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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

THE NEEDLESS AND MISUSED TV STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS



Last week on Tuesday, January 28, America had to endure another unnecessary spectacle of an unqualified and inept president telling us about the State of "his" Union. This event no longer serves us very well. The "State" of the Union (SOTU) right now is weak, ineffective and currently not the most powerful country in the world. That's the absolute truth but we didn't hear that in Obama's hour long Pollyannaish speech trying to cover-up all his failed promises, brushing off and using his old, stupid ideas like closing Gitmo, and presenting new, stupid ideas, like MYRA. Something not unique and something Obama couldn't even pronounce. This annual made-for-TV bipartisan circus has completely lost its focus. It's now nothing more than a disrespectful pep rally for the party in power. This last week's feckless speech was interrupted 87 times with applause. Really? Applauding the president when he proudly boasts about 6.7 percent unemployment makes no sense especially when he, and all the politicians in the chamber, knew full well that that phony unemployment number is at least double or triple and

the labor force participation rate is the lowest since the great depression. Who are they trying to fool (mislead or distort), each other or we uninformed, clueless, American citizens? The answer is clear. All politicians really believe they can "fool" us with this nonsense. Let's review what is supposed to happen. Section. 3., of Article.II. of the Constitution of the United States requires the president to do this:

He shall from time to time give to the Congress Information of the State of the Union and recommend to their Consideration such Measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient;....

For many, many years that is exactly what happened. The President sent a letter to Congress for their use in making the United States a better place, a better country even, at least in the eyes of the President. Reportedly Woodrow Wilson decided to start this "pomp and circumstance" by "reading" the letter to the Congress in person. We believe in a return to earlier days. Provide to the Congress any thoughts or guidance in a written document that would be all substance and no theatre. This current

dramatic exercise of watching the president come in and see all the sycophants that want to shake his hand, hug him or kiss him and then listen to a "blow your horn" speech has got to stop. Some presidents feel compelled to "one up" the circus act of the previous year. It has become an embarrassing event of no real use to anyone.

Take the last one for instance. Obama knew he couldn't say the Union is strong because during his last 5 years of non-governing it has become weak. So he stretched the limits of our intelligence and started off with several anecdotes of hard-working Americans and then wrapped that up with the statement that "it's the people that make the union strong!" Wow! See what we are talking about. Complete and utter nonsense. He also stayed away from his foreign policy decisions as he has worsened America's standing everywhere. It was said best by General Jack Keane, the retired Vice Chief-of-Staff of the U. S. Army, when asked about how United States is viewed by our allies in the Middle East Region. General Keane said two words appear in about every statement: disengagement and retreat. Enough said.

we're in — whether you're from it or just visiting. It's a country," Ellie Goodspeed, a Fort Collins High School senior told the Coloradoan.

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Couple that with Russia's resurgence under Obama and both Syria and Iran ignoring him and you can understand why he avoided mentioning the world "according to Obama." So the real "State" of our Union, our economy and our power in the world was overstated, misstated or avoided altogether. This brings me back to the first point. What's the use in keeping this partisan circus going forward? Stop the TV spectacle once and for all and go back to sending the Congress a letter. The ratings for the last speech were the lowest since Clinton's in 2000, with a mere 33 million viewers out of 320 million Americans. What's the point? Some Americans were interviewed on the Monday night BEFORE the speech. Most thought it was "great!" Does that tell you anything? It should! One last thing. Presidents have to quit using other citizens as props. Yes, we know, the beginning of that practice is attributed to Ronald Reagan. Like most things the use of a hero was bound to be abused by the politicians and that's exactly what happened in the 2014 SOTU address. We find it distasteful and disrespectful to use wounded

warriors as a prop to end a purely partisan and political speech. It gives the false impression that everyone was united and agreed with the speech's lies, deceptions, and distortions. This isn't right and we hope it stops now. Wounded military heroes can be honored in much more appropriate ways.

To recap, we do not believe the founder's intent was for such a circus-like partisan political spectacle to be held. It says "from time to time" not even necessarily annually. It says gives "information to the Congress", not "to the people." It was meant to be constructive in getting the Congress to understand what the president thought was important enough for their consideration. It certainly didn't mean to take a public opportunity to embarrass the Supreme Court of the United States as Obama did a few years ago or poke the opposing party legislators in the eye with a sharp stick which Obama has done all 5 times. It also wasn't meant to provide an opportunity to threaten the Congress with a pen and a phone like Obama also did this year. This annual practice has lost its true meaning and purpose and needs to be stopped forever more.

OFFENDING

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Principal Mark Eversole and Poudre School District spokeswoman Danielle Clark did not immediately reply to an email from The Daily Caller News Foundation seeking comment.

But Clark said in a state-

ment Monday night to the Fort Collins Coloradoan that school officials thought 'Merica Monday was incompatible with Spirit Week's other themed days, such as allowing students to wear pajamas or dress like twins.

"I can see both sides, but I think it's kind of absurd that we can't celebrate the country

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Remember When?

by Bill Bailey

Do you remember the "good ole days" when you actually got a book with your new TV or VCR? I got a new DVD recently and it had a one-page quick start and another page with a web address if I wanted to download the .PDF book. That got me to thinking about all the things that have fallen by the wayside and I sorely miss in today's world. Remember when people actually communicated with one another instead of interacting with a device. Remember when kids actually listened to their parents instead of arguing with them? How about when people (if you call actors on TV people) talked about love and drama instead of sex and violence. You wonder where all the real life violence comes from? Of course, Hollywood says they just reflect the current society. Yeah, right, like all the extreme graphics today and all the weird video games. I remember Lucy and Desi sleeping in separate beds.

Now they leave nothing to the imagination.

Do you remember when schools taught Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic? I never heard abortion mentioned in elementary or high school, not once. I never heard of anyone smoking pot. The biggest thing I saw was one kid brought a bottle of whiskey to school one day. I remember attending a Glen Campbell concert in San Diego where someone said he was out back smoking pot during break. I was amazed.

In Alaska, where I was raised, we had a community hall which was a great resource for all the folks, young and old. I remember going there for a "dance" on many an occasion. We sprinkled corn meal on the floor to make the floor slick for dancing. After the dance I would walk home 4 miles in 0 degree temperatures. We had three reel movies with a break in between each reel. It cost me a whole 50 cents. That's back when .22 shells were \$1 for

a box of 50 and I could buy them at 14-years-old. No one ever brought a gun to school but almost every kid carried a knife, for sharpening your pencil, cleaning squirrels and peeling apples, things like that.

Do you remember when the President actually told the truth? Or how he held his staff accountable for their actions. Does anyone remember John Sununu? Do you remember why he left his job? For the "appearance" of impropriety. What do we see today? "What difference does it make?" (Hillary Clinton) and "You can keep your doctor" (Obama) and "I invoke the fifth amendment and will not answer any questions" (Lois Lerner, IRS).

And do you remember when people revered God, prayed in school, knew the Ten Commandments and the name Jesus was NOT a curse word?

In some ways we have progressed but in many ways, I miss the good ole days.

An Ordinary Day

by Audrey Slater

But of that day and hour no one knows not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.

But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage until the day that Noah entered the ark.

And did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will be the coming of the Son of Man be.

Matt 24:36-39 NKJ

In the days of Noah God gave Noah a warning and told him to build an ark. And so he did. Neighbors came by and laughed since they were not near any water. Asking him what he was going to do with that ark. They went on their way working, marrying, drinking until the day that Noah entered the ark.

The rains came for 40 days and nights and washed them all away.

In Pompeii on August 24, 79 AD it was an ordinary day, people going about their business in their homes and markets as usual. Pompeii was a prosperous Roman town of approximately 20,000. That morning they saw a few emissions coming from nearby Mount Vesuvius. In less than 24 hours the town and many of the people were buried under volcanic ash, unexpectedly.

And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in

the stars.

Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.

Luke 21:25, 28 NKJ

God is always speaking to His people, through His Word, prophets, and signs. God uses signs in the heavens to signal His people of upcoming events. This doesn't mean we will be told the time or the day - only that the time is near and we should be ready.

There is a rare phenomenon in astronomy called a tetrad. A tetrad is four successive total lunar eclipses with no partial lunar eclipses in between, each of which is separated from the other by 6 lunar months (6 full moons).

In 2014 - 2015 we will experience a tetrad that will coincide with two important Jewish holidays, Passover and The Feast of Tabernacles. The eclipses are scheduled for April 15, 2014; October 8, 2014; April 4, 2015, and September 28, 2015. You can check this at the nasa.gov site where you will find a timetable of the lunar eclipses from 2011 - 2020. This has happened, coinciding with the Jewish holidays, only three other times in the previous century: 1493-1494; 1949-1950, and 1967-1968 and it won't happen again in this century.

Now you can say it is just coincidence, and people have been saying these things forever. I am not trying to place a date on Jesus' 2nd coming. I am simply presenting the facts. God speaks to us in many ways

and we need to be alert to what He is telling us. In Matthew 25 Jesus tells a parable of the 10 virgins, some were prepared with their lamps with oil and some were not prepared. Those unprepared were left behind when the bridegroom came.

Many people are preparing for the breakdown of the grid and the collapse of our economy, which is a very sensible thing to be prepared for. They watch the stock market, which just recently fell some 318 points in one day. They are stocking food, buying generators, moving to "safe places," etc. But are they preparing spiritually?

Are our hearts right with God and ready to meet our Savior? The end of our world could be today or tomorrow for you or me. No one is promised tomorrow. If you were to die today would Jesus say to you, "Well done, good and faithful servant," or would He say, "I never knew you; depart from me, you who practice lawlessness."?

Just as we prepare for physical disasters we need to prepare for spiritual disasters. In Acts 16:30-31 the jailer asked Paul, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." Don't wait for tomorrow, it may never come.

Resources:

earthsky.org, nasa.gov, Four Blood Moons, something is about to change by John Hagee, The Bible NKJ

Meet & Greet

Custer County Sheriff Candidate Steve Trombley

Steve Trombley, candidate for Sheriff, is hosting a reception at the Lamp Post Lodge on Sunday, February 16th, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The next Sheriff of Custer County is a matter that concerns everyone in the community.

Steve welcomes everyone to come to this reception and to meet and talk with him about their concerns. This is a great face to face opportunity to hear about what Steve can offer this community that has been his home for the past twelve years.

The Lamp Post Lodge is located at 59450 Highway 69, just north of town. Food and soft drinks will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Crime & Pot: A Link?

Dear Editor,

Good day. I want to offer a different perspective on the legalization of pot issue for the residents of Custer County to consider.

I began to use the drug when I was thirteen-years-old. The legal or illegal issue never occurred to me. I bought it, smoked it and sold it consistently for about six years. I quickly became a rebellious teenager with a few arrests on my record. I dropped out of school. I ran away from home. I broke into cars and

homes. I stole from any store I could. When I was eighteen I was stoned and got into a fight with a cop and was sent to prison for six months. When I got out I began to use the very first day. Six days later I was arrested again. Seven days later I was arrested again with an illegal firearm. Five months after being released from prison I was arrested again, this time for bank robbery and murder. Did pot have an affect on my life? Stupid question.

No, you can't blame it on pot. My choices and deci-

sions got me to where I am. My case is on one need of the spectrum that can't be ignored. Do you want your community to entertain the possibility of this happening to one of your children? Will those who invite this into your community sleep at night when it does?

I applaud Sheriff Jobe for standing against this idea. The blood money is not worth the destruction this drug causes.

*Sincerely,
Scott D. Bailey,
Lowell, Florida*

Dance, Dance, Dance

To the Editor:

We were so blessed this past weekend to have the debut of the Second Street Dance Studio. Their recital was exciting, beautiful, and brought so much joy to everyone watching. It was so neat to see all of the dancers from 2 to 70! The show was sold out each night! What a great community outpouring, even in the snow.

I learned at the recital that we have a great opportuni-

ty to support these amazing students. A DVD was made of the Saturday show. So parents, family, friends, anyone who missed this wonderful event has an opportunity to watch the show in the comfort of their own homes. The really amazing part is these DVD's are being offered through donations. The donations will be used for scholarships for the dancers. Dancers who could not dance will have this wonderful opportunity! I hope our community

will come out full force and support the donations to build the scholarship fund and to cheer on the dancers from this first season of dance.

I would like to thank Second Street Dance Studio for blessing out community with the gift of dance. Our oldest daughter told me that because she can dance again we live in the perfect town.

*Thank you,
Monica von Steinman*

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Thank you all for your hard work, time, effort, and caring. Also, a very special thank you to "Coach Chris" for the very many years of giving and mentoring to us.

We will always cherish our time with you and truly appreciate the sacrifice you

and your families made for us. We will carry the Bobcat code and bond of the brotherhood with us for the rest of our lives.

May God Bless you for your selfless service.

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Travis Stuart*

Political Correctness Run Amoke, Again.

Dear Editor,

What a sad commentary on the Fort Collins School District and our public school system in general as what just happened in Fort Collins is happening all over America.

The school was planning "Spirit Week" and students were eagerly involved generating ideas to celebrate.

One group of students suggested "'Merica Day" to celebrate America and being an American. They wanted to wear Patriotic colors. They wanted to exercise their right to Freedom of Expression under the 1st Amendment.

They were immediately shot down by the School Administration because, "We didn't want to offend any non-Americans." At the same time all students are required to participate in Cinco de Mayo celebrations at the school where they are required to dress

in the appropriate colors of Mexico, but not allowed to dress in red, white, & blue for America, which wasn't even being required.

This is an amazing twist on education. Parents in Fort Collins are justifiably upset as well as the students. One parent was quoted "It's bizarre and idiotic that we've come to this crossroad in our society that we are having to sacrifice our own culture and belief system."

The student came back with a compromise suggestion called "My Country Monday", where any student could celebrate the country they were from. That was rejected as well.

Political Correctness in America has gone way too far.

The Administration was quoted: "They said they didn't feel comfortable having a day celebrated where students might feel

uncomfortable with the patriotism that students are showing."

These Administrators should be summarily fired for violating the Constitutional Rights of these students.

The Liberal agenda in our school systems is absurd. These educators are obviously no longer proud of the country that provided them the opportunity to teach and collect a fat pay check provided by the American Tax Payer. They disregard the Constitution and apply a double standard which the liberal agenda promotes, which is they know what's best for you, so, don't do what they do, do as they tell you.

Our students are being brainwashed to believe that America is not the exceptional country that it is. Our president apologizes for being the greatest country ever conceived and one where Freedom and Op-

portunity are its guiding principles. One where "all men (and women) are created equal" and what you do with it from there is up to you.

Sure we have income inequality. Sure we are all different in many ways. That is part of the game we play in America where if you study hard and work hard you can prosper. Our president now says that is not right. Liberals don't empower their followers. They enslave them in a culture of dependence and entitlement, of victimhood and anger instead of ability and hope.

No other country in the world can compare to America. I am proud to be an American. Those students are proud to be American. Time to stand up and be counted!

*Sincerely,
Glenn R. Dotter
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I have known Shannon Byerly for several years. As a veteran of our United States Navy and as a well-seasoned police supervisor, with a department

that has a fine reputation, I see nothing but benefits to the Sheriff's Office of Custer County as well as the county residents, business people and visitors to this beautiful area with Shannon Byerly at the helm.

Shannon Byerly can use the experience, training and duties, especially with his current function as Administrative Supervisor and Professional Standards Officer, all to the advantage of the staff of the sheriff's office. He understands due process, job security, and

fairness in the work place. I personally know he will enhance the morale and integrity of that department and incorporate a sense of values that can lead the sheriff's dept and subsequently the image of the county to the level professional recognition.

Shannon Byerly is a career lawman with great family and community values and principles. The people of Custer County can derive up-to-date, contemporary benefits that his current agency has contributed to his occupational back-

ground, and in return he can pass that onto the staff of the sheriff's office to better serve the county.

It is said "that experience is a terrible thing to waste". As a career law administrator, with foreign duty experience I cannot find a more "logical" choice to be your next Sheriff. Do not waste that experience. Elect a candidate that is a practitioner of constitutional protocols. I strongly endorse Byerly for Sheriff.

*Russell A. Hickmon,
Pueblo West*

Local Mountain News & Notices

Ambulance Inspection Process "A Little Bit Twisted"

by Paul Sage

The West Custer County Hospital District presented a proposal to the County Commissioners for the replacement of former County Ambulance Licensing and Certification Director Joshua Johnson with current Ambulance Corps Director Ellie Czarnota. The move comes in the wake of Mr. Johnson's resignation after making threats of pulling the ambulance license on the basis of a collection of unsubstantiated allegations in December.

Ellie Czarnota is a highly qualified EMT who was appointed as Director of the Ambulance Corps by the Hospital District Board in December in the wake of the transition from the illegal independent contractor to volunteer status for the EMS personnel.

Commissioner Kit Shy

pointed out that "the problem is that the licensing and inspection is our fail-safe of determining that everything is being done with the Ambulance Corps properly." To this Hospital Board Member Chuck Ippolito responded, "No, we have asked Brandon Chambers to come and do our inspections, and he's supposed to do it today, so there will be an independent person inspecting our ambulances. She'll be doing all the other tasks that go along with that, but she won't be doing the inspections."

Brandon Chambers, by way of reminder, is the director of the Southern Colorado Regional EMS & Trauma Advisory Council (SCRETAC). He owns at least one other private ambulance company and has had his hands in a few other companies and an Ambulance District in recent years. He also recently sold the Custer Emergency

Services members on having the State Department of Health and Public Environment come in to Custer County and do the three to six month survey of the ambulance operations the Hospital District Board now would like to drop the survey after initially proposing it. Ellie Czarnota is also a member of that board, as is Chuck Ippolito and Clinic Director Delwin Lester, among others.

Commissioner Shy wisely observed, "It still sounds a little bit twisted to me." He continued, "You're providing us with information that we don't have any verification of other than you're saying it." Even with all the red flags, the Commissioners voted to approve the move with only the condition "that she appoints an independent party to inspect the work that she is responsible for," according to Commissioner Shy.

Westcliffe Approves Entertainment District and Main Street Manager

by Paul Sage

At their February 4th regular meeting, the Westcliffe Town Board approved two controversial and hard fought proposals both aimed at improving business in the downtown area. Somewhere Saloon owner Donavan Baggett received the nod from the Board to go ahead with his proposal for setting up an Entertainment District downtown in cooperation with the other drinking and dining establishments in the area. The proposal will allow for the establishments to hold joint events in the downtown area, create a "common consumption area" so alcoholic drinks can be consumed in the defined area, and allows for street closures to facilitate these events.

Even with the approval from the town, the Entertainment District is still far from a reality. Mr. Baggett still has to form a board with his colleagues, obtain letters of incorporation, and liability insurance as well as a security plan approved by the Sheriff, and develop a slate of events proposed for review of the town board before moving ahead.

More controversial and expensive for the town was the approval of Paul Wenke's proposal for a Main Street Manager. This is the proposal under which the town of Westcliffe will largely foot the bill for

CART to hire a person who will bring all the historically-at-odds parties of towns, groups, and the county together to coordinate everyone's events in the area. This project will cost the town about \$30,000 per year. Mr. Wenke presented cases of numerous other towns, mostly in North Carolina, where similar programs exist and seem to produce revenues for the towns.

The only substantial changes to the proposal from when it was initially proposed in November to resounding thumbs down were that now the town, who foots most of the bill, will have three members on the supervising board of the Main Street Manager. One will be from CART and another will be from High Mountain Hay Fever, which has pledged \$8,000 to the effort.

In other business, promoters of the annual rodeo approached the Board requesting \$4,000 for advertising the rodeo. The Trustees expressed no reservations about supporting this proven successful event, but asked that they be presented a breakdown of how the money would be spent before they allocate it. Mayor Pro-tem Audrey Gluschke made a motion that an additional \$2,000 be given to the rodeo to increase the level of competition, and the Trustees unanimously approved this.

Once again Lonnie Villers of multi-national Martin Marietta appeared to promote his slate of no-bid contract improvements for town infrastructure projects and was very warmly welcomed by the Board. Only Trustee Joe Cascarelli expressed any reservations about not putting these projects out to a competitive bidding process. He will return in March with dollar figures on the first few of these projects for Board approval.

Jackie Barnes brought a presentation of various ideas proposed by CART for Main Street improvements in Westcliffe. These are proposed improvement ideas to be paid for with Department of Local Affairs grant money. The ideas included some sort of town entrance sign, period lighting, flower pots and benches installed in the area.

Sheriff Fred Jobe gave his fourth quarter report to the Town Board. There were no especially noteworthy changes in the quarter. Sheriff Jobe noted that total incidents county-wide have been steadily increasing over time to where they now top 10,000. He also made mention that he appreciated the Town stepping up with legislation to restrict Marijuana in the area, and noted that he has already seen an increase in criminal activity in the area related to the state legalization of pot.

New Election Rules for 2014

by Joe Cascarelli

Colorado legislators once again have burdened small, rural communities with their unintended consequences. The signing of HB 13-1303 into law has made things a little complicated for towns like Westcliffe and Silver Cliff. Westcliffe and probably Silver Cliff are preparing letters to residents to explain the changes which functionally eliminate vote by mail ballots. This will affect the upcoming April elections for mayor and trustees.

To put these changes in context, prior to the Westcliffe Town Board approving universal mail-in

ballots, typically 25 or so Westcliffe voters would cast ballots. During the two years of mail-in ballots, 125 voters would vote. Due to the assembly's "wisdom," all residents must come to a polling place, the Town Hall, to vote in April.

There is one option for voters and that is to request an Absentee Ballot. This is what the letters to residents will explain. To avoid having to come to a polling place, residents can, by March 28, 2014, complete and submit an Absentee Ballot request. Read your letter carefully if you want to avoid a trip to the polling place. Keep in mind that even if you are enrolled in

Custer County's permanent mail-in voter list you still have a choice to make.

There are efforts to exempt small communities from the new requirement, but any decisions will not be made in time for the April elections. As the legislative process grinds on, the Sentinel will keep readers informed. When the Town of Westcliffe was considering the change to total mail-in voting, the Board was cautioned to stick with the decision made because, many are confused when there are frequent changes to voting rules. The legislators in Denver seem not to care about changes.

Stay tuned.



American Legion Boys State

Now Accepting Applications For 2014

The American Legion Boys State is now accepting applications from Custer County High School junior boys. Attendance at Boys State is a special once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. The 2014 session is scheduled at CSU Pueblo June 8 through June 14.

Attendance at Boys State is a prestigious opportunity and great honor.

Boys State has been a program of the American Legion National Americanism Commission since 1935 and Colorado Boys State has been conducted annually since 1948. More than 25,000 young men participate in the national program each year. More than 1 million young men are graduates of Boys State.

Boys State is open only for High School Juniors.

Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs for government instruction for high school students in the nation. It is a participatory program where each delegate becomes a part of the operation of their local, county and state government. Those graduating can receive up to four college credits that are transferable to 99 percent of all colleges in the U.S. Boys are exposed to the rights and privileges, the duties and responsibilities of a franchised citizen. The training is objective and practical with city, county, and state governments operated by elected and appointed officials duly

placed in office of their respective programs. Public officials and professional leaders make presentations and every phase of the program includes practical instruction of public officials and citizens.

Westcliffe Post 170 of The American Legion sponsors one to five boys every year for Boys State. All expenses are covered by The American Legion Westcliffe Post 170. Information and application forms for Boys State 2014 are available on line at www.colegionboysstate.org. Post 170 contacts are Joy Lowe (783-4095) and Anna Orgeron (783-2721).

All high school junior boys are encouraged to consider this opportunity.

Propane Price Update: Largest Weekly Increase Since Survey Began

by George Gramlich

From the U.S. Energy Information Administration weekly update:

Weekly Summary of Residential Propane Prices (01/29/14 EIA update): The average residential propane price jumped by \$1.05 per gallon last week to \$4.01 per gallon, almost \$1.72 per gallon higher than the same period last year.

This is the largest, single weekly increase since the survey began in 1990. Ten states (all located in the Midwest) in the residential propane survey had price increases of 97 cents per gallon or more during the week ending January 27, 2014. Wholesale propane prices increased by \$1.43 per gallon to nearly \$3.55 per gallon as of January 27, 2014.



Local Mountain News & Notices

Dance Recital is BIG Success

by Carol Clemenson

Second Street Studio owner and director Becky Thompson, put on a great recital performance and the Jones Theater on February 1st and 2nd, 2014.

Second Street Studio is committed to the art of dance. They work hard to introduce and instill just the right amount of self-expression, discipline and passion in each one of their students. They are there to guide any students that have a passion for dance, or just exercise, and anyone planning to enter the art. This is a great place to start because they make it fun for the students from age four and up. Age really has no bearing on this art. The confidence and the experience of the element of dance coordination, creativity, grace, self-esteem



Pre-ballet class, preparing for their debut recital.

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

and appreciation for music and dance is just plain fun.

There are a variety of classes to choose from for all ages. Movement (pre-ballet), Classical Ballet, Tap, Hip Hop, and Zumba. The next registration/sign up will be February 19th at

4:30 at the studio. For more information call 405-514-8992 or email Secondstreetdancestudio@gmail.com. The hours are Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m., closed for lunch (12:00 – 1:30) then reopen at 1:30 p.m. with closing times varying.



All of the dancers took the stage after their performances.

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

Valentine's Day at Eagles Summit Ranch

On Valentine evening, Friday, February 14, the amazing folks at Eagles Summit Ranch are having a "Vow Renewal Ceremony" for the six couples who are in session that week. It is open to the public like other graduations, but instead of each participant speaking in order to graduate and receive a certificate, Dave may have them say a few words about the week but end with a collective vow renewal ceremony. It should be really sweet!!!

It is just like a graduation in all other areas, with a 6 p.m. start time, and folks are asked to bring a covered dish. Eagles Summit will provide the meat and drinks.

Please RSVP with the number in your party, to give the staff an idea of the expected attendance. You can email them at esrcolorado@gmail.com or call the office at 719-783-9729.



Ranchway Feeds Awards

On January 30, 2014, Jake and Alicia Shy awarded 4-H participants Anastasia and Billy Berry awards from the Ranchway Feeds for the sale of their animals at last year's Custer County Fair. Anastasia got her steer from her Uncle Everett, who lives in Cañon City, in November of 2012. He won Reserve Grand Champion, camp market. Billy got his goat from Linda Whitt of Lamar, in April of 2013. The goat won Reserve Grand Champion, camp market. The awards were given out at Valley Feed, located in Silver Cliff at the end of Mills Road. They both got a Ranchway Feed jacket and a gift certificate. The Shys report information to Ranchway Feed about how much feed they bought and other qualifications, and Ranchway determines the recipients. The kids had no idea that they had won until they got to the feed store that day, so they were very surprised and pleased.

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Ask a Pro: Well data, why it pays big to 'get it right.'

We were asked to perform a well test for a house on the market. The realtor listed the house as having a 5 GPM well. The well log recorded the production as being 0.5 GPM (a coincidence not a typo). The well test placed production at 0.17 GPM. Being the buyer made an offer to buy the property with a 5 GPM well he had every right to back out of, or renegotiate the contract. If the buyer decides to proceed with purchasing the property he'll most likely demand a steep reduction in the asking price. If the well had been listed correctly as 0.5 GPM instead of 5.0 GPM the buyer's bargaining chips may not be as stalwart.

This is the problem with using data from the State's website. This website contains a lot of errors. If it's crucial don't rely on the figures shown on this website. As I have mentioned the only place to find well production is on the drillers log/well construction and test report (GWS 31).

-David Nequette /Lic. 1043

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If Thomas Jefferson thought taxation without representation was bad, he should see how it is with representation.

~ Rush Limbaugh

Local Mountain News & Notices

"Free Application for Federal Student Aid"

Workshops Coming Up for CCHS Seniors and Parents

Custer County seniors are busy preparing for post-secondary plans this semester and to help in this process there will be a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) workshop for parents and students on Monday, February 10, at 6:00 p.m. in the high school computer lab. The workshop will be conducted by College-InColorado.org and will include the opportunity to

complete the FAFSA online during the presentation. The FAFSA is required to be eligible for federal aid such as the Pell Grant and Perkins Loan. "This will be a great workshop to the FAFSA application completed and find answers to questions that parents may have. I highly encourage anyone who plans to complete the FAFSA to attend," said CCHS Counselor Troy Bomgardner.

Social Security numbers for students and parents are necessary, and students and parents are encouraged to bring copies of W-2s and/or 2012 taxes (if completed).

In addition, there will be a FAFSA workshop hosted by CSU-Pueblo on Sunday, February 9th from 1-3pm. Please bring Social Security numbers for students and parents as well as W-2s and/or 2012 tax information.

C-1 Elementary Literacy Night

by Candi Sage

Elementary students and their families enjoyed Literacy Night with Superheroes on Thursday, January 30, from 5-7p.m.

Arriving in costume and maneuvering through four tasks in designated areas students along with their parents; created computer comic adventures of their own with Superman in the library, followed specific directions to participate in physical games with Spiderman, searched a word or phrase using Britannica Online through the West Custer Library website in the Middle School computer lab, and read and decoded a message with Batman in Mrs. Holycross' room.

Students ended their night of adventure with the Superheroes by visiting the Learning Lab and selected two free books and toys of their choice. Between 66 and 70 students attended with at least one parent per student. It was reported to be a fun time and successful literacy night.



Students and parents look over the selection of books during Literacy Night.

Sentinel photo by Candi Sage

Bobcats Sport Schedule

BASKETBALL

Saturday, February 8

1 p.m. - High School JV / V Girls / Boys Basketball at Home v. Crested Butte

Wednesday - Thursday, February 12 and 13

Cowbell Tournament - JV Girls / Boys

Tuesday, February 18

4 p.m. - SIMLA @ Home

WRESTLING

Friday - Saturday, February 14-15

Regionals at Del Norte

Thursday - Friday, February 20-22

State Championship at Pepsi Center

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Bobcat Menu • Feb. 10 - Feb. 13, 2014

Monday breakfast
Blueberry or Plain Pancake Wrap
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Chili with Crackers
Choice of Vegetable
Choice of Fruit
Milk

Tuesday breakfast
Cheese Quesadilla
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Chicken Patty Sandwich
Choice of Vegetable
Choice of Fruit
Milk

Wednesday breakfast
Cheese Omelet, W.W. Toast
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Mac 'n' Cheese
W. W. Roll
Choice of Veg & Fruit
Milk

Thursday breakfast
Sausage Gravy, Biscuits
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Cheese Pizza
Choice of Vegetable
Choice of Fruit
Milk

Elementary - Main dish, bread, milk, choice of 1 veg. & 1 fruit • Salad bar

Custer County School District C-1 Regular School Board Meeting

Great Room
February 11, 2014
4:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcome of Guests
3. Modification/Approval of Agenda
4. General Public Comment Session - (Comments will be limited to a maximum of three minutes)
5. Consent Agenda
 - a. Modification/Approval: Minutes of regular board meeting of January 14, 2013
6. Reports from Students/Staff
 - a. Maegan Holycross - Student Trip
 - b. Jim Bistodeau - Student Trip
7. Reports from Public
 - a. Excellence in Education report
 - b. Accountability report
8. Board Committee Reports (Accountability Committee, BOCES, FFA, Legislative Update, Preschool Advisory)
9. Action Items – For the good of the students of Custer County Schools
 - a. Approval: Check Vouchers
 - b. Approval: Financial Reports
 - c. Personnel Hires
 - i. Spring Coaches as presented (as per recommendation of AD Greg Cravens)
 - ii. Mark Pedigo - Vol. Assistant Football Coach - pending background check (rec. by AD Greg Cravens)
 - iii. Betsy Banks - Substitute Teacher (interviewed by principal Barb Jones)
 - d. Acceptance: Technology Plan
 - e. Approval: Board Policy BEDB (Agenda) - second reading
 - f. Approval: Board Policy BEAA (Electronic Participation in School Board Meetings) - second reading
10. Principal's Reports
 - a. Elementary – Holly Anderson
 - b. Secondary – Barb Jones
11. Superintendent's Report – Enclosed
12. Items introduced by Board Members
13. Executive Session (If needed)
14. Adjournment

KIDS

Friday, February 7, 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 III.*

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

"No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law."

The reason for this Amendment was prompted by the Quartering Acts passed by the British parliament during the Revolutionary War. It is one of the least controversial Amendments of the Constitution. As of 2009, it has never been the primary basis of a Supreme Court decision.

information source: en.wikipedia.org

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The Custer County School District is accepting applications for the position of head middle school girls track coach, assistant middle school track coach, and middle/high school assis-

tant cross-country coach. Track openings are for this spring and cross-country is for this fall. For more information, please call Greg Cravens at 783-4948 or pick up applications at the administration office at 709 Main Street in Westcliffe between the hours of 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday. CCSD is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin,sex, age, or handicap in employment.

NOTICE FOR GRAVEL BIDS
Custer County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Colorado (CC) is requesting sealed bids for the on-site crushing of a minimum of 80,000 tons of 1 inches minus aggregate base course. Operators will need to mobilize to the South Pit M-95-026 located on Rosita Road,

C.R. approximately 2 miles east of Highway 69 near Westcliffe, CO. The bid is to include mobilization, crushing, demobilization and stockpiling of material outlined in terms of price per ton based on the minimum gross tonnage above. The successful bidder must review and agree to meet CC basic safety policies and procedures as well as comply with Mine Safety & Health Administration (MSHA) Regulations 30 part 46. The awarded bid is subject to contractual obligations to be negotiated after acceptance. The receipt of safety policies, bid forms and a site walk-through may be arranged by contacting CC Road and Bridge, 413 N. 4th Street, PO Box 1669 Westcliffe, CO. 81252, phone 719-783-2281 or at rboffice@centurytel.net. Monday-Friday 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Sealed bids clearly marked "Crushing Bid" will be accepted at the CC Board of County Commissioners

(BOCC) office, 205 S. 6th Street, PO Box 150, Westcliffe, CO. 81252 until 4:00 PM on February 27, 2014. The bids will be opened at the BOCC meeting on February 28, 2014. The BOCC reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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Art Nordyke Announces Bid for Re-election as Coroner

Arthur L. Nordyke is running for another term as Custer County Coroner. He and his wife of 45 years, along with their three boys, moved here the summer of 1977. At that time, he went to work for Sangre de Cristo Electric Association as a journeyman lineman. Then in 1985 he started Nordyke Construction Inc. and in October 2010 he started Nordyke Sanitation LLC.

He has been Coroner for Custer County for 30 years and would like to continue to serve Custer County as Coroner for another four more years. "I will continue to serve the people of Custer County. I strive to serve each family with respect and help in their time of need. I feel that this a very important part of being a Coroner," said Art.

Art further stated that he has been a Colorado State Certified Death Investigator for 14 years and served on the board of Colorado Coroners Association for 20 years. He said that in 1988 the Colorado Coroners Association was established to educate and certify the state coroners and to strive for high standards.

He commented that he has about 315 hours of continued education through the Colorado Coroners Association, and has attended classes on Aero Forensics: 2002 Certificate on Death and Fetal Death Registration from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Colorado Coroners need 48 hours for a 4-year certification (16 per year are mandated by the State).

There are currently five deputy coroners with Art; three of them are sheriff's deputies and one covers the San Isabel area. "This saves the county money," said Art. He further stated that he encourages all of his deputy coroners to get all of the training that is needed to be certified by the State of Colorado and take the courses provided by the Colorado Coroners Association. The coroner is responsible for all deaths that occur in the county. Paperwork is then filed with the State and County. The coroner also works



Art Nordyke, County Coroner
Sentinel photo by Anne Crewdson

closely with Hospice and the Sheriff.

Furthermore, Art works very closely with Search and Rescue and serves on the Search and Rescue Board. In 2007 he was awarded a life-saving award by Sheriff Fred Jobe. Art recalls that Search and Rescue called him the first week in January regarding four people that were stranded over at Opher Creek. "I spent all night getting them safely out and it is times like this that I am thankful that I could help them out of a very life-threatening situation."

He is also a Westcliffe Town Trustee, belongs to the Sangre Snowrunners Club, and is a chartered member of the Sheriff's Posse.

Events Calendar

Friday, February 7, 2014
7:30 p.m. The Jones Theater: "American Hustle"
All day: High School All State Choir at Denver National SAT Reg. Deadline for test date 3/8/14

Saturday, February 8, 2014
All day: High School All State Choir at Denver
All day: Middle School Knowledge Bowl
Optimist Brain Bowl at Fort Carson
7:30 p.m. - The Jones Theater: "American Hustle"

Sunday, February 9, 2014
2 p.m. - The Jones Theater: "American Hustle"

Monday, February 10, 2014
All Day - Pre-school Parent/Teacher Conferences - by appointment only

Tuesday, February 11, 2014
All day - Knowledge Bowl Regionals at Alamosa
All day: Tourism Board Mtg.
4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. - School Board Meeting in Great Room
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. - Custer County FFA Chapter Meeting in Ag Classroom

Wednesday, February 12, 2014
4 p.m. - 5 p.m. - Middle School Knowledge Bowl
7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Middle School Valentine's Dance

Friday, February 14, 2014
7:30 p.m. The Jones Theater: "Steel Magnolias" performed by the Westcliffe Players
6 p.m. - Eagle Summit Ranch Graduation

Saturday, February 15, 2014
1 p.m. - Sangre Shooting Club Safety Orientation
7:30 p.m. The Jones Theater: play: "Steel Magnolias" performed by the Westcliffe Players

Sunday, February 16, 2014
2 p.m. - The Jones Theater: play: "Steel Magnolias" performed by the Westcliffe Players

Monday, February 17, 2014
Courthouse Closed: Presidents Day

Feb 16-22 is National FFA Week

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.

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Alpacas and Kids Local Nonprofit Offers Leadership Opportunities

Have you been looking for a way to make a real difference in the world? Here's your chance. Paca Peace Ranch for Youth is seeking new management.

This nonprofit organization works with local 5th graders to build confidence as well as skills in deci-

What makes Paca Peace unique is how they teach these skills. Each kid participating in this year-long program bonds with and trains an alpaca.

According to the nonprofit's founders, Bob and Sue Hill, alpacas (smaller members of the llama family)

alpacas can be quite timid and require a calm approach, building trust over time. "They are so cute, soft, and fuzzy that kids really want to get close," explains Sue Hill, a founder of the organization.

Two management positions – Ranch Manager and Program Manager – are available, starting in April 2014. Both are part-time, volunteer roles with a modest annual stipend.

The Ranch Manager oversees care of the animals and leads the alpaca training process with the kids. This manager needs some background with animal care or livestock, but the nonprofit would provide specific orientation in working with alpacas. The Program Manager runs the mentoring curriculum, working with kids' strengths to help solidify their sense of personal worth as well as their skills in peaceful conflict resolution. This manager needs some background in teaching, counseling, social work, or other previous mentorship with youth.

According to Kristen Maher, president of the non-

profit's Board of Directors, leaders in both positions should "enjoy being with young people, be relaxed and fun-loving, be able to see the good in others, and have the ability to affirm and reframe." Maher adds that while the organization envisions these management positions as separate roles, a single person who has skills with both kids and animals could feasibly do both.

Maher estimates that each position would require no more than 40 hours per month for nine months of the year with a great deal of schedule flexibility. Paca Peace will provide training, support, and all necessary materials. The new managers will step into a highly successful program. Founded in 2002, Paca Peace Ranch was the first of its kind in the nation. It has served well over 100 local kids, their progress documented through assessments but also evident to their parents and teachers at school.

For more information, visit www.pacapeace.org or contact kmaher@mail.sdsu.edu.



A first encounter at Paca Peace Ranch. A key element of the program is the trust and connection that forms between each youth and his or her alpaca.

Courtesy photo

sion-making and peaceful conflict resolution. The program helps ensure that kids enter their teens ready to thrive.

are ideal for working with youth. These animals are naturally gentle, without sharp teeth or hard hooves. Lacking natural defenses,

SIX-PACK Becomes Seven

by Michelle Pedigo

With only two tournaments remaining before Regionals, the SIX-PACK welcomed Kyle Rose back to the team. Although he left for a time to focus on other commitments, Rose missed grappling and returned to finish the season with the team.

Rose wrestled in the 138-pound spot as Welton Rusher was out with a wrist injury. Titus Crawford was also not on the brackets, but both are expected back this week.

So it was the Magnificent 7 that made their way onto the mats last Saturday for the Valley Classic in Center. The team got a slow start and continued to struggle through their matches, ending the day in 11th place out of 14 teams. Individually, Kyle Rose and Kody Aldrich walked away with only valuable lessons learned, while Tyler Watson and Cody Koble each posted one win. Because of the tournament seeding and size of the brackets, 6th place was earned by each Tyler Watson and Kody Aldrich for their efforts. Manny Pedigo came away with three wins and only one loss, earning him third place.

Coach Ham stated the 'Cats had their roughest day of the season, and he antic-



Cody Koble stays tough to win in long match.

Sentinel photo by Michelle Pedigo



Tyler Watson faces off during disappointing loss to Del Norte.

Sentinel photo by Michelle Pedigo

ipates a much better showing when they travel to Crowley County this Saturday. It's coming down to the wire for preparations with just this one tournament to go before the Regional competition in Del Norte, February 14-15.



by Candi Sage

FFA Student of the Month



William Brandon, FFA Student of the Month

Sentinel photo by Candi Sage

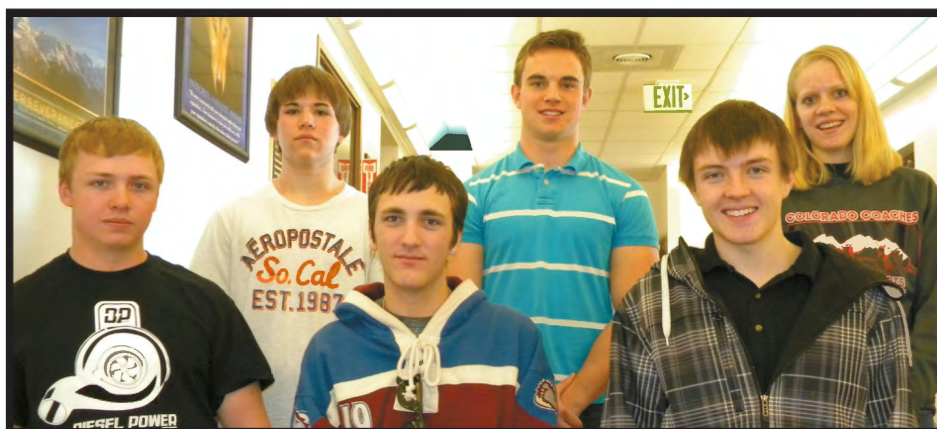
In January for the first time, FFA nominated and voted for a student of the month. The January FFA student of the Month is Senior, William Brandon. William was nominated for his SAE (Supervised Agriculture Experience), leadership skill and his role model abilities. William shows pigs, plays football, is the 2013-14 President of the National Honor Society and looks forward to attending the University

of Colorado in Colorado Springs in the fall.

January News

by Ed Sandoval

At the January 14 meeting, the final semester of FFA activities was discussed with beginning plans and dates set. FFA Week will be February 17-22. Look for members to be bagging groceries at the Westcliffe Supermarket on Saturday, February 22. The oyster fry fundraiser is scheduled for March 15 and the parent/member banquet will be on April 27. FFA members will also be working on their State Degrees, given to top FFA members who meet the requirements.



CC-1 Recognizes Students in High Standing

Custer County High School recognizes students who represent the school in a manner of high standing and consistently demonstrating certain personal qualities.

One time a month the High School teachers will nominate a student they believe exudes notable quality in academics, leadership, service, integrity, involvement, motivation/work ethic, and responsibility. These qualities are those which the students need both inside and outside the school arena.

In an interview with Secondary Principal, Barbara Jones, who indicated that typically, it is designated for the senior class; but is not limited only to seniors, nor it is like an honor roll or acknowledging a high GPA, but is for those demonstrating other important qualities on a consistent basis.

Congratulations to these seniors who have been recognized so far this 2013-2014 school year!

Front row: September - Casey Nordyke, October - Colin Rafferty, November - William Brandon

Back row: December - Josh Carter, January - Tyler Havens, February - Rebecca Tillotson

Sentinel photo by Candi Sage

We must be free not because we claim freedom, but because we practice it.

~William Faulkner

The Pueblo Weisbrod Aircraft Museum

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"Peachy", a B-29 Superfortress. Peachy flew 35 combat missions in the Pacific theatre during World War II including 4 missions over Tokyo.



Two of Peachy's four huge engines. Various internal parts are displayed beneath Peachy. Also, a "dummy" crewman dressed in authentic gear.



A-26B Invader. An incredibly durable bomber. The only aircraft to have flown in World War II to the Vietnam War (1943-1964).

Need a place to take the kids or visitors for a day? The answer is right by the Pueblo Municipal Airport where we have one of the finest aviation museums in the world. Sitting inside two huge 30,000 sq. ft. heated hangers is an impressive array of modern and vintage aircraft. The number, condition, and variety of planes, helicopters, related vehicles, and artifacts is simply stunning.

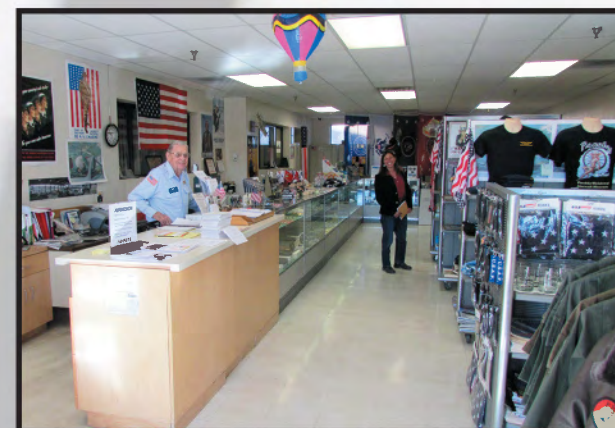
Many of the aircraft can be accessed inside. There is a great children's plane and classroom and a fascinating hands-on science section for kids called STEM. Tons of hands-on exhibits for everybody.

With an emphasis on U.S. military aircraft, the museum provides an extensive collection of beautifully restored planes from all four branches. There are many friendly and extremely knowledgeable tour guides in the two hangers who can provide very detailed histories of the exhibits.

The museum is open all year round, Monday - Saturday 10AM till 4PM and Sundays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is only \$7 for those 10 years of age or older. Group rates available. Active duty get in free. See their great website at pwam.org or call 719-948-9219.



Peachy's nose cone/cockpit. Those landing gear sure can take some abuse



The entrance to the museum. A fully stocked gift shop with a wide variety of aircraft and military items, including many for children.



A children's lecture area with a great big "child's" plane the kids can play in.



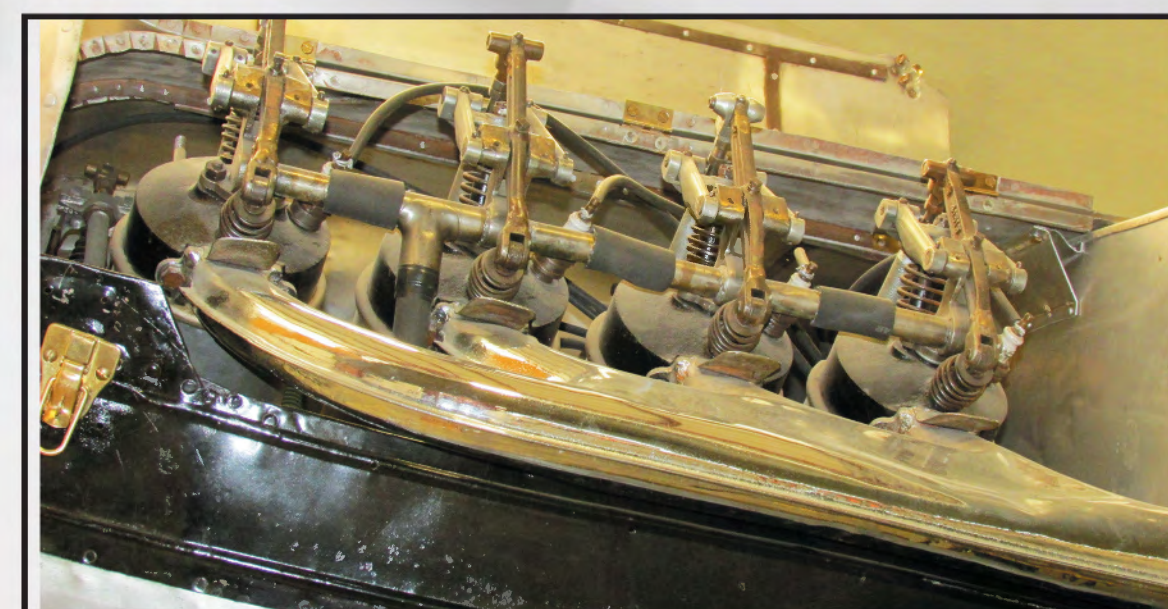
Six hundred and one Grumman F9F8 Fighter Jets were produced between 1954 and 1957. They were able to carry four AIM-9 Sidewinder air-to-air missiles.



1926 Alexander EagleRock: Built in Colorado Springs!!! Antique bi-plane is the oldest known existing example of the once famous Alexander Aircraft Company of Colorado. The factory building still stands at 3200 North Nevada Avenue in Colorado Springs. The planes were often used for mail delivery.



Side view of the Alexander EagleRock showing its rather delicate landing gear.



The Alexander EagleRock used a 1918 Curtis Hammondsport liquid cooled V-8 to power its single propeller.

Local Mountain News & Notices

Sheriff's Report...

There are currently eight men in jail.

February 4 At 6 a.m., a 2010 Ford pickup truck driven by Jesse Guillory, age 38, of rural Westcliffe was driving on Hill Country Road in Bull Domingo Subdivision when he lost control due to icy road. The vehicle rolled onto its right side causing extensive damage. There were no injuries.

February 4 At 6:05 a.m., a 2012 Dodge pickup truck driven by Jeffery Thomas, age 40, a fireman of rural Westcliffe, was driving his own vehicle on Hill Country Road while responding to an accident and slid off the icy roadway. Severe damage was sustained to undercarriage, but there were no injuries.

February 2 At 11:30 a.m. a 2004 Jeep Cherokee driven by Stephen Phillips, age 52, of rural Custer County, was driving northbound on C.R. 255 when he lost control on the icy road. He slid off the right-hand side of the roadway and hit a dirt berm causing moderate damage to the undercarriage. There were no injuries.

January 31 At 1:10 p.m., a 2010 Toyota pickup truck belonging to McKenzie Huffman, age 30, was parked at the Westcliffe Post Office at 4 Bassick Place when a 2008 Silverado pickup truck driven by Melissa Lang, age 45, of rural Westcliffe backed from a parking spot into Huffman's parked vehicle. There was minor damage to both vehicles.

January 31 Leonard Cordova, age 35, of Pueblo was arrested in Pueblo off of a Custer County

bench warrant for failure to comply. He later posted \$1,000 bond and was released. The original charge was disorderly conduct and fighting in public.

January 31 Robert Yellico, age 53, of Wetmore was arrested for domestic violence and menacing. He was booked into the Custer County jail. He posted \$1,500 bond and was released to appear in Custer County Court at a later date.

January 31 At 7:45 a.m., a 2000 GMC pickup driven by Joseph Trujillo, age 30, of Silver Cliff, hit a deer while driving westbound near the intersection of Highway 96 and Emery Street. There was minor damage to vehicle. The deer was dispatched.

January 31 Michael Spencer, age 36, of Wyoming, Michigan, formerly of Westcliffe, was arrested in Westcliffe on a Custer County warrant for failure to appear. He posted \$2,000 bond and was released. The original charges were non-consensual sexual contact and indecent exposure.

January 30 Jeremiah Patton, age 18, of rural Westcliffe was arrested at his residence on C.R. 356 on a Fremont County warrant. He was booked into the Custer County jail and will appear in Fremont County court. He is charged with theft and underage consumption of alcohol.

January 30 R's Pizza reported that sometime between October 1 and January 30 someone had damaged a cigarette receptacle outside of the restaurant. There are no suspects.

January 29 and 30 On these two evenings, Roy Dickens, age 58, of South Fourth Street in Westcliffe was issued two summonses. The first summons was for having more dogs (total of 5) than permitted by Westcliffe ordinance (3). The second evening a summons was issued for dogs barking and disturbing neighbors. He will appear in Westcliffe municipal court.

January 27 At 9:20 a.m., a Nissan vehicle went through a fence, after sliding off C. R. 387. It took out 90 feet of fence, came back onto roadway, and left the scene. The fence belongs to Bill Braundt. There are no suspects at this time.

January 27 Marci Wommack of rural Westcliffe reported that someone stole her son's cell phone from the boys' locker room at school. No suspects.

There were five ambulance runs for January 28 through February 4.

Fire Department responded to three fender benders from February 1 through February 4.

State Patrol Report

February 1 There were two roll-overs in the Wetmore area, due to slick roads, and both handled by Colorado State Patrol.

Also, at 9:30 a.m., an 18-wheeler with a full load became stuck on Hardscrabble close to mile marker 18. CDOT and Sheriff's office assisted for nearly 2 hours before semi-truck continued on way. The driver was not using chains.



Jerry Keffer Honored for his Service

Westcliffe Town Employee Jerry Keffer was awarded a plaque by Mayor Christy Veltrie and the Town Board on February 4th honoring his 10 years of service to the town. Jerry is the one-man town crew that handles everything from snow plowing to town building maintenance.

Congratulations, Jerry!

Sentinel photo by Paul Sage

Valentine's Day Dinner at the Cowboy Church

Valentine's Day Dinner February 14 at the Westcliffe Wild West Cowboy Church. Reservations for 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Grilled NY Strip with all the fixin's! Tickets \$15 adult; \$10 student w/i.d.; and \$5 children 12 and under. Youth-sponsored event. Reservation deadline is Monday, February 10, 5:00 p.m.



BYERLY FOR CUSTER COUNTY SHERIFF

Shannon and his wife Lynette have resided in Custer County for 12 years. His oldest son, Ryan, is a 2011 graduate of Custer County and his youngest son, Lane, will graduate in May. Shannon served 8 years in the US NAVY and is a Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran.

QUALIFICATIONS: Associates of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. Graduate of the Denver University Public Safety Leadership Development Course. Eleven years Law Enforcement Experience at Canon City PD as a patrol officer, patrol sergeant, and current department supervisor. Shannon has budget development and management experience as he currently manages the Canon City Police Department's budget.

GOALS: A thorough budget evaluation to maximize the use of assets through re-prioritization, increase training opportunities for all department personnel, and review, develop, and update policies to eliminate current liability to the county.

Shannon strongly believes in the fair and equal treatment of all citizens no matter what your political, religious, or social status may be. He would like the opportunity to serve you as the next Custer County Sheriff.

Come visit with Shannon on February 15th, at 1:00 pm at the Rancher's Roost Banquet room.

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Well Documented Effects of Marijuana #1

by Candi Sage

The effects of marijuana are well-documented in more recent studies and easily found in numerous 'drugabuse.gov' websites as well as various other sites, including state sites and those attaching alcohol use and abuse with marijuana. First, it is important to identify the drug known as marijuana to understand what marijuana is, what it does to the user and then the effects on society. The next article will take a look at the effects on society.

Marijuana is a shredded green and brown mix of leaves, flowers, stems and seeds from the hemp plant, Cannabis sativa. In a more concentrated, resinous form, it is called hashish and as a sticky black liquid, hash oil. Besides other chemicals, the main psychoactive (mind-altering) chemical in marijuana is THC (delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol). When ingested by smoke, food or drink, the THC acts on specific molecular targets in brain cells, called cannabinoid receptors and affect the functions within these brain cells. These receptors play an important role in normal brain development and function and can be found in parts of the brain that influence pleasure, memory, thinking, concentration, sensory and time perception and coordinated movement.

The THC-marijuana effect results in distorted perceptions, impaired coordination, difficulty with thinking and problem solving and disrupted learning and memory. This is only the THC-marijuana and not the black market marijuana that may be laced with other drug combinations.

That said, many are thinking this 2014 marijuana is the same marijuana as in the 1960's or 1970's. It is reported that the amount of THC in marijuana samples confiscated by police has been increasing steadily over the past few decades. In 2012, THC concentrations averaged nearly 15 percent, compared to

the 1980 concentration of around 4 percent. For any user, this means exposure to higher percent concentrations of nearly 4x the amount of THC and an equally greater chance of unpredictable or adverse reactions. Do the recreational marijuana drug users really understand what this means in terms of what they are doing to their bodies?

Research shows that regular marijuana use by young people can have long-lasting negative impact on the structure and function of their brains. Marijuana is associated with a higher likelihood of dropping out of school and with workers' increased absences, tardiness, accidents, workers' compensation claims and job turnover and even lower life satisfaction, poorer mental and physical health, relationship problems and less academic and career success. A recent study, following users over time, showed people who smoked heavily in their teens lost as much as 8 points of IQ between the ages of 13 and 38 and the lost cognitive abilities were not restored.

Other proven long-term and short-term effects show a variety of adversity ranging from the short term of a raised heart rate by 20-100 percent shortly after smoking (up to 3 hours) to a risk of heart attack in the first hour after smoking to heart palpitations and arrhythmias. Marijuana smoke is also an irritant to the lungs and smokers can have the same respiratory problems as tobacco smokers including a heightened risk of lung infections. A number of studies have shown a connection of chronic marijuana use and mental illness which would deem reasonable since marijuana use effects the various pleasure and cognitive areas of the brain. These mental health issues include depression, anxiety, suicidal thoughts among adolescents, personality disturbances and a lack of motivation to engage in typically rewarding activities.

ties. More recently, studies have shown an association with an increased risk of an aggressive type of testicular cancer in young men.

Marijuana users should not confuse their use for medicinal purposes compared to FDA-approved THC-based drugs to treat pain and nausea because of FDA's requirements of well-defined and measurable ingredients consistent from one unit (dose) to the next. Unfortunately, due to the marijuana plant having hundreds of chemical compounds that may have different effects, as well as those that vary from plant to plant, using it as an FDA approved medicine makes it difficult to evaluate. Will there or should there be mandatory wording, "use at your own risk" attached to all sales?

What does this tell us? First, that marijuana is not a 'friend' to a healthy body and mind. Second, that many people with known health conditions do receive some relief from symptoms of their conditions; yet, because of the chemical compounds varying and THC content increasing - both make for difficult test reliability and approval of the FDA. Next, it makes for questioning just what has Colorado inhabitants done to the overall health and safety of its own by approving the recreational use of this drug for everyone without more education and monitoring?

Before, people could have done their own educational research to find years of marijuana data available. Hopefully more people will select to do so in hind sight, which is all too often what happens when making an uneducated or rash decision. Here are a few sources used in this article: <http://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/marijuana>, <http://www.drugfreeworld.org/drugfacts/marijuana.html>

<http://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/marijuana-abuse/how-marijuana-use-affect-your-brain-body>

Israel Comes to Silver Cliff

by Paul Sage

Israel Pochtar, founder of Voice of Judah Israel Ministries and Senior Pastor of Beit Hallel Congregation in Ashdod Israel visited the Valley Bible Fellowship in Silver Cliff on Sunday, January 12th. Pastor Israel is "just here to build bridges between our nations," and to partner with other churches and believers to pray together for the revival of Israel.

Pastor Israel grew up in a Jewish family in the Ukraine in the former Soviet Union, and became the first in his family to become a Christian. With a heart for his people, he made the decision to emigrate to the nation of Israel. There he became an associate pastor of a local Israeli Christian church in Tel Aviv for ten years before starting a new congregation, Beit Hallel in Ashdod, Israel in 2004.

The change from the relative religious freedom of Tel Aviv to the southern city of Ashdod was dramatic. Pastor Israel now finds himself the head of the only Christian church of any kind in the fourth largest city (pop. 250,000) in Israel. The church is surrounded by hostile Jewish leadership that makes protests of a thousand people outside his church not unusual, with rabbis and religious leaders praying and stirring up the crowds against the church that believes that Jesus is the Messiah. Signs that look like what we would think of as wanted posters are plastered around the town and even on cars that feature pictures of Pastor Israel and his wife and list his home address, warning people not to become involved with the "cult" leader.

Westcliffe resident, Ken Bailey, who has become a friend of Pastor Israel on his trips to the nation with the ministry he works with, Christian Action Group and USA Youth Outreach, explained more about what the regular persecution looks like at Beit Hallel Congregation. Large groups of orthodox Jews gather outside the church to hurl insults and spit on and shove congregation members as they enter the church, hoping this will cause a fight that will result in the Christians being arrested by the police.



Sentinel reporters Paul and Candi Sage (left and right) with Israel Pochtar.

Courtesy photo

Pastor Israel does not miss the irony of the fact that 2,000 years ago Jesus and His first disciples were persecuted in the same way by the same groups in the same town. Despite it all, "the congregation is growing and God is raising His church up in the middle of this persecution," according to Pastor Israel.

To show the hostile town the love of Christ, the church is very outreach-oriented, seeking to feed and clothe those in need, to look after the widows and orphans, and to restore dignity to holocaust survivors, who still live in the town. This year the church invited the community to come in and see "Christmas the American Way," and 400 non-believers showed up to see what this was about.

Since its founding, Beit Hallel has planted four other Christian churches in Israel and welcomed two other existing ones into the congregation with leaders raised up in the church. Pastor Israel has also founded Voice of Judah Israel to be "a prophetic voice in the land - proclaiming the love of Yeshua to the people of Israel while reaching out to

help feed the poor and raise up a new generation of Israeli leaders who will usher in the revival of Israel."

Another big part of the ministry is reconciliation. There are over a million Arabs in Israel, many of them Muslims, and Pastor Israel reaches out to them with the reconciling love of Jesus Christ. He gave several examples from the congregation. One is a Bedouin nomad who accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior and as he came up out of the waters of baptism, saw the clouds open up and an image of Jesus on the throne before him. One woman in the congregation is a former Muslim named Islam. Another re-born Muslim named Jihad is now a worship leader in the church. So at a service at Beit Hallel Congregation you may see an excited Bedouin nomad worshipping Jesus beside Islam and a 92-year-old concentration camp survivor who bears the tattooed nazi ID number on his arm to Spirit-filled worship led by Jihad!

About the exciting things happening in Israel, the pastor quotes Ezekiel 36:22 where God says, "I do not do this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My Holy Name's sake..." He says God is doing all these things to call the lost to Himself and for the glory of His Holy Name.

Pastor Israel Pochtar and Voice of Judah Israel Ministries can be contacted through the website www.vojisrael.org.

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Fremont County Bulletin

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March for Life Kicks off Campaign for Brady Amendment

by Candy Thompson

Saturday, January 18, 2014, close to 1,000 Coloradans gathered on the State Capitol steps to hear speakers and be that voice for the millions of unborn who have brutally died since 7 judges in 1973 wrongly interpreted Amendment 14 to give mothers the right to murder their babies to the tune of 56 million. 3,500 unborn Americans every day, denied life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness guaranteed in the Constitution, are being torn limb from limb, chemically dissolved or scraped out of their mother's womb. Yet we hear less about these atrocities to human beings made in God's image than about the animals at the Humane Society.

Sponsored by Colorado Right to Life, this event was the kickoff for the campaign for the Brady Amendment (Amendment 67) that will be on the ballot in November. Brady was killed by a drunk driv-

er shortly before being born. His mother, Heather Surovik, has sponsored this amendment so that other unborn children and their parents will not suffer as she did when she was told that Brady wasn't considered a human being by Colorado law and the man who killed her full-term baby was not convicted. Legislators in Denver looked her straight in the eye and said she didn't lose a baby. Brady was just part of her injuries.

Director of Colorado Right to Life, Susan Southerland, encouraged the large crowd to "get involved and be encouraged...to walk and talk pro-life." Heather's pastor, Don Veazey, from Tri-City Baptist in Frederick, Colorado, said that the greatest tragedy in America today is the slaughter of innocent babies. He quoted Psalm 6:17 where it says that "God hates the shedding of innocent blood." Then he listed five things that we Christians can do to stop this tragedy: Be informed, work and pray for a Con-

stitutional amendment to reverse Roe v. Wade, teach morality, have compassion for women who have had an abortion or who are pregnant and unwed, and speak out clearly against abortion without apology. Senator Owen Hill also spoke and declared his pro-life stand.

Following the speeches on the capitol steps, the crowd made its way past the Denver Post building to 16th Street Mall and back, walking four and five abreast, carrying signs, and spanning six city blocks. Now the fight begins to win the hearts and souls of Colorado voters so that Colorado can join the majority of other states who protect the unborn in their criminal laws. Christians can encourage their pastors to stand up and speak out in favor of this amendment and they can go to <http://www.coloradorighttolife.com/> to find information and materials to support this important piece of legislation.



March for Life signs at the Capital steps.

Sentinel photo by Candy Thompson

Marijuana in Penrose

by Chandra I. Serfoss

Last spring, I drove the half mile from my house to the local greenhouse to purchase snapdragons, Shasta daisies, and watermelon plants. And, as I was in the habit of doing for years, I went back several times over the course of the summer because I was always looking for some additional color to add to my beautiful patch of garden. I was notified then that the greenhouse was soon transitioning from growing flowers, shrubbery, and vegetables to growing marijuana, a much more lucrative crop. Truth to tell, I was brokenhearted—I loved our local greenhouse and the huge variety of plants grown there. But at the time, I didn't really think about all the ramifications that having such a huge marijuana growing facility near my home might have on my local community and my family.

As a concerned and informed voter, I was in the minority when Colorado voted to legalize the use and sale of recreational marijuana. I had weighed the issue carefully because I have libertarian leanings, and it's my opinion that our government has entirely too many laws and regulations, making nearly every American an unwitting lawbreaker. The argument presented by the "let's-legalize-and-regulate-it" crowd has a small degree of merit. However, the idea that marijuana usage doesn't hurt anyone is preposterous. Thus, I voted against legalization even though alcohol consumption which is arguably equal or worse in its damaging effects, is legal. Moreover, I believe that the marijuana market will be much more difficult to regulate because it is simply easier to grow a plant in one's home than it is to build a distillery.

Nevertheless, pot is now a legal substance in Colorado—but it's not in Wyoming, Nebraska, New Mexico, Kansas, Arizona, Texas, and Utah. Black markets still exist, and turf wars are still raging among the gangs and cartels that wish to be top dog in drug sales. It is my theory that large marijuana growing facilities, like that just up the road from my house in rural Penrose, will draw some unsavory sorts to my little corner of the world. More importantly, Penrose is unincorporated meaning that we don't have a police department; instead, we rely upon the already overstretched Fremont County Sheriff's Department to keep the peace.

The owners of the greenhouses have erected fences around the perimeter of the grounds with privacy slats in the chain-link fencing. I assume that they have taken some precautionary measures for security purposes. But will those measures be an effective deterrent to hardened criminal types? I wonder.

Meanwhile, I am watching my hometown, a place that, not long ago, seemed as wholesome as apple pie go up in smoke. Our annual Apple Day Parade still follows the same short route down Broadway, but now the little boys and girls who ride on their school floats wave to the parade judges who sit just in front of a pot shop. Will our future main agricultural product be cannabis instead of apples? And how will that change the nature of my community? If I sound self-righteous, it's not intended. I certainly am a believer in freedom and capitalism. Perhaps, I'm simply afraid of change. I'm not sure I would enjoy an annual Penrose Pot Day very much.

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 at 7 p.m.
403 W. 5th St.
Florence

**Cañon City
City Council**
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Mondays at 6 p.m.
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Crime and Prejudice

by Bill Wilson

Did you know that the highest crime rates are found in the cities and states that have the strictest gun laws? The top 5 U.S. cities with the most murders in 2012 were the occupant of the Oval Office's adopted home town of Chicago, New York, Detroit, Philadelphia, and Los Angeles--strictest gun laws in America. The FBI says that 69 percent of all homicides in the U.S. involve a gun. A recent mall shooting in Maryland left three dead, including the shooter. He opened fire with a shotgun on a busy Saturday morning. Maryland's gun laws are so restrictive that the courts hold them as unconstitutional. Yet no leftist wants to admit that criminals will get guns no matter how restrictive the laws are. But that's not all.

The Parents Television Council conducted a study from the fall of 2012 and 2013 to analyze the violence on both broadcast and cable primetime programming. PTC found that "The following forms of violence comprised 77 percent of the

violent and graphically violent depictions that aired during primetime broadcast on TV-14 rated shows: child molestation, rape, mutilation/disfigurement, dismemberment, graphic killings and/or injuries by gunfire and stabbings, violent abductions, physical torture, cannibalism, burning flesh, suicide, beatings, guns and bladed weapons that were depicted but not used, and dead bodies." PTC found that 67 percent of the weapons depicted were guns.

This does not include movies at the theaters, video games and other forms of expression, such as music, that utilize and market gun violence. PTC reports "In 2000, Nielsen Media Research reported that youth ages 2-17 spent an average of 19 hours and 40 minutes per week watching television." Are the long term effects of this exposure to gun violence culminated in shootings like those in Columbia, Maryland? Is it appropriate to blame the gun or rather the personal responsibility of the shooter, and beyond that, those who write, act in, produce

and market such violence that permeates our society and has such an influence on the present generation?

Here is a sure bet: The leftist politicians and the leftist Hollywood actors, writers, and producers are in cahoots. The Hollywood types fund the politicians. The politicians kiss up to the Hollywood types. They all cry the loudest about banning guns. But if they really believed in their cause, why do they take roles in programs, movies, video games, and music that glorifies gun violence? If they were really thought leaders, as they like to promote themselves as the intellectual elite, they would campaign to stop any form of entertainment depicting gun violence. While they are openly hostile and prejudiced against law-abiding citizens who own guns, they themselves promote gun violence. James 1:8 says, "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways."

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson
www.dailyjot.com

DUDE, WHERE'S MY DOCTOR: Despite Udall's Promise, Coloradans Can't Keep Doctors Either

by ColoradoPeakPolitics

By now, everyone knows the lie of the year was given to President Obama's promise, "If you like your plan, you can keep it." But for Senator Udall here in Colorado that lie didn't go far enough. Instead, Udall was compelled to reassure Coloradans that they could not only keep the plan they liked, but their doctor and hospital as well. Here's the exact quote Udall gave Fox 21 News' Christina Salvo:

"If you have an insurance policy you like, doctor or medical facility that provides medical services to you, you'll be able to keep that doctor or that insurance policy."

You can bet with each passing day and every new

news story, Republicans are trying harder to hunt down that video clip than a seeker going after a Golden Snitch (look at us, using references to court that youth vote).

A new story by the Gazette yesterday states quite explicitly how much Coloradans will not be able to keep the doctors they like:

"Across the nation, an increasing number of insurance carriers are narrowing their physician networks, hospitals and other health care facilities. The trend is particularly evident in health insurance marketplaces, including Connect for Health Colorado.

... In Colorado, at least three health insurance companies on the exchange, including Anthem, are of-

fering narrowed networks, and insurance carriers across the industry say the trend will become more prevalent in the coming years.

Insurance companies frame the strategy as a means to control insurance prices -- a priority, they say, in light of federal requirements mandating 10 "essential" benefits in each plan, including behavioral and maternity care." [the Peak emphasis]

With the narrowing of a health network to control costs comes the inevitable moment when a Coloradans' new insurance plan does not include the doctor they have been seeing for years. While some think the problem will be minor since it is the uninsured

who most likely don't have doctors right now who are using the exchanges, the Gazette is right in pointing out the more than 250,000 Coloradans who are losing their plans because Udall and Obama lied:

"The issue, though, could become a focus for the 250,000 Coloradans who faced cancellation letters this year from their insurance carriers."

Hey lefties, it's not the New Coke name that we're fighting against, but how they made the formula worse.

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Study: Staying Uninsured Cheaper Than Obamacare for Young

by Sarah Hurtubise,
DailyCaller.com, 1/22/2014

As Obamacare struggles to appeal to the young and the uninsured, a new study has concluded that the health care law is a bad deal for 86 percent of this demographic.

The free-market American Action Forum (AAF) found that in Obamacare's first year, 6 out of 7 uninsured young adults will pay less if they go without health insurance than if they enroll in Obamacare. As Obamacare's individual mandate tax penalty rises drastically over the next several years, the proportion will only slightly decrease to 71 percent in 2015 and 62 percent in 2014.

Analyzing data collected from a 2011 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey Household Component -- a large-scale, nationally-representative, household survey collected by one of the Department of Health and Human Services' own agencies -- AAF discovered that paying out-of-pocket for health care will overwhelmingly cost "young invincibles" less overall.

"We're talking about a population of people who chose to go without insurance when it was much more dangerous to be with-

out insurance and when insurance actually cost less," the study's co-author Chris Holt told The Daily Caller News Foundation. "So the incentives have changed so that these folks now have less risk in remaining uninsured while the cost of getting insurance is even higher."

The Obama administration is already facing a tough final two months in Obamacare's open enrollment period. Reports on Obamacare enrollees this far have indicated that young enrollees and the uninsured are vastly under-represented in the exchanges.

Just 24 percent of exchange enrollees were between the ages of 18 and 35 years as of December 28; the Obama administration had repeatedly outlined that the exchanges will need 38-39 percent of enrollees in that range in order to keep costs down.

As for the uninsured, Obamacare's enrollees tend to have purchased exchange coverage after having plans cancelled or have switched over to access taxpayer subsidies.

The study's authors Conor Ryan and Holt told The DCNF that Obamacare is simply making even stronger incentives for young

Americans not to get coverage.

Even as Obamacare's individual mandate penalty for not purchasing insurance rises in the next several years, a majority of young adults will still benefit from remaining uninsured, according to data on the group's past health care spending. While the tax penalty is just \$95 in 2014, it will jump to \$325 in 2015 and \$695 in 2016.

But Obamacare's tax penalty stops increasing there. After 2016, Holt told TheDCNF, the law will make it "increasingly discouraging" for young adults to purchase health insurance, "in part because of rising premiums and subsidy indexes."

The amount of taxpayer subsidies will somewhat level off, according to AAF models. By 2019, exchange participants that receive subsidies will see their payments increase by an estimated 25 percent. From 2014 to 2023, AAF projects that premium contributions will increase by 75 percent, disincentivizing young adults and low-earners.

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11-Year-Old Writes Heart Wrenching Letter: “Why Gun-Free Zones Violate My Right To Be Protected”

by Lorri Anderson, FreedomOutpost.com

While politicians are consistently attacking Americans second amendment rights through propaganda and lies, children’s lives hang in the balance. To push their political agenda they claim “They are doing it for the children” or “want to make America safer.” As adults fight it out in the political arena, trying to push through “illegal” gun control laws, the most innocent of America have become “defenseless targets”; all for the sake of “political correctness.” Their voices have been stifled by those claiming to know what is best for them while they have never walked in these children’s shoes.

I do wonder how they would respond to this amazing, heart-wrenching letter from an eleven-year-old little girl. She asked that I share her story and her plea to do away with gun free zones while keeping her name out of the “public eye”. As you

read her story you will understand why.

January 22, 2014

“Why gun-free zones violate my right to be protected”

“When I was six, and with my biological mother I was medically neglected, I had no education; I weighed 40 lbs and was beaten with rosebush switches. I slept in the back of a van and was starved. I didn’t even own one outfit. Have you ever been whipped with a rosebush switch until your legs bled and you had no one to protect you? Have you ever gone days without food while your so-called parent ate in front of you? Have you ever had to sleep in the trunk of a van hidden by blankets and pillows so the police couldn’t see that was where you slept? Have you ever been forced to stay with a sex offender wondering when you would be hurt again? If not, then you can’t possibly know what it is like to be helpless, scared for your life, and unprotected. But I do.

When I got with (the lady

who is my guardian) my real mom she educated me, fed me, took care of all my medical needs including surgeries, clothed me and protected me. I was still very scared because of what my biological mother had done, had allowed, and her threat and promise to kidnap me and take me to California never to be seen again. The court finally terminated my biological mother’s parental rights and she is ordered by the court no contact with me.

After she told me she was going to come and kidnap me and take me to California, I had a school dance and I didn’t want to go. I thought she would be there waiting for me. My mom (guardian) promised me that I would be safe, she would be right there with me, and she would never allow my biological mother to hurt me or get near me again. That is when my mom (guardian) went and got a weapon to protect me. She got her CCW permit and has carried it ever since. I have felt safe know-

ing that my mom could and would protect me if I was in danger, and my biological mother has never threatened me again.

When my mom and I go to a store that has a “no guns allowed” sign my mom has to leave her weapon in the vehicle, or go to a different store. This places ME in danger because my biological mother could snatch me up; she could kill me, or injure my mom and get away with me. If my mom (guardian) was allowed to have her weapon on her in the “gun-free zone,” I would be protected at all times and my biological mother would not have the opportunity to hurt me or my mom. The most important thing of all is that my mom could protect me if that were to happen.

Will you be there to protect me at that time? Will the police? Do you feel you have the right to place my life in danger with your gun-free zones? The Second Amendment says you don’t have that right. Is it not my God-given right to

feel and be safe: “The right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness”? Why would you take that right from me? Do you not want me to be safe?

I should not have to fear for my protection or my life because politicians and law makers “decide” my God-given right is subject to their “permission” or “illegal interpretation” of the Second Amendment. “Shall not” means just that, SHALL NOT.

I fear not the guns themselves, but the politicians with pens that believe they are my master and not my servant. If you truly want America safe again, go back to our foundation and nullify ALL gun laws and especially gun-free zones. Gun-free zones are kill zones and place me in great personal danger. America has had enough of the gun-free zones that only help criminals feel safe. My biological mother loves “gun-free zones”.

May God grant you wisdom, honor, and truth to be what you were meant to be

“the defenders of freedom” and not the destroyers of it.

I sit speechless and in tears for this child, knowing she is right. I wonder how many more children share a similar story? How many have been unable to speak out? Knowing the grim reality that politicians who support the “intrusions” of our Second Amendment rights don’t care for children like this. One does have to wonder if her situation were different, and she were able to come out publicly and address these politicians with her story what they would say to her face after they knew her story? What would their excuse be? God Bless this child and others like her as we continue to fight for their right to be protected and feel safe no matter where they may be.

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The Last Round You’ll Ever Need: The Awesome New Bullet Billed as a “One-Shot Manstopper”

by Elizabeth Kreft, TheBlaze.com

(Editor/GG: I know, I know. It’s the next magic booolit. But it does look a bit interesting.)

Gun owners who prefer a hollow-point design to a full metal jacket might have found a new favorite.

G2 Research (G2R) released it’s new Radically Invasive Projectile (R.I.P.) this month, hoping to “take the civilian and law enforcement markets by storm, and truly become the last round you’ll ever need.”

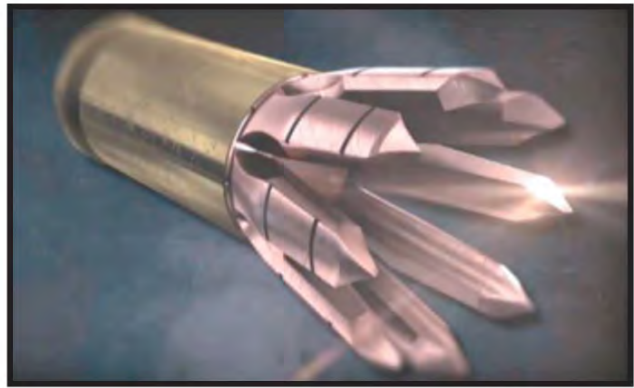
G2 Research released its new Radically Invasive Projectile that has some gun owners drooling. The eight trocar-designed points expand when they

reach the target. (YouTube screenshot).

G2R, based in Winder, Ga., highlights that the bullet points are manufactured with trocar angles — or simply put, edges with three angles reaching one point — to “penetrate the dermis layer more efficiently.”

The G2R website explains the R.I.P. acts like a full metal jacket when it impacts solid objects: “It is capable of going through barriers such as sheet rock, plywood, sheet metal or glass and still performs its original intent. The bullet shreds through solid objects and only then, expands its energy.”

Gun owners often choose to use expanding bullets as a safety measure to avoid



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(YouTube screenshot).

over-penetration — referred to as a through-and-through — and to eliminate potential ricochets. Solid bullets can bounce unpredictably wildly off of solid rocks and concrete, exponentially increasing danger to bystanders.

Cliff Brown, G2 Research President, told The Blaze that excitement for the new round “went viral” after they visited the Las Vegas Shot Show in January, and

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PRODUCT WARNING AND RECALL NOTICE WINCHESTER(R) 22 Long Rifle RIMFIRE AMMUNITION

Olin Corporation, through its Winchester Division, is recalling two (2) lots of M*22^(tm) 22 Long Rifle 40 Grain Black Copper Plated Round Nose rimfire ammunition.

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Enlisted Retirees Speak Out About COLA Cuts

by Allen West,
AllenBWest.com

Recently we reported about the four retired senior officers — three generals and one admiral — who supported the decision to cut the annual military and medically disabled retiree Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) by one percent until the retiree reaches the age of 62.

Of course, not one of those flag officers would be affected by the decision, and one of them served in the Obama administration as the National Security Advisor, Marine General James Jones. Any wonder why enlisted troops can't stand certain officers?

According to Patricia Kime writing in the Military Times, six retired sergeants major, master chiefs and chief master sergeants are speaking out on behalf of those who will be affected if the cuts are not repealed by Congress. They are:

■ Retired Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James Roy ■ Retired Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Carlton Kent ■ Retired Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (SW/FMF) Joe Campa ■ Retired Sergeant Major of the Army Jack Tilley ■ Retired Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Charles "Skip" Bowen ■ Retired Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Vince Patton

Kime tells the story of Chip Hoynes who retired from the Coast Guard in 2007 as a Chief Petty Officer (E7), landing a high-paying job with a defense contractor in the same field he worked in on active duty.

But several years later, the company went bankrupt, and Hoynes, a former chief operations specialist, found himself jobless. Now Hoynes and his wife must rely on his \$1,600-a-month

military retirement pay (after taxes, health care and insurance payments) and her small retail salary to pay the bills.

If the cost-of-living adjustment reduction to military retired pay included in the Bipartisan Budget Act goes into effect in December 2015, the retired chief, now 50, stands to lose as much as \$55,000 in retirement pay over his lifetime.

To House Budget Chairman Rep. Paul Ryan (R-Wis) this honorable retiree who, like me, gave 22 years of his life in service to our nation doesn't matter. As Ryan said, "These are retirees who are still of working age." And so for 6 billion pieces of silver, Ryan, like Judas Iscariot, has betrayed those who have been willing to give the last full measure of devotion to this nation and broke the promise this nation made to them. But as always, it ain't sitting pretty with some retired, top-enlisted men.

Kime says more than 840,000 working-age retirees will see a 1-percent-age-point cut to their annual retirement pay increases starting in 2016.

Think about that one number: 840,000. Our Congress and President Obama are breaking their promise to 840,000 men and women, telling them they are the cause of fiscal irresponsibility in Washington, D.C.

There are close to 350,000,000 Americans and 840,000 have to be sacrificed to support the legislative budgetary process? That's two-tenths of a percent. All over \$6 billion? You mean to tell me that lawmakers in Washington, D.C. — Rep. Paul Ryan and Sen. Patty Murray specifically — could not find \$6 billion dollars elsewhere? Hmm, will one of them explain to retired Chief Chip Hoynes and his

wife that a member of Congress only needs to serve 5 years to earn 70 percent retirement, for life (since it goes to the spouse upon death of the member)?

Or perhaps explain it to recently retired Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James Roy who said, "You don't join the military to get rich. There are a lot of sacrifices. There are PCS moves. There are bullets flying overhead. We're still fighting a war, and now we are talking about reducing the COLA? I don't get it."

Well, I get it considering the number of millionaires in Congress, not to mention the President, who have never served and signed this insidious budget into law.

If President Obama wants to talk about fairness and income inequality perhaps he should listen to retired Sergeant Major of the Army Jack Tilley. "I've been in and out of Afghanistan 16 times ... and was fighting in the streets of Saigon when I was 18-years-old. When you have people like myself who have dedicated our lives to the military and then they want to start cutting on benefits, it's sort of unfair," Tilley said.

None of the flag officers who spoke in favor of the cuts would be affected by the reductions. The three four-stars will earn, combined, more than \$560,800 in retirement pay in 2014.

I admonish every military retiree, veteran, and currently serving member of our Armed Forces to find out if your Congressional Representative — mine did, by the way— or Senator voted for this cut.

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most well known firearms on the market including Sig, Glock, Beretta, Springfield, FN, Taurus, Walther, Khar, S&W and many others.

Expanding bullets are illegal in some areas, such as New Jersey, unless they are driven directly from the place of purchase to the home or to the range. However, most states allow expanding bullets for use in self-defense.

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Bank Run Fears: Customers Being Forced to Provide Evidence For Why They Need Cash

by Marc Slave,
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(Editor/GG: This is a "heads up" folks. The U.S. Dollar is the most vulnerable of them all. The HSBC bank mentioned below is one of the biggest in the world.)

In early 2013 the country of Cyprus locked down private banking accounts and restricted access to depositor funds. It was the first widely documented instance of a "bail-in," as bank officials and European regulators determined that bad loans taken on by the banks were now the responsibility of the banks' customers. This led to a country-wide confiscation of 10 percent or more of all customer funds. In the heat of the Cyprian financial panic banks limited cash withdrawals to around \$300 and ramped up security to prevent angry Cypriots from breaking down the doors.

What happened in Cyprus was big news all over the world, but within a few news cycles, once European and American officials assured the people it was a limited-scope event, the general population swept potential fears under the rug. No one really reported on the fact that the European Union quickly instituted new regulatory policies that would force bail-ins across the entire continent should such a crisis take hold again. Likewise, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke assured Americans that the crisis in Cyprus and Europe posed no risk to the U.S. financial system, citing FDIC insurance for U.S. bank depositors as the safety net that would prevent a similar situation in the United States.

The United States, Europe, China and all of the world's developed economies are, if officials are to be believed, completely immune to what happened in Cyprus. The current belief by the best and brightest is that these countries are simply too big to ever be faced with a total collapse of their banking systems.

But what if they were wrong? What if private debt reached such obscene levels that the loans taken on by lenders could never be repaid? What if a country like China, which holds trillions of dollars in cash reserves and has modern central banking regulations, did face such a problem?

Couldn't happen, right?

It turns out, that's exact-



ly what is happening right now, as Chinese banks struggle to cope with nearly \$23 trillion worth of potentially bad loans. Yes, that's Trillion, with a "T." The Chinese, it appears, have mimicked the exact set of circumstances that led to the 2008 crisis in America. Remember all of those empty cities and malls in China — they housed no people or shopping venues, yet cost billions of dollars to develop? It looks like all those bridges to nowhere are catching up with the Chinese. And the panic has begun, as evidenced by capital controls and restrictive withdrawal policies now being implemented by one of the largest banks in the world all across China.

Want to know how a bank run starts? Look no further:

HSBC is imposing restrictions on large cash withdrawals raising a number of red flags. The BBC reports that some HSBC customers have been prevented from withdrawing large amounts of cash because they could not provide evidence of why they wanted it. HSBC admitted it has not informed customers of the change in policy, which was implemented in November for their own good: "We ask our customers about the purpose of large cash withdrawals when they are unusual... the reason being we have an obligation to protect our customers, and to minimise the opportunity for financial crime." As one customer responded: "You shouldn't have to explain to your bank why you want that money. It's not theirs. It's yours."

"When we presented them with the withdrawal slip, they declined to give us the money because we could not provide them with a satisfactory explanation for what the money was for. They wanted a letter from the person involved."

Mr Cotton says the staff refused to tell him how much he could have: "So I wrote out a few slips. I said, 'Can I have £5,000?' They

said no. I said, 'Can I have £4,000?' They said no. And then I wrote one out for £3,000 and they said, 'OK, we'll give you that.' "

He asked if he could return later that day to withdraw another £3,000, but he was told he could not do the same thing twice in one day.

Mr. Cotton cannot understand HSBC's attitude: "I've been banking in that bank for 28 years. They all know me in there. You shouldn't have to explain to your bank why you want that money. It's not theirs, it's yours."

As in China, the debt party in the United States has returned in force. We are now very close to the same levels of personal and commercial debt as we saw prior to the crash of '08, but rather than being concerned the experts say don't fight it, embrace it.

But as is the case in China, the debt party will soon be coming to an end in the United States as tens of millions of Americans see their wealth and jobs wiped out. Like the people of China who took on loans they can't repay, Americans are under the gun. And in the near future, the same credit problems that gripped the world before will do so again. And this time we'll be footing the bill directly from our bank accounts (rather than the Federal Reserve's printing presses).

We may not yet have official regulatory or bank policies for restricting cash withdrawals here in the USA, but just try to head to your local bank and withdraw \$5,000 or \$10,000 and see what happens. You will invariably be met with stares from bank employees and questions about your intentions and why you need that much cash.

We've already seen how fast they can lock down the entire banking system. It'll only take a push of a button and everything you think you have in your personal bank account could be seized.

But then again, as Ben Bernanke has said previously, there is no risk to the financial system. Moreover, the FDIC has insured your money, so if something does go wrong with the American banking system, all of your losses are totally covered by the roughly \$50 billion in FDIC reserves. That should be plenty of money to handle the \$9 tril-

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published their research videos online.

"We went around and talked to several vendors and it knocked their socks off," Brown said. "I've been in the ammunition business for many years and I wanted to create a round that would work well against a home intruder — there were so many stories out there about a woman trying to defend her home and having to shoot someone five or six times and they'd still come after her, we wanted to create an effective one-shot manstopper."

"This bullet is designed to take out all your vital organs...inferior bullets won't be a problem anymore," Brown said. The company president stressed prevention of law enforcement injuries was a primary focus for the round designers.

"The R.I.P. will not defeat level 3A body armor, that was one of our main goals when designing this bullet," Brown said.

The company's site adds that G2R has tested the new round with numerous fully automatic and semi-automatic firearms, as well as rifles. They claim to have zero failures when testing

THE SCHOOL REVOLUTION



A New Answer for Our
Broken Education System

The School Revolution Should Be Happening Every Day

by Ron Paul,
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National School Choice Week takes place from January 26 to February 1, and during this week education freedom activists around the country will be participating in events highlighting the need for parental control of education. I wholeheartedly endorse National School Choice Week, as parental control of education is a prerequisite for a free and prosperous society.

When government usurps control of education from parents, education can easily become indoctrination. Centralized, top-down models of education are also doomed to failure as there is no way a bureaucrat in D.C. can design an education system capable of meeting the needs of every child in the country. The failure of centralized education is shown by the correlation between American students' declining tests scores and the growth of federal control over American schools. Education reforms that further, or expand, the Department of Education will prove fruitless. The only effective education reform is to restore parental control over education.

The key to restoring parental control is to give parents back control over the education dollar. This means shutting down the Department of Education and returning the money currently spent promoting schemes like "common core". Ideally, this would be accomplished by eliminating all federal taxes on American families. However, if the

political support for outright abolition of federal taxes is not available, education tax credits can also serve as an effective way of getting control over education back into the hands of the people. Unlike taxpayer-funded vouchers, private tax credits do not open the door to government control of education. This is because tax credits allow parents to use their own money on their children's education, rather than relying on funds provided by the federal government. Since "he who pays the piper calls the tune," federal funding of education—whether in the form of federal grants or taxpayer-funded vouchers—inevitably means schools will spend more time trying to please federal bureaucrats than parents.

One educational model that I am particularly interested in is homeschooling. Many of the most devoted and most effective advocates of liberty I have worked with come from homeschooling families. This might be because many homeschooling families have personal experience with government harassment, ranging from having to comply with government regulations to being threatened with the loss of their children for the "crime" of homeschooling. It is ironic that government would attempt to force homeschoolers to conform to its regulations considering that homeschoolers constantly out-perform their public school-educated peers.

In order to encourage the growth of homeschooling I have developed my own homeschool curriculum. The Ron Paul Curriculum

consists of a rigorous program of study in history, economics, mathematics, and the physical and natural sciences.

Older students will also have the opportunity to get practical experience creating and running their own on-line businesses. Frequent written assignments will ensure students have the maximum opportunity to develop strong communication skills.

Giving my strong belief in liberty, the history and economics curriculum will provide a good grounding in liberty, including the principles of Austrian Economics. However, the drafters of the curriculum took great care to never sacrifice intellectual rigor and accuracy.

Education is one of those things that is simply too important to be left to the government. The best way to ensure quality education is to ensure that parents have the ability to pick the education option that best fits their child's unique needs and abilities. Everyone who wishes to see America remain a free and prosperous society has an interest in parental control of education.

You can find out more information about my homeschool curriculum at www.ronpaulcurriculum.com/. You can get a copy of my book *The School Revolution* at Amazon.com

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A Sheepdog Barks!

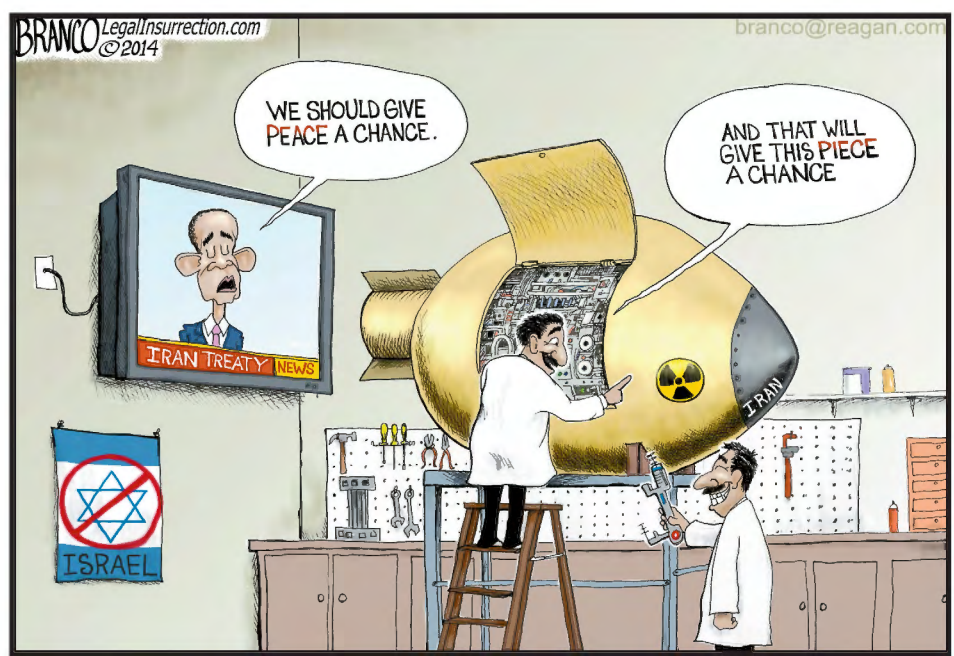
A few weeks ago I remember I was feeling pretty good, so good in fact, that I didn't even feel like biting anyone, except maybe a stray wolf. WAG! WAG! And then I heard that our government has been collecting private credit card data on all Americans. My first thought was that we no longer have an "Uncle" Sam. We absolutely have a "Big Brother" Sam and he is a bully. We were told the Consumer Financial Protection Agency was doing this for our own good. WHAT? I thought well it can't get any worse than that. Oh, wait! Then I heard about the pork in the Farm bill? Here's just a few things added into the Bill (now Law). \$3 Million for Christmas Tree Promotion Programs; \$5 Million for Bioengineering Programs; \$1 Billion for Cotton Income Protection programs; \$101 Million for Specialty Crop Programs; \$100 Million for the Sheep Wool Trust (huh?); \$2 Million for Sheep Production and Marketing; \$44 Million for Peanut Crop Production; \$241 Million for Dairy Programs; \$26 Million for Organic Food Research; \$150 for Farmer's Markets Promotion Programs. But wait, there's more. I heard they added \$800 Million to the Farm Bill for more food stamps. Then I heard that because we pay subsidies to Cotton farmers we then have to pay \$147 Million of penalties to Brazil for violation to the free trade agreement with them. WHAT! I thought well it can't get any worse than that. Oh, wait! Then I heard that great "State of the Union" speech. I heard Obama speaking and I was mesmerized. Maybe I fell asleep and began dreaming because I felt this giant, soft, warm, cozy, comforter being pulled over me and a soft, sweet voice gently singing to me that everything in America is okay, everything is wonderful, just go to sleep little baby and everything will be all right. And then I woke up and remembered that I wasn't an LPSP and everything I was hearing was a big LIE. And I thought well it can't get any worse than that. Oh wait! Then

I heard that the IRS bonuses had been reinstated. I heard that Lois Lerner, who led the attacks on the Tea Party and other Conservative groups, the very one who pleaded the 5th Amendment rather than answer questions, was going to get a \$42,000 piece of that bonus. WHAT! That's more than many people make in a year. And the so called investigation is still ongoing. So I thought well it can't any worse than this. Oh wait! Then I heard Obama was going around the country and bragging (aka threatening) that he had a pen and a phone and was proudly saying that he would go around the Congress (and also the Constitution) and sign executive orders to do what he wanted to do. WHAT? This is fodder for impeachment my fellow sheepdogs. And I thought well it can't get any worse than that. Oh wait! Then I heard Obama's pre-Super Bowl interview last Sunday. He repeated his "phony" scandals claims, didn't answer any questions, said there wasn't a smidgen of corruption in the IRS, claimed that his administration is providing not much more "levels of support" (aka public welfare assistance) to folks that work hard than the government did 30-40-50 years ago. WHAT? What planet, no what universe is he living in? Is he in complete denial of the massive expansion of the welfare state (aka Nanny State)? Maybe it isn't denial, maybe it's just more lies. WOOF! Obama then ended with the view that he is not the most liberal American president ever (actually the question should have used the word socialist, not liberal) that Richard Nixon was. WHAT! He finished the interview with blaming FOX News for all the scandals. WHAT? Once again I thought well it can't get any worse than this. Oh, wait! Then I heard about the new CBO report on Obamacare. Finally the truth and knowledge that Nancy told us we would learn about after it was law is now happening. Truth like the following. It will cost more than \$1 Trillion more than originally pro-



jected, that 2.5 Million less jobs will be available and millions more will lose their health care coverage when the employer mandate starts, maybe as many as 50 million. And a White House spokesman said this was good news because it meant Americans will now have more choices. WHAT? They actually believe that it's good that more citizens will be eligible for government subsidies (that's taxpayer money assistance folks). Only in a liberal America does this make any sense. And then I finally accepted that, yes, it can get worse than that and gets worse every day under this horrible president. He has taken the art of political double speak to a new level, way beyond anything any of us have previously experienced. This man looks in the camera and says things like "I promise you, we hold everybody up and down the line accountable", "I am outraged over the IRS abuse of power" and "the Benghazi attack was not a systematic, well-organized process." WHAT! These statements are profound lies. They are intentional and knowingly deceptive. There is not a smidgen of truth in any of them. The LPSPs all believe Bush lied about Iraq even though he acted on the intelligence from all over the world to make his decision. These same LPSPs won't hold Obama accountable for any of his real and everyday lies. They just merrily continue on covering his backside. Shame on you LPSPs. Obama's liberal America has now crossed over the line. Now I do feel like biting somebody! WOOF!

May God Have Mercy on America! JMH



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The Stealth Jihad of Islamic Immigration

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We often hear that “America is a land of immigrants,” especially from those advocating a path to citizenship for people who have defied our sovereign rule of law and are here illegally.

I recall the words of President Theodore Roosevelt who believed no man should be discriminated against because of where he was born, but insisted any immigrant who arrives on our shores should become an American in terms of faith, allegiance and language. “If he tries to keep segregated with men of his own origin and separated from the rest of America, then he isn’t doing his part as an American. We have room for but one soul loyalty, and that is loyalty to the American people.”

Contrast that with the New York scene Daniel Greenfield writes about in Frontpage Magazine, “Walk along Church Avenue and turn east onto McDonald Avenue and you will see where the old standards of working class Brooklyn give way to mosques and grocery stores selling goat meat. Mosques grow like mushrooms in basements, cell phone stores offer easy ways to wire money back to Bangladesh and old men glare at interlopers, es-

pecially if they are infidel women. This is where Mohammed Siddiquee settled a dispute the old-fashioned way by beheading his landlord.”

A creeping sharia has immigrated into our America and like a cancer is spreading and attempting to take over its “host.” Greenfield notes that New York City has always had its micro communities of culture, “But Islam is not just a culture and the cultures who carry its baggage with them to the old worlds and the new are not toting it along like another ethnic food, a dialect or a national holiday. In Chinatown, Buddhist temples and protestant churches sit side by side and in Latino neighborhoods, Adventist storefront churches and massive Catholic edifices co-exist; along with them can be found synagogues, Hindu and Zoroastrian temples and the whole dizzying array of religious diversity of a port city defined by its swells and tides of immigrants.”

As those of us not under the spell of political correctness know, Islam does not coexist. And in its “Al Hijra” views immigration, as Greenfield says, “a form of supremacist manifest destiny to colonize the Dar al-Harb (the non-Islamic world) and subdue it with sheer numbers or sheer force” — just look at Eu-

rope if you need proof.

Greenfield points to Jamaica in Queens, where Quazi Mohammad Rezwanul Ah-san Nafis plotted the mass murder of Americans and the bombing of the Federal Reserve, hoping to “destroy America.”

Greenfield concludes, “At this hour, no one in Little Korea, Little Italy, Little Brazil, Brighton Beach or Koreatown is plotting to destroy America so that his religion can rule the world. That is what sets the Little Bangladeshes, Little Pakistan, and Little Mogadishus apart from every other immigrant group whose dreams for the future are not overshadowed by the iron dream of Islam.”

Tragically, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder is seeking to ban the use of religion and national origin in terrorist investigations, even including instances involving national security. I will say it again, when tolerance becomes a one-way street it leads to cultural suicide. And neighborhood by neighborhood, it is a slow, dripping death. Dear God, have we so forgotten Teddy Roosevelt’s admonition?

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Planned Parenthood Did 1 Adoption Referral Per 149 Abortions

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In its latest annual report, released in December, Planned Parenthood says it did 327,166 abortion procedures in the course of one year and 2,197 adoption referrals. That works out to approximately 149 abortions for each adoption referral.

The data comes from an accounting of “patient care” Planned Parenthood says its “affiliate health centers” did in the year that ran from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012.

Planned Parenthood says in its new annual report that it received a total of \$540.6 million in government grants and reimbursements for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2013. That accounted for almost 45 percent of the organization’s total revenue of \$1,210.4 Million.

The 327,166 abortions Planned Parenthood did in the year from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012

was down 6,798 abortions from the 333,964 abortions the organization did in the year from October 1, 2010 to September 30 2011.

Still, the 327,166 abortions that Planned Parenthood did from October 2011-September 2012 works out to approximately one abortion every 96 seconds.

If Planned Parenthood did abortions seven days a week, they would have needed to do approximately 896 per day to reach their annual total of 327,166.

The 327,166 abortions that Planned Parenthood did from October 2011-September 2012 was also more than the 318,172 people the Census Bureau estimated lived in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, in 2012 or the 306,211 that lived in the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The 2,197 adoption referrals Planned Parenthood did in this most recent reporting year was down from the 2,300 it did in the previous year. That year

(October 2010-September 2011) Planned Parenthood did approximately 1 adoption referral for each 145 abortions.

CNSNews.com contacted Planned Parenthood by phone and email to ask how much of the \$540.6 million it got in government grants and reimbursements in fiscal 2012 came from federal government source and how much from state government sources.

CNSNews.com also asked Planned Parenthood how many of the 2,197 “adoption referrals to other agencies” Planned Parenthood made in fiscal 2012 actually resulted in adoptions, and if the organization planned to increase that number. Planned Parenthood had not responded by the time this story was posted.

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lion in U.S.-based domestic customer deposits, plus the \$300 trillion in derivatives bets made by the banks.

So, no need to worry, because the government’s got your back (and they would NEVER think of using your deposited funds to offset any bank losses).

But even though it is impossible to conceive that such a thing might happen we recommend preparing

for it just in case. We know FEMA will be there to provide emergency cash, food and recovery tents. But in the off chance the credit system locks up again, ATM’s are limited to minimal withdrawals, and the banks do seize your money you might want to have some food, supplies, gold, and reserve cash on hand.

We realize such a thing could never happen — not in the world’s most developed and richest economy. Ben Bernanke, Janet Yel-

len, government officials and TV pundits say it can’t. So, these extra supplies would be just for fun and entertainment — something to show friends and family when they come over so you can have a laugh about all these crazy Domsday scenarios.

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When all government, domestic and foreign, in little as in great things, shall be drawn to Washington as the center of all power, it will...become as venal and oppressive as the government from which we separated.

~Thomas Jefferson

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

THANKS, BRONCOS!!!
It was a fun ride, but no ring...there is no joy in Mudville today!

Having spent 4 decades in education, I would be one of the first ones to tell you that you never stop learning – that was proven again this week at the Capitol. I had been wondering why the House had not seen the type of controversial bills that were so common last session. A seasoned colleague pointed out that it is an election year and every House member is up for re-election. He went on to say, "Since not all senators have to face the voters this fall, they are able to take the heat of controversy without fear of not being re-elected. So, for this session, watch the Senate." With that bit of knowledge tucked away between my ears, I am waiting to see what "jewels" will arrive from the Upper Chamber...

One of the bills rumored to be on its way from the Senate involves the omnibus bill that I discussed in last week's column. Nearly everyone would agree that education needs some reform

– the challenge is finding agreement as to how that reform should look. Three organizations (CASB – school boards, CASE – administrators, and CEA – teachers) have joined forces to fight the omnibus bill. They want the money that has been cut since 2008 (known as the negative factor) to be returned to the districts with no strings attached. The battle between "we need reform" and "just give us the money" is heating up! Stay tuned...

This may well be the session that features education as the battleground as another gauntlet was thrown this past week. The Colorado Teachers Union (CEA) filed a law suit challenging SB10-191. Senate Bill 10-191 changed the way all educators (principals, teachers and specialized service providers) are evaluated in Colorado with the ultimate goal of continuously supporting educators' professional growth and, in turn, accelerating student results. In addition, Senator Nancy Todd (D) has said she will sponsor a bill to alter the bill as well. Efforts at educational

reform are attempted then attacked – progress will be slow...

A battle of a different sort took place in the House Transportation and Energy Committee as members endured hours of testimony from the farming and ranching community, officials from the rural electric associations and citizens from rural Colorado. The testimony over SB13-252 (the rural energy bill) stressed the current mandate schedule of 2020 to reach 20% would cripple the economy in these rural areas of Colorado. HB14-1067, sponsored by Kathleen Conti (R-Littleton), would have extended the 20% mandate from 2020 to 2025, giving rural electric associations 12 years, instead of 7, to double their current supply from renewable energy sources. By comparison, urban power suppliers, such as XCEL, were given nearly 13 years to reach 20% with legislation passed in 2007. HB14-1113, sponsored by Ray Scott (R-Gd. Jct.), would have lowered the mandate from 20% to 15% but maintained the 2020



deadline. In 2007, legislation passed requiring rural electric associations meet a 10% mandate by 2020. Scott noted, "In the seven months since SB 252 was signed into law, people on the Western Slope are reporting a nearly 10% jump in their energy bills." The Democrat dominated committee killed both bills – rural Colorado's concerns were stifled again...

As always, if you would like to see things up close and personal, or just need a question answered, please call (303-866-2747) or e-mail me at wilsonforhd60@gmail.com or james.wilson.house@state.co.us.

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