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Clinic Sued For Wrongful Death

by George Gramlich

Christine M. Lang of Custer County has filed a civil suit in Custer County District Court on February 26, 2014, against the Custer County Clinic/Ambulance Corp. alleging Breach of Contract/Agreement, Medical Negligence and Wrongful Death in the death of her husband, William R. Lang. She is asking for \$500,000 in compensatory damages.

The complaint alleges that on January 6, 2013, Mr. Lang began to experience chest pressure and pains. Mrs. Lang phoned the Custer County Clinic for emergency assistance and the clinic's answering machine stated that the clinic was closed. The answering machine message provided no other information other than to call 911 if it was an emergency.

Mrs. Lang called 911 and reached 911 Dispatch. She informed them that she thought her husband was having a heart attack and that they needed an ambu-

lance. Dispatch informed her that the only ambulance available was in Cañon City and that no other help, including getting a second ambulance, was available.

Mrs. Lang then began driving to St. Thomas Moore Hospital in Cañon City with her ailing husband. As she was driving on Highway 96, her husband lost consciousness and she was forced to pull to the side of the road. The ambulance arrived on the scene about eight to ten minutes after she pulled over. Her husband was pronounced dead shortly afterwards.

In her complaint, Mrs. Lang alleges:

1. that "the Custer County Clinic/Ambulance Corp. was medically negligent in not providing timely and appropriate emergency care..." and
2. "that the Custer County Clinic/Ambulance Corp. did not have the necessary policies and procedures in place to function as the only regular and 24-hour emergency service within

the County." and

3. "that the Custer County/Ambulance Corp. was negligent in not providing an alternate or back-up policy for secondary emergency situations. That the Custer County Clinic/Ambulance Corp. was fully aware of the lack of a secondary and even first ambulance crew availability. That in spite of this knowledge, (Editor/GG: the Clinic) issued a directive to 911 Dispatch prohibiting them from calling Flight for Life without the proper medical approval and authorization."

In support of her allegations, Mrs. Lang's complaint includes a copy of the Amended Service Plan for West Custer County Hospital District March 3, 1988. This Service Plan, in essence, is the business plan proposed by the District to the citizens of Custer County. In it, the plan states that the Clinic "District will provide regular and 24-hour emergency medical services." She alleges that the District violated this provision.

Also included in Mrs. Lang's complaint, is a copy of the May 7, 2002, "Notice of Election to Increase Taxes TABOR Notice" which stated that "Clinic providers and nurses are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week." The complaint also states that "The web page for the Custer County Clinic advertised and to this day advertises that emergency medical service is available 24 hours a day."

The complaint also mentions that the Clinic "has a minimum of three licensed, inspected, and maintained ambulances" and questions why additional ambulance crew members were not contacted so as to be able to man a second ambulance.

Then, in Section 7 of the General Allegations portion of the complaint, Mrs. Lang questions why 911 Dispatch was allegedly told by the Custer County Clinic/Ambulance Corp. NOT to call Flight for Life unless the Clinic authorized it. The complaint also contains a contradictory statement from the Clinic con-

cerning this edict that was made after the death of Mr. Lang.

In summary, Mrs. Lang alleges that the Clinic in its Service Plan, TABOR Tax Increase notice, and on its web page, violated its obligation to provide 24 emergency medical care and ambulance service to the citizens of Custer County. And, that it improperly told 911 Dispatch not to call Flight for Life unless the Clinic authorized it.

The complete complaint is available at the Custer County District Court or at the Sentinel office at 610 Main Street.

(Editor/GG: Mrs. Lang's pleadings use the term 'Ambulance Corp.' rather than Corps, so we used the same terminology here.)

(Editor/GG: Please also see our article on the latest financial developments of the Clinic on page 5, "Fire/Hospital Meet with Special Districts Attorney to Work Toward a Plan".)

New Western Movie to be Filmed in Westcliffe?

by Carol Clemenson

Hooray!! The old west is coming back to Custer County. The Oklahoma-based Skeleton Creek Productions is talking about coming to Westcliffe to produce another western movie according to an article published in the Pueb-

lo Chieftain on March 7. Skeleton Creek Productions have produced five western movies with the last one (in 2010) called "Cactus Creek" filmed at Buckskin Joes, a ranch north of Cañon City. Many local residents (approximately 130) were given parts as extras in the movie filmed

at Buckskin Joes, an Old West movie set and tourist attraction located just west of Cañon City that was later sold to a private investor, dismantled and moved.

Other movies produced by Skeleton Creek Productions are, "Guns along the Bravo, Showdown at Devil's Butte, Curse of the Sacred Mountain, and The Trail to Abilene". They have also done a couple of documentaries, "The Seasons of St. Francis" and The Miracle of the Staircase".

The Pueblo Chieftain article stated that Michael Stewart of Pueblo West is lining up film locations. "They will be filming a lot in Custer County, the Pines Ranch in particular," said Michael. "They also will be using the old Westcliffe Creamery,

which was owned by my aunt and uncle from 1932 to 1980."

The owners of Skel-



The old Westcliffe Creamery, also a proposed filming site.

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich

Creek Productions, Larry and Rick Simpson, also own and operate the Simpson's Old Time Museum in Enid, Oklahoma, which also has various indoor movie sets they use in their movies. For more information on Skeleton Creek please see their website at www.skeletoncreekproductions.com.



The Pines Ranch is one of the proposed film sites.

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

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"Be Still and Know that I am God."
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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

A TALE OF TWO ECONOMIES



We all know the U. S. economy is still in trouble. Any honest analysis must acknowledge it's the weakest recovery in U. S. history and is also becoming a "jobless" recovery. This is frightening. The only way to really help Americans is growing a strong economy and that is not happening. Real growth creates more jobs. More jobs are exactly what are needed. Big government doesn't create jobs. The free market does. This administration is not promoting and helping the free market. Many, unfortunately, in our federal government believe we can tax and spend our way out of this jobless situation. The phony unemployment number just inched up a notch to 6.7%. That's the wrong direction for sure. The real unemployment number is more like 12-14%. The labor participation rate is the lowest since WWII. Obama tells us that if we listen to him and spend more, everything will be alright, things will get better and everyone will be happier because of his redistribution of wealth. He's in his sixth year and things aren't getting better. Let's face it. He's not up to the job. His communi-

ty organizing skills might work at a small community level in Chicago but they don't help him govern the most successful and powerful country in the world. He actually believes he can just "talk" his way out of trouble and spending more borrowed money solves all our ills. Remember he told us in his first year that the stimulus package would "create or save" millions of jobs, complete hundreds of "shovel ready" projects and "jump-start" our economy. We all know it did none of those things. For Obama and the Democrats it's all about spending money they don't have. They wrongly believe that more government spending will improve this sluggish and struggling economy. Of course they are spending our tax money as the government has none of its own. In fact they don't even have any more of our money. They just smile while borrowing more money and adding to the debt with no concerns for our future. And it is going to get much worse before it can even start to get better. Many years ago Congress created a terribly destructive tool for developing our country's budget. It's called a baseline budget. Every year each

line in the budget grows about 7-10% automatically, not based on need and not having to be justified. Then they cleverly spread their calculations over 10 years. This hides a lot of the insanity and lessens the impact of the current Congress. How many times have we heard "that over the 10-year period the savings will be huge?" Of course we all know that different Congresses over those next 10 years don't honor anything done by a previous Congress. So, all that information is just a bunch of poppycock. And their other big deception is phony cuts. Congress never cuts anything in the budget. They "cut" the rate of growth occasionally in the pretense of reducing spending. Every year the annual budget astonishingly grows by about \$250 Billion even before these elected leaders add on their extras. Take Obama for example. He just provided his budget to Congress. He added an extra \$56 Billion more of popular entitlements and handouts, not to help America, but to help the Democrats running for reelection in 2014. Programs, with great sounding names, like "Opportunity, Growth and Security Initiative", "Con-

nectEDucators", and "Climate Resilience Fund." Don't these sound great? To do this of course, he had to hide another \$1 Trillion in taxes "over the next 10 years" (see how that works nicely). Along with this "populist" budget was his withdrawal of any entitlement reform which is absolutely necessary. He has no reelections in his future so he has no reason to pretend that he is serious about reducing both our annual deficits and our gargantuan debt, rapidly growing to \$18 Trillion. His dead-on-arrival budget submission proves only that he wants to help Democratic efforts to retain power in the 2014 election. Many will be fooled by his "vision" of America. We are not. His policies have not helped America recover. They have actually hindered. All Americans need to help "adjust" the leadership we have in Washington, D.C. We must get rid of all those that follow these self-destructive methods of tax and spend. We encourage you to get active and do your part. Let's focus closer to home. Our local economy is much like the rest of America. It needs healthy growth. Any shot-in-the-arm in a small

community like ours can make a big difference even if it's only a short-term one. Rumor has it that a production company named Skeleton Creek Films will "shoot" another old western style movie at locations in Custer County this summer. Rick and Larry Simpson of Enid, OK., filmed the last movie at Buckskin Joe's western town near the Royal Gorge before it was dismantled and moved. A production schedule is not available yet but early word is they like the scenery here and Pines Ranch and the Old Westcliffe Creamery sites will be used. Their past films have used a lot of local "extras". The "cattle call" for those interested will be announced along with the release of the production schedule. There are many great looking Cowboys and Cowgirls around here, young and old. Do you want to be in a movie? You might get your chance this summer. Hopefully this happens. It would be a great thing for the county. Keep your fingers crossed. A little boost always helps. At least one economy might be improving this summer.



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Signs In The Sky

by Audrey Slater,
Oak Creek Grade

Men have been watching the stars, moon, and sun for years. Remember the Wise Men who followed the star to find the Young Christ Child? Well, starting this year we have a very interesting phenomena occurring in our skies. We will experience a tetrad of four total lunar eclipses, what some are calling "blood moons."

What is a tetrad? It is four successive total lunar eclipses, each being separated from the other by six lunar months (six full moons). What is a blood moon? The earth is directly between the sun and the moon and the earth's shadow falling on the moon causes the lunar eclipse and an eerie red cast on the moon.

A tetrad is a rare phenomenon. But what is even rarer is when it occurs in conjunction with the Jewish Festivals. This has occurred only three other times since the first century, in 1493-1494, 1949-1950, and 1967-1968, and is about to occur again in 2014-2015. If these dates look somewhat familiar it is because these are some of the most important dates in all of modern Israel's history.

1. In 1492, King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella signed a decree ordering the Jews to leave Spain by August 1st.

2. On the Sabbath eve the 15th day of Iyar, 5708, 14th May, 1948, the state of Israel was established.

3. In 1967 during the six-day war a total of 21,000 of Israel's enemies were killed and Israel lost only 779 soldiers.

Now, in 2014-2015 there will be another tetrad coinciding with the Jewish Festivals of Passover and the Feast of Tabernacles or Sukkot.

The first total eclipse of the moon will be on April 15, 2014, Passover. The second lunar eclipse will be on October 8th, 2014, on the Feast of Tabernacles or Sukkot. Then in the middle of the tetrad on March 20, 2015, will be a total solar eclipse. This event will be followed two weeks later with the total lunar eclipse on Passover, April 4, 2015. On September 14, 2015, will be the celebration of Rosh Hashana, the Jewish Civil New Year, followed two weeks later by the last eclipse of the tetrad on September 28, 2015, Sukkot.

Let's add one more rarity to this upcoming tetrad - The Shemittah year. A Shemittah year occurs every seven years. It is a time of rest for the land. When the Jews obeyed God and observed the Shemittah year it guaranteed abundance. But when they neglected it, it led to judgment. Let's look at a few recent Shemittah years:

2001 - Shemittah year - September 11, America is attacked by terrorists.

2008 - Shemittah year - September 29, stock market crashes, the market fell 777 points in one day.

Get the picture? Judgment.

The next Shemittah year - 2015. It begins on September 25, 2014, and ends on September 13, 2015.

What does this all add up to?

1. A lunar eclipse is a common occurrence.

2. A tetrad of four consecutive total lunar eclipses is rare.

3. A tetrad of lunar eclipses with a solar eclipse within its series is even rarer.

4. A tetrad with a solar eclipse in conjunction with the Jewish Festivals is very, very rare.

5. Can you guess how rare a tetrad with a solar eclipse, falling on the Jewish Festivals that includes a Shemittah year is? Correct, extremely rare.

None of this is coincidence, folks. The God who created the heavens and the earth has had this planned from the beginning of time. What is going to happen that will be significant to Israel - only God knows. We can look at the news and see what is transpiring in our world and try to put the pieces together. But God is speaking to us. Are we listening?

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

Luke 21:29 NKJ

References: "The Feasts of the Lord" by Kevin Howard, Marvin Rosenthal; "Four Blood Moons, something is about to change" by John Hagee; earthsky.org; nasa.gov

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card, Or sat quietly in a chair
Perhaps you sent a floral piece, If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say;
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We thank you so much
whatever the part.*

The Family of Mary Kastendieck

Let's Call It

"Global Climate Disruption"

by Joe Cascarelli,
Westcliffe, CO

I appreciated the Michael Bastasch article "95% of Global Warming Models are Wrong." The crazy aspect of the whole cottage industry of predicting climate hundreds of years from today is the simple fact that the U.S. Weather Service has a 50% accuracy rate. That's right and we are the envy of the rest of the world. If the "experts" have a 50/50 chance of getting tomorrow's weather correct, what chance do the "man-made-global-warming" alarmists have of getting it right 100 years from today?

Back in September 2010, the White House announced that the term "Global Warming" is no longer adequate. They will now call it "Global Climate Disruption." The "lap dog media" has adhered to this rhetorical change, while at times calling it "climate change." Who thinks these names up? Is there a Catchy Name Czar somewhere at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue?

For me, the only question that still remains unanswered is, "How did such a large portion of the American public become so gullible?" One of my theories is that Americans have become intellectually lazy. Another possibility is that public schools may not be spending enough time

on the sciences. A passing grade in high school physics should be enough background knowledge for any thinking person to shoot dozens of holes in the flawed theory of "man caused global warming."

I wonder how the White House would explain this data. Colorado's record high temperature was 118°F, set on July 11, 1888. Yes, that's 1888 not 1988. I wonder how the New York Times missed that opportunity to predict the melting of polar ice caps. Maybe they planned to write that story, but the famous blizzard of '88 earlier that year was a bigger crisis particularly in New York City where several hundred New Yorkers froze to death during that March event. Nearly three decades later on June 27, 1915, Alaska set its current record high at 100°F, recorded at the U.S. Weather Service's station at Fort Yukon.

Now, the summer of 1936 was one for the record books. The states of Maryland (109°F), Indiana (116°F), Kansas (121°F), Louisiana (114°F), Minnesota (114°F), Nebraska (118°F), New Jersey (110°F), North Dakota (121°F), Pennsylvania (111°F), South Dakota (120°F), West Virginia (112°F) and Wisconsin (114°F) all set record high temperatures in July/August that year. It is funny how "Global Climate Dis-

ruption" alarmists missed the summer of 1936. Maybe 1936 is a bad year to use to make the warmest decade point because in February of that year the Dakotas, North and South, also set their current state records of minus 60°F and minus 58°F respectively.

Here is why I don't believe these theories. If the self-proclaimed climate experts don't have a theory about the Medieval Warm Epoch (400 years of record high temperatures in the northern hemisphere, 900-1300 A.D.) or if they don't know that water vapor is earth's most abundant greenhouse gas or if they can't explain sun spots, I have no faith in their ability to predict the climate 100 years from now. Weather and, over time, the climate just doesn't seem to want to cooperate with the current climate change fantasies. Unpredictable climate will be around for another 2 or 3 billion years. Fortunately for humanity, many in America are wising up.

I can only hope that the portion of the American public that fails to question the arguments for "man caused global warming" before economy destroying public policy decisions are made will wake up and pay attention. This will require some reading, analysis, and critical thinking. They and the president must get a grasp on reality.

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Local Mountain News & Notices

Westcliffe Town Meeting

The Town Trustees had a full agenda. The Saddle Club has asked for financial help. At the February meeting, the trustees approved \$2,000 for the Rodeo's extra money. This is a fund that the club uses to enhance the prizes for Westcliffe Stampede contestants. The Saddle Club also asked for financial help in the amount of \$6,232 to advertise for the event. Club president, J.D. Teague, was unable to attend, so the matter was put off until the April meeting.

The Town's sales tax for December, 2013, was up, but sales tax revenue is 9.6% below the nine year average. Westcliffe has been hit pretty hard by the ongoing painfully slow economic recovery.

The trustees also approved the final version of the "new" trustee handbook. This is a long overdue innovation. Now, new trustees will have a handy document to help them get up to speed once elected. There are four candidates running for the three empty seats. The election will be held on April 1st. DOLA helped the Town produce this handbook.

There was a brief discus-

sion regarding applying for a grant to help with Westcliffe's Capital Improvement plan for infrastructure improvements. There was general agreement that Round Mountain Water should be contacted for input before investing any time. A joint grant may be pursued.

Jackie Barns of CART reported on three projects that could be funded by CART grants. The trustees thought that additional street planters would be best at this time.

At the February meeting, Trustee Cascarelli, suggested that the Town put a moratorium on the Franchise Fee that Black Hills charges town residents (3%) and businesses (2.5%). With the recent spike in propane costs and continued higher electricity rates, Cascarelli asked for a suspension of these fees which have been in place for 75 years. A vigorous debate took place with the mayor asking for the vote to take place next month when, hopefully, a full board would be present. Two trustees were absent for the March 5th meeting. There were several merchants in the audience and they spoke up in favor of

the franchise fee moratorium. They talked about the strain that increasing energy costs were having on their businesses. The moratorium passed with a four to one vote.

Representatives of the farmers market presented some solutions to the complaints that the town has received primarily about parking. Working with town personnel, the farmers' market has suggested changes to the event which will allow the market to continue to use Price Park next summer. The Trustees seemed to be in agreement that the new changes will satisfy all involved.

Richard Posadas presented an overview of the plans for the 2014 Pro/AM Bike Tour planned for June 21, 2014. He said that the event could bring as many as 200 and possible 500 riders. Posadas is working with the CC Sheriff's Office, CDOT, and the State Patrol in preparation for the race. At this time it will start and end in the center of Westcliffe. A juniors race will also take place at that time.

The Town of Westcliffe Trustees took up the topic of parades. As some in the

community know, the Town in the past three years has assumed the sponsorship of three parades - the Spring to Summer parade (Memorial Day weekend), the Independence Day parade and the Christmas parade (usually early December). This occurred as result of the fact that the traditional sponsor of two of the three parades, the Chamber, had to abandon the sponsorship due to financial set-backs. Some may remember that the CC Chamber of Commerce board voted to cancel its sponsorship of the 2013 Independence Day parade because a citizens group objected to the Southern Colorado Patriots Club marching with unloaded firearms. After a well-attended special meeting, the Town of Westcliffe unanimously voted to assume the sponsorship of the Independence Day parade.

Since these parades are very popular with the citizens of Westcliffe as well as with county and Silver Cliff citizens, the Town of Westcliffe assumed the sponsorship of all three with approval of the board. In February,

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Eagles Summit Ranch Wounded Warrior Graduation

Friday, April 4, at 6:00 p.m.

The graduation starts with a pot luck dinner, open to the community. Please bring a side dish to share; Eagles Summit will provide the main course. Please RSVP to esrcolorado@gmail.com or by calling 719-783-9729.

From High Altitude Garden Club

The next meeting of the High Altitude Garden Club will take place on Thursday, March 20, at the Olde Schoolhouse, at 12:30pm for Meet and Greet and 1:00pm for our presentation. Dianne Whalen, one of our members and a Master Gardener, will speak to us on Wildflowers, working with a representative of Native Seed Company who will offer members a 20% discount on orders made that day. If you hav-

en't rejoined, please do so. If you are new to the area, please come as a guest. HAGC is a non-profit organization of volunteers dedicated to civic beauty, education and horticultural practices. Members meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month and an informative program is presented. Come join us to learn how to garden at high altitude and to get to know your neighbors.



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Fire and Hospital Meet with Special Districts Attorney to Work Toward a Plan

by Paul Sage

Special Districts attorney Dino Ross came to answer questions to a group assembled at the Wet Mountain Fire Protection District Headquarters on March 11th. The group was made up of the Fire District Board, Custer County Emergency Medical Services staff, part of the West Custer County Hospital District Board, and other concerned community leaders including CES Director Christie Coleman, County Commissioner Kit Shy, Clinic Director Delwin Lester and others.

After Fire District Chairman Roger Camper called the meeting to order, he invited Hospital District Treasurer Chuck Ippolito to recap the history of the budgetary and labor problems that brought the district to this point. He explained that "the Hospital District started losing money in 2008. The whole district; both the clinic and the Ambulance Corps." He delivered numbers reflect-

ing staggering losses like "I think in 2008, \$250,000. Then the next year it was \$333,000. Then the next year it was \$250,000." It was less than reassuring when he reported that "in 2012 when the new board came on and we made some changes I think we lost \$155,000, and this year we're not really sure." That amounted to nearly a million dollars lost even without the missing years.

Attorney Dino Ross outlined some of the possible resolutions to the dilemma of how to save the Ambulance Corps. He said that "probably the cleanest way to resolve this was to create a separate Ambulance District. He pointed out that this isn't a viable option without some level of property taxes to support it, saying the sum would probably be around \$300,000. In addition, the process of creating the district would cost about \$75,000 in legal fees.

He outlined the process, which would probably take

nine months to a year, once begun. It includes first determining a board for the new district. Then a service plan would have to be developed describing the role of the new district and how it would be funded. This plan would then need to meet with the approval of the Board of County Commissioners. Following this step, a petition drive would need to be held within the proposed district to show community support for the plan before it could go to the court for approval and the ordering of an election on the issue. In the election, voters would be asked if the district should be created, if the board and service plan met with their approval, and if they would be willing to pay for it with a requested tax increase.

Another option discussed, which would involve creating another level of government in the mix would be the creation of an "authority". An authority

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On the Future of Our Parades

At the March 5th regular meeting, the Westcliffe Board of Trustees made a decision that they will no longer sponsor any parades which is due to liability issues. The Town has organized the Spring into the Summer parade for two years, the July 4th and Christmas parades for one year. This does not mean the Town does not want parades; it will just no longer take on the role of organizing and sponsoring parades.

A group may sponsor/organize a parade that will go through the Town of Westcliffe. The organization will need to go before the Board of Trustees to request to use the public right-of-way for the parade. Also needed is a certificate of insurance naming the Town of Westcliffe as an additional insured. The Custer County Sheriff will need to be notified to provide traffic control. The Sheriff's office is responsible to contact CDOT if the

parade route is going to be on either highway.

If you would like to sponsor/organize a parade, please contact Kathy Reis, the Town Clerk, for the agenda request form. The Board of Trustees meets the first Tuesday of each month with the exception of April which will be the Tuesday the 8th due to the Town's election. If you have questions, please call the Town Hall at 783-2282 or drop by at 305 Main Street.

The Lighthouse Receives Grant for Ultrasound Machine

The Board of the Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources has just been notified by the Knights of Columbus in Denver that they have been approved for a grant to purchase a

new ultrasound machine. The welcoming news comes after a year and half of seeking this goal and sets their plans in motion to open a free (pregnancy) ultrasound clinic along

with the services they already provide for women. It will also be a plus for Custer County as the only ultrasound machine in the valley.

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*Friday, March 14,
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*New Date:
Tuesday, March 18,
at 6:30 p.m. at
Maverick's in Silver Cliff*

*For more information, contact Jack at
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Custer County History

#10 The Oak Creek Grade General Store

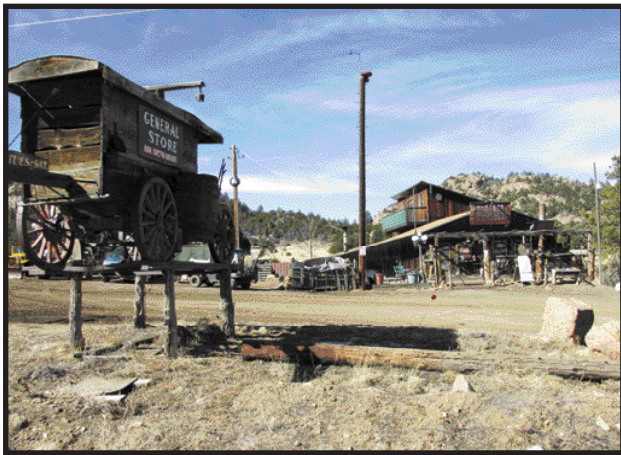
by Jack and Audrey Slater

Jack and Audrey Slater bought the property in the early '80's. It was empty property except for an 8'x20' trailer lying on its side. Jack righted the camper and made it livable and Jack, Audrey, and their two sons, Sean and Christopher, moved in.

Jack got a job working on the Griffin ranch working as a cowboy with George Griffin. Audrey worked in Cañon City as a nurse. Every week when Jack got paid he would buy lumber and sometimes work till midnight building the store. It took approximately three years, but we were finally able to open the store. There were shelves and groceries, hot coffee and snacks, and eventually Jack added a pool table.

There weren't many people here at that time and mail was delivered three days a week, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. So the neighbors gathered on those days, the men to play pool and the ladies to coffee Klatch, and the mail lady would stop by to pass out the mail.

The neighborhood didn't



In the March 7 Issue of the Sentinel, we featured several photos and asked for history on each of them. Thanks Audrey and Jack for sending this one in!

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich

really need a grocery store. What it needed was a gathering place, so Jack added the café and on Fridays and Saturdays we would serve an evening meal.

Then around 1995 Jim and Jeanne Martin showed up and wanted to play their Western Music during dinner. They stayed with us for five years and thus started our dinner shows. We were honored to host many wonderful Western and Blue Grass bands. We were the incubator for the Sons and Brothers and were able to watch Frank grow the boys in their music.

In 2011 we decided to close that part of our lives. There is a season for everything and we felt the season for that was over. Now we are semi-retired and open for breakfast only, three days a week. We presently are on a little sabbatical and will reopen in late April or early May.

We are grateful for the beautiful friends God has brought into our lives. We look forward to seeing old friends again and making new ones. Please check out our ad in the Sentinel for an opening date or call us at 783-2245.

A Break in Energy Costs for Westcliffe Homes and Businesses

At the March 5th Westcliffe Town meeting, the trustees voted to place a moratorium on the franchise fee that Black Hills Energy adds to every electricity bill. Currently, commercial enterprises pay 2.5% and residents pay 3% of their total monthly bill. These funds, once they are collected by Black Hills, are then sent to the town. While no current trustees were in office when this practice started, this fee has been assessed for over 70

years. It is believed that the franchise fee was originally established to offset the cost of town operating expenses like street lighting.

In view of the fact that residents and businesses alike have been hit hard by the recent increased propane prices, nearly \$4 per gallon, the town voted to offer some relief to residents and merchants. This applies to only those who live and whose businesses are within the town limits of West-

cliffe. With so many in the community having "Westcliffe" mailing addresses, it could be confusing. Effective March 1 and sun setting on December 31, 2015, this fee will be suspended. For the March bill there will be a small amount remaining on each bill as the bill cycle ends on the 20th of each month. It may not be much for residents, but it will be a great help for business owners, particularly for those with cold storage.

Local Author to Give Talk on "Native American Skies"

Just in time to celebrate the spring equinox, local author Courtney Miller is presenting an enlightening talk on "Native American Skies." The event is being held at the Library Community Room in Westcliffe on Friday, March 21, at 7:00 p.m.

Retired from a 40-year career in business management, Miller is now working full-time in his dream career as a writer and author. His internationally-acclaimed blog, Native American Antiquity, is read faithfully by enthusiasts around the world. Courtney combines his passion, extensive research, and travel to produce unique and entertaining weekly articles based on ancient Native American archaeology, astronomy, art, history, and culture.

Enjoy light refreshments while listening to "Native American Skies," an introduction into how ancient Native Americans understood the "phenomena in the sky" and the role it played in their culture.



Local author, Courtney Miller

courtesy photo

Miller will also be available to discuss and sign his epic novel, "The First Raven Mocker," which he describes as "an imaginative adventure tale which captures the ethos of Cherokee folklore and myth." His novel, published in September, 2013, is book one of a seven-book series based on the Cherokee culture. The series follows a fictional Cherokee family through

the generations starting in ancient mythological times and ending with the forced relocation of the Cherokee people to Oklahoma in the 1800's. Miller said that in his books, he portrays the Cherokee as they really were, not the Hollywood version.

For more information on the event, contact the West Custer County Library at 719-783-9138.

Concealed Handgun Permit Course Trainer: Robin Schmutzler

by Carol Clemenson

If anyone wants to take a course for a Concealed Handgun permit, there is one person right here in Westcliffe that can really get you going. Robin Schmutzler is very well informed in handguns, the laws, how to handle yourself with a handgun, and how to protect yourself with a handgun.

There are two different courses you can take, either a one-day course or a two-day course. The two-day course is much better because of the amount of information you are going over will be easier to comprehend, and more time can be spent on the firing range.

The permit cannot be given to anyone who has been convicted of perjury, is a habitual user of alcohol,



Firearms Instructor Robin Schmutzler with students, Dave Bennett and Cal Bennett.

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

addicted to a controlled substance, has a restraining order - permanent or temporary, or has committed a crime.

I have watched participants during this course, and was very impressed with the information Mr. Schmutzler has and the way he knows how to relay it to his stu-

dents. He is very knowledgeable as he has been in law enforcement for most of his life. I would recommend the course to everyone that has a handgun, whether you open carry or want a concealed handgun permit. You can contact Robin Schmutzler at 719-783-9680.

The World of Social Media and Why You Want to Use it for Your Business

Custer County Chamber of Commerce is hosting another Knosh & Know educational event.

Kim Powers from Re-Max Realty will be presenting. She will also give a brief introduction to both

Facebook and Twitter.

Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Library Community Room on Main St. in Westcliffe

Chamber members – FREE

Non-Chamber members - \$5.00

Call the Chamber @ 783-9163 for more information

It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible.

~George Washington

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FFA News

by Candi Sage

February was a busy and fun-filled month for FFA members that included many activities planned around FFA week. March brings the annual FFA Oyster Fry Fundraiser which will be Saturday, March 15th, at 5:30 p.m. at the west end of the school near the FFA classroom.



If you are not a fan of oysters (the Rocky Mountain kind), there will be chicken breast served as well. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 and under. The fun begins after the meal with a live auction of FFA members for 8 hours of labor and other various items to purchase.

Scholarship Finalist

by Candi Sage

Willie (William) Brandon isn't a finalist for one, but two and possibly three scholarships to help him become a Doctor of Pediatric Oncology-Hematology. As a student with leadership abilities, President of FFA, a football player, he is serious about doing his best in school, and doesn't give up. With the pre-med classes that will be on his schedule, he is seeking help to attain his goal.

He has applied for at least eight scholarships to help him. Willie is a finalist for

both the Greenhouse Scholars and Kane Scholarship, and a finalist of the Hurliman Scholarship. All three scholarships look for students with leadership, various forms of independence and the strive to succeed. He is also pursuing other smaller grants and scholarships including the Colorado stipend, Honors programs, and one from RBC Wealth Management with eligibility including



Willie Brandon, Scholarship Finalist

Sentinel photo by Candi Sage

an ACT score over 31. Willie is excited to finish high school and is looking forward to pursuing his college and career goals.

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would have oversight over parts of both districts it encompassed, which in this case would be the Hospital and Fire Districts. The authority would be formed by a simple contract between the entities spelling out the roles of each. It would consist of a board made up of appointees from the districts involved and wouldn't be an elected board. Some of the problems envisioned with this system are that an authority would not have the ability to raise funding through taxes, nor would it be subject to the review of the voting public which considering how we arrived at the problems already faced, could be undesirable.

The Sentinel questioned attorney Ross about how the existing Hospital District could be legally caused to follow its original service plan more closely and provide the ambulance service it committed to in its service plan. He explained that there is in existence an Attorney General's opinion in Colorado that addresses this. The opinion, written by former Attorney General Ken Salazar, says basically, "The statute is an authorization to provide, not a mandate in that even if you have the revenue, it doesn't mean that you are held to provide that service," According to Mr. Ross.

Attorney General Sala-

zar's 2001 opinion referred to by Mr. Ross addressed the question of whether a fire protection district was required to fight fires on private property because it collected taxes to do so. In this case Mr. Salazar's opinion was that "the fact that a fire district collects a tax on property and structures within the district does not create a duty for that district to fight fires." The decision, however, further states that "a fire protection district is responsible for fire fighting when it has undertaken to provide fire protection services by purchasing necessary fire protection equipment." So since the West Custer County Hospital District has already obtained the equipment, supplies and staff required to provide the ambulance service as intended, it would then be required to do so according to this opinion.

Mr. Ross emphasized that for a public not satisfied with the service of a district within its oversight "what your recourse is would be to recall the directors, including those directors that don't have the same philosophy as the citizens. That's the recourse. Get the right elected officials that will institute emergency services." He summed up again, "Change the board. That's the recourse."

Mr. Ross was further questioned by the Sentinel about the claim put forward by Hospital District

officials that in response to any penalties imposed as the result of the ongoing Department of Labor Inquiry into the Districts illegal employment practices, the district can, without a vote of the people, raise taxes on the citizens by up to 10 mills at will to repay the penalty. This information was arrived at by the opinion of an attorney consulting with the Hospital District on a provision of an obscure special districts statute. Mr. Ross said that he believed this to not be true. He pointed out that it would be a Department of Labor Ruling and "that's not a court judgment. That's the Department of Labor and that wouldn't trigger the statute anyway." He also pointed out that with TABOR in place in the Colorado Constitution this statute is probably no longer constitutional and "hasn't been tested in the courts" since the inception of TABOR.

To move forward toward a resolution of the ambulance issue, Roger Camper, Chairman of the Fire District Board, pushed for the formation of a committee to work on the issue. The committee will be made up of two members of the Fire District Board, two members of the EMS staff, two members of the Hospital District Board, and the clinic director to commence weekly meetings on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. at the fire house to work on a plan to move forward.



Building Trades Update

Braving the cold, inside students are working on plumbing, outside they are putting on the metal roof.

Sentinel photo by Candi Sage

Custer County C1 2014 Track Schedule

Opponent/Meet		Opponent/Meet	
03/15 9:00a	Banana Belt Classic Meet Location: Pueblo, CO Details: CSU-Pueblo	04/26 TBA	Palmer Ridge Invite Meet Location: Palmer Lake, CO Details: Don Breese Stadium
03/21 TBA	Center Invitational Meet Location: Center, CO Details: Center Community Park	05/02 1:00p	Pueblo Twilight Meet Location: Pueblo, CO Details: Pueblo Twilight CSU-Pueblo
04/04 2:00p	Scorpion Invitational Meet Location: Colo Springs, CO Details: Vista Ridge HS	05/10 TBA	IML & SPL Meet Meet Location: Alamosa, CO Details: Alamosa HS
04/05 9:00a	Warren Mitchell Invitational Meet Location: Limon, CO Details: Limon HS	05/15 8:30a	2014 CHSAA 2A State Championships - Day 1 Meet Location: Lakewood, CO Details: Jeffco Stadium
04/11 TBA	Ray E. Choate Invitational Meet Location: Weston, CO Details: Primero HS	05/16 8:30a	2014 CHSAA 2A State Championships - Day 2 Meet Location: Lakewood, CO Details: Jeffco Stadium
04/12 TBA	Chaffee County Invite Meet Location: Salida, CO Details: Salida HS	05/17 8:30a	2014 CHSAA 2A State Championships - Day 3 Meet Location: Lakewood, CO Details: Jeffco Stadium
04/19 TBA	Rye Thunderbolt Invitational Meet Location: Rye, CO Details: Rye HS		
04/24 TBA	Primero Invitational Meet Location: Weston, CO Details: Primero HS		



If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bit you. This is the principal difference between a dog and a man.

~Mark Twain

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Custer County High School Offers Incentives

by Candi Sage

On March 6 Custer County Middle and High school students attended pep rallies and were offered incentives to help motivate them to put forth their best efforts on the upcoming 2014 state TCAP, ACT and AP tests. The number of raffle tickets for each student

was based on both their scores from 2013's tests as well as the percentage of growth/improvement shown on those tests. The higher the score, the more raffle tickets were placed in their name. Some of the prizes were an iPad mini with case, an iPod Nano, an iPod shuffle, iTunes certificates, and an Amazon gift certificate.

Parents/families were notified of the special incentive program and encouraged to support their student to do their best during the testing process. Also included was the schedule for field testing of the new CMAS test which will replace TCAP next year, along with information about the formal testing scheduled for the remainder of the year.



Middle School winners: Left to Right: Dalton Wommack, Lindsey Gillmore, Grace Flynn, Savannah Langford (grand prize), Riley Smith, Michael Neal, Hannah Kennedy.
Congratulations!

Sentinel photo by Candi Sage



High School winners: Left to Right: Michael Parsons, Amanda Schmutzler, Alysha Benoit, Hannah Moulton, Faith Sellers, Kaylan Stoering (grand prize).
Congratulations!

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Bobcat Baseball In Full Swing!

by Jim Silver

The Bobcats will swing into their 2014 Baseball Season with a double-header at home against Salida on Saturday, March 15, (11:00 am, 1:30 pm). The team will have three weeks of practice by the time they play the season opener. Sixteen players have been honing their skills under the watchful eyes of Head Coach Jay Lont and assistant coaches Roger Bell and Allen Paxton. Practices are held five days per week, Monday-Thursday at 4:15 p.m. and Friday at 1 p.m.

Coach Lont mentioned immediately how excited he is to have a roster of 16 players, since last season ended with a team of just 9—no subs! He went on to say that the team (which included 3 ninth-graders) made it all the way to Regionals. Three returning players on the 2013 team received All-League honors: Rowan Bell, Conner Rowley, and T.J. Flynn. It must be said that Lane Byerly was named All-League in 2012, but was injured before the end of last year's baseball season.

Eight seniors and two juniors are rounded out by what Coach Lont calls his "X-Factor:" the 9th and 10th-graders who have turned out, eager to play baseball. How these players respond to coaching and develop will be a key

component in the weeks ahead, as the Bobcat season gets underway. For the first time since Coach Lont took over, the team was nearly able to play a practice intersquad game on Thursday, March 6 (photos in this issue). "Nearly able" is a accurate description, in that Coach Bell was pitcher for both teams of 8—by way of a pitching machine.

The next day, however, was a different picture. Practice on Friday, March 7, was held in the school gym because snow was on the way. To start, Coaches Lont and Bell took the opportunity to communicate the "Bobcat Baseball Leadership Agenda." The smaller group of mostly seniors was encouraged to be about team-building and leading by example. An abbreviated indoor workout followed.

Beginning his third season at the helm of the Bobcats, Jay Lont comes with experience coaching at Bellermino Preparatory School in Tacoma Washington and then with the Florence Huskies JV. Coach Lont was educated in Washington State and played baseball for Tacoma Community College. He went on to play 6 years of semi-pro ball. He lives in Florence and drives up Hardscrabble Pass each day to coach-- thanks to Vernon Thompson, the supervisor at his "other job," ENXX Propane, for the

time off. Coach Lont stresses to his players that their purpose is to be "student-athletes," with the "student" taking priority. Graduation must be the primary goal - and graduating well. Incidentally, checking the season baseball schedule shown here in the Sentinel alongside the Custer County school calendar found online, we all—baseball team and fans—can rest easy. The "student-athletes" can do both: win the State Championship on May 24, and then the senior players can go on to graduate a week later!

When asked which league opponent the Bobcats will be especially watching for, Coach Lont replied without hesitation, "Rye." The team will travel to Rye for the last game in March, on the 29th. Five teams are in the 2A West Central League, with the other three being South Park, Cripple Creek-Victor, and John Mall. Non-league games are spread throughout the season, and all schools are 2A except for 3A Salida, opponent for the home game season opener. This year the Bobcats play more home games than away. Please keep the Sentinel schedule—better yet, post it on your refrigerator.

Come out and support the team this Saturday and all the way to May 24th!

4-H Carnival

Wednesday, March 19th, from 5-7 p.m.

in the Custer County School multi-purpose room

No admission. Tickets are \$.25 each for games and food purchases.

Most games cost 1-3 tickets depending on prize level.

One slice of pizza and a can of pop will be 10 tickets.

Lots of fun games for all ages.

Proceeds benefit the 4-H Clubs and the 4-H program to help defray the cost of camps, trips and new 4-H activities.

Come out for a fun evening!!!!

A Strong Conservative Republican for a Better Custer County

From the Desk of Allen Butler

**Delegates,
I appreciate your vote in the
County Assembly on March
25.**

**Thank you,
Allen**



Old enough to know how but still young enough to do!

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Legislation Signed Authorizing Community Colleges to Offer Four Year Degrees in Career and Technical Fields

On February 27, Governor John Hickenlooper signed legislation authorizing community colleges to offer four year degrees in career and technical fields. Twenty-one other states now offer four-year degrees at community colleges similar to the degrees in this legislation.

The legislation, Senate Bill 14-004, sponsored by Senator Nancy Todd, Representative Jim Wilson and Representative Jenise May, authorizes community colleges to offer four-year bachelor of applied science degrees (BAS). This type of degree covers a wide array of fields, including dental hygiene, culinary arts, and water quality management.

This legislation was initiated by the Colorado Community College System (CCCS) to address the gap in Colorado higher education whereby students who want to pursue career and technical studies do

not have access to a four-year degree in their field. Many specialized technical jobs increasingly require bachelor degrees for career advancement. However, most career and technical courses are not offered at and/or do not transfer to four-year institutions. This creates situations where students need to take six years of higher education to earn a bachelors' degree. By allowing community colleges to offer Bachelors of Applied Science degrees, the cost and time of achieving a four-year degree is significantly lowered. Further, many students cannot leave their communities because of family and job commitments. By offering students opportunities at community colleges enabled in this legislation, students can stay in their communities and get the education employers are now demanding.

Based on a survey of over 1,300 community college

students in career and technical education fields, an overwhelming majority (84 percent) want community colleges to offer this degree.

This legislation also offers affordable access to a four-year degree. Community colleges intentionally keep their tuition low so that their students have access to a higher education opportunity without incurring large amounts of debt. Finally, the business community benefits from this legislation. This legislation gives them the ability to find and hire well-qualified employees, which allows them to grow their businesses. If a community has a need for a specialized trained worker such as agriculture, degrees can be developed that are tailored to meet that need. Indeed, 94 percent of businesses surveyed indicated a need for workers with the skills taught through a Bachelor of Applied Science degree.

Club America Offers Free Swim Classes

All 4th and 5th Grade students in Custer County are invited to participate in free swim classes this spring. The classes began this week and will continue through May, culminating in the week of Club America WMV's third annual Youth Triathlon scheduled May 22.

The dates of 5th Grade classes are March 10, 11, 17, 18; April 29; and May 6, 13, and 20. Pool times are 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

The dates of 4th Grade classes are March 12, 19; April 2, 30; and May 5, 7, 14 and 21. Pool times are 2:15 – 3:15 p.m.

Students wear modest swimwear to classes, preferably a one piece for girls and trunks with a waist tie for boys, and bring a towel, a hair tie, and a tote for wet items. Goggles are optional and instructors will determine when they may be worn. A healthy snack will be provided after the lesson.

Certified American Red Cross Water Safety Instructors teach in-water skills and train students about aquatic safe practices.

Students in Custer County Elementary School received paperwork about the classes and home school

students' families may visit it Club America WMV to sign up at 50 Main Street, Silver Cliff. For more information call Sarah or Lisa at 783-0750.

This program was established to promote healthy living habits, including nutrition. Funds for the 5th Grade class were provided by a generous grant, offered through Custer County Public Health, from The El Pomar Foundation. Funds for the 4th Grade class are provided by kind donations from community members who value children in our community learning to be safe in, on, and around water.



Bobcat Menu • March 17 - March 20, 2014

Monday breakfast
Pancakes
Sausage Links
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Chili w/ Crackers
Choice of Vegetable
Choice of Fruit
Milk

Tuesday breakfast
Egg, Cheese Sandwich
Fruit
Milk
lunch
Beef Stroganoff
W. W. Roll
Choice of Veg. & Fruit
Milk

Wednesday breakfast
Scrambled Eggs
W. W. Toast
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Cheese Pizza
Birthday Cake
Choice of Veg. & Fruit
Milk

Thursday breakfast
Sausage Gravy, Biscuits
Fruit
Milk
lunch
Chicken Patty Sandwich
Choice of Vegetable
Choice of Fruit
Milk

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



BYERLY FOR CUSTER COUNTY SHERIFF

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When you look to a candidate for leadership and the knowledge of how to move the Custer County Sheriff's Office forward, Shannon Byerly is the candidate to get the job done. His knowledge of the county, coupled with his experience as a true law enforcement professional, make him the right choice for the sheriff's position. He has demonstrated his care for our community over several years as a member of the county fair board, 4-H leader, and youth and high school coach. He is dedicated to the youth of this county. Shannon wants to make a difference in the community and that starts with treating people fairly. Shannon will work with you, and for you, to improve community relations and accountability within the office.

QUALIFICATIONS: Associates of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. Graduate of the Denver University Public Safety Leadership Development Course. 11 Years Law Enforcement Experience at Cañon City PD as a patrol officer, patrol sergeant, and current department supervisor. Shannon has budget development and management experience as he currently manages the Cañon City Police Department's 3.3 million dollar budget.

GOALS: Develop a community accountability group for direct communications to and from the Sheriff. Conduct a complete budget assessment on the use of current assets. Integrate training with the Sheriff's Deputies and Posse members for efficiency.

If you would like to contact Shannon Byerly:

Cell Phone: 371-6678

Email: shanbyerly@yahoo.com

Facebook Page at:

Facebook.com/Byerly for Custer County Sheriff

KIDS

Friday, March 14, 2014

A LONG TIME COMING: A Woman's Right to Vote

It was 72 years from the Seneca Falls convention in 1848 to the passage of the 19th Amendment (also known as the Anthony Amendment) giving women the right to vote. June 4, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was passed in the Senate. It was signed into law by Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby on August 26, 1920.

Strong leaders were obviously needed to keep it going. Some of the women that devoted their lives to the suffrage movement were:

Carrie Chapman Catt (1859-1947)
Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906)
Sojourner Truth (1797-1883)
Alice Paul (1885-1977)
Sarah Grimke (1792-1873)
Angelina Grimke (1805-1879)
Elizabeth Cady Stanton (1815-1902)
Victoria Claflin Woodhull (1838-1927)

They lectured, published numerous journals, built alliances with other groups, and petitioned Congress. On her 86th birthday, Susan B. Anthony said, "Failure is impossible."

The most effective weapon of democracy-- the right to vote.

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Local Mountain News & Notices

Events Calendar

Friday, March 14, 2014
Jones Theater: No shows for month of March
5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.: Wildland Fire Mitigation and Slash Reduction Presentation at Cliff Lanes
6 p.m. - 10 p.m.: Middle School Ice Skating at Pueblo Ice Arena

Saturday, March 15, 2014
5:30 p.m.: FFA Oyster Fry at Custer County High School West Gymnasium

Wednesday, March 19, 2014
10 a.m.: Special Meeting about Entertainment District at the Westcliffe Town Hall
4 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.: 4-H Spring Carnival at multi-purpose room at school

5:30 p.m.: Main Street Manager Meeting at Cliff Lanes

Friday, March 21, 2014
Cripple Creek Trip Reservation Deadline through Custer County Senior Center. Call 371-7016 or 783-9495.
All Day: Center Invitational High School Track Meet at Center
Spring Break: No School through March 30
Wet Mountain Valley Community Men's Retreat at Horn Creek begins with Noon meal and ends Saturday at 6 p.m. Call Coy 783-9311 or (719) 276-4690; Or Bob 371-4450.

Saturday, March 22, 2014
Wet Mountain Valley Community Men's Retreat at Horn Creek ends at 6 p.m.

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.

WESTCLIFFE From page 4

the Town attorney, Robert Seefried, told the board that the town was likely putting itself in legal jeopardy by sponsoring these parades. He said that he would make the entire case at the March meeting. The legal jeopardy exists in two areas. The first is if an injury occurred during a parade. It is possible that the Town could be exposed to a large judgment. The second area is when parade sponsors try to prohibit some groups from marching. Recent court cases have expressed opinions sighting the First Amendment provision on freedom of speech and expression allowing groups to march in all parades even those that are sponsored by private organizations. These matters have often found

themselves in federal court which cost the parties a lot of money in the costs of litigation. In some cases, it is loser pays for court costs.

After listening to Seefried's report, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to cancel sponsorship of all parades scheduled for 2014. This means that starting with 2014 and for the foreseeable future, the Town of Westcliffe will not sponsor any parades. Groups interested in sponsoring these three parades should contact the Westcliffe Town personnel to learn what must be done to become a parade sponsor.

Donovan Baggett gave the board an update on the Entertainment District. He asked for more time to submit the necessary paperwork to the Town. A special meeting was scheduled

for March 19, 2014, at the Town Hall for the purpose of discussing the project. Baggett also asked that the Town donate some money for items like insurance. When pressed, he said that \$10,000 would be great, but that he would be grateful for \$1,000.

Donna Hood, Chamber President, requested street closures for the July 4 through 6 Custer County Chamber Flea Market. This is the same request that the Chamber has made for years and it was approved. The judges for the upcoming town elections were approved and a fee of \$125 each was also approved.

The Town Trustees voted for a new town attorney, Jay Prinz, who will replace Robert Seefried. The vote was four to one. The meeting was then adjourned.

Library Genealogy Workshop

Discover the tips and tools for filling in your family tree at an upcoming Genealogy Workshop at 1 p.m. on Sat., March 22, at the West Custer County Library. Local genealogist Jacke Barnes will be your guide on how to get started and using the internet as a research tool.

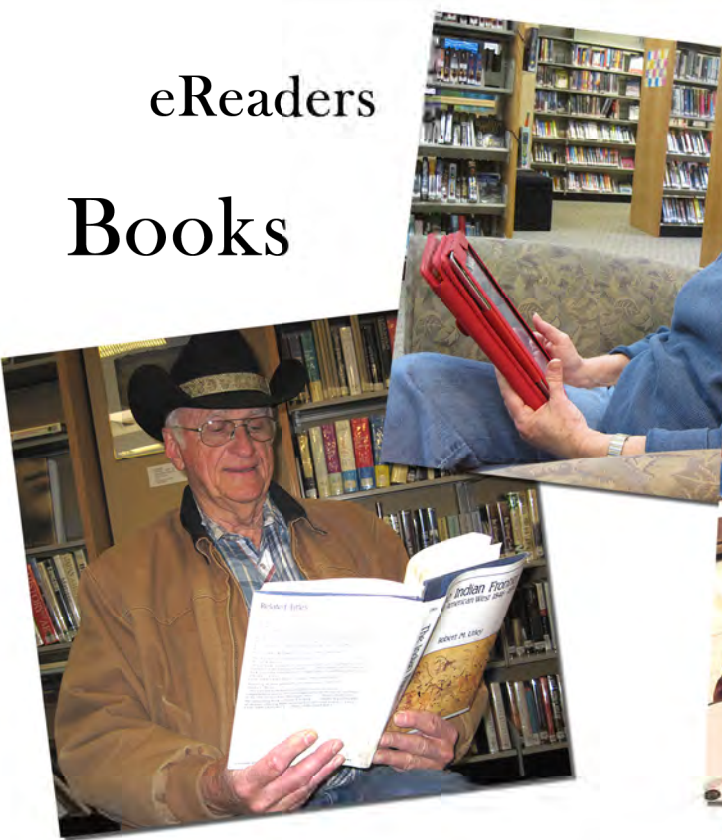
Barnes has been a genealogist for almost 40 years. It all started after a visit from

her grandmother's younger sister. She was talking about the family and mentioned that Barnes' great-great grandmother was born in Pumpkin Vine, Georgia. The name of the town intrigued Barnes, and served as the impetus to start researching her family history. There was no internet at the time, so she wrote to the county clerk for information. It took off from there.

"In recent years, there has been an increased fascination with genealogy due to the 'Who Do You Think You Are?' television series," said Barnes. "I thought it would be fun to pique people's interest in how to research their family history."

For more information on the Genealogy Workshop, contact Library Director Amy Moulton at 783-9138.

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Custer County Bobcat 2014 Baseball Schedule	
Date	Opponent
March 15	Salida (Salida, CO)
11 AM	Custer County High School
1:30 PM	Custer County High School
March 20	at Cañon City (Cañon City, CO)
3:30 PM	Cañon City
5:30 PM	Cañon City
March 29	at Rye (Rye, CO)
11 AM	Rye High School
1:30 PM	Rye High School
April 3	Saragent (Monte Vista, CO)
3 PM	Custer County High School
April 4	John Mall (Walsenburg, CO)
11 AM	Custer County High School
1:30 PM	Custer County High School
April 8	at Sanford (Sanford, CO)
4 PM	Sanford High School
April 12	at Cripple Creek-Victor (Cripple Creek, CO)
11 AM	Cripple Creek-Victor HS
1:30 PM	Cripple Creek-Victor HS
April 18	Antonito (Antonito, CO)
TBA	Game Details: Adams State
April 22	Rocky Ford (Rocky Ford, CO)
4:30 PM	Custer County High School
April 25	South Park (Fairplay, CO)
11AM	Custer County High School
1:30 PM	Custer County High School
April 28	Center (Adams State College)
4 PM	
May 10	TBA
	Districts
May 17	TBA
	Regionals
May 24	TBA
	State Championship

Roster			
#	Name	Position	Grade
	Geoffrey Mellini	OF	Sophomore
	Megan Shanks	OF, 3B	Senior
3	Noah Tillotson	RF, OF	Sophomore
4	Sam Dunlap	OF, C	Sophomore
5	Devon Hockaday	OF	Freshman
6	Conner Rowley	P, SS	Junior
7	Lane Byerly	1B, P, C	Senior
9	Justin Walden	1B, OF	Sophomore
12	Nathan Shreve	2B, SS, P	Senior
14	Trevor (TJ) Flynn	CF, OF	Senior
	Co-Captain		
16	Rowan Bell	C, 1B	Senior
	Co-Captain		
18	Tylor Howdenshell	OF	Freshman
21	Josh Carter	2B, OF	Senior
23	Travis Stuart	1B, OF	Senior
25	Derek Staton	3B, P	Senior
37	Tyler Schlabach	3B, P	Sophomore
Coaches:			
	Jay Lont	Head Coach	
	Roger Bell	Assistant Coach	
	Allen Paxton	Assistant Coach	
Managers:			
	Brittany Carter		
	Kristian Curtis		
	Casey Nordyke		



Photos by Jim Silver



PREPPER's CORNER



On the Trail with Barley & Belle

Ain't That Just a Dandy Coffee

by Jeremy Carr



In bloom from April to November and probably one of the most well-known weeds around, Dandelion packs a heck of a nutritional punch. From a healthy point of view it is more desirable to drink than coffee or tea.

Vitamins:
A (5½ times more Vitamin “A” than carrots), B, C, and G.

It is excellent for the liver, an anti-inflammatory with kidney & liver cleansing abilities and also contains antioxidants. As spring approaches, the beautiful yellow flowers burst forth to provide a boost to our immune systems if we will only reach out and grab them.

This spring when you head to the local hardware store for your yearly supply of chemical warfare agents, stop and give pause, what if “The Obama SHTF” hits tomorrow you might just need the lowly little Yellow Dandelion to keep you roaring! So remember when and pucker up and blow.....

Look-a-likes:
Other plants with superficially similar flowers include hawkweeds (Hieracium) and hawksbeards (Crepis).

These are readily distinguished by branched flowering stems which are usually hairy and bear leaves. Although they are a different species hawkweeds & hawksbeards are also edible just like dandelion.

Scientific Name: Taraxacum officinale (Officinale means used for medicinal purposes)

As always this information is meant to give you an informational starting point. Do your own research.

An excellent place to start is: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taraxacum>

For plant photo identification try: <http://www.bing.com/images>



Cowgirl Sass & Savvy

Through a Ranch Wife's Eyes

by Julie Carter

I pulled into the post office today and parked just to my right was the very epitome of the vehicle you might envision for the “rancher gone to town.”

There sat a flatbed ranch pickup loaded to the gills. The back of the bed was heavy with a stack of mineral blocks, a big bale of hay and a few sacks of horse feed. Squeezed to the front were a water jug, a cooler, an unidentifiable plastic box and two curious dogs who kept watching the post office door.

The headache rack was neatly organized with everything a man might need while away from the house -- a handyman jack locked to the frame, a couple of catch ropes tied up to the rack, chains, a come-a-long and assorted tie strings for tying gates shut, mufflers up or a calf down.

Now this version of a ranch pickup was newer than your average rusted beat up feed pickup that comes to town. His wife has a job in town so in theory, he can now afford an upgrade -- in pickups, not in a wife. You might be a rancher's wife if your

job in town is considered “ranch subsidy.”

Meanwhile back at the ranch, you might be a rancher's wife if you know how to change the flat on your pickup but can't because the spare is in use on the flatbed pickup.

You might be a rancher's wife if directions to your house include words like miles, cattle guards, gravel road and “last.” The word “last” can precede many things such as house, hill, left turn, mailbox or cedar tree by a large rock.

You might be a rancher's wife if your stock tank doubles as a swimming pool, the storage shed is a barn, and you buy antiques because they match the rest of your furniture.

A ranch wife's job in town often provides other advantages to the relationship besides financial improvement. The in-the-corral working relationship, of which was rocky at best, is now non-existent because of the aforementioned job in town. The neighbors seven miles away no longer hear the yelling and cussing

and the dog finally quit hiding under the barn about a month after she went to work.

You might be a rancher's wife if duct tape is always on your list, the weekly paper comes a week late and the veterinarian, feed company and parts house is on speed dial.

A rancher's wife will always have a shopping list that includes three sizes of engine filters, tires, chains, spark plugs and shotgun shells. And the best one, “get me a part that looks just like this one here,” as he hands her something wrapped in a shop rag - a greasy, diesel-smelling odd-shaped object even he can't even name. “And make sure it's for the right year model.”

There is much comfort in seeing those ranch pickups in town from time to time. You have to know that there is still life across the cattle guard somewhere and that as long as the wife can keep a good job in town, it will continue.

Julie can be reached for comment at jcarterm@gmail.com

Book Review

Farewell to America

By Bill Conry

by Paul Sage

In his book, Farewell to America, local author, Bill Conry traces the Christian roots of the United States from its earliest settlers in the 1400's through the founding of the Plymouth colony is 1620 with the Mayflower Compact to the growth and founding of what we know as America with the Declaration of Independence and the Revolutionary War to secure that independence.

The book gives clear examples of the Christian heritage of America's founders and their intention that the nation should always retain

this heritage as its moral compass. It is rich in quotes by the founding fathers, such as Patrick Henry's, “It cannot be emphasized too clearly and too often that this nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on a religion, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ. For this reason, people of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity and freedom of worship here.”

It proceeds through chapters on subjects which have challenged the moral character of the nation from its inception till today, addressing issues like the

sanctity of life, challenges to the Christmas holiday and problems with taking God out of schools. In the back of the book Mr. Conry includes useful resources like the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bill Conry and his artist wife, Lyvia, make Cañon City their home where he continues his writing as an author and sometimes newspaper columnist and she continues her art projects. Farewell to America can be obtained locally at the Sentinel office to borrow or purchase.



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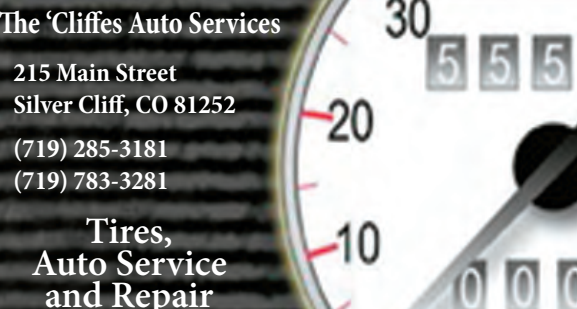


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Fremont County Bulletin

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Apathetic at Election Time

by Ed Whitcraft,
Royal Gorge Tea Party

On 1 March 2014, the Royal Gorge Tea Party and Republican Women co-sponsored a U.S. Senate Forum for the Republican candidates. The candidates had time to introduce themselves and let us know why they wanted to be our U.S. Senator. Each candidate was asked prepared questions from the sponsors of the event. Those in attendance were also able to ask questions of the candidates. At the end of the event, the audience and candidates had time to meet and greet each other. All in all it was a well planned event, but we did have one glitch—where, oh, where were the citizens of Fremont County and surrounding areas? We in the Tea Party constantly hear how unhappy everyone is with our country and the way it is going. This was a wonderful opportunity to meet the folks who want to represent you as senator. You could have heard what each one had to say and how they felt about many of the issues facing us today - if only you had been there!

On 4 March 2014 the Democrats and Republicans held their caucuses in Fremont County. This is where citizens can begin the grass roots process of electing people to office at the county, state, and federal level. The caucus I attended was very well

organized and folks were elected as precinct chairs, co-chairs, and delegates to the county assembly. We also had the opportunity to meet some of the candidates who are running for local county offices. However, we did have a glitch at the caucus—where, oh where, were all the citizens of Fremont County? I have attended several caucuses over the years and this was the poorest turnout I have ever seen.

The lack of participation in these two important events in addition to that at our city council, school board, and county commissioner meetings has led me to ask this question: “Why are we becoming lethargic or apathetic about our political system?” Are we to the point that we don’t care who wins because nothing ever changes? Are we to the point that it does not matter if it’s “D” or “R” or any other party because it’s all the same? I pray this is not so. Fellow citizens and patriots, now is not the time to be lethargic or apathetic. Now is the time to become involved. Our country is in dire need of finding men and women who want to be citizen politicians for two, four, six, or eight years and then go back to their chosen profession allowing others to serve their country. That is what our founding fathers envisioned, everyday citizens wanting to serve their

country—not professional politicians. It is imperative that we vote all these life-time politicians out of office for they are the ones that have gotten us into the mess we are in today.

Allow me to relate a story of what can happen when apathy becomes a way of life. In 1963/64 I served in Vietnam as an advisor to the Vietnamese Army. I had an interpreter that I worked with very closely. In 1968/69 I was back in Vietnam. On one of my road trips I went by the area where I served in 1963/64. The advisory group was still there, so I stopped to see if my interpreter was still there. To my surprise he was. We visited for awhile and I noticed he did not have the same fire for winning that he had in earlier years. So I asked him why. He said he did not care who won the war as long as he and his family got their bowl of rice. I knew then that we would not win the war in Vietnam. The Vietnamese people did not care.

I pray that we have not gotten to the point that we don’t care who we have leading us as long as we get our bowl of rice. Please, Fremont County, become active in holding our elected officials accountable regardless of what positions they hold.

**Be Informed,
Get Involved**

Royal Gorge Republican Women Lunch With A Punch

by: Barbara Penezic

The Royal Gorge Republican Women’s luncheon is always an interesting event and last Thursday’s “Meet The Candidates” certainly had some exciting moments. The invited speakers were Cañon City’s own Carlette Brocious (incumbent) and Randy Keller, both running for the Coroner’s Office in the upcoming elections.

The event was scheduled to give both candidates an opportunity to introduce themselves and present their qualifications for the Office of Coroner. Forums such as this in an election year are very important to the average citizen - a means of offering to the audience some information that will allow them to make an informed decision when they enter the voting booth.

Mr. Keller’s speech was unceremoniously interrupted by an angry young man. According to witnesses the man behaved in a violent manner yelling at Randy Keller and pushing him backwards into a set of shelves, behavior that

took Mr. Keller by surprise and left other attendees upset. The attacker has been identified as Adam Messer. He is also the son-in-law of Carlette Brocious, Mr. Keller’s opponent in the upcoming election. No one was seriously injured during the altercation; however, police were called and Adam Messer was issued a summons for 3rd degree assault.

I spoke with Ms. Timme Pearson, President of the Royal Gorge Republican Women, earlier today but her comment was a very polite, “No Comment.” It is really a disservice to everyone who is trying to help get information to the voting public when someone behaves so inappropriately. The leadership of the Royal Gorge Tea Party and the Royal Gorge Republican Women are to be applauded for working to ensure that the public is informed. Hopefully the balance of this election year here in Cañon City will be informative but not quite so demonstrative.

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IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

School Board Meetings:

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

**Florence-Penrose
Fremont RE-2
2nd Mon. at 7 p.m.
403 W. 5th St.
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**Cañon City
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Concerned Citizens for Responsible Ambulance Service

A group of concerned Fremont County residents are holding public meetings in Cotopaxi and Howard to detail their concerns for the state of emergency medical services (EMS) in western Fremont County. The group, “Concerned Citizens for responsible Ambulance Service (CCRAS)”, has filed a Derivative Action Complaint against RAMROD, Inc., the local ambulance service (doing business as Arkansas Valley Ambulance - AVA), and the current board of directors in an effort to return the structure of the non-profit corporation to a voting member organization.

The public meetings, to be held at the Cotopaxi School Cafeteria Friday, March 21, 7:00 p.m., and at the Howard Volunteer Fire Station Saturday, March 22, 3:00 p.m., will inform the public of the action, the reasons it was taken, and to solicit public input.

CCRAS is composed of members of RAMROD, Inc. who hold the position that the Board of Directors, as it existed in late 2012, disregarding the election of William Lenderink to replace Jay DeMay in September of 2012, and then again disregarded the vote of the members to remove three board members; Jay DeMay, Jason Sando and Sarah Killough.

In late fall of 2012, the then existing board, which the members believe was illegally constituted, then purportedly amended the corporation document to make RAMROD a non-profit corporation without voting members. This move eliminates any accountability the board of directors has to its members and more importantly to the citizens RAMROD serves and entrenches these board members in their positions for as long as they like as the board itself is who now determines

who the board members will be.

The members seek to have the court enforce the votes of September and November, specifically, they seek to have William Lenderink assume his place on the board of directors; to give effect to the vote of November 2012, removing DeMay, Sando, and Killough, and to have the purported amendment to the corporate documents and structure of the corporation declared invalid and to return RAMROD, Inc. to a voting member non-profit corporation that is accountable to it’s members and the people it serves.

The case is currently pending in Fremont County District Court.

For further information contact Mark Roland at 719-942-3244 or mark@peaktraining.com or Mike Steward at 719-942-3438 or hvfd@howard-co.us

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Movie Review: “Son of God” Another Jesus?

by Candy Thompson

When my husband and I watched the makers of “Son of God”, Roma Downey and her husband, Mark Burnett, on “Hannity” the other night, we were struck by what seemed like an authentic love of Jesus and a true desire to bring the truth of the gospel to the multitudes. We consider ourselves to be fairly mature Christians and had not seen the series they made on the History Channel called, “The Bible”, and were unaware of the controversy surrounding that series.

We should have seen the red flags just from the fact that it was on the History Channel, not exactly the best place to go for correct portrayals of biblical truths. We like “Hannity” as a conservative news program, but it’s not the place we’d go to for a Sunday School lesson or sermon. However, we were looking forward to seeing the movie after all the kudos.

Before we drove to the Springs and dropped \$30, we received a warning that it had been spawned out of the New Age mysticism of the “angelic” Ms. Downey of the series, “Touched by an Angel”, who has a degree in Spiritual Psychology from a New Age institution in California. The movie, “Son of God”, evidently has been made from putting together pieces from their rendition of biblical truth in their series, “The Bible”, on TV. Her New Age background really gave us pause as well as the report that she has claimed to have spoken to her dead mother which is forbidden in scriptures.

I decided to research it myself and see what I could find about these Hollywood Christians who have produced this “evangelical tool” and are wowing

so many TV ministers and well-known evangelical leaders, some of whom are renting out whole theaters and giving out thousands of free tickets. Nowhere does the Bible say that evangelism is using the world’s marketing tactics to win people to the gospel nor Fox studios in Hollywood, and certainly not a New Age makeover of the Bible.

The Bible does say that Satan disguises himself as an angel of light and deception and lies are his main tool and that in the end times many false teachers will come and that if time were not shortened even the elect would be deceived. Even though Roma calls herself a Christian, her New Age connections go deep and her production presents a Jesus that will appeal to the masses, “another Jesus” I believe.

This Jesus portrayed by handsome Portuguese actor Diogo Morgado, who is being proclaimed on social media as a “hot Jesus”, is very appealing physically with his white teeth and perfect features, and that was my first warning. Jesus was described in Isaiah 53:2 “...he hath no form or comeliness; and when we shall see Him, there is no beauty we should desire Him.” Jesus’ appeal wasn’t physical but everywhere this false Jesus went in the movie, he stood out from the crowd. Creative license was over-the-top in this movie.

The theme of the movie seems to be “Jesus came to change the world” rather than save men from their sin. The deity of Jesus was certainly played down. Peter had a bad attitude toward Jesus who had to practically beg Peter to follow him. Rather than worshiping Jesus when he pulled in the net full of fish, Peter said, “So what do we do now?” Jesus says “We’re going to

change the world.”

The emotional upper room scene with the disciples crying and Jesus suddenly having a surprising vision of the cross didn’t ring true either. Nothing was said about his blood being for forgiveness of sins. This movie doesn’t portray the true nature of Jesus and his holiness. He seemed more like a victim being crucified rather than laying down his life and no one being able to take it from him. I could go on and on with examples if there were room.

Guess Roma had to get something in to please the women’s libbers by having a woman named Mary follow the disciples everywhere and show more courage than the disciples, even rebuking them at one point. There just wasn’t a 13th disciple, folks, and it certainly wouldn’t have been practical for a woman to have been hanging out 24/7 with twelve men in the desert.

Satan’s way is also to mix in truth with his lies, but Satan, as a character, has been left out of this movie completely, mainly because he was too much of a problem in the series they made with all the brouhaha about him looking like Obama.

The red flags for me were many. The first weekend the movie earned more than \$25 million, but this movie by a new age mystic, produced in Hollywood by Fox studios isn’t where I want to get my knowledge of Jesus, though many are going and praising it. I did go see it but wouldn’t recommend it.

Jesus said in John 8:31-32 “...if ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make ye free.” Be Bereans and search out the truth in God’s word for the real Jesus.

Understanding UN Agenda 21

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At the March 13, 2014, Royal Gorge Tea Party meeting, Commissioner Debbie Bell was asked a question about Agenda 21, and her response was, “UN has no business in the world dictating to Fremont County, Colorado, what we do or not do here.” What a wonderful answer that was for the tea party participants to hear! However, Commissioner Bell either did not understand the question or she does not understand what UN Agenda 21 is. Her record as a Fremont County commissioner has absolutely helped implement many Agenda 21 initiatives at the local level.

Governor Hickenlooper’s bottom-up program is the implementation of public-private partnerships which is one of the main goals for economic change in Agenda 21 as it will eliminate free enterprise. Granted, Commissioner Bell, this did not come directly from the UN, but keep in mind that President Clinton signed this into law in 1993 by executive order, and since then every cabinet agency has been slowly implementing the program.

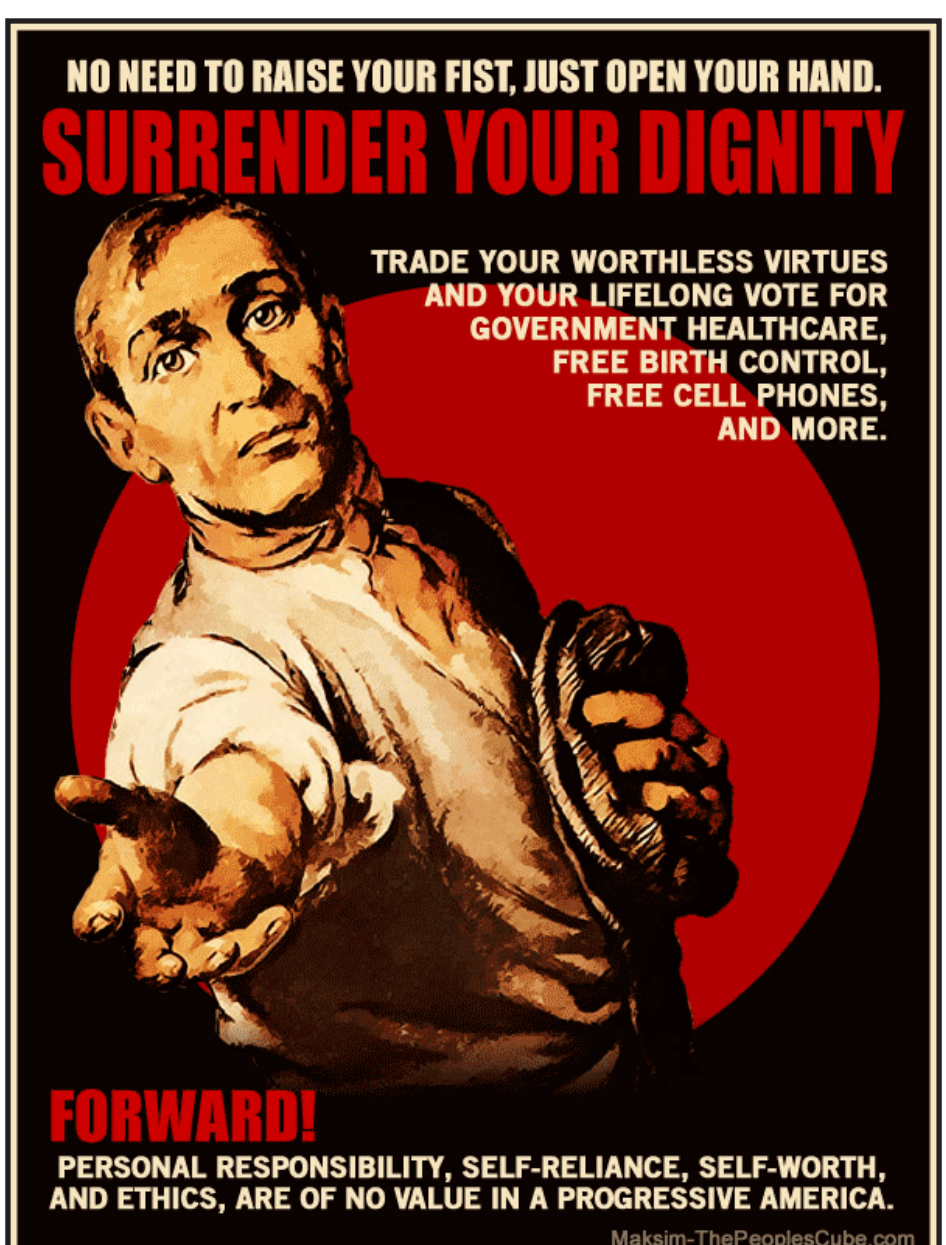
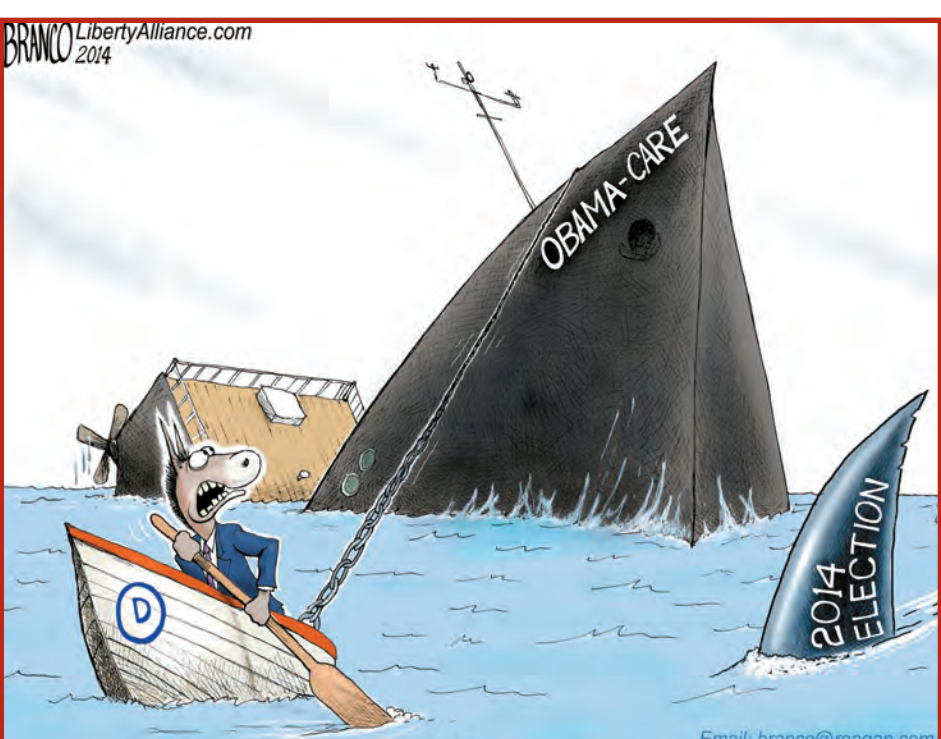
Another item that Commissioner Bell has no problem with is the International Building Codes, which is also an Agenda 21 goal. Another goal is for government at all levels to own more and more property and land. Did not Commissioner Bell just vote to buy the Garden Park High School from the Cañon City School District? From one government agency to another, this keeps this property out of the hands of private enterprise. Then there is that prime piece of real estate called Path Finder Park, which is being kept out of the hands of private enterprise and in government coffers. This begs me to ask the question of all our elected officials, not just Commissioner Bell, “Do you really know what Agenda 21 is?”

There are so many different ways this agenda is being implemented by our government that it will cause your head to spin. Some of the key terms to watch for are: sustainable development, wildland projects, smart growth, and of course, the three “E”s—equity, economy, and environment. No agency will come right out and say they are implementing UN

Agenda 21 because they use the same answer that Commissioner Bell gave the Tea Party. This attack on our individual freedoms, smaller government, and our Constitution is very real, and because our elected officials are asleep at the wheel, it is being accomplished as you read this article. The really sad thing is many of the organizations that train our city, county, and state elected officials drank the Kool-Aid and have bought into Agenda 21. U.S. Mayors Conference, National Association of County Administrators, National League of Cities, and International City/County Management Group are just a few.

This is an election year. We must ask the right questions of our candidates, and we must insist that they become educated on any subject that would increase taxes and enlarge the government at any level. They must test everything they do against the Constitution. I would also add we need to elect folks who are not afraid to challenge the different programs the state and federal folks want to implement at our expense.

Please, be informed; get involved!



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Finally, A Glimpse of Political Sense

Abolish the IRS. That's what Texas Republican Senator Ted Cruz is saying. Abolish the IRS. This is far and away the best idea that a credible politician has come up with in a long time. Abolish the IRS. The IRS is an unconstitutional agency that has assumed the authority and power of what amounts to secret police in countries that whip their people into submission using fear and intimidation. The IRS is a so-called federal agency that has the extra-constitutional authority where the individual--you the taxpayer--is guilty until proven innocent. It has the power to seize your property, take your money from your bank account, and ruin your life. Cruz wants to abolish the IRS. Good start!

Cruz addressed the annual 2014 Conservative Political Action Committee (CPAC) with a bundle of good ideas to set the country back on the right track. Included in them were repealing socialist healthcare, auditing the Federal Reserve, and ending the massive transfer of wealth imbedded in

the White House programs and policies. Cruz jokingly told the CPAC crowd, "By virtue of your being here today, tomorrow each and every one of you is going to be audited by the IRS." Trouble is, it is not out of the context of truth that very harassment could happen. It has happened in other ways and in other venues. For Cruz to make this the centerpiece of his political aspirations takes leadership and courage.

Think about the word "corruption." One of its meanings: "dishonest or fraudulent conduct by those in power." The occupant of the Oval Office told Bill O'Reilly during an interview on Super Bowl Sunday that "there was not even a smidgen of corruption" in his administration regarding the IRS. Cruz said that the word doesn't mean what the U.S. president must think it means. Over 200 organizations were prevented by the IRS from non-profit status for their conservative missions. The IRS official in charge of that, Lois Lerner, once

again Tuesday invoked the 5th Amendment in testimony before the House Oversight Committee for fear of self-incrimination--maybe White House incrimination.

Cruz should be applauded for his stance. We need elected officials that make definitive statements that are understandable and can be held accountable. As is written in James 5:12, "But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yes be yes and your no, no, lest you fall into condemnation." Cruz offered a glimpse of political sense. Now I know all the "in the know" people are going to come out of the woodwork with all sorts of reasons why Cruz is a bad idea. But you know something? We have to start somewhere. Keep in mind that scandal-ridden heavyweight Chris Christie got a standing ovation at CPAC.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
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Gallagher Revisited

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Colorado's infamous "Gallagher amendment" turns 32-years-old this year. Although it was originally designed to protect homeowners from skyrocketing property taxes, it has instead resulted in consequences that were neither intended, nor anticipated by the citizens of Colorado when it was adopted in 1982.

For businesses in rural Colorado, it poses a serious threat. In rural Colorado, in particular, commercial properties are often plagued by seasonal economies and weak sales. Tourism based economies will often make the majority of their sales seasonally, during the short Colorado summer, while their taxes and other fixed operational costs are a constant throughout the year. High commercial taxes drive up rents, drive down commercial property values, and often catch new property owners off-guard during bi-annual reassessments. Commercial properties with the highest assessments locally see their tax bills begin at over \$1,000 per month, with some locally averaging over \$15,000 annually. Many other local business owners pay in the range of \$500 per month on their commercial taxes. Vacant land owners, with the exception of agricultural land, are slapped with the same higher assessment rates as commercial properties. Gallagher's unintended consequences have now resulted in commercial and other non-residentially assessed properties having to bear a tax burden of 3.64 times that of the average homeowner, for each \$1,000 in assessed value.

According to a November 2013 Gallup poll, of America's five most hated taxes, property taxes rank number one at 42%. It's no surprise in Colorado that most business and vacant land owners feel the same way. Utilizing property taxes in the state, it has now become impossible to obtain a reliable means of funding "that would spread the financial impact on a reasonable and fair basis to those who would benefit from the services of the taxing entity." As such, this language should be removed from the local hospital district's 1988 service plan.

As early as 1998, the state

house acknowledges, in failed HB-1242, the issues that Gallagher had given rise to: "The 'Gallagher amendment' has had an adverse impact on the property tax base supporting public education in this state, especially in rural areas, by placing the tax base on an irreversible downward trajectory. The 'Gallagher amendment' has also had an extremely severe impact on the state's small businesses and has caused the property tax paid by businesses to become the sixth highest in the nation."

A 2012 Tax Foundation study, based on FY 2010, more than a decade later, shows Colorado as then ranked fourth in the nation, in the share of property taxes collected from Commercial/Industrial vs. Residential classifications, with Colorado businesses being out-taxed by only New York, Hawaii and Massachusetts.

The "Gallagher amendment" mandates that the assessment ratio for commercial/industrial property be fixed at 29%, while the residential rate is meant to be adjusted bi-annually to provide 45% of the total amount of state property tax. Thus non-residential properties, at the fixed 29% assessment, bear the remaining 55% of the total tax burden in the state.

As new residential growth in the state exploded, the residential assessment rate fell from 21% in 1982, to 12.28% in 1995, and to its lowest rate of 7.96% in 2005, where it remains today. According to a Colorado State University study drafted in 2009; 77% of properties were residential, compared to 23% non-residential in 2008. The existing 77/23 split was then redistributed, according to the mandated 45/55 formula for taxation purposes. The resulting re-distribution of the tax burden can only be described as inequitable and unfair to Colorado Businesses.

To make matters worse, the Tax Payers Bill of Rights, (TABOR) was adopted in 1992; and the constitutional amendments are in conflict with one another. Whereas the "Gallagher amendment" requires that the rate be adjusted (up or down) to achieve the residential target percentage, TABOR requires voter approval for an assessment ratio increase for a property class.

In layman's terms, this means that in 2001 and then again in 2007 and every reporting period since, the residential assessment rate should have gone up according to the "Gallagher amendment", which would have required voter approval by TABOR. Instead, the Colorado General Assembly has continued to re-enact the previous residential assessment rates bi-annually, rather than to ask the voters to address the serious issues at hand. Why hasn't any new ballot initiative made it on the ballot to address Gallagher? State politicians have said it would be attempting the impossible; implying that the majority, being residential voters, would never overturn Gallagher; nor completely overturn TABOR; or even approve a single assessment rate increase on residential properties. So for nearly all of the past thirteen years, (with the exception of 2005 when rates again dropped), our elected representatives have continued to re-enact the previous residential assessment rates. Apparently, they could never hope to convince the majority of the voters in Colorado to right the Gallagher wrong, which would then lead to higher residential property taxes to more equitably pay for the goods and services of our local governments, special taxing districts and schools.

The official 2013-14 state bi-annual report notes, that "This is the sixth time that the study resulted in a residential assessment rate calculation greater than the rate most recently enacted into law." For eight of the past ten years now, the residential assessment rate should have risen and would be rising to 9.13%, for tax years 2015-2016, were it not for TABOR. One has to wonder what the overall impact to our local community, its merchants and our taxing entities has been.

For those who are thinking of owning a commercial property in Colorado, get the facts and seek financial and legal counsel beforehand. Having an understanding of these facts makes it is easy to see that property tax increases are a lose/lose proposition for our small businesses in rural Colorado, no matter how great the apparent need.



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Senate Rejects Obama's Cop Killer Advocate Debo Adegbile as Head of Justice Department's Civil Rights Division

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(Editor/GG: Our left-wing U.S. Senators, Udall and Bennet, of course, voted FOR this racist bigot. Oh, I forgot, if you are black you can't be a racist. Wake up Colorado, and get rid of these socialists. They are destroying our country.)

The fact that Obama chose Debo Adegbile for this post in the first place shows how much of a subversive hater of American values the egotist in the White House really is. Mumia Abu-Jamal murdered a policeman in cold blood. He has been a cause celebre among the left, and they have tried numerous times to get him freed, but he is still in prison because the evidence is so overwhelming that he is guilty. And Obama wanted an advocate for this murderer to be head of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division. It shows how much he values our nation's police officers.

Heartfelt thanks to all Atlas readers who saw my earlier post and called and wrote your Senators. You made this happen. You showed the power of the people.

“Senate rejects Obama appointment of Debo Adegbile to top civil rights post,” Washington Post, March 5, 2014:

Opponents of President Obama's nominee to head the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division prevailed in blocking his confirmation Wednesday, as he failed to clear a procedural hurdle.

Several Senate Democrats joined with Republicans in voting against Debo Adegbile, whose nomination was adamantly and vocally opposed by conservatives due to his participation in an appeal filed on behalf of Mumia Abu-Jamal — an internationally-known prisoner convicted of the 1981 murder of Philadelphia police officer Daniel Faulkner.

The vote was expected to be close — with Vice President Biden on hand to potentially cast a tie-breaking vote — but the final tally was 47-52 in opposition to the appointment.

In total, eight Democrats voted against confirmation in the final tally. Initially, seven Democrats voted against confirmation and Majority Leader Harry M. Reid (D-Nev.) — who initially voted in favor of confirmation — later switched his vote to no, giving him the right as Senate leader

to bring up the nomination again at a later date.

Adegbile becomes the first Obama nominee rejected under the new Senate procedures approved in November that require just a majority of senators present to agree to proceed to a vote on most presidential nominees.

In a statement released following the vote, Obama blasted the senators who voted against Adegbile's nomination, saying they “denied the American people an outstanding public servant.”

“The Senate's failure to confirm Debo Adegbile to head the Civil Rights Division at the Department of Justice is a travesty based on wildly unfair character attacks against a good and qualified public servant,” Obama said, later adding: “As a lawyer, Mr. Adegbile has played by the rules. And now, Washington politics have used the rules against him.”

Other Democrats who voted against the Obama nominee were Chris Coons (Del.), Bob Casey (Pa.), Mark Pryor (Ark.), Heidi Heitkamp (N.D.), Joe Manchin (W.V.), Joe Donnelly (Ind.) and John Walsh (Mont.).

“I made a conscientious decision after talking to the wife of the victim,” Manchin told reporters. But the senator, who usually likes engaging with reporters, was otherwise tight-lipped on his decision, saying repeatedly that “I made a conscientious decision.”

The decision by seven Democrats to buck their party leadership and the White House caused a rare split in the Democratic caucus, which usually votes in lock-step on Obama's nominees. A senior aide to one of the senators who voted against the pick said several offices were “very angry” with the White House for moving ahead with the Adegbile nomination even though they knew it created an unnecessarily uncomfortable and politically treacherous vote for several vulnerable Democrats in tough reelection races this year.

“It's a vote you didn't have to take. It's a 30-second ad that writes itself,” said the aide, who asked for anonymity in order to speak frankly.

Adegbile, 47, spent more than a decade working for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, where he served as the group's in-house voting rights expert. The legal defense fund began its work

on Abu-Jamal's behalf well before Adegbile began working for it, however he did contribute to the filing of a 2009 court brief that argued that Abu-Jamal faced a discriminatory jury — an appeal later found to have merit by a judge.

But, that participation in Abu-Jamal's appeals, opponents including Faulkner's widow have argued, should disqualify him from holding any publicly appointed position in the justice system.

Several prominent Republicans, including Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), took the floor Wednesday to speak in opposition to the nomination and in hopes of swaying vulnerable Democrats facing re-election in red states.

Prominent Democrats — including members of the Congressional Black Caucus — have defended Adegbile's nomination and resume, arguing that his lengthy history of work on voting rights issues made him supremely qualified for the post.

In the final speech before the vote, Reid called the GOP opposition to Adegbile “an affront to what it means to live in America,” and — noting Adegbile's history with working on voting rights cases — said it is part of a larger Republican strategy to disenfranchise minority and impoverished voters.

“They want fewer voting people. They don't want people to vote and they especially don't want poor people to vote.” Reid said.

But in the end, it was the votes of Democrats — not those of Republicans — that doomed Adegbile's nomination.

“At a time when the Civil Rights Division urgently needs better relations with the law enforcement community, I was troubled by the idea of voting for an Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights who would face such visceral opposition from law enforcement on his first day on the job,” Coons said, in a statement released after the vote. “The vote I cast today was one of the most difficult I have taken since joining the Senate, but I believe it to be right for the people I represent.”

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Gov Report: Up To ONE MILLION Jobs Will Be Lost Due to Minimum Wage Hike

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A few weeks ago the Congressional Budget Office, which is responsible for the accounting and reporting associated with federal legislation and regulations, estimated that the Affordable Care Act would raise national budget deficits by \$1 trillion and lead to the destruction of some 2.5 million jobs.

But the new health insurance mandates and the pressure they will put on America's businesses aren't the only challenges facing an already dwindling labor force.

Earlier this month President Obama raised the minimum wage for federal workers through an Executive Order that will take effect on January 1, 2015. He promised to push through a similar mandate for the private sector. However, just because minimum wage workers in America will see a roughly \$3 increase in their hourly pay doesn't necessarily mean that they'll be better off than today.

According to the CBO, the wage hike is going to do exactly the opposite of its intended purpose. Not only can we expect businesses to almost immediately raise prices on the goods and services they offer in order to offset the wage hikes, but it will end up costing the American economy even more jobs in the long run.

Once fully implemented in the second half of 2016, the \$10.10 option would reduce total employment by about 500,000 workers, or 0.3 percent, CBO projects. As with any such estimates, however, the actual losses could be smaller or larger; in CBO's assessment, there is about a two-thirds chance that the effect would be in the range between a very slight reduction in employment and a reduction in employment of 1.0 million workers.

It's not just about the job losses, however. The re-

port also discusses how the wage increase itself will put many Americans who are currently making \$7.25 an hour above the federal poverty threshold. This sounds great on paper, but given that prices for just about everything will inevitably rise, those people will be paying more for essential goods and services. Moreover, anyone whose income jumps above that poverty threshold will likely lose many of the government benefits they receive for being below the poverty line. They'll see their healthcare costs go up because they will be making more money and they'll also lose full or partial access to food stamps, rental assistance and other social services.

Increasing the minimum wage would have two principal effects on low-wage workers. Most of them would receive higher pay that would increase their family's income, and some of those families would see their income rise above the federal poverty threshold.

But some jobs for low-wage workers would probably be eliminated, the income of most workers who became jobless would fall substantially, and the share of low-wage workers who were employed would probably fall slightly.

While a recent poll suggests that the majority of Americans support a minimum wage hike, they more than likely haven't gotten the whole story. In fact, the Obama administration's response to the CBO's report was to totally downplay the warnings.

In a blog post at WhiteHouse.gov, the White House Council of Economic Advisers cited Seven Nobel Prize Winners, eight former Presidents of the American Economic Association, and over 600 other economists to support their claims that the wage hike would actually result in more job creation. They base this assessment on new “academic literature”

which suggests that there will be no negative impact and that there will probably be no job losses at all.

The bulk of academic studies, have concluded that the effects on employment of minimum wage increases in the range now under consideration are likely to be small to nonexistent.

While most people would love to believe that simply forcing employers to pay people more money will fix the problem and increase the wealth of individual Americans, it's notable that White House economic advisers and experts promoted the economic benefits of the Affordable Care Act in similar fashion.

The American people were told that they could keep their existing healthcare plans, that their rates would go down, and that all of their medical needs, including pre-existing conditions and specialty drug requirements, would be met.

Just months after the launch of the so-called Obamacare initiative, however, Americans are beginning to see the big picture. Rates have tripled, insurance plans for millions have been cancelled, children dependent on life-saving care no longer have coverage for their pre-existing conditions, and the system itself may well detonate due to unmanageable costs before year's end.

The same experts who told Americans that the Affordable Care Act would improve economic conditions and healthcare are now citing the very same economic panels to convince us that a wage increase will be beneficial to economic progress and income equality.

How do you think that's going to turn out?

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*The holy passion of Friendship
is of so sweet and steady
and loyal and enduring a
nature that it will last through
a whole lifetime,
if not asked to lend money.*

~Mark Twain

The 'Incredible' Thing an 8-Year-Old Boy Did for a Soldier Will Be Remembered For 'A Lifetime'

by Oliver Darcy,
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(Editor/GG: As Obama destroys our military with budget cuts and 100,000 plus layoffs, a little American hero does what a true American would do....)

Like most 8-year-olds, Myles Eckert was already dreaming up ways he could spend a \$20 bill he had just discovered laying in a Cracker Barrel parking lot earlier this month.

"I kind of wanted to get a video game, but then I decided not to," the child recounted to CBS News.

That's because Eckert saw Lt. Col. Frank Dailey enter the restaurant. The man in uniform changed his mind.

Why?

"Because he was a soldier, and soldiers remind me of my dad," Eckert explained to CBS.

So, instead of purchasing something for himself, Eckert did something very different on February 7. Something Dailey says he will remember for "a lifetime."

The 8-year-old boy wrapped the \$20 bill in a note he had authored to the soldier.

"Dear Soldier — my dad was a soldier. He's in heaven now," the note said. "I found this 20 dollars in the parking lot when we got here. We like to pay it forward in my family. It's your lucky day! Thank you for your service. Myles Eckert, a gold-star kid."

Eckert's father, Army Sgt. Andy Eckert, had been killed in Iraq when he was only a few weeks old. The 8-year-old can only think of what he was like.

"I imagine him as a really nice person and somebody that would be really fun,"

he told CBS News.

That February day, Eckert even asked his mother to go visit his father.

"He wanted to go see his dad," said his mother Tiffany. "And he wanted to go by himself that day."

She took a photograph of her son visiting his father's grave.

Dailey, touched by the Eckert's gesture, said he looks at the note he received each day.

"It's incredible being recognized in such a manner," he said, adding that the child's simple gift has provided him "a lifetime of direction."

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OBAMACARE SCARE: The Real Reason Udall's Nervous about Obamacare Numbers

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

Today, Rep. Cory Gardner, now running for the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate, told 850KOA that Democrats were running around like their "hair was on fire" and for good reason — liberal Sen. Mark Udall's numbers look worse than we even knew. According to an article in today's Wall Street Journal:

About a month ago, he told officials at the National Republican Senatorial Committee he was considering a bid. The group conducted a poll and showed Mr. Gardner the encouraging results: Mr. Obama's disapproval ratings had jumped to 53%, compared with 42% in April 2013. Asked if Mr. Udall deserved re-election, 37% said yes; 52% said another candidate should be given a chance.

That's a far cry from the 50+1 necessary to win. But, wait, it gets worse.

As we've reported, liberal

Sen. Mark Udall was one of the deciding votes that helped to pass Obamacare. That's why when 335,000 Coloradans' lost their health insurance due to Udall's votes, he freaked out. But, one math equation shows just how dire this situation is for Udall.

In 2010, Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate Ken Buck lost to appointed U.S. Senator Michael Bennet by fewer than 30,000 votes. As Buck has admitted, it wasn't his best race. If just 10% of those who have lost their insurance due to Udall's vote flip from voting for a Democrat in the 2014 election to voting for a Republican, Udall's goose is cooked. Given the loud and thunderous backlash against Obamacare in Colorado and nationally, the number of switchers



Colorado's U.S. Senate Candidate Cory Gardner

courtesy photo

could be far greater than 33,500 votes if the Republican U.S. Senate candidate runs a decent campaign.

A seismic shift indeed.

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Former Central Banker Admits "[They] Are Making It Up As They Go Along"

by Tim Price, ZeroHedge.com (via Sovereign Man blog)

A few weeks ago, William White (former economist at the Bank of England, the Bank of Canada, and Bank of International Settlements) made a frank admission.

And while we search for assets whose prices are less obviously distorted by malign government intervention, it's refreshing to hear a mea culpa from a member of the economics "profession".

White said: "The analytical underpinnings of what we [mainstream economists] do are actually pretty shaky. A reflection of that fact, is that virtually every aspect you can think of with respect to monetary policy, about best practice, has changed and changed repetitively over the course of the last 50 years. So, this stuff ain't science.

"Think about what's happened recently. One, its completely unprecedented. People are making it up as they go along. This is hard-

ly science — building on the pillars of the past.

"Secondly, what they've been making up as they go along actually differs across central banks [The Bundesbank, for example, is fighting the threat of high inflation, whereas the Fed is more concerned about the prospect of deflation]. They can't even agree amongst themselves about what's the best way to do things.

"I'm becoming more and more convinced that all of

the models we use are basically useless.

"It's surprising that we've had this huge crisis that the mainstream didn't predict. It's gone on for years, which the mainstream absolutely didn't predict. I would have thought this was a basis for a fundamental rethink about what we used to think we believed. But that hasn't happened.

"The policies that we've followed — on the monetary side at least — since

2007 are just more of the same demand-stimulating policies that we've been following, I think, erroneously, for the last 30 years.

"We've got the potential to do so much harm by not getting the creation of fiat credit and money right. We've got the capacity to do so much harm that we should be focusing much more on making sure that doesn't happen."

Doctors at least have the Hippocratic Oath: first, do no harm. If only econo-

mists and central bankers had a similar ethic.

But they don't. So they continue 'making it up as they go along', as Mr. White suggests, applying failed ideas with impunity and continued authority to an unquestioning public.

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~Mark Twain



The Second Amendment Corner Liberty's Line in the Sand

2014



Connecticut Patriot Forewarned Lawmakers about Gun Registration: "I Will Not Comply"

by Tim Brown,
FreedomOutpost.com

(Editor/GG: More on the Connecticut gun confiscation debacle, a citizen stands up to tyranny. Where do you stand?)

With the current situation in Connecticut, where state lawmakers have legislated gun registration, tens of thousands have determined not to register their weapons and the state has threatened to confiscate them and arrest individuals if they do not register or turn them in, I thought a word from patriot John S. Cinque was in order. His words echo the founding fathers and Mike Vanderboegh of Connecticut's Sipsey Street Irregulars, and were a foreshadowing of what is taking place now.

Mr. Cinque appeared in North Haven, Connecticut, on April 22, 2013, and asked if there was anything in the bill that was signed into law that would have prevented the Sandy Hook shooting.

While there is obvious stuttering from those he addressed, he confidently replied, "I know the answer," but he wanted to hear it from those supporting the bill.

"Maybe not," came the reply from Connecticut Republican State Representative David Yaccarino. "But what this bill does is it says that if you are a gun owner and you have someone in your house that is ineligible to have a permit for a gun there is strict liability on you, if you don't properly lock up the gun. So if you have someone in your household who has mental health issues or a felon...."

"So it's not going to prevent the next shooting," Cinque interrupted.

The point is clear: Adam Lanza is reported to have committed a crime, namely killing his mother and then stealing her guns in order to facilitate mass murder (at least according to the official story). This bill would do nothing to stop another incident like this one. Some may claim that had the guns been locked up, it wouldn't have occurred, but that is merely speculation. That would depend on what type of gun safe they were in. Should they have been in one of the cheaper, almost tin-like safes, then

they would have been easily accessible.

Cinque rightly points out that this is an unconstitutional law. He then goes down the list: "You register your AR, you register your magazines and you say we can keep everything we have, but it's not going to prevent the next Sandy Hook, correct? It's a simple 'Yes' or 'No.'"

"We don't know that definitively," Yaccarino said.

"You absolutely know that," Cinque retorted.

Then came Cinque's ultimate question, "What are you going to do about those of us who will not comply with this law?"

Without really answering the question, the politician he addressed responded, "As far as Sandy Hook, we don't know what....but we also have an obligation to do our best to protect public safety."

Actually elected officials' obligation is to protect the liberties of their people and bring justice on evil doers, not "protect public safety."

Cinque responded, "So I'm a thirty-year public servant, twenty-year fireman, OK? United States Navy veteran, upstanding citizen all my life with three children, and with the stroke of a pen from the ivory tower, with the gold top, you've decided to create me to be a felon; a Class D felony, for doing absolutely nothing wrong."

Thunderous applause erupted from the crowd gathered in New Haven.

"It's wrong," Cinque continued.

Apparently the lawmaker couldn't understand how Cinque would become a felon. However, Mr. Cinque said he would choose not to comply with the law. "That's your right," responded the representative.

Wait a minute, what about Cinque's right to not have government restrict or regulate his guns? To keep and bear arms? Nothing is said about registration, which we all know leads to confiscation.

The politician attempted to justify the consequences that Cinque laid out by saying it was "his choice."

"OK, so since we're going down the course of China, why don't we pass a law

from the ivory tower up there that we can only have one child, so that I have to choose which one of my two children I have to kill because I can only have one child now," Cinque said, obviously frustrated.

"That wasn't our intent," responded the representative.

Ah, yes, the road to Hell is paved with those, aren't they?

"It's exactly your intent," Cinque retorted.

Cinque continued by pointing out how the lawmakers have called such legislation a "good first step," but he pointed out that they will never stop and the insinuation was until they take the guns from the citizenry. "I'm telling you right now, I will never vote for any of you again. I'm done, and you've lost everyone's vote in this place."

"You think you've saved us by this 'great thing,'" Cinque continued. "Let 'em pass all this. Let 'em do it, because people it's unconstitutional."

Of course, the legislator said it wasn't unconstitutional, but Cinque asked him to provide the definition of the Second Amendment and Section 1, Article 15.

Connecticut Republican State Senator Len Fasano came up and attempted to basically say that Cinque's concerns really were unfounded because he "knows what goes on at the Capitol" and citizens don't. He even claimed that they would not be passing new gun legislation next year which would be 2014. How did that work out for you, Connecticut? Cinque called it and the politicians apparently don't know jack when it comes to how things are done...., or do they?

Fasano then appealed to the fact that Obamacare was declared constitutional by the Supreme Court. Do you understand how twisted that is?

Cinque countered, "Yeah, but the Second Amendment is in the Constitution. It's a right. It's not a driver's license or a privilege. Healthcare is not a right either. We are talking about a right that 'shall not be infringed.'"

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Church Advertises AR-15 Giveaway With a Very Interesting Bible Verse

by Dave Urbanski, *TheBlaze.com*

(Editor/GG: Surprise, surprise, surprise. A church standing up to tyranny.)

A New York church is planning to give away an AR-15 during a service later this month.

To announce the giveaway, Grace Baptist Church in Troy, N.Y. distributed a flier proclaiming, "Win a FREE AR-15" and just below that, "...my peace I give unto you... John 14:27."

Church attendance is required to win the gun. The flier states that Grace Baptist "reserves the right to disqualify those of questionable character" and that all applicants must be 18 or older and will be subject to a federal background check.

The church pastor didn't respond to an interview request from WNYT-TV.

Pastor Willie Bacote of the Missing Link Ministry said the church has no business giving away a gun.

"Even though they have the disclaimer there of questionable character and background checks, I don't believe the church should serve in that capacity of arming people in any particular way, except through the word of God," Bacote told WNYT, adding that he's been working toward getting guns out of his community.

Troy City Councilwoman Lynn Kopka said there has to be a better way to get people to worship, but

SEIZING GUNS: Bloomberg's Ultimate Goal Revealed – Confiscate Guns From Law-Abiding Citizens

by *ColoradoPeakPolitics*

Former Mayor of New York and Hickenlooper BFF, Michael Bloomberg, is after more than just restricting guns, he wants to take them from law-abiding citizens.

Current Mayor of Poughkeepsie, New York and former member of the Bloomberg-led Mayors Against Illegal Guns (MAIG), John Tkazyik, came out with an op-ed last week that explains why he is no longer with MAIG

Image source: Grace Baptist Church

Republican state Assemblyman Steve McLaughlin — who's slated to speak at the event — said he doesn't understand the controversy.

"It's a legal product. Churches raffle off items all the time. My church has a \$10,000 raffle every single year," he told WNYT. "I mean, I don't know how it's a controversy, quite honestly, that law-abiding, church-going citizens of New York that are legal gun owners are taking part in a raffle to raise funds for a church."

Troy Police spokesman Capt. John Cooney told WNYT the department recognizes the "uniqueness" of the gun giveaway, but that the church is within its right to do so as long as

laws are followed.

"We recognize the uniqueness of the gun giveaway and expect full compliance by the church relative to all applicable rules and guidelines attached to the matter. We balance our oversight with respect of the Second Amendment rights provided to our citizens; the United States Constitution is the foundation of the work we do," Cooney said in a statement.

So what's your take on church's gun giveaway and the Bible verse used in the flier?

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(via The Washington Free Beacon):

I'm no longer a member of MAIG. Why? Just as Ronald Reagan said of the Democratic Party, it left me. And I'm not alone: Nearly 50 pro-Second Amendment mayors have left the organization. They left for the same reason I did. MAIG became a vehicle for Bloomberg to promote his personal gun-control agenda...

...It did not take long to realize that MAIG's agen-

da was much more than ridding felons of illegal guns; that under the guise of helping mayors facing a crime and drug epidemic, MAIG intended to promote confiscation of guns from law-abiding citizens. [the Peak emphasis]

One has to wonder whether the 1,000 mayors across America, and the 11 here in Colorado (Boulder, Denver, Englewood, Golden, Lakewood, Louisville,

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Federal Court Sides With School Over Cinco de Mayo Dress Code: Students Can't Show US Flag on Shirt During Cinco de Mayo - Might Upset Hispanics

by Kim Paxton,
FreedomOutPost.com

Maybe the flame under the melting pot is burning so hot that our own national identity has...I don't know...melted?

In Northern California last year, students wearing t-shirts bearing an American flag were asked to turn them inside out. Wait a second...Northern California is still in America, right? Yeah, that's what I thought.

Anyhow, these American kids had the utter audacity to wear a shirt proclaiming their American-ness on May 5, otherwise known as Cinco de Mayo. Cinco de Mayo...that's not American, is it? Oh - nope, it's Mexican.

So, in order to keep from ticking off the Mexican kids at the American school celebrating a Mexican holiday, the American kids had to hide the symbol of their own culture they had opted to wear, a flag of the country that the Mexican kids were celebrating the Mexican holiday in. Did you get all of that?

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the school's decision to have the kids turn their shirts inside out to keep from making the Mexican kids mad.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the officials' concerns of racial violence outweighed students' freedom of expres-

sion rights. Administrators feared the American-flag shirts would enflame the passions of Latino students celebrating the Mexican holiday. Live Oak High School, in the San Jose suburb of Morgan Hill, had a history of problems between white and Latino students on that day.

The unanimous three-judge panel said past problems gave school officials sufficient and justifiable reasons for their actions. The court said schools have wide latitude in curbing certain civil rights to ensure campus safety.

"Our role is not to second-guess the decision to have a Cinco de Mayo celebration or the precautions put in place to avoid violence," Judge M. Margaret McKeown wrote for the panel. The past events "made it reasonable for school officials to proceed as though the threat of a potentially violent disturbance was real," she wrote.

Just to be sure we all understand this clearly, let me break it down, point by point.

1. American kids wore American shirts...in America
2. Mexican kids celebrated a Mexican holiday...in America
3. American kids being American might make Mexican kids mad...

4. So Mexican kids get to be Mexican in America...

5. But American kids can't be American in America...

6. Because Mexican kids might uncontrollably become "enflamed" and start a fight.

In what world does this possibly make sense? How can people be expected to embrace diversity when that diversity is celebrated at the expense of our own heritage and national identity? If a holiday that celebrates the Mexican Army defeating the French in Mexico can be tolerated by the American kids, shouldn't the Mexican kids be required to behave themselves and not attempt to beat the tar out of the American kids for wearing a t-shirt proclaiming their own heritage?

We have become nothing more than an idiocracy of political correctness run horribly amok.

Hey, California! If you're attempting to teach acceptance of other cultures: **YOU'RE DOING IT WRONG!**

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**Familiarity breeds contempt
- and children.**

~Mark Twain

The New Face of Obama's Military

by The Common
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(Editor/GG: This is profoundly sad and disturbing. We see new degradations everyday. Politicizing the military is for one thing only, folks, and it ain't about protecting Americans from foreign enemies....)

This ain't your grandfather's military. It's not your father's or even your older brother or sister's military. Today's military, Obama's troops, look nothing like the military we have come to know, love and respect, and I feel so bad for our troops.

Obama's new military has become a politically correct social experiment. And those that don't buy into the "changes" are purged.

Over the past five years of Obama's reign, he has overseen the ouster, according to sources at WND, of approximately 200 generals, flag, and senior officers.

Many retired officers and war heroes have characterized Obama's actions as an all-out attack on our Armed Forces.

Senior, battle-hardened officers are being replaced with those who fit a diversity model and who will tow the new enlightened military line. Retired Navy Capt. and many times decorated war hero, Joseph John, summed it up. "The truly sad story is that many of the brightest graduates of the three major service academies witnessing what the social experiment on diversity is doing to the US military, are leaving the ser-

vice after five years. We are being left with an officer corps that can be made to be more compliant, that is, exactly what Obama needs to affect his long-range goals for the U.S. Military."

Rules of engagement have radically changed under Obama, resulting in much higher casualty rates, particularly for our special operators like the SEALs, Rangers and Delta.

One of the most egregious is the new edict of no suppression fire at landings. Troops are much more vulnerable at landing zones and suppression fire can quite literally be a lifesaver.

Capt. John explained to WND that, "physical fitness qualifications for tip of the spear units such as the Rangers, SEALs, Green Berets and combat infantry are being downgraded, so women can be placed in those units. Likewise, women have also been assigned to submarines and ships resulting in relationships at sea that have broken up military families."

Military dress regulations are being relaxed to allow the carrying of Muslim prayer beads, and the wearing of beards, turbans and longer hair. What's next? Baggy pants and high top sneakers?

The repeal of the "Don't Ask Don't Tell" policy has resulted in what Capt. John described as a massive amount of sexual assaults on straight personnel. All of which, he says, has been covered up.

Military chaplains have been hamstrung. Bases

are now hosting same-sex "marriages" and homosexual potluck suppers. Great!

Veteran healthcare has gone from bad to worse. If anyone wishes to see what Obamacare will really look like, check out the military and veterans fully government run healthcare system. It's a travesty!

But things aren't all bad. Entertainment for the troops is now more fun and diverse. Take for example, the recent entertainment at the Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, where homosexual service members dressed up as drag queens and lip-synced various songs.

The event was a fundraiser. Were they raising funds for the Wounded Warriors? No. Maybe for the Armed Forces Foundation, Special Ops Warrior Foundation, the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund or the Navy SEAL Foundation? No, nope, nada and negative.

It was a fundraiser for the Okinawa chapter of Out-Serve - a nonprofit advocate for the military LGBT community.

So, now you tell me. Say you're an adversary like North Korea, Iran, China or Russia. Is there any wonder why these guys no longer fear the United States and our hamstrung, politically correct, social experiment of a military?

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TOLD YOU SO: Study Finds Welfare Debit Cards Used at Marijuana Shops

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

File this under "we told you so". After Democrats refused to pass a commonsense bill that would prevent people from withdrawing state aid from ATMs at marijuana dispensaries, a KDVR investigative report found people doing exactly that:

In one month, records show 19 different marijuana retail stores had at least one welfare recipient walk into their business, insert a Quest debit card into an ATM machine inside the

store, then withdraw at least \$20 cash. [the Peak emphasis]

With threats of investigations from the federal government if it was found federal welfare money had been used to purchase marijuana, the bill proposed by Republicans to ban such a

practice had support from the retail marijuana community as well, as a follow-up report shows:

Marijuana dispensary owner Tim Cullen, who didn't install a private ATM inside his store like many other pot retailers, says his colleagues better watch out...

..."We'd like to avoid the federal government shutting down this amazing experiment that's been really successful in Colorado - based on the actions of a

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Michelle Obama: America's Moms are "Confused and Bewildered" Shopping at the Grocery Store

by Daisy Luther,
FreedomOutPost.com

(Editor/GG: How much can we take folks. This is from an incredibly arrogant woman who hasn't worked a day in her life and hasn't bought anything at a grocery store since her last Rev. Wright epiphany seven years ago. You poor, ignorant wives and mothers, only Moochelle can save you from your stressful days.....)

Are you frazzled and confused every time you go to the grocery store and attempt to strain your little brain to read those labels with all of the big, scary words? Do you stand in line, wringing your hands over the terrifying experience of trying to shop for your family? Is it a horribly trying experience, culminating in a paroxysm of anxiety at the checkout stand?

Well, thank goodness for us moms, the First Lady of the United States understands.

When she gave a speech on Thursday at the White House introducing the new and improved nutrition labels proposed by the Food and Drug Administration, she attempted to step from her image as the woman who takes the multi-million dollar taxpayer-funded vacations and who serves her dogs dinner with crystal and fine china.

Moms of America, Michelle Obama understands how hard it is to navigate those baffling and scary food labels with all of those great big words, and she's got your back. Grocery shopping no longer has to be traumatic.

So there you stood, alone in some aisle in a store, the clock ticking away at the precious little time remaining to complete your weekly grocery shopping,

and all you could do was scratch your head, confused and bewildered, and wonder, is there too much sugar in this product? Is 50 percent of the daily allowance of riboflavin a good thing or a bad thing? And how on Earth could this teeny little package contain five whole servings?

This stream of questions and worries running through your head when all you really wanted to know was, should I be eating this or not? Is this good for my kids or not? And if it is healthy, how much of it should I be eating? But unless you had a thesaurus, a calculator, a microscope, or a degree in nutrition, you were out of luck. So you felt defeated, and you just gave up and went back to buying the same stuff you always buy.

And that's a familiar scenario for far too many families and parents trying to do the right thing for their kids — and it's simply not acceptable.

Well, here's the real issue with labels, Mrs. Obama. Not only did you fail miserably with your insulting attempt to "relate" with us mere mortals, you did nothing but espouse the propaganda of the Big Food giants that helped foot the bill to elect your husband. We certainly can't tell the truth about our corporate cronies, now, can we?

Despite Mrs. Obama's condescending attempt to obscure the facts with folksy rhetoric, here are a few things her new labels won't do:

1. The labels don't tell you how much the food manufacturers had to pay to get the deadly carcinogenic ingredients which are banned in other countries to be approved by the FDA as GRAS (Generally Recog-

nized As Safe) in the US

2. The labels don't tell you whether you're feeding your child glyphosate because the GMO contents have been so heavily sprayed with the herbicide.

3. The labels straight out LIE, touting AMA approval and referring to things as "heart smart" when the "food" is highly processed, chemical laden, stripped of naturally-occurring nutrients and "enriched" with indigestible fake vitamins and minerals.

4. The labels don't warn you about the growth hormones, the antibiotics, or the GMO feed that the animal was given.

5. The labels like to cheer about the item being low calorie but the problem is, the calories that are being stripped are the ones with the vital nutrients - and those are being replaced with neurotoxins like MSG and artificial sweeteners.

6. The labels don't tell you if the contents contain the FDA's allowable amount of rodent feces.

Here's the thing about labels. If you want to make healthy choices for your family – don't look for labels TELLING you something is healthy. Look for things without any labels at all because real food doesn't have a UPC code. If you're buying real food, you won't have to read an ingredients list because there is only one ingredient in the item: fruits, vegetables, meats, milk, and rice for example.

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A Sheepdog Barks!

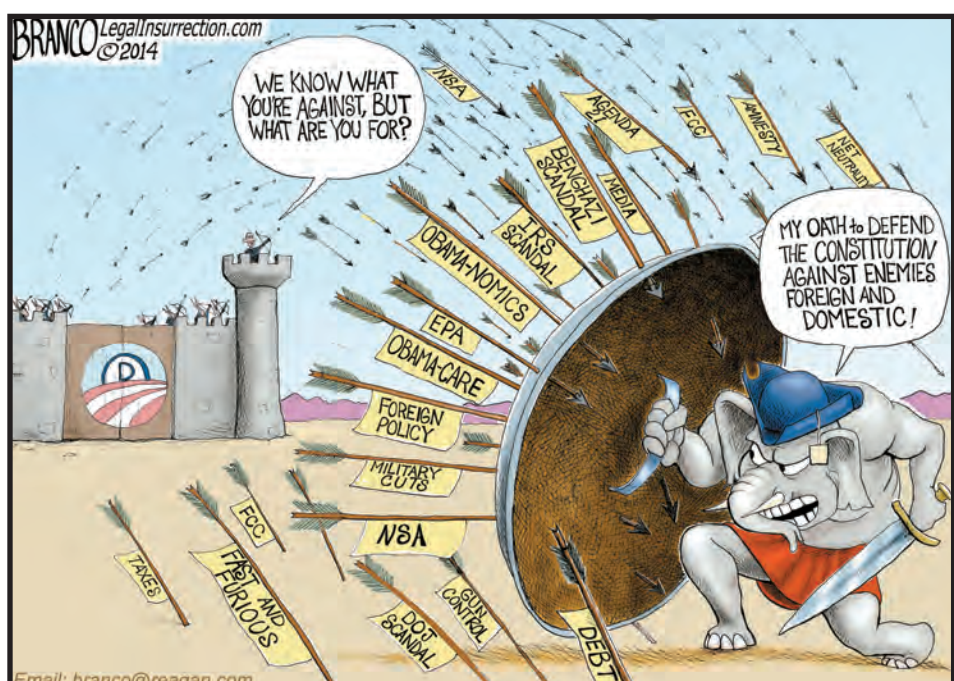
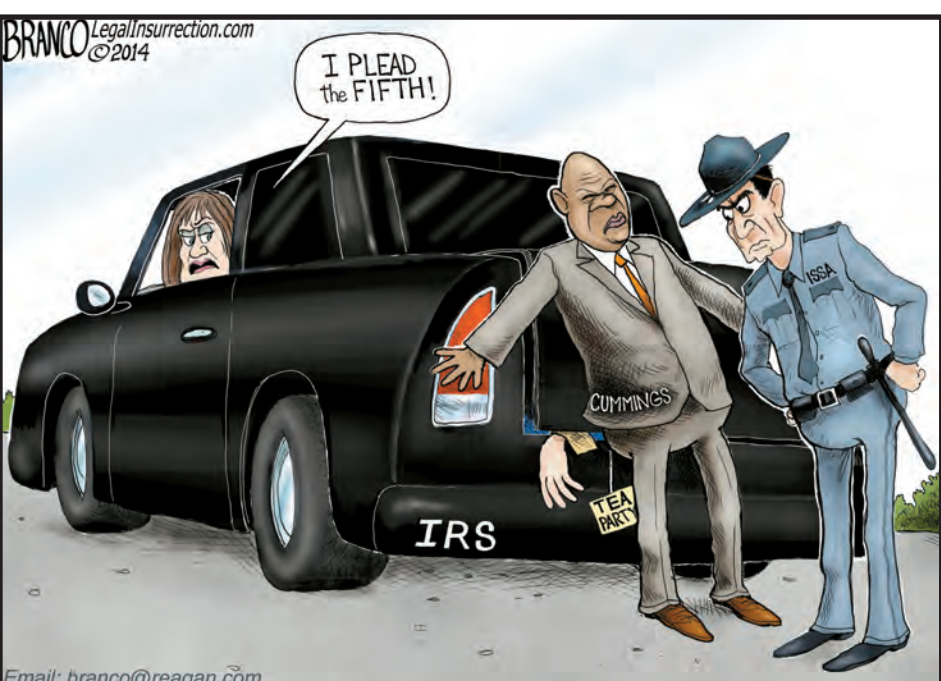
TERM LIMITS, my fellow sheepdogs, TERM LIMITS. The thing we need most in America for all elected lawmakers IS TERM LIMITS! One of the best examples of why is John David Dingell, Jr., the 88-year-old member of the U.S. House of Representatives since 1955. He is the longest serving member of the House having "occupied" the office over 58 years. He is also an LPSD from Michigan. Can you even imagine how much damage he has been part of? I heard him interviewed on TV a few months ago. He said the greatest president he had ever served with was Lyndon Baines Johnson (LBJ). REALLY? See what I mean. He had to be kidding, right? Dingell served in the U.S. Army during WWII and he deserves much credit for that. Sadly there aren't enough veterans in Washington, D.C. today. But being a veteran alone does not make one a great congressman. A bio on him says he has been a leading supporter on organized labor (unions), social welfare measures, and traditional progressive policies. WOW! You all know what that means. HOWL! Consider this statement on Dingell by Michael Barone in 2002. "He is an old-fashioned, social Democrat who knows that most voters don't agree with his goals of a single-payer national health insurance plan but presses forward towards that goal as far as he can." HOWL! Doesn't sound to me like he's is really serving the will of the people. Actually, sounds exactly the opposite. Like most politicians he believes he knows better than us and he will do whatever it takes to make it happen, regardless of the cost. This is what happens when one serves too long. It becomes "his" will and what "he" wants. The longer they serve the worse they get. There are many more like him. In December 2005 he read a poem on the floor of the House that was sharply critical of Fox News, Bill O'Reilly, and the "so-

called" war on Christmas. HOWL! See what I mean. LPSDs just don't get it. We all saw, and continue to see, the attacks on Christmas. It's still happening. It started to happen right here in our county in our school. LPSDs would love to make it about Holiday Trees and Winter Solstice. That keeps God out of it! And get this. In April 2006 Dingell brought an action against George W. Bush alleging violations of the U.S. Constitution in the passing of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. WHAT! See what I mean? You can't make this stuff up. Time magazine reported that Dingell wanted more oversight and more legislation that addressed global warming and climate change caused by cars, energy companies and industry. WOW! More regulation and laws that hurt us all. See what I mean? He actually lost his committee chairmanship to Henry Waxman (LPSD-CA) in a Democratic caucus because he wasn't tough enough on these issues. GOOD GRIEF! See what I mean? Dingell got a perfect 100% rating by the League of Conservation Voters (LCV) for supporting 12 of 12 critical environmental issues. OMG! The only thing he has opposed is strict fuel emission standards for vehicles. Can you guess why? Dingell, LPSD from Michigan. Michigan includes Detroit. Detroit builds cars. So much for his integrity and principled beliefs! Thankfully Dingell has finally announced he will retire and not run for reelection. He recently gave a farewell retirement speech at a luncheon in Detroit. He said Congress has become "obnoxious." That means he doesn't like the Tea Party caucus that's interfering with his agenda. He went on to say that "too many officeholders have refused to carry out their duty to the country, to each other and to all of us, past present and future." He is right about that but wrong where and why he places the blame. He was guilty of all of that he was slamming. He also



lamented that the current Congress has only passed 57 bills into law. ONLY! The less they interfere in our lives the better. See what I mean? ONLY 57! That's probably 50 too many. WOOF! He blamed "a disregard of our country, our Congress, and our governmental system." What the blazes does that mean? Because a Tea Party congressman opposes more government and more taxes he is not helping? This sheepdog thinks he would be. Dingell also said, "No president should have to tell a Congress that if that august body cannot do its task that he would do it by executive order....." and that "compromise is an honorable word." HOLY COW! I don't know where to begin blasting that statement. No president even has the authority to tell Congress he will work around them? That is violating the Constitution. He should have denounced that statement by Obama, not supported it. And compromise can be an honorable word. But not with Harry Reid and Obama. With them it means the LPSD way or no way at all. That's not compromise. That's surrender. I, for one, want no more compromise with the Obama and LPSD agenda. I want to stop them in their tracks. TERM LIMITS, BABY! You can see why we need them. Too long in Washington, D.C. leads to too much power and insanity. We need to change out all our politicians every 10-12 years. I think it was Mark Twain who said "politicians and babies need changed often and for the same reason." Or something like that. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy on America! JMH



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Senator Fasano then attempted to state that permits and the like are “reasonable restrictions” on guns and appealed to the Heller case, though Cinque was clear to point out the cherry-picking that was being done by the lawmakers to make their point.

He also pointed out that Justice Scalia did say that the citizens had the right to be equally armed as the police or the military.

“Let’s have the whole thing,” said Cinque. Obviously he didn’t want just “cherry-picking” of the court’s ruling.

“And you can, in your house,” came the reply from Fasano.

Cinque takes his stand in

a final statement, “I’m not speaking for anyone else here, but I’m telling you right now: I will not comply.”

When the lawmakers ask Mr. Cinque if he has been fingerprinted before, Cinque answers, “Yes, but I also took an oath to protect against all enemies foreign and domestic. I got domestic enemies now that show their hands every day.”

While some have said that gun owners in Connecticut just didn’t know about the law and that is why they didn’t register, I think this video from last year is telling. Many did know and told lawmakers that they would not comply.

People of Connecticut, now you understand that you cannot trust your lawmakers. They do not have your best interest at heart.

They have their political aspirations in mind, not the protection of your civil liberties in mind. As a result, they claim that they can protect you and offer “public safety” at the expense of your liberty, knowing full well that they are providing neither liberty nor public safety. In fact, your legislators are making you the criminal for not complying with the laws they write, which by their own admission will not prevent further mass shootings. How’s that working out for you?

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Manitou Springs, Nederland, Northglenn, Superior, and Telluride) are aware of MAIG’s desire to confiscate guns and, if not, will they be revoking their endorsement now that they are? (Consider this your notice, Mayor Hancock.)

But, what should concern Colorado is that Hickenlooper is the perfect political

vehicle for the extremist, nanny-state agenda Bloomberg is pushing. As a man too goofy in manner and appearance to strike the average Coloradan as anything but a commonsense moderate, Hickenlooper can hide how extremely far left his gun restriction policies are. And as Mayor Tkazyik revealed, these laws were only supposed to be the first of many in a long slog to taking our guns out

of our law-abiding hands.

The real questions: how much did Hickenlooper know of Bloomberg’s ultimate agenda? And how far was Hickenlooper willing to push it?

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“We are so lucky we had a gun,” Woman Says After Husband Shoots Intruder Attacking Him

DATE:11/18/13	TIME: 11:00 p.m.	LOCATION: Buckley, WA
CRIMES PREVENTED:	Home Invasion, Assault, Murder	
TYPE OF GUN USED:	Handgun	
DESCRIPTION OF BAD GUY(S):	Cole Matthews, 21, who drove his car at a high speed through a front gate, crashed through it before colliding with a car in the driveway. He then busted into the house and began assaulting the 67-year-old homeowner, repeatedly punching him	
DESCRIPTION OF GOOD GUY(S):	67-year-old homeowner, who managed to grab his gun in the struggle and shoot Matthews, killing him, while his wife locked herself in the backroom and called 911	
OUTCOME:	Matthews was pronounced dead at the scene; his relatives tried insisting that he had just gotten into a car accident and was seeking help, but the evidence of his attack on the homeowner is irrefutable. No one else was injured by the gunfire. The homeowner is not being charged with any crime. His wife said, “We are so lucky we had a gun.”	
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few individuals.”

According to some lawmakers, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has already warned Colorado; it needs to take welfare abuse prevention seriously or risk losing enormous amounts of low income program grant money. [the Peak emphasis]

Coloradans that KDVR interviewed also felt strongly that welfare funds should not be withdrawn at pot shops.

Leo Branstetter, who lives across the street from one of the recreational marijuana dispensaries on our list, could not believe his ears when [KDVR] told him about how tax money was being used.

“No. No. No. That’s the last thing that should happen. Ever. No. There’s no justifying any of that. No way. That should never happen. If there’s no oversight, it’s going to happen exponentially.” [the Peak emphasis]

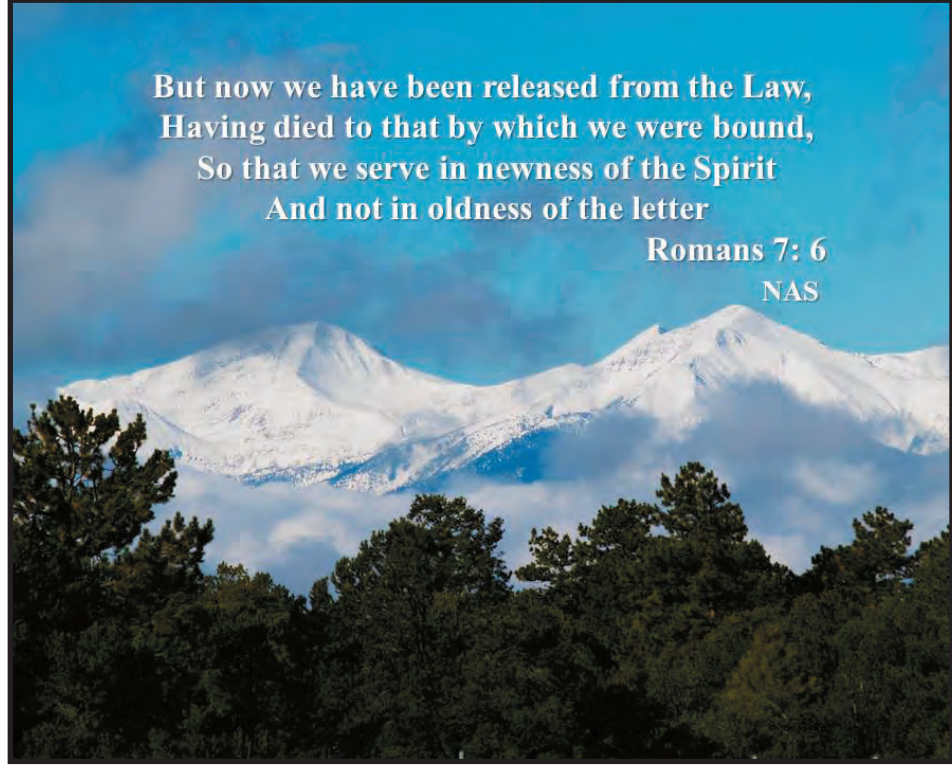
It is clear everyone agrees this is a bad idea, except for

the Democrats who control the state legislature. What did the Democrats have to say for themselves when presented with this story?

We asked Democratic leadership for comment, but were not granted an interview.

If that was us, we wouldn’t want to talk either. It’s hard to defend the indefensible.

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But now we have been released from the Law,
Having died to that by which we were bound,
So that we serve in newness of the Spirit
And not in oldness of the letter

Romans 7: 6
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Local Mountain News & Notices

News from the Colorado Senate, from Senator Larry Crowder

As a state Senator, I meet with many groups of people with different interests. The groups that are the most impressive are the various youth groups from throughout the district. Whether it is a group from southeastern or south central Colorado, the common denominator is the quality of these fine young adults. For many, this is their first trip to the capitol, and for some their first trip to Denver. You can see the wonder and excitement in their eyes as they tour the state capitol, and their first hand knowledge on how their government actually

works. I try and make sure that they get an opportunity to observe from the floor of the Senate, how the daily workings of government work. What I see is hope and confidence that the youth are firmly planted. As I speak and get to know them, it is easy to see that the next generation will do fine. They have an abundance of enthusiasm for the future, and it is I who owe them a debt of gratitude for the opportunity to share with them a brief glimpse of the happenings of state government.

Senator Larry Crowder

Lead, follow, or get out of the way.

~Thomas Paine

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

From: Representative
Jim Wilson – HD 60
March 9, 2014

The House Education Committee hearing on the education bills turned into an endurance contest. The hearings commenced at 1:30 PM and lasted until after 8:00 PM -- the "Student Success Act" (HB14-1292) and the 2014 School Finance (HB14-1298) were the only two bills heard... There were NINE pages of witnesses signed up to testify on the "Student Success Act" alone! Testimony was limited to two minutes per person. People who had traveled for hours just to testify had to sit for additional hours waiting for their "two minutes at the mike". I wanted to give each one of them a Gold Star for patience -- we all had to overcome heavy eyelids, growling stomachs and numb backsides as the evening wore on...

Last week I shared with you that the combatants in one corner were school districts, superintendents, and the teachers union pushing for a buy down of the negative factor anywhere from

\$200 to \$275M. In the other corner were the legislators trying to make sure the amount of dollars in the buy down is sustainable over time. When the final bell rang for the evening, there was a lot of "blood, sweat, and tears" over the two bills, but no decision -- no vote was taken on either bill... The re-match looks to be even more interesting than the opening bout. The prime House sponsors of HB14-1292 are frantically preparing amendments to make the bill more palatable to the testifying parties while some members of the Senate are threatening to "blow up" the bill when it comes to them. This might be more exciting than Ali vs. Frazier!!!

In this stressful legislative environment, some issues surface that take legislators' time and energy away from creating jobs and strengthening Colorado's economy. Coloradoans can rest easier now that we officially have a state cactus -- the Claret Cup! But wait -- there's more... Another bill is coming to declare the Palisade Peach as the state

fruit. Education may be "burning" but, like Nero, we are "fiddling" with state "whatevers" while the flames go higher...

State Party Caucuses for both republicans and Democrats were held across the state on March 4th. The caucuses are the first step on the road to get candidates on the ballot in November. Candidates in contested races who survive the county, district, and state assembly processes are placed on the primary ballot in June. The primary winners advance on to the general ballot in November.

All 65 representative seats in the House (including myself) and 18 senate seats (including the 2 recalled seats and the resigned seat) are up for election this year. Colorado will also have to select a U.S. Senator, U.S. Representatives, a Governor, a Secretary of State, Attorney General, and Treasurer plus many more county and local positions. Remember, at the state level, the combination to unlocking legislative success is: 33-18-1. It takes



33 votes to pass the House, 18 votes to pass the Senate and 1 signature of the Governor. Get involved and study the candidates -- elections matter! Do not be bashful about contacting candidates to come and meet with groups in your area. You need to have personal contact with them in order to really know who they are and what they believe.

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