in close proximity. Sure, the marijuana outlet's insurance carrier will pay for the destruction. That is if the business owner has insurance. With the likelihood of fire and theft, I can only wonder what the insurance premium will be. No matter, buyers will ultimately pay for these added costs of doing business in the price of the marijuana sold.

We have all heard or used the cliché that “The devil is in the details.” All of these details are what the late Paul Harvey would have labeled “the rest of the story.” Taxpayers and policy makers must consider all of these issues as they decide what is best for the community. As the recreational marijuana roll-out proceeds, citizens who voted for this constitutional amendment may start to reconsider their vote. A mountain of unintended consequences concerning the “legalization of marijuana” exists. I wonder how many would change their vote given the mess that has been created. For some it will take the TV and print ads from “Mothers Against High Drivers” which will no doubt be in all of our lives.



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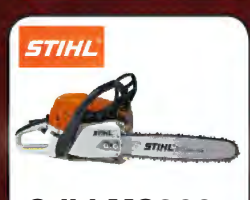
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Thank you, from the Kastendieck Family

The family of Phyllis G. Kastendieck would like to extend a heartfelt and sincere ‘thank you’ for all the cards, thoughts, prayers, and gifts of food during this difficult time of illness and death.

Words cannot express how much we appreciate the support and care given by this community, Pastor Richard vonSteinman, and Sandy at Sangre de Cristo Hospice West.

Chuck, Vickie and Ken, Richard, Mick and Lori, Nickie and Roger, and families

Thanks, to the Sangre Shooting Sports Club

I want to thank the Sangre Shooting Sports Club for inviting the sheriff candidates to share their views at your annual meeting. I greatly appreciated the opportunity.

*Sincerely,
Tony Supan*

Sheriff Candidate Meet & Greet

Please join us on Saturday, February 8 between two and four in the afternoon to meet Tony Supan, Republican candidate for Custer County Sheriff. Desserts and coffee will be served in the Fellowship Hall at First Baptist Church of Westcliffe, located at 410 S. 6th St., Westcliffe, CO. I look forward to seeing you there.

*Sincerely,
Tony Supan*

Thanks from Wild Bill

Dear Editor,

This community is simply amazing! Family and friends, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support through donations and time of the Annual Toy Ride. Christmas 2013 served 84 families. There

were 182 children who had a gift to open on Christmas day with thanks to you. Ladies, thank you for the 50 beautiful quilts. Countless thank yous to Lorraine, Tammy, and Shirley of the American Legion Auxiliary, and Ruth Mitchell from Share and Care Center. I

am already gearing up for Christmas 2014. It is my wish that every child receives a book and a scarf. Start now for Christmas 2014 and bring to 511 Main Street.

*God bless you,
Wild Bill*

Fundraiser for Custer County Students January 31st

The Custer County High School Student Council and FFA will be sponsoring a fundraiser for Custer County students Daniel Brinkley and Michael Cessnun and their family. Daniel and Michael are the children of Yvonne Cessnun. The Cessnun residence was destroyed by a fire in early January.

The chili supper fundraiser will take place on January 31st from 4:30-6:30pm in the high school concession area. Community members are invited to come eat chili and have a dessert for \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. All proceeds will go to the Cessnun family. For more information, contact Troy Bomgardner at 783-4927.

On Getting to Know the Sheriff Candidates

Dear Editor,

On Saturday, January 18, I like 65 others, attended the annual meeting of the Sangre Shooting Sports Club at Cliff Lanes. Four of the candidates for Sheriff attended to give the attending members a brief look at their opinions of the three anti-gun laws passed during the 2013 legislative season. I sat right up front so that I would not miss a word about what these gentlemen had to say. To be honest, I was not impressed by any of them. Allow me to explain.

First, the club said that the topic would be only about the gun laws and each would get five minutes to state their case and another five minutes would be allowed for questions. I was a convention speaker for about 23 years and my business was to teach executives and business owners how to be engaging speakers. I tell you this to let you know that I may have an over-critical eye.

It appeared to me that the candidates could hardly wait to start answering questions. They prepared, some memorized, an opening statement about their background and all said that they didn’t want to “go on about themselves”

and all leapt into questions. I wondered why they thought that they were invited to the meeting. Most in the room knew little about any of them. We all were there to learn about how they would approach the job of sheriff. After all, they are running to replace a man who has been Sheriff of Custer County for 28 years, add two years if you want to count his years as Westcliffe Town Marshal. Personally, what I’d like to know is what they plan to do to become productive as quickly as possible. I can’t speak for the others, but none of the candidates said anything beyond what they wrote in their announcement for the two papers in town. Introductions were almost content free.

At the next “campaign” event, they will have to do better. We did have an attendee cause some mischief. Cal Leslie, Shannon Byerly’s campaign manager, did have a gotcha question for three of the candidates. This kind of tactic designed to make his candidate look good at the expense of the other three is just the kind of thing that guys like James Carvel use. I have no objection with his asking a question about an obscure piece of “adminis-trivia,” but it did little to advance his candidate’s

case. It just told those of us who even noticed that he will likely try this again at future events.

The real problem I have with campaigns in this county is the kind of information serious voters should want to know about a candidate for such an important local office, but rarely ask. Attendees will have to try harder if they really want to get to know these candidates. In the most recent issue of The Sentinel, an open letter was sent to the candidates... page 5 if you missed it. All candidates will be sending their answers to 13 questions soon and they will be printed thereafter. Serious voters must read these responses and ask good follow-up questions of the candidates at future campaign opportunities. These are the kinds of issues that will challenge the candidates and give all some insight into what kind of a sheriff each would make. If the community is diligent about their inquiries, then maybe...just maybe, the county will get a sheriff who will be an asset to the valley. Let’s all get busy and fulfill out civic duties.

*Sincerely,
Joe Cascarelli,
Westcliffe CO*

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The Rest of the School Board Meeting

by Candi Sage,
and Sentinel Staff

(Editor/GG: Due to space constraints we couldn't run the whole school board report last week, this is the remainder.)

Following the public comments regarding the Christmas Program, Board President, Brenda Gaide made the final board statement; "We can come up with a way to alleviate this in the future."

Staff member, Brittan Braddock, reported two CC-1 choir students made All State Choir, 4 Adams State Honor Choir, 5 students made Western State Honor Choir. She added that every Elementary school student was invited to join the Wet Mountain Valley Christmas Chorale and about 34 joined to sing Christmas carols.

Excellence in Education, Co-Chair, Laurie Short reported due to the Spirit Campaign computer glitch, Excellence in Education is still waiting to see how much money will be donated.

Jacque Keller reported The Voice program is in its 4th year with 35 currently placed volunteers in tutoring positions or classroom help. The Adopt a Class program was implemented last year by teachers and

community members to help teachers get supplies needed due to lack of funds. This year over \$3,000 was raised. Teachers give Jackie a form stating their needs and she attempts to fill the needs.

Accountability Committee Chair, Alissa Taylor, shared the Budget Report including recommendations and requests for the following areas: 1) Compensations, 2) Staffing, 3) Curriculum/Materials, 4) Maintenance, 5) Transportation (advocating replacing at least one bus) 6) Budget Review with Business office/General Fund, 7) Capital Funds. She reports they will look at the Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) in the February meeting.

Board Member, Terre Davis reported a correction to the accountability report; that CC-1 staff did receive a 2% increase on the base this year. Board President, Brenda Gaide stated that the salary schedules are on the website and that CC-1 salaries has one of the lowest in the state, about \$2500 below the average.

Terre Davis reported on the BOCES (Board of Cooperative Educational Services) board meeting and explained what BOCES is and does. CC-1 is part of South Central BOCES and paid \$64,333.07 for their

services for special education students last year. She reported that she was elected President of the South Central BOCES Board.

The board passed a new policy allowing the electronic participation when a valid reason to miss a meeting. Terre Davis added to the new board policy for the agenda to include a second place during the meeting for board comments.

Elementary Principal, Holly Anderson, reported on the Middle of the Year (MOY) assessment data on the Reading program, one the required assessments by the state through the Colorado Read Act. Continuing improvement is being made but Mrs. Anderson reported many went into intervention. She indicated various factors affect students who regress, e.g.- absences (40 with 5 or more absences, some with serious health issues), mobility factors (23 students, equivalent of 1 class who have moved in and out frequently causing CC-1 to look into how to make up for that loss).

Barbara Jones noted that the honor roll has been reinstated at the high school level with High Honor 4.0 and Honor 3.4-3.99 and

See **SCHOOL**
on page

Bobcats Win at Winter Fest

Friday January 17th the Bobcats traveled to Sanford for a Southern Peaks Conference showdown. The Bobcats carried a #7 Class 2A ranking into the match to face Sanford who had recently lost to Alamosa and lost their #1 ranking. The Indians were ranked #2 and ready to get back on the winning track. This was slated to be a very big game and quite possibly the potential championship game within the conference. The tipoff proved to be the closest this game would ever be and did not become the battle predicted. The first quarter was a good game as the teams felt one another out like heavyweight boxers. The quarter ended in a 10-8 deficit for the Bobcats after missing several opportunities to get in control of the game. Then the Indians broke the huddle and landed a knockout blow as they pounded the Bobcats into submission by outscoring the Cats 17-5 for the quarter. The rest of the game was much the same as the margin continued to grow throughout the game. The final buzzer sounded with the score 59-

33. "We played poorly," coach Byerly stated. "We were outworked and out executed, Sanford is ranked for a reason and they know how to play in big games, we have to learn how to do the same thing."

After licking their wounds Saturday afternoon, the Bobcats took the floor Saturday evening to face the Del Norte Tigers in another Conference game. The Winter Fest Celebration was in full swing and the teams took the floor with the Bobcats thinking they would dominate the game. Once again tipoff revealed this game was going to be a battle. The first 8 minutes of the game was an all-out fight as the teams exchanged baskets. The first quarter ended in a tight 15-14 lead for the Cats. This battle continued through to half time but the Tigers were able to grab the lead at halftime with a 3 point margin, 35-32. The third quarter continued to be tight as the Bobcats would show signs of excellent play, only to have mental breakdowns and allow the visitors to closer the

margin. By the time the fourth quarter was starting, the Bobcats had taken the lead again with a 48-46 lead. As the game waged on, the Bobcats could not consistently run the offense as the Tigers forced the action. Things began to swing for the Bobcats when Brian O'Connor hit a big 3 pointer and then Lane Byerly hit a second three to put the Cats up by 6 with 2 minutes left in the game. The Tigers were forced to foul down the stretch and the home team players shot just well enough to close out the game with the final score of 61-53. "I'm Really proud of the boys to battle back and win a game where we didn't play well", said Coach Byerly. "For some reason we just aren't clicking right now but we will keep working and get it right, we will be ok if we stick together."

The Bobcats will travel to Center next Friday afternoon to face the Vikings and then will host the Sierra Grande Panthers Saturday evening. We hope to see you at the gym, GO BOBCATS!!

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Sheriff Candidate Steve Trombley Responds to Sentinel's Questionnaire

The following questions were sent to each of the Custer County Sheriff Candidates, and the responses will be printed as they are received:

1. Why do you want to be Sheriff of Custer County?

I know I have a lot to offer Custer County. When we moved out west, we could have relocated anywhere. We selected Westcliffe and made a substantial investment in the community. Over the past 12 years, I have come to love the community, the people, and the rural lifestyle. After nine years in law enforcement, as a posse member and deputy, I can make my best contribution to the community by being elected Sheriff.

2. How have your past law enforcement experiences prepared you for the role of sheriff in a rural community?

Four years as a member of the posse and five years as a deputy, has provided me with the knowledge of how a rural Sheriff should keep the peace. There are approximately 4,200 citizens that live in Custer County. In addition to enforcing laws, an effective Sheriff must treat people with dignity, respect, friendliness, fairness and care. On a daily basis I implement all of these in a professional manner, and will continue to do so.

3. What do you know about the culture in rural Custer County?

This is a ranching community and I would hope that it stays this way. This is a culture that I have experienced as a businessman, a posse member, and a deputy. Tourism is also very important to this county. I will establish a good blend of western hospitality and responsible law enforcement for ranchers, visitors and residents alike.

4. If elected Sheriff, what are your top three short-term priorities?

1. Review department personnel so that we are all on the same page.

2. Select a competent Undersheriff.

3. Study the department budget. If the goals that I have set are to have a chance of being realized, a resource audit must be made sooner rather than later.

5. If elected Sheriff, what are your top three long-term priorities?

1. Keep Custer County a safe place to live.

2. Keep the school free of alcohol and drugs.

3. Instill a new level of cooperation among Sheriff's personnel including the posse, Fire, Search and Rescue, The District Attorney's Office and the Custer County School District.

6. What is your opinion of the posse and what are your plans (short- and long-term) for the posse?

As a former four year member of the posse, I am convinced that after a decade of service to the county, that the posse provides invaluable back-up service for the Sheriff's Office. The posse is 100% volunteer and they cost the county taxpayers nothing. I will review the posse personnel and see what the Sheriff's Office can do to better equip and train these dedicated volunteers. In my administration, the posse will stay and grow.

7. What is your philosophy regarding citizens carrying weapons, both concealed and open carry?

The founders understood the importance of an armed citizenry. I, too, see the value of honest law abiding citizens, without a criminal record and in sound mental health, to have the ability to own and carry firearms. Open carry is legal in Custer County, and I will keep it that way.

8. What would your policy be as Sheriff regarding CCW requests from mem-

bers of the community?

I will continue to authorize concealed weapons permits to Custer County residents, after the required background check and firearms safety class has successfully been completed. This is good public policy. I will also encourage citizens to practice with their firearm periodically and attend other firearm safety classes. Under my administration, the Sheriff's office will sponsor optional safety classes three to four times annually.

9. What is your opinion on the universal background check and magazine round limit laws passed this year?

These laws are practically unenforceable and likely unconstitutional. It is my hope that they will be repealed in short order. The citizens who obey these laws are those who are No danger to society. The criminals who will ignore these laws, are the real danger.

10. What are your views on the lawsuit the County Sheriffs of Colorado has filed to overturn the new gun control laws?

Even though the ruling thus far states that the Sheriffs do not have legal standing to challenge the law in their official capacity, they do have the right to go forward in their individual capacity. This is already being done, and I will join with the Sheriffs and support the Association's efforts in any legal way possible.

11. Many Colorado Sheriffs have stated they will not enforce, or will not actively seek to enforce, the universal background check and magazine round limit laws. What is your position on this?

Legislators passed these laws foolishly. Selective enforcement of laws is a poor policy and sends the wrong message to citizens.

See TROMBLEY on page 12

Sheriff Candidate Tony Supan Responds to Sentinel's Questionnaire

The following questions were sent to each of the Custer County Sheriff Candidates, and the responses will be printed as they are received:

1. Why do you want to be Sheriff of Custer County?

Since 1973 I have called this valley home and raised my family here. Businesses prospering and the well-being of the people is important to me and I want to continue to be involved in the future, especially our youth. Everyone's safety at home, work, or school is my goal.

2. How have your past law enforcement experiences prepared you for the role of sheriff in a rural community?

Growing up in this rural lifestyle and spending my law enforcement career here has provided me with the knowledge and understanding of the type of crimes we encounter. Sheriff Jobe has groomed me for the past year; I am actively handling every aspect of day-to-day department operations, and am fully prepared for this role.

3. What do you know about the culture in rural Custer County?

The culture of this community has been predominantly agriculture for many years, we all raised cattle and put up hay. Over the years the culture has diversified and we are now blending agriculture with an urban and entrepreneurial influence.

4. If elected Sheriff, what are your top three short-term priorities?

A) Establish myself as the People's sheriff, open, honest, straightforward and ready to be a good listener.

B) Enhance active shooter training at the school and throughout the community to ensure the utmost safety for all.

C) Prepare for the enforcement issues that may arise from the legalization of

marijuana in Colorado.

5. If elected Sheriff, what are your top three long-term priorities?

A) Keeping our crime rate low, even as our population is growing.

B) Being upright and fiscally responsible with what the community has entrusted to me.

C) Procuring monies to further training and updating equipment so the department can be at state-of-the-art readiness while maintaining a hometown department feel.

6. What is your opinion of the posse and what are your plans (short- and long-term) for the posse?

The posse is the greatest asset this community has, they are dedicated and serve an important role in assisting the Sheriff's Department.

Short-term plans: Help build membership

Long-term plans: Defray their cost of clothing, ammunition, equipment, etc., things that they now must provide for themselves.

7. What is your philosophy regarding citizens carrying weapons, both concealed and open carry?

Concealed and open carry has always been a way of life in Custer County. I believe every God-fearing, law-abiding citizen has the right to carry a legal weapon. I also believe that you should know your weapon completely, and understand how to use it in a safe and appropriate manner.

8. What would your policy be as Sheriff regarding CCW requests from members of the community?

Colorado is a right to carry state. Once all background requirements are met, no reasonable request would be turned down.

9. What is your opinion on the universal background check and magazine round limit laws passed this year?

It is by belief that the new universal background check and magazine round limit laws will do very little to curb gun violence and that these laws are an infringement of our second amendment rights.

10. What are your views on the lawsuit the County Sheriffs of Colorado has filed to overturn the new gun control laws?

The lawsuit brought by the Colorado Sheriff's Association has already had a positive effect in the wording of the new laws and I support their efforts.

11. Many Colorado Sheriffs have stated they will not enforce, or will not actively seek to enforce, the universal background check and magazine round limit laws. What is your position on this?

Our job is not to ignore laws, but at the same time these laws were not written in a way that can easily be enforced. Therefore, I will not actively seek enforcement.

12. What experience do you have with creating and managing a budget, managing a workforce, and operating as an elected official?

During my career I have supervised up to 38 employees, developed and followed budgets covering corporations, small businesses and special districts. As a manager, jobs were done in a timely manner, safely, and within budget. As an elected official of the fire district I was fiscally responsible and stayed in tune with the community needs.

13. The Silver Cliff Town Board is still considering allowing the operation of retail marijuana stores within its borders. What is your opinion on this?

The Silver Cliff Town Board likes the idea of possible extra revenue from the retail sales of marijuana and I understand their desire to be fiscally responsible for their town. It would not be my personal choice.

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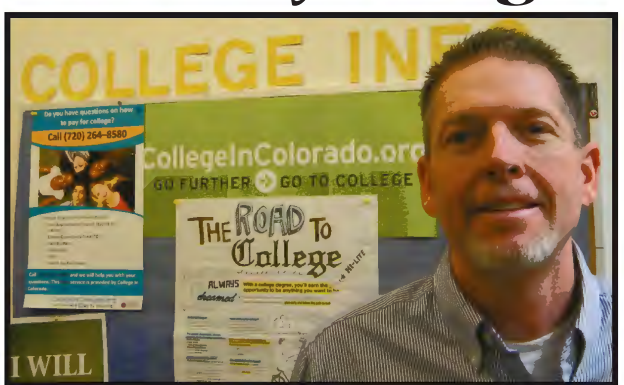
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Bobcat Teacher Feature: Troy Bomgardner



Where were you raised:
Born in Hays, Ks, raised in Kansas and Missouri

Education:
Mid-America Nazarene University-BA-Social Studies Education, Emporia State University-MS-Counselor Education

Hobbies:
Anything with my children, hunting, watching football and wood-cutting

Personal Info: (e.g. married, children)
Married to a wonderful woman in Anita for 10 years and we've been blessed with 3 children who attend Custer County Schools. Ty and Brooke are 8-years-old and Lily is 6-years-old.

Currently teaching - Grade

Level or Content Area:
Counselor for Custer County School and also teach a high school Leadership class. Am a sponsor for the high school student council and high school football coach.

Why did you choose to work in Custer County?
I put in an application here to initially get my parents who live in Colorado Springs to quit asking me, "Why don't you apply in Colorado?" However, after learning more about the people and history of Custer County, I realized this might be a pretty cool place. And then after talking with and meeting the staff here, I decided that Custer County would be a good place for me and my family. I have had the opportunity to work in a

number of schools, both secondary and college, and I feel we have an excellent staff here. Both my wife and I are "small place" people and Custer County fits us well.

What is your greatest motivation to be a teacher?
I have spent some time in the business world away from education and something was drawing me back to education. It is a great feeling to know that each day I come to work, I have the chance to make a real difference in a child's life that will outlive me.

What are your greatest challenges as a teacher?
I think the biggest challenge I face is encouraging and motivating students to be their very best. I think all teachers here want this for the students and on some days it is a tough challenge.

What is the most important 'take away' you hope for your students at the end of the year? I would like for students to have the courage and confidence to strive to be the best they can at home, school, church and in our community.



Bobcat Winter Fest Royalty

Seniors King: Henry Watson, Queen: Lillian Gerringer
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Freshmen Attendants: Andrew Feldmann and Latisha Schlabach

Sentinel photo by Paul Sage

Bobcat Menu • Jan 27 - Jan 30, 2014

Monday breakfast Blueberry or Banana Loaf, Ham Fruit, Milk lunch Cheese Pizza Choice of Vegetable Choice of Fruit Milk	Tuesday breakfast Cheese Quesadilla Fruit, Milk lunch Sloppy Jo Choice of Vegetable Choice of Fruit Milk	Wednesday breakfast Pancake Wrap (Blueberry/Plain) Fruit, Milk lunch Hot Turkey Sandwich Choice of Vegetable Choice of Fruit Milk	Thursday breakfast Sausage Gravy, Biscuits Fruit, Milk lunch Nachos w/ Mexican Rice Choice of Vegetable Choice of Fruit Milk
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Elementary - Main dish, bread, milk, choice of 1 veg. & 1 fruit • Salad bar

Bobcats Sport Schedule

BASKETBALL Friday, January 24, 2014 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Middle School Girls/Boys Basketball at Home vs. Cotopaxi 3:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. - High School Girls/Boys JV/V Away @ Center Saturday, January 25, 2014 3 p.m. - High School JV/V Girls/Boys at Home vs. Sierra Grande Friday, January 31, 2014 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. - High School JV/V at Home vs. Cripple Creek - Victor Saturday, February 1, 2014 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. - High School JV/V Girls/Boys Away at Sangre de Cristo	WRESTLING Saturday, January 25, 2014 8 a.m. - TOURNAMENT at Paonia Saturday, February 1, 2014 9 a.m. - High School Wrestling Valley Classic at Center Friday - Saturday, February 14-15, 2014 TBA - Regionals
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GO BOBCATS!

KIDS

Friday, January 24, 2014

United States Bill of Rights

The first ten amendments to the United States Constitution are known altogether as the Bill of Rights. They were ratified on December 15, 1791.

Amendment I.*	
Created	September 25, 1789
Ratified*	December 15, 1791
Location	National Archives
Author(s)	James Madison

"The First Amendment prohibits the making of any law respecting an establishment of religion, impeding the free exercise of religion, abridging the freedom of speech, infringing on the freedom of the press, interfering with the right to peaceably assemble, or prohibiting the petitioning for a governmental redress of grievances."

The purpose of these Amendments was to calm the fears of the Federalists who were against ratifying the Constitution and to set limits on government actions with respect to our personal freedoms.

information source: en.wikipedia.org

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SIX-PACK Short on Results at Two-day Tourney

by Michelle Pedigo

It was a short two-days for the Bobcat grapplers in Florence last weekend. Being the only 2A school in attendance, The SIX-PACK found themselves in the middle of what was probably their toughest competition of the year. The tournament began on Friday afternoon, and before

the end of the night, two 'Cats had been eliminated. The team traveled back to Florence Saturday morning in hopes that the remaining three 'Cats could move forward, but it was not to be, and they headed home early in the afternoon.

Tyler Watson and Cody Koble each posted records at 0-2. Weldon Rusher,

Kody Aldrich and Manny Pedigo each took an opponent by fall, but also posted two losses each, ending the weekend contest with 1-2 records.

The SIX-PACK heads to Paonia for Saturday's competition, stopping on the way in Salida on Friday for a scrimmage practice.

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Passages Biblical Antiquities Exhibit

by Sandy and Sally Harvey

Less than 100 miles away in Colorado Springs is a Bible and antiquities collection from Jewish, Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox, and other sources that you would have to scour the museums of the earth to rival. The 450 items on display span 5,000 years from cuneiform texts and the Dead Sea Scrolls to the Bible taken to the moon on Apollo 14. Between those those times you will find the birth of western civilization.

We have one family to thank - the Greens, the owners of Hobby Lobby who have amassed 40,000 pieces of rare biblical texts and artifacts that will come to rest in a museum in Washington, D.C., in 2017.

You will see western civilization sorting itself as the swelling forces of the Bible's words and ideas, reaching ever deeper into the lower classes, collides with monarchies, political systems, and religious royalty, gear for gear.

In England the drama of Henry VIII, Anne Boleyn, Bloody Mary, and Elizabeth can only be fully understood through the monumental forces created by some of the rarest documents on earth. You will see this repeated in Germany and Spain and in the Americas.

As man's want for these words seeped further and ever deeper into his social fabric there spawned two of earth's greatest achievements in the dissemination of knowledge. They were the codex (bound, leafed books verses scrolled and folded) and the moveable type press. With the Gutenberg press and the codex book form the revolution was on. The molten flows of knowledge and learning covered Europe and was advanced by thousands of men and women that willingly walked into the States flames, flames that destroyed only the flesh.

All of this cooled into western civilization.

To guide you through this exhibit is case after case of the world's rarest and most pivotal publications of our civilization's experience. The recorded guide is eight hours alone and is by the PhD that assembled the Green collection, Dr. Carroll. There are two printing presses, one a working copy of a Gutenberg that prints sample pages for viewers. There are monitors with costumed actors to move you through periods more meaningfully. There are talking, animated displays, one fully enacting the creation of Julia Ward Howe's Battle Hymn of the Republic. There is a large display of Jewish Torah Scrolls and other items that had been stolen and catalogued by the Nazis to demonstrate Jewish life - after their extermination.

Toward the end of the exhibit there are many interactive kiosks for children and adults alike and a full display of a moonscape with shuttle of the very Bible taken to the moon. There are two theaters, one showing the astronauts of Apollo 8 in their famous reading from Genesis.

At the end of the exhibit you will find yourself in a more knowledgeable place that only a renewal of history can supply.

We must thank the Greens and their Hobby Lobby for assembling a unique show of such great drive and thought at the cost of tens of millions. We must also thank them for standing with the same Christian sacrifices documented in this exhibit. It is in defense of Christianity they are leading the battle, once again against the oppression of government, this time in the form of Obamacare. This is what our founding fathers called The Sacred Rights of Conscience.

The Exhibit is PASSAGES and can be explored at explorepassages.com - thousands of years and your civilization are less than 100 miles away. It is due to close at the end of January

Deadline for getting your information into the Classifieds is Monday at Noon for that week's edition.

Events Calendar

Friday, January 24, 2014

7:30 p.m. - The Jones Theater: Custer County High School Drama Club Presents the Comedy, "The Curious Savage"

Saturday, January 25, 2014

8 a.m. - Wrestling Tournament @ Paonia
7:30 p.m. - The Jones Theater: Custer County High School Drama Club Presents the Comedy, "The Curious Savage"
All Day: National SAT Test Date, Next Registration Deadline is Feb. 7 for test date of March 8 - Check out collegeboard.org

Sunday, January 26, 2014

2 p.m. - The Jones Theater: In Concert Presents Antero Winds – Woodwind Quintet

Monday, January 27, 2014

9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Antero Winds Woodwind Quintet Concert West Gym: (9:00 am for Elementary, 10:00 am for Middle School and High School)

Wednesday, January 29, 2014

4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Middle School Knowledge Bowl @ Custer County Middle School, Room 116

Thursday, January 30, 2014

8 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. -School-Wide Spelling Bee @ Custer County School District C-1, Great Room
5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Family Literacy Night @ Great Room, Elementary Class Rooms, Custer County School

Friday, January 31, 2014

9 a.m. - BOCC Meeting at Courthouse
3 p.m. - 7 p.m. - High School JV / V Girls / Boys Basketball @ Home vs. Cripple Creek - Victor

Saturday, February 1, 2014

2 p.m. - Jones Theater: Second Street Dance Studio's Debut Recital Presents "Music Through The Decades" Adults, \$10; Kids, 12 and under, \$5; at the door, \$15. Tickets also available at the Second Street Studio

Sunday, February 2, 2014

2 p.m. - Jones Theater: Second Street Dance Studio's Debut Recital Presents "Music Through The Decades" Adults, \$10; Kids, 12 and under, \$5; at the door, \$15. Tickets also available at the Second Street Studio

Recurring Events and Business Hours

Monday

6 p.m.: Closed discussion meeting Alcoholics Anonymous at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or 360/509-9172 or Lisa 719/783-0809.

Monday through Friday

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Custer County Public transit service available to everyone through Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club. Call 783-2343.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

Noon: Lunch served at Custer County Senior Center located on first floor of Silver Cliff Town Hall. Call 783-9508 to RSVP.

Monday and Thursday

11 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources in Silver Cliff opens to assist young mothers and families in need. Services include free pregnancy tests, counseling to pregnant women and more. Call 783-4357.

Tuesday

12:30 p.m.: Bridge Club meets in the library community room in downtown Westcliffe.

4:30 p.m.: Awanas for kids ages three through sixth grade at First Baptist Church of Westcliffe.

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.: Jammin' band at Mining Company restaurant in Silver Cliff.

Tuesday through Friday

10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.: Library in downtown Westcliffe open.

Wednesday

Line dancers meet at Community United Methodist Church from 9:30 to 11 a.m. thru the winter starting November 20. Call Clem at 303/909-7370.

6 p.m.: Closed Big Book study Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or 360/509-9172 or Lisa 719/783-0809.

Thursday

5:30 p.m.: Weight Watchers meeting in the Hope Lutheran Church basement. Call 783-4144.

6 p.m.: Celebrate Recovery program at First Baptist Church in Westcliffe. Call 719/568-1060.

Friday

6 p.m.: Open topic Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Call Jim at 783-2053 or 360/509-9172 or Lisa 719/783-0809.

Friday and Saturday

1 p.m. – 4 p.m.: Share Center adjacent to Hope Lutheran Church in Westcliffe open.

Saturday

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Library in downtown Westcliffe open.

10:30 a.m.: Story time for kids at the library.

Local Mountain News & Notices

Obituary

Phyllis Geraldine Kastendieck

Phyllis Geraldine Kastendieck was born in Florence, Colorado, on March 25, 1928 but was a lifelong resident of Westcliffe, Colorado. It was there she met Chuck Kastendieck who after some cajoling and patience married the woman who he calls "the prettiest woman he ever saw".

Phyllis was a decade's long member of Hope Lutheran church where she contributed as more than a member, she proudly did many jobs including helping with the alter vestments and was a member of the Priscilla Club.

She was a lifelong homemaker but also was the proud owner and operator of many small businesses including the Kastendieck Dairy, the 96 Cafe, Hermit Enterprises Meat Processing, Jennings Market and

Bakery, and the Alpine Lodge.

There are few lives in Westcliffe that didn't have the pleasure of knowing Phyllis but the most touched by her life were her family. She was preceded in death by her parents, Dona and Elizabeth, her sister, Maxine, her brother-in-law, Gene, her brother-in-law, Chester and his wife Mary, her brother-in-law, George Crow, and her sister-in-law, Ruby Geroux.

She was survived by her husband, Charles (Chuck) who spent 65-years with his loving wife. She was also survived by her sister, Lois Crow, and her brother, Jack Geroux.

She was also survived by her children: Vickie Patterson and her husband Ken, Richard Kastendieck, Michael Kastendieck and his wife Loralyn and Nickie



Sandefur and her husband Roger.

She was also loved by 20 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren who were constantly brought smiles by her generosity, her spirit and her warm nature.

Any Memorial Contributions should be made to Hope Lutheran Church, 312 South Third Street, Westcliffe, Colorado, 81252.

Obituary

Mary Frances Kastendieck

Mary Frances Kastendieck died at Valley Assisted Living, on January 18, 2014, at the age of 89.

She was born March 7, 1924 on the Homestead Ranch in Rosita, to John and Hattie Reis. A life-long resident of Custer County, Mary married Chester - Chet - in February, 1943, and together they enjoyed working their ranch for many years. She liked to crochet, fish - especially in Oregon and British Columbia, and tend her vegetable

garden to provide food for her family.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Chet; their son, Carroll (Shorty); two brothers: John and Leonard Reis, and her sister-in-law, Phyllis Kastendieck.

She is survived by her daughter Sheron Berry (Fred) of Westcliffe, son Dwight (Bernadette) of Grants, NM; grandchildren Tammy Christensen (Matthew) of Littleton, Melissa Berry of Littleton, Kurt Kastendieck (Loretta) of Santa Fe, NM, Derek Kas-

tendieck of Albuquerque, NM, great grandchildren Tony, Katie, Josh, and Taylor Christensen, and Holly, Luke, and Julie Kastendieck. Many more called her Grandma Mary. She is also survived by her brother George of Westcliffe, and sisters-in-law Jean Reis and Louisa Reis, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mary truly was part of the Greatest Generation. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Lutheran Church or VALI through their community fund.

Obituary

Harvey Geroux

Harvey Donald Geroux, 65, passed away on January 16, 2014, at his home.

Harvey was born September 22, 1948, in Pueblo CO to Chester (Jack) and Ruby (Hanssen) Geroux. He was the oldest of four siblings: Clarice (Bryon) Dean, Nancy (Robert) Tallent, and Darell (Twila) Geroux. He married the "Love" of his life Virginia (Ginnie) Pomeroy on May 25, 1969. He graduated from Custer County High School in 1966. Harvey had been a life long rancher living mostly in Westcliffe and a short time in the San Luis Valley. Harvey enjoyed anything that had him on the back of a horse: roping, branding, or taking the horses up to the mountain lakes where he was able to do his other favorites; camping, hunting and fishing. He loved to fly fish

the most. He liked to watch and play basketball, football, volleyball, and rodeo. His latest fun was bowling. His favorite pastime was being with his wife, family and friends. He also loved to just sit and visit with anyone about anything.

Harvey is survived by his wife Virginia (Ginnie), children: Juliette "Jet" (Dan) Mankle of Sargent, NE; Justin (Kristi) Geroux of Westcliffe, CO; Erin (Jeremiah) Geroux of Midland, TX; and Beth (John) Kilpatrick of Melbourne, FL. Grandchildren: Amanda (his "favorite" Granddaughter), Grandsons: Chris, Logan, Cordel, Layne, and Kolten. Numerous cousins, nieces,



and nephews. He is also survived by siblings Clarice (Bryon) Dean of Oak Creek, CO; Nancy (Robert) Tallent of Westcliffe, CO; Darell (Twila) Geroux of Westcliffe, CO; and his father Chester (Jack) of Westcliffe, CO. He was Preceded by his mother Ruby. Memorial services were held at the Custer County Fairgrounds, on Tuesday, January 21, 2014.

Memorials are suggested by the family to go to Fremont Regional Hospice.

I Know You'll Miss This Man

by Baxter Black

*The Lord spoke to the heavy hearts that stood with hats in hand
"Your sadness pains me deeply and I know you'll miss this man.
But, it's true what you've been hearing, Heaven is a real place.
That's no small consolation, You should use that fact to face.*

*The emptiness his parting left that seeps into your bones
And draw on it to ease your pain, For he is not alone.
You see, all his friends are up here and all his loved ones, too,
'Cause it wouldn't be a heaven without each one of you.*

*And heaven for a Cowboy is just what you might expect,
It's horses that need tunin' up and heifers that need checked.
It's long rides with a purpose and a code that lights the way
And a satisfying reason to get up every day.*

*It's the ranch he's always dreamed of and never knew he'd find.
And if you think about it, you can see it in your mind.
Him, leanin' in the saddle with his ol' hat on his head,
Contentment set upon his face like blankets on a bed.*

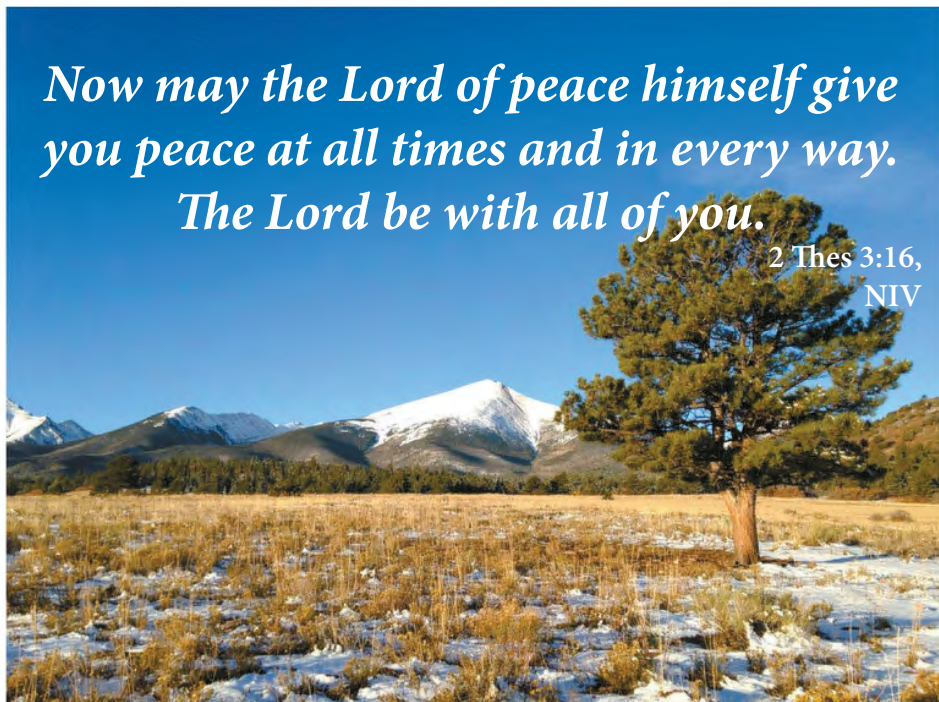
*The leather creaks a little as he shifts there in the seat.
The bit chains give a jingle when his pony switches feet.
And you somehow get the feelin' that he's sittin' on a throne
Agazin out on paradise just like it was his own.*

*I can promise you he's happy, though I know you can't pretend
You're glad he made the journey, It's too hard to comprehend.
The earthly way you look at things can never satisfy
Your lack of understanding for the answer to the 'Why?'*

*So, I offer this small comfort to put your grief to rest,
I only take the top hands 'cause my crew's the very best.
And I know it might seem selfish to friends and next of kin
But I needed one more Cowboy and he sure fit right in."*

*Now may the Lord of peace himself give
you peace at all times and in every way.
The Lord be with all of you.*

2 Thes 3:16,
NIV





Bobcats fighting hard for the rebound.



Coach Byerly goes over the winning strategy with our Bobcats.



Brian O'Connor (21) getting some serious air on a rebound.



Bodies everywhere: Showing what it takes to win.

Boys Varsity Roster		
#	Name	Grade
2	Henry Watson	Senior
4	Conner Rowley	Junior
5	Nate Schreve	Senior
10	Bryce Carty	Senior
12	Devon Hockaday	Freshman
14	Tyler Schlabach	Sophomore
20	Ethan Gomez	Sophomore
21	Brian O'Connor	Senior
22	Lane Byerly	Senior
23	Jonathan Redmond	Sophomore
24	Michael Parsons	Freshman
30	Josh Carter	Senior
34	Geoffrey Mellini	Sophomore
43	Ed Berry	Sophomore
45	Cody Lyons	Freshman



Is Coach happy or mad?

Total Points		
#	Name	Points
10	Bryce Carty	7
2	Henry Watson	2
5	Nate Schreve	2
20	Ethan Gomez	1
21	Brian O'Connor	23
22	Lane Byerly	11
4	Conner Rowley	15

Coaches	
Head Coach	Shannon Byerly
Assistant Coach	Gary Holycross

Managers	
Heather Schlabach	
Rachel King	
Max Dawid	



Brian O'Connor (21) showing good follow through on a foul shot.



Henry Watson (2) getting ready to give the Bobcats another crucial point.



Bruce Lee has nothing on our guys.



Our cheerleaders Kirsten Benoit, Trish Havens, Lilly Gerringer, Devyn Posadas and Hannah Moulton getting the crowd riled up!

TROMBLEY From page 6

If two gun owners decide to buy or sell a legal privately owned firearm, they rarely advertise the transaction. No officer can reasonably be expected to anticipate this kind of transaction. As for the magazine law, this is so filled with flaws that the enforcement is virtually impossible. In my administration, there will be no stings or entrapment activities.

12. What experience do you have with creating and managing a budget, managing a workforce, and operating as an elected official?

I have founded, operated, and supervised three businesses. One with a workforce of over 30 people. All of these required budgets and financial analysis. As a Westcliffe Town Trustee, creating and managing a budget with six other Trustees is part of the job. My budget experience as a local town trustee has taught me about what the public expects. I take my responsibilities seriously. My past experience has prepared me for the wise and efficient management of public funds.

13. The Silver Cliff Town Board is still considering allowing the operation

of retail marijuana stores within its borders. What is your opinion on this?

Research on this issue confirmed that crime increased everywhere marijuana was sold. Marijuana sales is a cash business. Growth facilities contend with burglary and theft by employees. In all of these cases the cost of law enforcement services go up. In a small jurisdiction like ours, we can expect a major strain on the county's limited resources. The financial costs are just too high where marijuana outlets exist. I hope Silver Cliff follows the lead of Westcliffe and the County, and votes "No".

SCHOOL From page 5

names will be printed in both papers. She indicated Friday's inservice for staff will involve review of both state T-CAP and district NWEA (MAPS) testing data as teachers receive 50% of their evaluation is based on student test scores, and 50% is based on the district evaluation (not necessarily MAPS testing), a component of SB 191. She also discussed looking at graduation requirements as mandated by the state with several things to consider; raising requirements from 27 to 28 credits, students engaged in 7 periods of active instruction, and to look at technology.

Board Member, Monty Lee stated the entire community's input is needed for graduation requirements- within a state provided rubric. The community can add input (per 22.32.10 statute) to form

a 'blueprint' of graduation guidelines for CC-1. This legislation passed in 2009, but the 'blueprint' must be done before the beginning of the 2014 school year. This law is to get local control involved with acceptable 'blueprint' for graduation criteria.

In the Superintendent's report, Mr. Selle reported student count is up slightly. Finance will be a big education issue in the legislative session this spring with March forecast affecting the budget. The 'negative factor' for Custer County is about \$600,000.00. With regards to state accreditation, Mr. Selle reports, in December the state showed no change from August for CC-1 and puts them at the same accreditation score in low 70's which is "pretty strong" and a list of all the districts put CC-1 in the top 3rd relative to other schools in the state.

A work session was scheduled for Thursday, February 6 at 2 p.m. at the Adminis-

tration office. Terre Davis provided an outline for the board to consider prior to the work session. She also asked Chris Selle to do an overview of the current UIP (Unified Improvement Plan) for the community to have an understanding of where CC-1 has designated as their areas to improve in and what the Accountability works on. Mrs. Davis pointed out that this is part of the 'transparency' the community is looking for and asked Mr. Selle to include this in his Superintendent's report. Mr. Selle said the UIP is due to the state in April, so reporting in February would work best.

CC1 upcoming events for the community; High School drama production performances January 23, 24 and 25, Elementary Family Literacy Night on January 29, from 5-7pm. Parents and community members are also invited to join the Accountability Committee.

Sheriff's Report...

January 19, Andrew Lewis, age 31 of Silver Cliff, was arrested on violation of a protection order. He was booked on a \$1,000 bond and remains in jail.

January 19, at 5:00 p.m. a call from Fremont County came in to the Custer County Sheriff's Office on Zillanz Falcon, age 57 of Colorado Springs, for assault with a sword. He was stopped and apprehended in the 700 block of Main Street in Westcliffe and transported to St. Thomas More hospital in Cañon City for minor injuries. Fremont County charged him and remains in jail.

January 18, Timothy Leach, age 42 of Silver Cliff, was arrested in the 600 block of South Street and charged with 3rd degree assault and domestic violence. Bond was set at \$2,000 and he remains in jail.

January 14, Ronald Hopkins, of Silver Cliff, reported someone entered his residence and removed some prescription drugs. This case is under investigation.

January 12, Forrest Spitzfaden, age 19, of rural Westcliffe, and Michael Robeda,

age 21, of Pueblo, had a pulling contest with their pickup trucks on CR 130. Nathan Stark, age 22, of Silver Cliff, was in the bed of Robeda's pickup. Stark either fell or jumped out of Robeda's pickup and Spitzfaden ran over him. Stark was taken to Parkview in serious condition. Spitzfaden was charged with a power contest on a county road and reckless driving. Robeda was charged with reckless driving, power contest, and driving under the influence of alcohol.

January 12, Jared Laplante, age 21, of Grand Junction, was arrested on two Custer County warrants for failing to appear in court. \$1,500 bond on each warrant was posted and he was released. The charge was an unlawful sexual contact.

January 11, at 4:30 p.m., Debrah Bergeaux, age 45 of Cañon City, was driving a 1999 Dodge SUV north bound on CR 255, hit a slick spot, and went off the right side of the road, hitting a barbed wire fence and trees. There was heavy damage to the Dodge and slight injuries to her and one passenger.

January 10, at 12:05 p.m., Ilene Mullett, age 31, of rural Westcliffe, was west bound on HWY 96 at mile marker 8 when she hit an icy patch and went off the right hand side of the road and down the embankment. She had minor injuries and the three passengers were not hurt.

January 9, Joseph Shellenberger, age 56 of Silver Cliff, was arrested on criminal mischief, harassment, and domestic violence, and theft. He was jailed with a bond of \$2,000 and remains in jail.

January 8, Nancy Blea, age 59, of Thornton, was arrested in Adams County on a Custer County warrant for failure to comply. She was charged with false reporting and no licenses, and released on a \$500 bond.

January 8, Edward Daughy, age 53, of Silver Cliff, was arrested from a warrant for disorderly conduct stemming from an incident in December in Westcliffe. Bond of \$100 was posted and he was released.

Ten men are in jail as of January 21 and there were three ambulance runs last week.

Court Report...

Benjamin Lee Rusher, age 25 of Westcliffe, plead guilty on one charge of providing alcohol to a minor and a misdemeanor charge of driving while impaired. A charge of reckless use of a weapon was dismissed by the DA. He is on probation for one year and charged a fine of \$2,454.50.

Edwin Moyer, age 47 of Silver Cliff, plead guilty to a traffic infraction. Bond was set at \$10,000 but then was reduced to \$500. Motion was dismissed.

Cassie Swartz, age 19 of Westcliffe, plead guilty to a class 2 misdemeanor of careless driving and charged a fine of \$232.50.

Emmit Morley Gaddard, age 21 of Westcliffe, plead guilty to speeding 10-19 miles over the speed limit. A charge of failure to provide proof of insurance was dismissed. He was charged a fine of \$110.50.

Chris Allen Graber, age 22 from Grabhill, IN, sent a written plea of guilty to careless driving, and was charged a fine of \$195.50.

Joseph Carl Gomez, age 32 of

Durango, was charged with offenses relating to marijuana. The case was dismissed.

Robert Donald Mangen, age 61 of Pueblo, entered a plea of not guilty to reckless endangerment, firing a rifle in close proximity of other residents where children were present. A motion to dismiss was granted.

Debbie Ann Shaw, age 56 of Cañon City, plead guilty of careless driving and was fined \$210.50.

Edwin James Moyer, age 47 of Silver Cliff, was charged with driving under the influence, and a defective, unsafe vehicle. He plead guilty and was sentenced to three days in jail (credited), one year probation, 48 hours of community service within six days, and ordered to pay restitution of \$24.75 to Custer County Sheriff's office.

Crystal Mae Wibright, of Pueblo was charged with assault in the third degree, criminal mischief, disorderly conduct, and displaying a fictitious number on licenses plates. She plead guilty. A mandatory restraining order was dismissed and she

was sentenced to two days of jail time, suspended, one year probation and 16 hours community service within 60 days. The DA also wants an apology letter within 14 days.

Shannon Russell Lowe, age 37 of Westcliffe, plead guilty to three charges of violating a protection order. He was jailed for 40 days on one count: 10 days of jail time and a 30-day-work release. A sentence of 140 days was suspended, and he will remain on probation for 2 years. He was also assessed a fine of \$1,489.50.

Michael Lloyd Cain, age 36 of Topeka, KS. Plead guilty to three counts of bail violation and was sentenced to jail for six months, and credited with time served of 20 days. He has to complete domestic violence evaluation and treatment for anger management as a requirement for probation and a protection order remains in effect.

Danny Joe Grove, age 57 of Westcliffe, plead guilty to one charge of speeding and was fined \$177.50.

**An army of principles can penetrate
where an army of soldiers cannot.**

~Thomas Paine

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Fremont County Bulletin

News, Opinion, Commentary

School Board Must Follow State Mandate

by: Barbara Penezic

During the General Business segment of the RE-1 Cañon City School Board meeting I asked the superintendent and each board member, as elected representatives of the community, to state for the record their own personal standing concerning the Common Core issue. Each member declined, much like the RE-2 Florence School Board members declined to answer my question about their personal standing on the transgender issue that is part of their High School students' daily lives. Cañon City Board president Mike Near said the district was "required to do Common Core." Board member Shad Johnson inquired if I had visited local schools using the curriculum. My answer was, "Yes, I have. My concern lies not with the teachers but with the curriculum they are mandated to use." Dr. Gooldy and Board President Mike Near then suggested that I meet privately with Dr. Gooldy at a later date. A meeting I readily agreed to.

During our meeting I asked Dr. Gooldy about the data mining issues and the fact that the information collected is being shared with 3rd parties. He says Cañon City Schools are not involved in data mining and that all information collected by the schools stays within the local system and is not shared with outside agencies. Next I asked about the curriculum. "Many parents are upset about reading material that is clearly pornographic, point in case, THE BLUE-EST EYE, DREAMING IN CUBAN, THE INVISIBLE MAN, and the list goes on. Have you read the excerpts from the Bluest Eye?" The answer was, "No, I have not." I left the superintendent with a copy of the offending document. I am sure that much like myself Dr. Gooldy had difficulty digesting his lunch after reading the introduction. This book would leave the saltiest sailor with a bad taste in his mouth. Please don't take my word for this go to Google or Yahoo and enter Common Core Porn Books and preview for yourself the books that are on the Reading List for our children. A reading of this material was recently halted at the State Board of Education so vile was the

content that grown adults did not want to hear it.

While the amoral content of reading materials is more than alarming we have not yet discussed the fact that Common Core is a blatant attempt at replacing all of the former great American role models with those of poor character, zero morals, and contempt for America and decency. Moral relativism is the goal and this means traditional norms must be eliminated. In a fitness class students were asked to imagine that their parents were divorced and one parent would be leaving the state. What would be the pros and cons of the situation? What, I wonder does this have to do with a fitness class. A geography class spreadsheet begins with statistics about hurricanes and tornadoes then it evolves to twisters and twista. Leading to a presentation that included pimps and gangstazs.

Another parent raised concerns about a Times Magazine issue meant for kids that is given to children at his school on a monthly basis. Every issue there is something about Obama his dog, his wife and good food, his shoes, his vacation,.... Every issue has some little piece about how wonderful our president is. And no this did not happen during the Bush or even the Clinton administration. This is more of the blatant indoctrination of our children that is occurring in our public schools. One instructor told her students that the Muslim Brotherhood should be referred to as "Freedom Fighters" not terrorists. Another class was told to design a new national flag that depicted the symbols of Socialism. A math class word problem dealt with how many people could be killed with one gun containing a certain number of bullets. We are always told teachers presenting this material have

been reprimanded and removed from the system but my question is, "How does this type of material make it to our class rooms to begin with?"

The superintendent said he would like to speak to a positive for Common Core, this being that students who move from one state to another would not find themselves either behind or ahead of students in their new class. When asked if he felt Common Core would be as attractive to local school officials without the federal funding, he replied, "We only received about \$45,000 from the Race to the Top money." Not enough in his opinion to make a difference. In fairness to Dr. Gooldy I felt like he truly believes that the Board can control on a local level the materials that will be allowed in the Cañon City schools. Me, not so much! Once the door is opened to Common Core agenda I think just like we are now hearing about the assessment tests that are state mandated, "It is the law and there is nothing we can do about it." We won't even be able to drive to Denver and address it on the state level because it will then be a federal matter. America is reducing itself to its worst common denominator. It is not too late to stop Common Core, but the clock is ticking down. Now is the time to stand united against this attack on our children. American children have some of the brightest and best minds in the world. They deserve our protection and guidance so they can lead our country to future greatness. We can hope to achieve nothing by placing our students and their teachers into narrow boxes unless we then plan to bury them. Stand up and say a resounding "NO" to Common Core.

Be Informed. Get Involved!



Cañon City Schools Administration Building

Photo by John Penezic Jr.

The Right to Own Property and a Door

by Sarah Roberts

(Editor/GG: The author's name has been changed to a pseudonym, for obvious reasons. The story is true. The names used are fictional, but the county is Fremont.)

The right to acquire and keep property (both movable and immovable property) is one that this nation's forefathers saw as inherently implicit in the human experience. Through industry, sweat and toil and/or mental exertions that create items or services of value, a person is able to barter and trade with others whose industry creates other items of value. For most Americans, ownership of land is the ultimate form of property acquisition. However, upon close scrutiny, one can argue absolutely that land acquisition is not a right truly observed by any of our various levels of government.

In 1996, Sarah and Dan purchased a comfortable two-story house and the small lot on which Sarah's father built it in rural Fremont County, Colorado, their home town. The house was practically new at the time, having been built in 1990, and for Sarah, a girl who grew up in mobile homes in rented trailer park spaces, the idea of possessing her own little piece of ground was wondrous, indeed.

Naturally, part of the deal when Sarah and Dan purchased their home was the inclusion of property taxes through escrow in their mortgage payments. Taxation of land property is a given, one that all living Americans have been acclimated to accept as the norm. But this burden alone, in essence, negates true ownership of land, for if Americans do not pay their property taxes, government authorities swoop in and swipe their property away. By definition, this makes all so-called property owners, in fact, renters. Nevertheless, like the slow boiling of a lobster, Americans blithely accept property taxation laws, and their rights are slowly being cooked alive.

And it does not come even remotely close to ending there, no indeed. For Sarah

and Dan, part of the joy of owning their home is their ability to maintain it, to individualize it, to improve it. Yet again, local government restrictions and regulations through building codes and requirements to purchase building permits have made home improvement so cost inhibitive that they have in many instances either left their home unmaintained and unimproved, or they have become civilly disobedient by ignoring local building codes, hoping that they won't be caught.

Recently, Sarah and Dan decided to build a small addition to the back of their home, so Dan researched the current building requirements through the Fremont County Building Department. Of course, many of the building codes were logical and were written with the property owner's safety in mind. However, many were simply outrageous, and they completely stripped away Sarah's and Dan's property rights. At the time, Dan and Sarah "owned" a beautiful, wood-framed double-paned patio door that they wished to move and to use in the new addition. But the regulations stipulated that the new addition required all new materials so that energy conservation ratings could be certified, making Dan's and Sarah's home more energy efficient. Thus, the door, if left where it was would be grandfathered in as acceptable even though its placement in the home made the addition impossible. When removed, the door literally became a piece of expensive firewood and glass to add to a local landfill. Dan and Sarah could not certify the U rating of the glass in the door and, therefore, could not use it in constructing their addition.

Did Dan and Sarah truly own their door? The better question is, Fellow Citizens, what does anyone truly own if the answer to the first question is 'No'? This is a call to all Fremont County citizens to become informed as to our local building codes and tax laws. These issues should be addressed by those who wish to represent us within our local governments. The building codes in Fremont County GO TOO FAR!

IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

School Board Meetings:

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

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

Cañon City City Council
1st and 3rd
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Land of the Free; Home of the Enslaved

The occupant of the Oval Office told his Cabinet and his minions in the Senate that he openly intends to bypass Congress to give the American people what they need. He said he would use executive orders to meet Americans' needs. His words: "We're not just going to be waiting for legislation in order to make sure that we're providing Americans the kind of help they need. I've got a pen and I've got a phone. And I can use that pen to sign executive orders and take executive actions and administrative actions..." These words should become etched in the hearts of every Christian American who believes in freedom of religion. These are the words of a dictator, a usurper of what is just and right, a blasphemer.

If ever there was a break in the "democracy" charade being played by recent presidents and most of those elected to uphold the Constitution, these words are true exposure to their collective agenda. That agenda is one that is counter to God and to just and equal treatment under the law. You have it from the mouth of the beast: "One of the things that I'm going to be talking to my Cabinet about is how do we use all the tools available to us,

not just legislation, in order to advance a mission that I think unifies all Americans." Unifies all Americans under what? Slavery to the government's overreaching rules, regulations and arbitrary enforcement of the law? The burden of fees and taxes to redistribute wealth?

The Christian people, whose earthly and spiritual freedom is found in bondage to Christ, have before them a quandary: They have been taught for a century separation of church and state. Preachers and teachers drive home the point that Christians must submit to government--good or evil; that Christians serve a greater kingdom and therefore should not involve themselves with politics or government. Let us be clear on this misguided doctrine: God judges individuals and nations. Individuals comprise nations. Our example is the collective wickedness of Israel that led them into captivity and dispersion, although there were many Godly people among them, the prophets being witness.

We have before us a dictatorial government that has been allowed to drift far into the bosom of satan. We will be held accountable to God for ourselves, our families, our communities, our

states, and our nation in this time in which we are living. We must purpose ourselves to be an Ephesians 6:18-19 people: "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel." Only the gospel has the way, the truth and the life. To turn this nation toward God, we must open our mouths boldly--this is how to preserve our earthly liberty in Christ.

None of us are strong enough to struggle alone to defend our freedom against this present tyranny. It is only by the combination of the forces of God (our unification and God's hand of blessing) that shall prevent our enslavement to evil manifest in the godless acts of this government's power which has been usurped from the Constitution and the people. Arise in Christ or be enslaved to darkness. The night is far spent, the day is at hand, let us put on the armor of light and defeat the works of darkness!

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!

Bill Wilson

www.dailyjot.com

Young Mother Reveals What Caused Her to Flee Planned Parenthood and Save Her Unborn Twins' Lives

by Billy Hallowell,
TheBlaze.com

Rebecca Rizzi was five weeks pregnant and desperately looking for a way out — any way out.

Despite her qualms and personal opposition to abortion, she had reluctantly made up her mind: Terminating the pregnancy was for the best.

Rizzi set up an appointment at a Planned Parenthood in Tempe, Arizona, last May and subsequently drove there to learn more about the procedure. As she was en route to the clinic, her mind raced, as she secretly wanted to find a way to escape an act that she believed deep in her heart was morally wrong.

"I felt I had to do it," the 24-year-old told TheBlaze. "It was a situation where I hadn't talked to my family in a long time — same with my friends."

Feeling isolated, Rizzi had convinced herself, despite her inner most inclinations, that abortion was her only option.

When she arrived at Planned Parenthood, she noticed pro-life protesters standing outside. Rizzi said she knew their message about the sanctity of life was true, but entered the clinic anyway.

Once inside, she sat down in a crowded waiting room and waited. And as she waited, doubts re-emerged in her mind.



Olivia Grace and Kara Shea

(Image source: Sherry Pierce)

couldn't go through with the abortion, she walked outside to take a break and that's when she encountered Sherry Pierce, one of the protesters with the "Refuge in the Desert" ministry.

Rizzi decided to approach her.

"I kind of went over to chat and I think I had it set in my mind really not to be dismissive of what they were trying to do, but I was going to ask if they thought what they were doing would actually make a difference," she said.

Pierce, who told TheBlaze that she believes God brought Rizzi to her that day, asked the young woman why she felt abortion was the only answer.

"We were calling out and she came over to us," said Pierce. "Truly God brought

"Sherry asked me to tell her what was going on, why I felt like I had to do this. She told me there were all these resources," Rizzi recalled. "She took me to the pregnancy crisis center, and I think that day I had changed my mind after what Sherry said to me."

She continued, "I had it set in my mind that I could do this and put the baby up for adoption. I could live with that."

After Rizzi decided to continue with her pregnancy, Pierce put action to her words, supporting the young woman throughout her pregnancy, at one point even saying she would personally adopt her baby.

But then Rizzi found something out — a surprising fact that had a profound impact: She was carrying twins.

Faced with changing circumstances, Rizzi decided she wanted to raise her babies.

"I really was set on adoption. I told myself initially as long as I don't think of them as being mine, then I would be able to do that," she said. "Once I found out they were twins and I thought about our life together and what it could be [I changed my mind]."

Rizzi delivered Olivia Grace and Kara Shea last month and, so far, she says motherhood has been "exciting."

She also had a message for pregnant women who find themselves desperate and in similar situations.



Olivia Grace and Kara Shea

(Image source: Sherry Pierce)

Each time someone opened the door to enter or exit, Rizzi could hear the protesters outside — a convicting sound that stirred something deep within her heart.

Feeling as though she

her to us ... The Lord caused her to come over."

The conversation made a big impact and inevitably showed Rizzi that there were other avenues she could pursue.

Call to Me, and I will answer you,
and show you great and mighty things,
which you do not know.

Jeremiah 33:3
NKJ

10-Year-Old Afghani "Suicide Vest Girl"- Beaten, Enslaved By Taliban Islamist Family Members, Forced To Wear Vest

by Janna Brock,
FreedomOutpost.com

(Editor/GG: This, folks, is Islam at its finest. Please help me find the denunciations of this from the "moderate" Muslims. And Obama is turning over the country to these people as we speak.)

The 10-year-old Afghani girl also known as the "suicide vest girl" has a harrowing story to tell of Islamic terror at the hands of her father and brother. On Sunday, January 5th, she was caught wearing a rigged vest by border police in southern Afghanistan. At the time she told officers that her brother Zahir, a Taliban commander, had given her the vest and instructed her toward the checkpoint. Instantly, she became known as the "suicide vest girl." The shocking story ignited a firestorm, but the victim in the story is the young girl herself. Tortured and beaten by her father and brother, the ten-year-old, known only as Spozhmai, is the victim of Islamic misogyny. Could she have been the potential victim of an honor killing? In Islam's condoned horrific treatment of women, Spozhmai's story is all too familiar, but no less tragic.

She was an unwilling "suicide vest girl," being forced against her will to wear the deadly vest. The nickname "suicide vest girl" is tragic in itself. It is the product of a hardened numbness that comes from the onslaught of accounts of Islamic horror. With more stories of women taking part in suicide bombings, the idea of a young girl wearing a vest is not as shocking as it should be. From the "Black Widow" suicide bomber to the the Al-Qaeda female suicide bomber "death cult," the idea of female suicide bombers does not surprise anymore. Women can be just as lethal as their male counterparts.

But then there is the story of the 10-year-old "suicide vest girl," and the reality of Islam sets in. Little girls are enslaved and tortured by their male family members, beaten, and treated worse than animals is the reality. This is the real Islam, the vile, horrific, death cult, where no one is spared. Such atrocities are acceptable in Islamic society, the norm.

An Afghan girl has told the BBC that her family forced her to attack a police checkpoint in Helmand province.

The girl, known as Spozh-

mai, said her brother and father had beaten her, ordering her to put on a suicide vest.

She was taken into protective custody in the provincial capital Lashkar Gah, after an Afghan soldier spotted her wearing the vest last Monday.

The girl told the BBC that she was forced to wear the vest. She was beaten profusely before the attempted "attack" which ended when she was spotted by a soldier. It is doubtful she even knew how to detonate the vest. But what is true is that she was terrified, but more frightened about what she would face at home at the hands of her father and brother, a Taliban commander.

Police maintain she was forced into the attack by her brother Zahir, thought to be a prominent Taliban commander.



Spozhmai, the 10-year-old victim of Islamic misogyny.

Courtesy photo

Afghan president Hamid Karzai condemned the Taliban over the alleged plot, but the group has denied any involvement.

Qari Yousef Ahamdi, a spokesman for the group, stated the story as "government propaganda" and said: "We never do this, especially with girls."

This is a lie. The Taliban have been routinely noted for using children and women to carry out attacks. As reported by the National Journal in 2011, "The use of children as suicide bombers represents a new and dangerous evolution of the insurgent threat in Afghanistan, with militants taking advantage of the facts that young boys are easily impressionable and can be either persuaded to carry out such attacks voluntarily or forced to do so by threats to themselves or their families. In a similar shift, the Taliban and its allies have also begun employing women—who typically attract little scrutiny from security personnel—

as suicide bombers." This sounds a lot like the story of the "suicide vest girl."

Spozhmai told the BBC's Newsday programme that she had been scared to carry out the attack, but that her brother had promised only her targets would die.

She added that her father had ordered her to return home, but she refused to obey.

"I said: 'No, I will kill myself rather than go with you,'" she said.

"The same thing will happen again. They have told me before: 'If you don't do it this time, we will make you do it again.'

Here in lies the horror. She would rather kill herself than return home to her captors. The men that one would expect to protect her and keep her safe, are the very ones who brutalize her. This is Islam, the "religion of peace," where young girls and women are routinely tortured at the hands of their fathers, brothers and husbands. As noted in the Examiner, "It is also perfectly socially acceptable within the Islamic community, for a father to beat his daughter."

The girl said she had not been allowed to learn to read and write.

"I did all the things at home, I cooked, I cleaned the whole house, and they would treat me badly, as if I was a slave," Spozhmai said.

In her appeal to Mr. Karzai last week, the child said: "I won't go back there. God didn't make me to become a suicide bomber. I ask the president to put me in a good place."

The Taliban is the same group of Islamic thugs who shot Malala Yousafzai in the head and neck in October 2012, while riding a bus home from school in Pakistan. She survived the shooting, but the brutality of Islam in regards to women remains the same. The 10-year-old "suicide vest girl" is but the latest atrocity, and it won't be the last. There will be others. The cycle of degradation is never ending.

Read more at <http://freedomoutpost.com/2014/01/10-year-old-afghani-suicide-vest-girl-beaten-enslaved-by-taliban-islamist-family-members-forced-to-wear-vest/#rsXXGzqF7s-FRP1Je.99>



Wherein ol' Remus
comments on *The White Ghetto*, by Kevin Williamson at *National Review*

"White bread" people - A few stand-up comics are trying to "re-appropriate" this ethnic epithet: Jim Gaffigan, for example, is currently on his "White Bread Tour." But it remains one of the few ethnic slurs that's acceptable—indeed, almost unquestioned—in the 21st century.

Appalachia is sure-fire material for standup comedians and hatchet-job movies. We know what to expect from the first y'all. What to keep in mind when reading snark like *The White Ghetto* is the difference between stereotype and caricature. Stereotypes don't arise from nothing at all, and they're unfair only to the exceptions, whereas caricature is unfair by intent and admits no exceptions. Mr. Williamson's essay has no purpose but caricature.

Gooey layers of it pile up in his first sentence, "... the Big White Ghetto, the vast moribund matrix of Wonder Bread-hued Appalachian towns and villages stretching from northern Mississippi to southern New York, a slowly dissipating nebula of poverty and misery." The requisite tone of cosmopolitan contempt struck, he deploys the ten foot pole:

If the people here weren't 98.5 percent white, we'd call it a reservation.

Apparently it annoys Mr. Williamson quite a lot that Appalachia is, um ... white. Don't look for him to describe actual reservations as Cherry Cobbler-hued though, only Appalachia can be insulted without limit or consequence. In fact, extra points for inventiveness, and he racks up the points, to wit:

These little towns located at remote wide spots in helical mountain roads are hard enough to get to if you have a good reason to be here. If you don't have a good reason, you aren't going to think of one.

Which is his way of saying he doesn't belong there, so nobody he wants to know does either. The locals, or those with a bugout in their plans, may read his description differently. Come the collapse we'll keep the infrared light on for him.

He continues with an homage to the idyllic beauty of the place, beautiful but tragically defaced by the native untermenschen's sorry shtetls, they're stay-behinds you see, wor-thies having long fled, ipso

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Wonder Bread-hued

facto, self-selected inferiors remain. Unlike Baltimore or Boston assumedly, where ancient row houses collapse after a good rain but otherwise improve what was formerly a patch of unsightly wilderness, as do their wise and ambitious inhabitants who, we are assured, 'struggle' toward a decent life, but in the multi-generational meanwhile need seamless, near-total forbearance and a perpetual temporary "hand up."

He goes on.

There's a great deal of drug use, welfare fraud, and the like, but the overall crime rate throughout Appalachia is about two-thirds the national average, and the rate of violent crime is half the national average.

Drug use. Welfare fraud. Lions and tigers and bears. Oh my. As if welfare were anything other than fraud. But wait. What's this? The crime rate isn't merely less than Detroit or Camden, speaking of reservations. It's less than the national average. And by a lot. How can this be? We have Bigge Tymme studies by ever so important people proving poverty is the Root Cause Of Crime. Picture a teeter-totter. Income down, crime up. Income up, crime down. As close-coupled as that.

It's a first rate theory, easily the equal of phrenology or the luminiferous ether, neatly presented with scienced-up charts'n graphs purporting to quantify their anecdotes for our academic reading convenience. Poverty-caused crime—as versus criminal-caused crime we suppose—is the ironworks supporting the whole construct of sociology, namely, if: poverty, then: crime, therefore: entitlement. Said differently, we bribe the feral and make them feel special besides. It worked for Rome did it not?

There are impressive government buildings with attractive lobbies and nice offices where people administer this notion with the unquestioning fervor of medieval monks. They believe it obvious and self evident that the wealthy—investment bankers, say—don't commit crime. The poor commit crime, as something akin to a legitimate franchise to hear them tell it. And Appalachia is chock full-o'-poor, in fact, poor who actually are poor rather than "living in (overfed, late model car, air conditioned, big screen tevee, Obamaphone equipped urban) poverty". Yet there's less crime per head in Appalachia than in the rest of

the country. By far. Hmm. Somethin ain't zactly addin up here. Despite the essay's title, we're trying to not notice what's going unsaid. But hold on, there's more. Mr. Williamson continues

A 2004 study found that the majority of impoverished households in Appalachia were headed by married couples, not single mothers. Kentucky and West Virginia have abortion rates that are one-fourth those of Rhode Island or Connecticut, and one-fifth that of Florida. More marriage, less abortion

Why, that there's crazy talk. Poor, yes, but mothers don't off their offspring? And they're married to their children's fathers? Poor, but more law abiding? And guns, lots of guns, but far less violence than most anywhere else? No flash mobs, knockout games or drive-by shootups? How odd. Same circumstances as Newark, lower crime than Minneapolis.

This incandescent falsification of the teeter-totter imperative is totally unacceptable to collectivists, worse, it resonates with a huge swath of Americans and naturally so, it has the feel of a long-missing piece of the puzzle. Appalachia is tediously and unrelentingly depicted as "backward", and by Progressive metrics it is, but it doesn't follow such backwardness as we find is bad. Appalachia can be seen as backward, certainly, or it can be seen as having the answers while the rest of the country is just now admitting the problems.

Neither is strictly true, as in everything else there are no solutions, only tradeoffs and tradeoffs are always debatable. Most often the choice is between bad and worse. How Appalachia is seen says more about the witness than about what is seen. There are implacable extremists. Example: Fox News channel's Bill O'Reilly revealed his inner Einsatzgruppen when he demanded Appalachia be forcibly depopulated and turned into a national park. Said just that way. The people of Appalachia make no such demand of Mr. O'Reilly's home grounds, although a compelling case could be made. Perhaps a better course is reciprocity, meaning leave each other alone. It was once the American way.

It's understandable though. Appalachia can shock those who know nothing of it other than the "slowly dissipating nebula of poverty

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Gunman Bursts into Dollar Store and Threatens to Kill Everyone - Before Police Could Even Respond, he was Dead

by Jason Howerton,
TheBlaze.com

An armed man entered an Orrville, Alabama, Dollar General on Thursday, waved his gun in the air and threatened to kill everyone, AL.com reports. Though motive is unclear, he never got the chance to hurt anyone because a customer carrying a concealed handgun neutralized him with a deadly shot.

Dallas County Sheriff Harris Huffman, Jr., told WSFA-TV that the gunman held a cashier and customer at gunpoint, forcing them toward a break room area. It was at this point that the customer reportedly drew his firearm and shot the suspect one time in the chest. The entire incident took less than five minutes,

police say.

The gunman was pronounced dead on the scene.

The sheriff said the customer is not currently facing any charges over the shooting death, however, investigators are working to confirm he had a valid concealed carry permit. Open carry is legal in Alabama, but a permit is required to carry a concealed handgun.

There was also a sign posted outside the Dollar General prohibiting open carry, but not concealed carry, the report states.

“The deceased individual had his in his hand, waving it. The customer actually had one in a holster covered up. We’re in the process of checking on permits and all

of that,” Huffman, Jr., said.

“You have one individual waving a gun and you have another one who shoots the one waving the gun. Some people say that’s justifiable. Then you’re going to have some who says it’s not. I think we need to get all of the information we can get from everybody and then go forward from there,” the sheriff added.

No one, other than the gunman, was injured in the incident. The individuals involved were not immediately identified.

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LIBERALS MISFIRE: New Study Says Gun Control Laws don't Make You Safer

by ColoradoPeakPolitics

Want to see a Democrat do their best impression of an ostrich? Just watch what they do after reading this story from The Las Vegas Review-Journal on a new study done by Mark Gius, an economist at Quinnipac University.

In light of the mass hysteria that Colorado gun-control advocates will look to create as they try to ban concealed carry on campus this upcoming fall, it would be helpful for them to ignore Gius’ study which shows states with such a ban actually have a higher increase of gun-related murders. As Gius’ states:

“Using data for the period from 1980 to 2009 and controlling for state and year fixed effects, the results of the present study suggest

that states with restrictions on the carrying of concealed weapons had higher gun-related murder rates than other states.”

If that wasn’t enough to ruffle gun-controllers, feathers, in the same study, Gius shows there is no evidence that banning assault weapons had any significant effect on a state’s murder rate. Then again, Governor Hickenlooper already knew swimming pools are much more dangerous to kids. But every politician knows it’s political suicide to go after the swimming pool lobby – and kids’ summer fun.

If Democrats were actually concerned about Coloradans’ safety like they claim to be, they might heed the advice of the editorial board at The Review-Jour-

nal:

“Knowing that any person at any time could be carrying, to defend themselves or others, can act as a deterrent to those with bad intentions. Rolling back overly restrictive gun laws or, better yet, introducing legislation that supports concealed-carry rights, would do far more to protect citizens than creating more gun-free zones or expanding restrictions on the rights of law-abiding gun owners.”

But, why make people safer when you can just cost them jobs?

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Shooting Wisdom From a Pro: “I Carry a Gun ‘Cause a Cop Is Too Heavy”

by Marc Slavo,
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Clint Smith served two tours in Vietnam, worked as a police officer, was a member of SWAT, directed training at leading gun manufacturing firms, is an instructor of advanced weapons and tactics, and now runs Thunder Ranch, a facility in Oregon designed specifically for avid gun shooters. If you want to learn how to fire a gun and what to do in life and death situations Mr. Smith is the person you’d want as an instructor.

Over the years he has passed on scores of insights and words of wisdom, some via numerous instructional videos. Here are some of his key thoughts on guns, gun ownership, and life in general assembled from across the web:

Don't forget, incoming fire has the right of way.

If you carry a gun, people will call you paranoid. That's ridiculous. If I have a gun, what in the hell do I have to be paranoid about.

Make your attacker advance through a wall of bullets. I may get killed with my own gun, but he's gonna have to beat me to death with it, cause it's going to be empty.

If you're not shootin', you should be loadin'. If you're not loadin, you should be movin', if you're not mo-

vin', someone's gonna cut your head off and put it on a stick.

The only purpose of fighting is to Win!

Shoot what's available, as long as it's available, until something else becomes available.

When you reload in low light encounters, don't put your flashlight in your back pocket... If you light yourself up, you'll look like an angel or the tooth fairy... and you're gonna be one of 'em pretty soon.

The handgun would not be my choice of weapon if I knew I was going to a fight I'd choose a rifle, a shotgun, an RPG or an atomic bomb instead.

Nothing adds a little class to a sniper course like a babe in a Ghillie suit.

Don't shoot fast, shoot good.

You have the rest of your life to solve your problems. How long you live depends on how well you do it.

You cannot save the planet.. You may be able to save yourself and your family.

There is no possible victory in defense.

The sword is more important than the shield, and skill is more important than either.

The final weapon is the

brain. All else is supplemental.

Don't pick a fight with an old man. If he is too old to fight, he'll just kill you.

If you find yourself in a fair fight, your tactics suck.

I carry a gun cause a cop is too heavy.

When seconds count, the cops are just minutes away.

An armed man will kill an unarmed man with monotonous regularity.

The old sheriff was attending an awards dinner when a lady commented on his wearing his sidearm. 'Sheriff, I see you have your pistol. Are you expecting trouble?' 'No ma'am. If I were expecting trouble, I would have brought my rifle.'

Beware the man who only has one gun. He probably knows how to use it!

You can say 'stop' or 'alto' or use any other word you think will work but I've found that a large bore muzzle pointed at someone's head is pretty much the universal language.

(Sources: Email, The White Sepulchre, The Examiner, Buckeye Firearms Association, et. al.)

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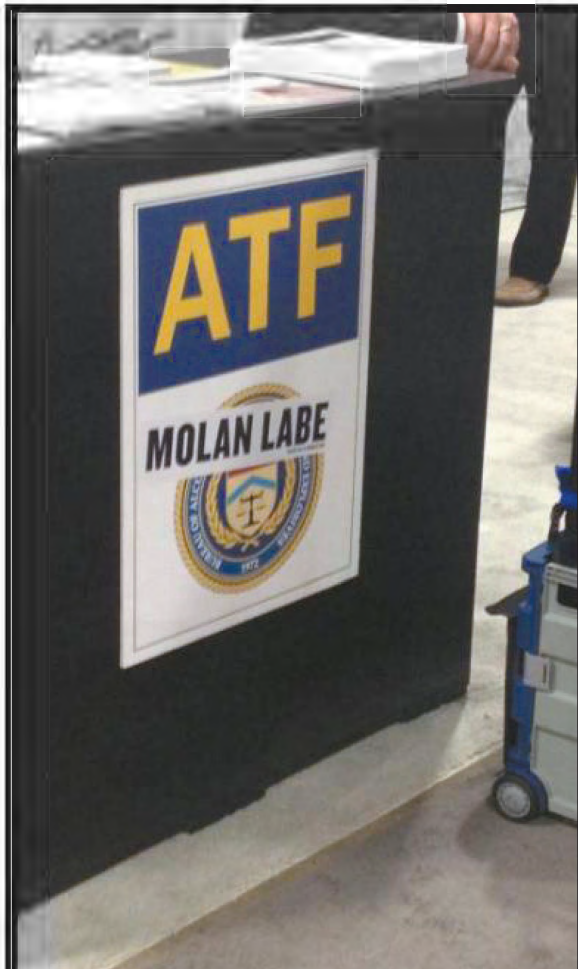


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OH, Oh. Somebody's in Trouble Now!

Some concerned citizen accidentally placed a Molon Labe (Come and Take It) sticker on the ATF's sign in front of THEIR booth in the Shot Show in Las Vegas this week. I assume they got the message.

Courtesy Web blog photo.

Lawmaker: Shooting 'validated' the need to arm teachers

by Greg Campbell,
DailyCaller.com,
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Guns are poised to once again take center stage in the Colorado state legislature, as a bill to allow armed teachers in schools, which was blocked by Democrats last year, makes another appearance.

The difference this time, said last year's Republican sponsor, State Sen. Ted Harvey, is that there is evidence that the presence of armed persons in schools can help shooting incidents from being worse than they might be.

Harvey's 18-year-old son attends Arapahoe High School, where an armed student shot and killed a classmate in December before taking his own life. Law enforcement officials have said that when the shooter, 18-year-old James Pierson, saw the school's armed security guard approach, he shot himself rather than continue his shooting spree.

Pierson was armed with a shotgun and several rounds of ammunition, as well as Molotov cocktails. He'd written the numbers of several classrooms on his arm, which authorities believe he meant to attack. Harvey's son was in one of

those classrooms during the shooting.

Pierson was believed to be intending to attack a coach with whom he had a dispute. Claire Davis, a student Pierson did not know, was shot in the head during the assault and later died of her injuries.

Arapahoe County Sheriff Grayson Robinson said the armed guard was "a critical element to the shooter's decision" to kill himself.

"It validated why I think an armed person in the school is a good thing," Harvey told FoxNews.com.

The bill would give school districts the authority to allow teachers and staff members with concealed carry permits to bring their weapons to school. A similar bill was killed in committee last year after heated testimony. Democrats, who control both chambers of the state legislature, said that arming teachers could result in accidental deaths if kids are caught in crossfire.

"I don't like the idea of us arming everyone tooth and nail and shooting back and forth with kids in the middle, that's my concern," Democratic State Rep. Jessie Ulibarri said at the time.

Democrats are not likely to

allow the bill to pass this year, according to Denver's Fox31. They are more supportive of funding a "Safe 2 Tell" hotline for students to report suspicions about other kids.

"Data tells us that the anonymous reporting line prevents violent incidents," Democratic Senate President Morgan Carroll told the station. "I think we will be interested in any new data we can get and anything else we can learn about how to reduce violence and keep our kids safe."

Colorado's largest teachers' union also opposes the bill, preferring to hire more guidance counselors and increase training for teachers in identifying signs of mental stress in students.

Gun laws, which created turmoil throughout the past year in Colorado, are sure to be one of the main issues of the 2014 election.

"Democrats need to wake up to what they're creating in public schools across Colorado," Harvey told Fox31.

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California: Give Unelected Bureaucrats Power to Confiscate Private Property of American Citizens

By Joshua Cook,
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(Editor/GG: Do NOT forward this to the Dems in Denver. They would love this.)

California's Senate Bill 1 is what the founding fathers fought against. Straight from the U.N. Agenda 21's playbook, SB1 will give power to a county to form a "Sustainable Communities Investment Authority" (SCIA). These Authorities have the power of eminent domain and can confiscate private property to build "sustainable communities." The bill essentially paves the way for the loss of any true private property in California, resulting in the loss of freedom and driving down home values. If the Senate passes the modified bill, only Governor Jerry Brown (D - CA) will stand in its way of becoming law.

This means that city and county governments can create unelected bureaucracies with the power to do what's necessary to create "sustainable communities." It also means that the definition of "blight" will change

from the original definition of abandoned and decaying buildings on residential lots to a much wider definition including anything the bureaucracies need to create sustainable communities.

Not only would the government be able to use eminent domain to procure land for public transportation, it could take private homes within half a mile of that public transportation in the name of creating a sustainable community. A private home is not really private if it could be taken at any time to create low income, low energy housing.

According to Lawrence J. McQuillan, "Each Authority will be granted powers to build "Sustainable Communities" means jamming people into dense, urban centers using high-density residential housing and high-intensity retail and commercial buildings near mass transit corridors. To that end, SB1 will grant each Authority unprecedented powers."

Eminent domain has gradually grown to be one of the most oppressive government policies. Since the

SCOTUS' decision in *Kelo v. City of New London*, eminent domain continues to be the enemy of property owners. Homeowners have lost their homes to private development projects. People have been paid less for their land than they originally paid for it. Businesses have even been forced to sell their buildings to corporations. It has become perhaps the most clearly identifiable example of crony capitalism and corruption in the country. The government has failed to protect citizens' natural rights: protecting life, liberty, and property.

In 2011, citizens voiced outrage over the ideas presented by activists, environmentalists and private developers. Property owners are worried that Senate Bill 1 will pass and the threat of increased taxes and possible property confiscation will become a reality in California.

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In 2013, Regulations Cost Americans \$447 Million Each Day Government Was Open

by Barbara Hollingsworth,
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DailyCaller.com

Regulations that went into effect in 2013 cost Americans \$112 billion - or \$447 million for each of the 251 days the federal government was open - according to a study by the American Action Forum (AAF), which predicts that the regulatory burden will increase to \$143 billion in 2014.

"That's in part because they're going to finalize a lot of the big proposals that they had this year and the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) is going to regulate existing greenhouse gases from stationary sources for the first time, and we recognize there'll be a big price tag for that," Sam Batkins, AAF's research director, told CNSNews.com.

"And in January, they are going to finalize new rules for cooling water intake structures for power plants to preserve aquatic wildlife, and we're also going to see the final push of Dodd-

Frank and Affordable Care Act implementation. There are two notable Affordable Care Act rules that will be finalized."

New regulations will also include calorie labeling for vending machines, Batkins added, even though the products sold in the machines already have nutritional information on their labels.

"You will be able to see that chocolate and fried potato chips have a lot of calories, and you will be able to see that twice when the new regulations become final, if you didn't already know that," he told CNSNews.com.

"Overall regulatory activity was up over 2012," Batkins added, in part because "the White House delayed some controversial rules until after the 2012 election."

Federal regulators added 2,974 more pages of rules to the Federal Register in 2013 than they did in 2012, a 2.5 percent increase, the study found, and added 157

million hours of additional paperwork Americans were required to fill out last year.

The AAF study also found that 104 of the new regulations issued in 2013 were classified as "economically significant" by the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, defined by the Congressional Review Act as having an impact of \$100 million or more on the U.S. economy. This represents a 25 percent increase over 2012.

"The scope is astounding," said Batkins, who expects even more regulatory activity in 2014. "The president has three years left in office," he told CNSNews.com. "If he really wants to cement his regulatory legacy, now is the time to do it."

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Are they Legislators or "Wealthy Parasitic Opportunists?"

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There is no denying our elected representatives in Congress are sent to Washington—in part—to govern and when necessary make constitutional laws. They receive fair compensation, \$174,000 per year, are permitted to earn a limited outside income, receive a tax deduction for personal expenses, taxpayer covered health insurance and the benefit of participation in luxurious government employee retirement programs. They are sometimes exempt from compliance with certain undesirable laws.

In 1789 they were paid \$6 per year.

A few days ago, the ineloquent Yale University graduate turned Texas Congresswoman, Sheila Jackson Lee, suggested a little language change in American political circles. What language this woman speaks is a mystery, but she may have a valid point. Is the Queen right? Is it time we removed the stigma associated with living off the taxpayer?

Not really, but while we are discussing ebonically-sensitive, lexiconic tweaking (I know, I know), I would like to suggest another idiolect change—that would transition toward the 21st century—another antiquat-

ed and less than accurate term currently used in political circles. The term I'm referring to is "legislator."

It was recently reported over half of our elected federal legislators' median net worth now exceeds \$1 million. For the first time in American history, our federal legislature is run by a millionaire majority.

So what, DeMayo? What's your problem now? Have you become one of those Occupy idiots screaming for income redistribution?

No, but given our overworked public servants undeniable good fortune, I just think we need a more appropriate and modernized title for our elected officials. Therefore, I suggest we transition the term legislator to "Wealthy Parasitic Opportunist."

For some reason, even in a down economy, our legislators always seem to experience annual increases in individual income greater than the average American's gross annual income. Moreover, their investment strategies (influenced by insider information) always seem to be spot on and produce rates of return unseen in Middle American circles.

Did you know General Electric is Congress' most popular investment bet?

In addition, while the United States is swallowed by a debased currency, crippling debt, unemployment, stagnant GDP, globalization and poverty, our millionaire run government refuses to pass a budget, rationalizes overspending, neglects to prosecute widespread fraud/corruption and manages to raise billions of dollars—much of it tax exempt—in campaign cash, all on our worthless dime.

Most of you probably do not like Wealthy Parasitic Opportunist, Sheila Jackson Lee (D) of Texas. I like her, in part, because she exemplifies the consequences of an ignorant electorate, but also because she is often a great source of collective amusement in my hometown, Houston. Some talk radio personalities down here have made a career out of Jackson Lee's racial idiocy.

From 2004 to 2012, Lee, an outspoken advocate for disadvantaged Americans, managed to "transition" her "living fund" substantially. In 2004, Lee was listed as the 335th wealthiest member of the U.S. Congress. Today, after enduring the greatest economic downturn since the Great Depression, Sheila Jackson Lee

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Eric Shinseki: Obama's \$6 Million Dollar Government Educated Ostrich

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Former four-star Army General Eric Shinseki, Obama's Secretary of Veterans' Affairs, has much to worry about these days. However, you will be comforted to know his mortgage, grocery bills, medical care, personal finances and retirement, much like U.S. veterans disability claims resolution, is low on his list of day-to-day concerns.

Not surprising since the Department of Veteran Affairs Secretary enjoys a bountiful outside income and net worth of \$6 million government connected dollars. Semper Pecuniam!

In 2009, with unanimous Congressional approval, Shinseki, a model of what slithers through the doors at Washington's Defense establishment, assumed control of the helm of the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs. At that time, this former Army General turned Honeywell Director turned Obama Cabinet Secretary, pledged to move quickly to fix gaps in veteran healthcare and re-open benefits to hundreds of thousands of deprived middle-income veterans waiting in line.

Today, over five years later, the Department of Veterans' Affairs is plagued by the costs of a powerful and unproductive federal employee union, malicious departmental policy changes, hundreds of thousands of backlogged veterans benefit claims, historical rates of veteran suicide and massive fraud, waste and abuse.

There is no disputing that Eric Shinseki was a wise pick politically for the

Department of Veterans' Affairs; Boy Scout, Class president, West Point graduate, decorated war hero, advanced degrees from Duke and the National Defense University and a former Clinton Army Chief of Staff. Shinseki is more qualified than President Obama to get things on track. However, I would ask, "On track for whom?"

Shinseki has always been good at rising through the ranks, so to speak. From 2009 to 2012 (the last year data is available) Secretary Shinseki rose from his rank of 35th richest Obama Cabinet Appointee to his current position of 13th wealthiest Obama cabinet member. Not bad for a guy who is paid \$199,000 U.S. tax dollars per year.

According to Secretary Shinseki's financial disclosure forms, the VA Secretary is doing very well and so is his outside income. When we combine his Honeywell deferred compensation account (valued at \$1 million), his investments in Honeywell International (valued at \$1.25 million), and his income from residential rental property (up to \$1 million), Shinseki appears to be well taken care of for a former military man.

Are you wondering what would motivate a retired General and distinguished member of Honeywell International's Board of Directors—a multi-billion dollar government defense contractor—to step down, if only momentarily, to accept a position running the Obama Department of Veterans Affairs?

Oh, that would be a thing called deferred income, America. A nice gimmick

minds; "alert the Special Statistics And Tactics team. Call out the Stand-up Comedy Reserves. Tell the Hollywood Rapid Response Guild to roll. Oh, and get Damage Control over at National Review on the line, ask for Kevin."

Diversity hustlers swoon over hit pieces like The White Ghetto. And Mr. Williamson delivers all they expect, save parking validation. The title alone nearly gets 'em high, the Dorothea Lange redux finishes the job. Then there's the clincher. Oh the shame, Appalachia is embarrassingly, Wonder Bread-hued,

in the top ten, but not too shabby for a public servant with an affirmative action education.

The next time you put your support behind a candidate controlling your lives, and now apparently our language, I would ask you to investigate their loyalties.

government legislated to assuage legitimate concerns over obvious illegal conflicts of interest government types would rather the American public blindly ignore.

Secretary Shinseki not only exemplifies the arrogance that plagues the Department of Veterans Affairs, but his dereliction of duty as Secretary is encouraging its spread. Moreover, I also suppose a growing \$6 million dollar net worth, and future opportunities to influence government contracting through Washington's revolving doors, means more to Shinseki than the health of those he once served with and commanded.

Did I mention he was an Obama campaign supporter and also contributed to President Obama's 2009 Inauguration Party?

Given Shinseki's abysmal stewarding of the Veterans Administration and his recent December, 2013 decision to make VA claims processing more difficult for veterans, I am left to assume there is more on Shinseki's mind than veterans and Veterans' Affairs.

Veterans' Affairs answers to two men and two men only (President Obama and Eric Shinseki), and both are failing our veterans. Clearly, neither actually cares. They just stick their heads in the sand. I am beginning to wonder about the rest of America as well, and I can only imagine what will become of Americas future voluntary fighting force.

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irredeemably white. Mr. Williamson meant it as censure. It isn't. "If the people here weren't 98.5 percent white, we'd call it a reservation," sez he. No he wouldn't. If it weren't white he wouldn't whisper the word 'reservation' to a passed-out drunk on a rainy night in Rittenhouse Square. In fact, if he wrote this stuff about a nonwhite Appalachia he'd be pilloried for using the place as a bootscraper. But it isn't 98.5 percent nonwhite. So it's all good. Scrape away.

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A Sheepdog Barks!

There are so many things going terribly wrong in this country because of the Obama Administration that it is hard to keep track of them. It's like trying to drive an old pickup truck with no brakes down from the summit of Mount McKinley (aka Denali), the highest peak in North America. The truck is crashing into everything in its path and the worst is yet to come. Obama Nation is an Obamination! WOOF! I can't wait to hear what the LPSD-in-Chief will say in his State of the Union address next week. How in the world will he be able to look us all in the TV eye and tell us everything is peachy-keen. He will try though. He has no trouble with leaving the truth in the rear view mirror. Obama started howling about income inequality right after the holidays and so it was looked into. Seems the greatest disparity in income in America between the upper 1 percent and the bottom 90 percent has occurred on his watch. Isn't that interesting and it's all because of his foolish economic policies like printing phony money (\$85 Billion a month) and dumping it into the system. The smart boys (the 1%ers) who have the knowledge and money to play on Wall Street are making a killing while the middle class gets more government assistance. Then they become more beholdin' to the LPSDs and, voila, they stupidly vote for them again and again. The LPSDs then get more powerful and more entrenched in Washington, D.C., and then more of these entitlement programs get created or grow larger. Along the way the "enlightened" LPSDs get rich, very rich. The uniformed LPSDs follow them like sheep and help destroy our country. What a great plan. So simple, yet so effective for them. What a great country this is becoming under LPSD rule. No work but lots of pay. The labor force participation rate is our lowest ever. But, hey, looky here, the unemployment rate is only 6.7 percent and falling. HOWL! And the sheeple just keep on grazing. BAAA!

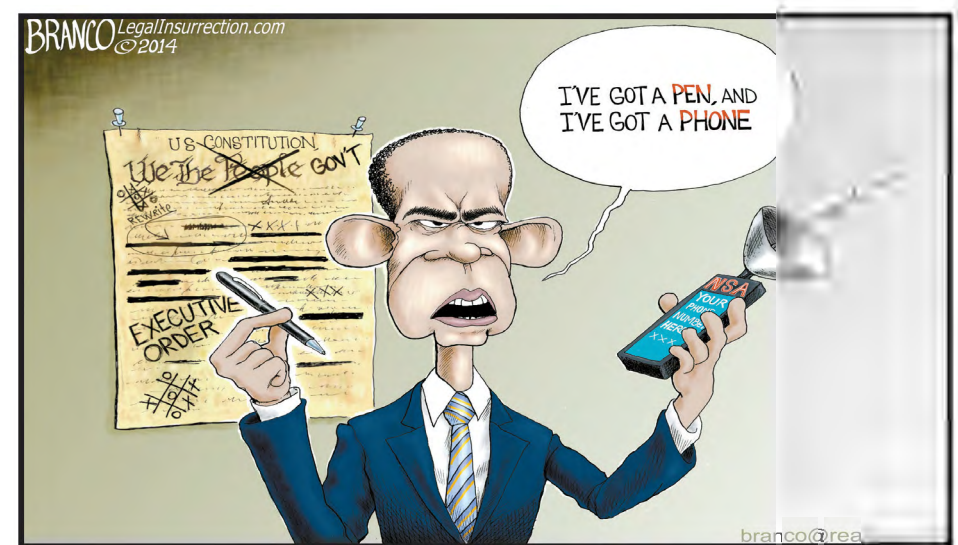
More and more serious information keeps coming out on Benghazi and all we hear reported by the main-

stream media is about Michele's 50th birthday party. The dirtiest and most criminal cover-up by a president and Secretary of State in our history and we get no coverage from those who have the power to expose the wrongdoing that led to the deaths of four Americans serving in harm's way. First, there was the lack of proper security even though it was being begged for. Remember, however, Hillary made sure there was plenty of security in Paris though. Then there was the 3 a.m. phone call (5 p.m. in Washington, D.C., actually) that Hillary begged you to let her handle in the 2008 presidential campaign and she just went on home. So much for her claims of being a strong leader. I'm sure she and Bill had a quiet evening discussing her 2016 presidency. We know this because IF she had done something good we would be watching it constantly on TV like the OBL raid. Obama went on to bed also. Ditto above. He had to get a good night's rest because he had an early flight to Las Vegas to raise some campaign funds. Come on, give him a break! Then there was the inexplicable, so far, lack of a military response when no one knew just how long this terrorist attack would last. Then Hillary, knowing this would be very, very bad for her in 2016 decided she was going nowhere near the Sunday shows to handle this debacle. I would have loved to hear the conversations about who would go on TV and lie about a video. This was necessary because Barack told that the terrorists were on the run. I guess Susan Rice got the short straw and was enough of a nitwit to play along on the promise she would be the next Hillary. But, oh dear, we all know what happened when she repeated Obama's fairy tale version of Benghazi. And the point of all this is that still no one has been held accountable, no one has been captured, killed or prosecuted and too many leaders (military included) haven't told the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. SHAME on them all! However, we know all about Michele's extra-long Hawaiian vacation and her big birthday bash in the White House. Wow, this



stuff makes me want to bite someone. WOOF! And the careening out-of-control truck continues down the mountain to a very bad ending. Needing his spirit-lifted Obama talks to The New Yorker magazine about how he is not loved by all the folks. Poor, poor Barack. Forget that the whole Middle East is in shambles and that our relations with Israel are going south fast. Remember what the Israeli Defense Minister Ya'alaw said recently. He said, "The only thing that can save us is for John Kerry to win a Nobel Prize and leave us in peace." He immediately was forced to apologize but the truth was already spoken. He's a Jewish sheepdog! OY VEY and WOOF! And here is a big WOOF-out to Secretary Gates. He's also done a little truth telling lately in his book. He confirmed what most retired military already knew. Obama doesn't like the military, doesn't listen to the military, and doesn't have a clue how to use military power. Thanks Bob! Obama is totally right about something however. A lot of us don't like him and for very good reasons. It's the content of his character and his very bad Socialist policies, not his skin color. He is a disaster as a president. He is shameless and dishonest. Obama even used Martin Luther King, Jr., as a prop to help sell Obamacare. But there must be something we can like about him right? Consider the 17,000 word piece in The New Yorker magazine. There has to be something. Let me think. Hmm, there was his pot smoking (which he says is not as dangerous as alcohol), his iPod is full of hip-hop, and he likes... never mind. NOPE, I just can't think of any reason why I like him. Let's leave it at that. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy on America! JMH



We Will Be Told Hyperinflation is Necessary, Proper, Patriotic, and Ethical

by Patrick Barron, Mises.Org

(Editor/GG: This is what IS going to happen. No doubt about it. It could be two months or two years, but it will be soon. You will be responsible for yourself. No sugar daddy is going to come to feed you, pay for your meds, heat your house, and tell you everything is going to be OK. No tv, no cell phone, no latte coffees, no internet. Heck, it might be fun watching this unfold, for awhile.)

Hyperinflation leads to the complete breakdown in the demand for a currency, which means simply that no one wishes to hold it. Everyone wants to get rid of that kind of money as fast as possible. Prices, denominated in the hyper-inflated currency, suddenly and dramatically go through the roof. The most famous examples, although there are many others, are Germany in the early 1920s and Zimbabwe just a few years ago. German Reichsmarks and Zimbabwean dollars were printed in million and even trillion unit denominations.

We may scoff at such insanity and assume that America could never suffer from such an event. We are modern. We know too much. Our monetary leaders are wise and have unprecedented power to prevent such an awful outcome.

Think again.

Our monetary leaders do not understand the true nature of money and banking; thus, they advocate monetary expansion as the cure for every economic ill. The multiple quantitative easing programs perfectly illustrate this mindset. Furthermore, our monetary leaders actually advocate a steady increase in the price level, what is popularly known as inflation. Any perceived reduction in the inflation rate is seen as a potentially dangerous deflationary trend, which must be countered by an increase in the money supply, a reduction in interest rates, and/or quantitative easing. So an increase in inflation will be viewed as success, which must be built upon to ensure that it continues. This mindset will prevail even when inflation runs at extremely high rates.

Like previous hyperinflations throughout time, the actions that produce an American hyperinflation will be seen as necessary, proper, patriotic, and ethical; just as they were seen by the monetary authorities in Weimar Germany and modern Zimbabwe. Neither the German nor the Zimbabwean monetary authorities were willing to admit that there was any alternative to their inflationist policies. The same will happen in America.

The most likely trigger to hyperinflation is an increase in prices following a loss of confidence in the dollar overseas and its repatriation to our shores. Committed to a low interest rate policy, our monetary authorities will dismiss the only legitimate option to printing more money — allowing interest rates to rise. Only the noninflationary investment by the public in government bonds would prevent a rise in the price level, but such an action would trigger a recession. This necessary and inevitable event will be vehemently opposed by our government, just as it has been for several years to this date.

Instead, the government will demand and the Fed will acquiesce in even further expansions to the money supply via direct purchases of these government bonds, formerly held by our overseas trading partners. This will produce even higher levels of inflation, of course. Then, in order to prevent the loss of purchasing power by politically connected groups, the government will print even more money to fund special payouts to these groups. For example, government will demand that Social Security beneficiaries get their automatic increases, likewise for the quarter of the population getting disability benefits. Military and government employee pay will be increased. Funding for government cost-plus contracts will ratchet up.

As the dollar drops in value overseas, local purchases by our overextended military will cost more in dollar terms (as the dollar buys fewer units of the local currencies), necessitating an emergency increase in funding. Of course, such action is necessary, proper, patriotic, and ethical.

Other federal employee sectors like air traffic controllers and the TSA workers will likely threaten to go on strike and block access to air terminal gates unless they get a pay increase to restore the purchasing power of their now meager salaries.

State and local governments will also be under stress to increase the pay of their public safety workers or suffer strikes which would threaten social chaos. Not having the ability to increase taxes or print their own money, the federal government will be asked to step in and print more money to placate the police and firemen. Doing so will be seen as necessary, proper, patriotic, and ethical.

Each round of money printing eventually feeds back into the price system, creating demand for another round of money printing ... and another ... and another, with each successive increase larger than the previous one, as is the nature of foolishly trying to restore money's purchasing power with even more money. The law of diminishing marginal utility applies to money as it does to all goods and services. The political and social pressure to print more money to prevent a loss of purchasing power by the politically connected and government workers will be seen as absolutely necessary, proper, patriotic, and ethical.

Many will not survive. Just as in Weimar Germany, the elderly who are retired on the fruits of a lifetime of savings will find themselves impoverished to the point of despair. Suicides among the elderly will be common. Prostitution will increase, as one's body becomes the only saleable resource for many. Guns will disappear from gun shops, if not through panic buying then by outright theft by armed gangs, many of whom may be your previously law-abiding neighbors.

Businesses will be vilified for raising prices. Goods will disappear from the market as producer revenue lags behind the increase in the cost of replacement resources. Government's knee-jerk solution is to impose wage and price controls, which simply drive the remaining goods and services from the white market to the gangster-controlled black market. Some will sit out the insanity. Better to build inventory than sell it at a loss. Better still to close up shop and wait out the insanity. So government does the necessary, proper, patriotic, and ethical thing: it prints even more money and prices increase still more.

The money you have become accustomed to using and saving eventually becomes worthless; it no longer serves as a medium of exchange. No one will accept it. Yet the government continues to print it in ever greater quantities and attempts to force the citizens to accept it. Our military forces overseas cannot purchase food or electrical power with their now worthless dollars. They become a real danger to the local inhabitants, most of whom are unarmed. The US takes emergency steps to evacuate dependents back to the States. It even considers abandoning our bases and equipment and evacuating our uniformed troops when previously friendly allies turn hostile.

And yet the central bank continues to print money. Politically-connected constituents demand that it do so, and it is seen as the absolutely necessary, proper, patriotic, and ethical thing to do.

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TWINS

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"I would say to seek help ... I didn't realize how many resources there were to women in my position," Rizzi said. "There's so many options and resources."

Pierce has continued to provide support, holding a baby shower for Rizzi and offering help and assistance along the way.

"I was at the hospital with her family when she was in labor and have been to visit and take food since," Pierce said. "She has become like family to us all. ... I try to check in daily through text with her to see how she and the babies are doing and if they need anything."

Pierce's "Refuge in the Desert" ministry regularly stands outside the Tempe Planned Parenthood location, calling out to mothers and fathers as they go inside. In addition to working to deter them from seeking abortions, the Christian group provides information about free ultrasounds, counseling and adoption services.

"Of course we include a gospel tract because we don't want to be just another pro-life group out there," Pierce explained. "It is the gospel of Jesus Christ which is the power unto salvation and He alone transforms hearts and minds. So we call out to offer help, and hope and to warn. We literally have a brief time because it takes them about 30 seconds to get to the door."

As for Rizzi, she's overjoyed she didn't choose abortion — and she's prepared to speak out against it.

"When I left Planned Parenthood last May, I was so happy that I didn't have to have an abortion. I knew I needed to remain focused on the positive and became absolutely determined to do what's best for my daughters," Rizzi said.

She added, "No woman in her right mind wants to have an abortion. I'm so glad I gained enough courage to save my daughters in the midst of so much uncertainty."

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DECOR

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Robyn said, "We try to carry unique items not found elsewhere in town, and before bringing in a new line, we ask vendors if anyone else in Westcliffe carries that line. If they do, we don't bring it into the store." She said she does this to avoid a competition with other vendors in the area. Most of their sales are from their websites and packaged and shipped by her husband, Allen. Other services provided are picture framing by Allen and Robyn also provides help to customers in finding specific requests and items not carried in the store.

Besides the new feature of offering coffee, they will soon open another store in Howard on Highway 50. Robyn is excited, as not only will it carry the same in home décor, but it will

also offer a coffee bar that includes cold drinks such as Frappes and Frappuccinos with hopes of also adding ice cream or frozen yogurt.

Robyn and Allen are not new to the business world as they originally started with Allen running a picture framing store in the early 1990's in Washington State, adding CD sales and various gifts, then eventually adding dinnerware. Robyn was in the computer business involving software support and consulting prior to joining Allen. In 2008, they came to Colorado and purchased a home in Bull Domingo where they now reside. You can find out more information of their store offerings of various items by visiting their websites; www.iusedtobeamilkjug.com, www.ilovedinnerware.com, www.reflectionsgallery2.com and www.sangrehomedecor.com



"Takin' It To The House..."

A Calendar And Commentary From The Golden Dome

From: Representative
Jim Wilson – HD 60
January 19, 2014

I guess it is time for a confession – I was wrong last week. Last week at this time I thought the chances of unity on both sides of the aisle were slim and none and slim had left town. I grossly underestimated the power of the Broncos playing for the AFC Championship. The House was "United in Orange" on Friday! The formal dress code was waived as members on both sides of the aisle turned out in Bronco orange to welcome the pep rally participants to the Capitol. Miles, Thunder and the Bronco Cheerleaders assembled on the west steps of the Capitol to cheer on the Broncos. Photo opportunities were rampant on the Capitol steps with many members (myself included) posing with the Bronco guests to "test the megapixels". Now watch out for a lot of orange under the Golden Dome for the next 2 weeks -- we are Super Bowl bound!

In spite of all the "Orange Unity" at the Capitol, interesting occurrences contin-

ue to take place. One of the things I try to accomplish with these weekly updates is to share with all of you some insights into what really happens when a group of lawmakers battle it out. For example, last year the House passed HB13-1271 – a bill to "keep kids safe" through the creation of a statewide hotline to report child abuse and/or neglect. The bill funded a steering committee to study how to set up such a hotline. You would think that 911 (an existing number that is easily recognized) would be able to handle the emergency calls. Not even close – there is evidently a need for a new number. The price tag for creating "a statewide awareness" for the new number is \$1.8 M for the 1st year, \$1.6M for the 2nd and \$1.4M for the 3rd (if needed). This amounts to almost \$5 Million to help people remember another emergency number! Oh, did I mention that the new number will be a 10 digit number instead of 3 digits like 911?

The Senate had its first big partisan blow-up this past week over the schedul-

ing of bills. The two new senators (from the recalls) had their early bills put off and scheduled to be heard in mid to late April even though they were filed on time. The Republicans cried "foul" and the Democrats cried "clerical error". Ironically, one of the bills being fought over was the repeal of the high capacity magazine bill from last session...(an interesting coincidence?)

I got to cast my first no vote in committee this past week. HB14-1078 had two parts – the first part would clarify the difference between an on-line school and a school that merely offered on-line courses; the second part would allow the Colorado Department of Education to automatically accredit a school that did not meet state standards. I had no problem with the first part, but I could not buy into the second. I do not believe schools that meet or exceed state expectations should be grouped in the same automatic accreditation category as those that do not meet expectations. We are trying to improve our schools and yet we lower



the bar – go figure...

Speaking of improving schools, a task force is being developed to assess the progress and success of online schools. I will be joining Rep. Young (D) and Senators Kerr (D) and Roberts (R) as the legislators to develop legislation pertaining to the findings of the task force.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, or you would just like to have a tour of the Capitol, please call (303-866-2747) or e-mail me at wilsonforhd60@gmail.com or james.wilson.house@state.co.us.

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